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1. According to the 2024 report from the New Lancet Commission, what is the projected number of annual deaths from breast cancer by 2040?

- A. 1 million
- B. 2 million
- C. 3 million
- D. 4 million



- ✓ According to a 2024 report from the New Lancet Commission, breast cancer is projected to cause one million deaths a year by 2040, an increase of more than 50% from 2020. The report states that, from 2015 to 2020, 7.8 million women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 685,000 of those women died from the disease that same year.

2. Recently, which ministry organized the conference titled 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System'?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of External Affairs
- C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D. Ministry of Law and Justice



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MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE

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- ✓ Three laws, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, replace archaic colonial laws, effective from July 1, 2024. Ministry of Law and Justice hosts 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System' conference on April 20, 2024, in New Delhi, with Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud as Chief Guest. The event aims to elucidate the new laws and foster dialogue among stakeholders, including judges, lawyers, law enforcement, and students.

3. Recently, which country has tested the Pyoljji-1-2 anti-aircraft missile?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Iran
- C. North Korea
- D. Egypt



- ✓ On April 20, 2024, North Korea announced testing of Pyoljji-1-2 anti-aircraft and Hwasal-1 Ra-3 super large strategic cruise missiles in the West Sea of Korea. Conducted a day earlier, this test escalated tensions with South Korea and the USA. The Hwasal-1 Ra-3, capable of carrying nuclear warheads, underwent a power test.

4. Recently, who has been appointed as the Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

- A. Nayi Pankaj Kumar
- B. Suresh Chand Yadav
- C. Gajender Singh
- D. Nalin Prabhat



- ✓ **Nalin Prabhat, a senior IPS officer, has been named Director General of India's National Security Guard (NSG), responsible for counter-terrorism and counter-hijack operations. Serving as Additional Director General of the CRPF in Jammu and Kashmir, he belongs to the 1992 IPS batch of Andhra Pradesh cadre. Appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet until August 31, 2028, he succeeds Daljit Singh Chaudhary, who held additional charge of the NSG.**

5. Which ministry recently released the National Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education 2024 titled 'Aadharshila'?

- A. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Women and Child Development



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बाल विकास मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
WOMEN AND
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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- ✓ **The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the National Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education 2024, named 'Aadharshila', aligned with the National Education Policy 2020. This 48-week curriculum caters to children aged three to six in anganwadis. Developed by a committee including various ministries, NCERT, and civil society organizations, it emphasizes foundational learning.**

6. Euvichol-S vaccine is mainly used in the treatment of which disease?

- A. Diarrhoea
- B. Cholera
- C. Malaria
- D. Dengue



- ✓ **The World Health Organization (WHO) prequalified the Euvichol-S vaccine, a simplified and cost-effective version of the oral cholera vaccine (OCV) Euvichol-Plus. It contains fewer ingredients, is cheaper, and can be produced more rapidly. Cholera, caused by Vibrio cholerae bacteria, is transmitted through contaminated food or water. Most cases occur in the Middle East and Africa, with India reporting 132 cases in 2023 (until July).**

7. The Shompen Tribe primarily resides in which region?

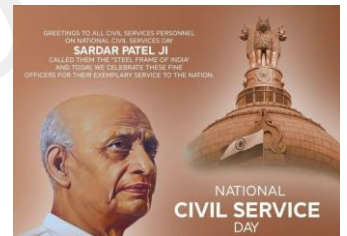
- A. Diu Island
- B. Netrani Island
- C. Lakshadweep Island
- D. Great Nicobar Island



- ✓ **Shompen, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group, cast their first Lok Sabha Election vote. Residing in the dense tropical rainforests of Great Nicobar Island, they belong to the Mongoloid group. With an estimated population of 229 according to the 2011 Census, they are hunters and gatherers, living a semi-nomadic life.**

8. Which day is celebrated as 'National Civil Service Day' every year?

- A. April.20
- B. April.21
- C. April.22
- D. April.23



- ✓ **National Civil Services Day is celebrated on April 21 annually in India to honor civil servants, the nation's administrative backbone. It commemorates Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 1947 address to probationary officers, calling them 'the steel frame of India.' The day involves recognizing and motivating civil servants, evaluating departmental performance, and presenting awards for excellence in public administration, reaffirming their commitment to serving citizens.**

9. Which Indian state topped in electronic exports in FY 2023-24?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu is the top state for electronic exports in India for the financial year 2023-24, with a record-breaking \$9.56 billion in exports. This accounts for 30% of all electronic goods exports from India in the year 2024. Tamil Nadu exports a variety of electronic goods, including hardware, leather goods, textiles, and automobiles.**

10. Global Financial Stability Report, recently released by which organization?

- A. International Monetary Fund
- B. World Bank
- C. World Trade Organization
- D. World Health Organization



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund released its latest Global Financial Stability Report, a biannual assessment evaluating the stability of global financial markets and emerging-market financing. Published in April and October, the report scrutinizes current financial conditions, highlighting potential risks such as imbalances in the financial and structural realms. It aims to address threats to global financial stability and assess access to financing for emerging-market nations.

11. According to recent report, what percentage of cultivable land in India is reported to have acidic soil?

- A. 30% B. 40%
C. 20% D. 10%



- ✓ A recent report reveals that over 30% of cultivable land in India suffers from acidic soil, hampering plant growth. Acidification, a process where soil pH declines over time, is exacerbated by agricultural activities, affecting both surface and subsoil. Acidic soils are prevalent in humid southwestern, northeastern, and Himalayan regions. Contributing factors include excessive ammonium-based nitrogen fertilizers, leaching of nitrate nitrogen, and removal of alkaline plant materials during harvesting.

12. Panhala Fort is located in which state?

- A. Maharashtra B. Karnataka
C. Goa D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Mumbai Circle celebrated World Heritage Day at Panhala Fort in Maharashtra. Traditionally linked with sage Parashar, it strategically lies along trade routes. Built by Shilahara ruler Bhoja in the 11th century, it passed through various dynasties including Yadavas, Bahamani, Adilshahi, Marathas, and Mughals.

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1. What is the theme of 'World Earth Day 2024'?

- A. Invest in our Planet
- B. Planet vs Plastics
- C. Climate Action
- D. Restore Our Earth



- ✓ **Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. World Earth Day, April 22, 2024, focuses on "Planet vs Plastics," highlighting the urgent need to address plastic pollution. earthday.org calls for a 60% reduction in plastic production by 2040 for planetary health. Originating in 1970 from Senator Gaylord Nelson and Harvard student Denis Hayes, Earth Day responds to environmental degradation, catalyzed by the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill.**

2. Recently, which region of India is being considered for the prestigious World Craft City (WCC) title by the World Crafts Council International (WCCI)?

- A. Kumbakonam
- B. Srinagar
- C. Kanchipuram
- D. Udaipur



- ✓ **The World Crafts Council International (WCCI) has identified Srinagar as a potential candidate for the World Craft City (WCC) designation from India this year. The WCCI is a Kuwait-based non-profit organization that promotes fellowship, economic development, and exchange programs. The WCCI has inspected several clusters where artisans are working on local crafts like Pashmina shawls, carpets, and papier mâché.**

3. Recently, who received the Asunta Lakra Award?

- A. Deepika Soreng
- B. Nikki Pradhan
- C. Navneet Kaur
- D. Sharmila Devi



- ✓ **Deepika Soreng, honored with the Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player in 2023. Making her debut at the Women's Junior Asia Cup, she scored 7 goals in 6 matches, securing the gold medal for India. Deepika's presence in international tournaments, including the FIH Junior Women's World Cup, contributed to significant victories. Notably, she played a crucial role in India's silver medal at the FIH Women's Hockey 5s World Cup Oman 2024, earning the Young Player of the Tournament title with 9 goals.**

4. Indelible ink, recently seen in the Lok Sabha elections, is prepared by using which chemical?

- A. Sodium Nitrate (NaNO_3)
- B. Silver Nitrate (AgNO_3)
- C. Potassium Nitrate (KNO_3)
- D. Sodium Chloride (NaCl)



- ✓ As Lok Sabha elections approach, the iconic symbol of Indian polls, a purple-black indelible ink mark on the left index finger, becomes ubiquitous. The ink, containing silver nitrate, remains visible under UV light and resists soap and liquids for up to 72 hours. Manufactured by CSIR and licensed to Mysore Paints & Varnish Ltd. since 1962, it's exported to over 25 countries. Mandated by the Representation of the People Act (RoPA) of 1951, it ensures electoral integrity.

5. Seng Khihlang festival is celebrated in which state?

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Sikkim
- C. Mizoram
- D. Nagaland



- ✓ The 34th Seng Khihlang festival concluded in Wahiajer, Meghalaya. Hosted by the Seng Khasi Sein Raij, it unifies followers of the Khasi Indigenous Faith. A highlight is the exchange of the Monolith, symbolizing unity. This year, Wahiajer received it from Seng Khasi Shaid Shaid. Khasi people, indigenous to Meghalaya and parts of Assam and Bangladesh, celebrate their culture and faith during Seng Khihlang, showcasing their vibrant community.

6. Recently, who became the youngest male chess player to win the FIDE Candidate Tournament?

- A. Ding Liren
- B. D Gukesh
- C. Arjun Erigaisi
- D. Nihal Sarin



- ✓ 17-year-old D Gukesh of India, after drawing with Hikaru Nakamura, became the youngest male to win the 2024 FIDE Candidate Tournament in Toronto, Canada. Tan Zhongyi of China won the women's section. Gukesh, with nine points, secured his victory, facing Ding Liren for the 2024 FIDE World Chess Championship. He's the second Indian to win after Vishwanathan Anand and the youngest ever. Kasparov and Carlsen won at 21 and 22, respectively.

7. Recently, which armed force conducted 'Exercise Poorvi Lehar' on East Coast?

- A. Indian Navy
- B. Indian Air Force
- C. Indian Army
- D. National Security Guard



- ✓ **Indian Navy conducted 'Exercise Poorvi Lehar' off the Eastern Seaboard on April 20, 2024. Under Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, the exercise aimed to assess the Navy's readiness for maritime security challenges. It involved ships, submarines, aircraft, and special forces. Conducted in two phases, it included combat training in real scenarios and successful firings to confirm warhead delivery capability. Continuous maritime awareness was maintained with aircraft operating from various locations.**

8. Thrissur Pooram festival is primarily associated with which state?

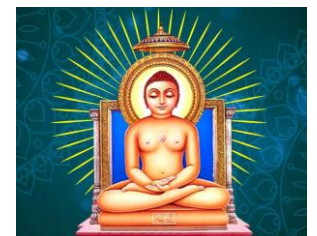
- A. TN (Tamil Nadu)
- B. KA (Karnataka)
- C. MH (Maharashtra)
- D. KL (Kerala)



- ✓ **Thrissur Pooram, a grand temple festival celebrated globally, embodies Kerala's rich culture and diversity. Rooted in tradition, it unites people of all backgrounds with music, processions, fairs, and fireworks. Lasting seven days, the highlight is the sixth day in the Malayalam month of Medam, coinciding with the Pooram star. Established in 1796 by Shakthan Thampuran, it ensures the continuity of temple festivals. This year, Thrissur Pooram falls on April 20, showcasing Kerala's vibrant heritage.**

9. Recently, Prime Minister of India inaugurated the Bhagwan Mahavir Nirvana Mahotsav at which place?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Pune



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2550th Bhagwan Mahaveer Nirvan Mahotsav in New Delhi on Mahaveer Jayanti. He paid homage to Bhagwan Mahaveer, witnessed a dance drama by school children, and released a commemorative stamp and coin. Addressing the gathering, he praised the youth's dedication to Mahaveer's values, thanked the Jain community.**

10. Recently, Zero Shadow Day was observed in which region of India?

- A. Puducherry
- B. Great Nicobar
- C. Cape Comorin
- D. Kavaratti



- ✓ Zero Shadow Day was recently observed in Pondicherry. It happens twice yearly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn, occurring between the December and June solstices, and vice versa. This phenomenon is exclusive to latitudes within +23.5 and -23.5 degrees. On this day, the Sun is directly overhead, casting no shadows. This occurs when sunlight strikes surfaces perpendicularly, resulting in shadows being obscured.

11. Rampage Missile is developed by which country?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Israel
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ Israel recently utilized the Rampage missile, an advanced air-to-surface weapon, in an attack on an Iranian military base. Developed by Israel Aerospace Industries and Israeli Military Industries Systems, the Rampage is a long-range, supersonic missile designed for precision strikes against fortified targets.

12. Which organization will host the Summit of the Future on September 22–23, 2024?

- A. World Bank
- B. United Nations General Assembly
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. United Nations Environment Programme



- ✓ The Secretary-General announced that reforming Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) will be a focal point at the 2024 Summit of the Future. United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) will host the Summit of the Future on Sept.22–23, 2024. MDBs are crucial international financial institutions offering aid and expertise to developing nations, owned by multiple member countries. They work globally to foster economic progress, alleviate poverty, and endorse sustainable growth. Prominent MDBs comprise the World Bank Group, Asian Development Bank, among others.

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1. Recently, who won the prestigious 2024 World Press Photo of the Year award?

- A. Ronald Schemidt
- B. Mohammed Salem
- C. Kayin Luys
- D. Ruben Soto



- ✓ **Mohammed Salem received the 2024 World Press Photo of the Year award for his poignant image capturing a Palestinian woman holding her five-year-old niece's body in the Gaza Strip. Taken on Oct. 17, 2023, at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis during Israeli bombings, the photograph reflects the human toll of conflict. Salem's work highlights the ongoing struggles faced by Palestinians in Gaza, earning him international recognition for his powerful storytelling through photography.**

2. Recently, which organization released the "Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2023 Report?"

- A. NATO
- B. United Nations
- C. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- D. World Bank



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- ✓ **The "Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2023 Report" by SIPRI, established in 1966, highlights global military spending. India ranked fourth in military spending at \$83.6 billion after the US, China, and Russia. NATO states' expenditure totaled \$1341 billion, comprising 55% of global spending. The report attributes the record-high global military expenditure of \$2443 billion to Russia's Ukraine invasion and geopolitical tensions. SIPRI focuses on conflict research, armaments, arms control, and disarmament.**

3. Recently, where was the Ocean Decade Conference 2024 held?

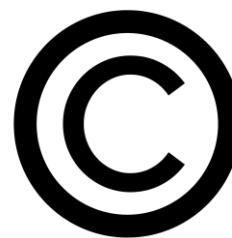
- A. Barcelona, Spain
- B. Paris, France
- C. New Delhi, India
- D. Moscow, Russia



- ✓ **India, at the 2024 Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona, proposed a region-specific ocean observation center for deep-sea ecosystem understanding. Led by Earth Sciences Secretary M. Ravichandran, the delegation emphasized better forecasting. The conference, from April 10 to 12, aimed to assess progress toward UN Decade of Ocean Science goals (2021-2030). Spain, with UNESCO, hosted the event under the theme "Delivering the science we need for the ocean we want."**

4. What is the theme of World Book and Copyright Day 2024?

- A. Indigenous Languages
- B. Read Your Way
- C. To share a story
- D. Read, so you never feel low



- ✓ **World Book and Copyright Day, observed annually on April 23rd, promotes reading and publishing. UNESCO organizes events worldwide. The 2024 theme, "Read Your Way," highlights the joy of reading. Established in 1995, it honors literary giants like Shakespeare and Cervantes. April 23 marks the death anniversaries of Cervantes and Shakespeare.**

5. State of the Climate in Asia 2023 report is released by which organization?

- A. International Labour Organization
- B. Food and Agriculture Organization
- C. World Meteorological Organization
- D. World Health Organization



- ✓ **The WMO State of the Climate in Asia 2023, the fourth edition of annual climate reports, involved various institutions, including NMHSs, RCCs, and UN agencies. It highlights key climate indicators, impacts, and risks, addressing physical science, socio-economic, and policy aspects. In 2023, Asia experienced its second-highest mean temperature, extreme heat events, and record sea-surface temperature anomalies. Hydrometeorological hazards led to over 2,000 fatalities and affected millions, with floods and storms predominating.**

6. Saurav Ghosal, who recently announced his retirement, is associated with which sports?

- A. Squash
- B. Table Tennis
- C. Chess
- D. Badminton



- ✓ **India's top male squash player, Saurav Ghosal, retired from professional squash after a 21-year career. Ghosal, who began in 2003, claimed 10 PSA titles and reached 18 finals. His last victory was in 2021 at the Malaysian Open. Ghosal, ranked world No. 10 in 2019, held the highest Indian ranking. He was the first Indian to attain junior World No. 1 in 2004 and the only to reach the top 10 in men's singles.**

7. Mullaperiyar dam is located in which state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Goa
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **The Supreme Court set July.10 to finalize legal matters regarding Tamil Nadu's objection to Kerala's Survey of India report on the Mullaperiyar catchment area. The case arose from Kerala's construction of a mega car park, prompting Tamil Nadu to seek a permanent injunction against encroachment. Conflict intensified in 2023 when the National Green Tribunal allowed Kerala's projects in the Periyar Tiger Reserve. The Mullaperiyar Dam is located on Periyar River in Kerala and is built between 1887 and 1895, diverts Periyar river water to arid regions.**

8. Rashtriya Raksha University recently signed an MoU with which country to boost innovation in aerospace, defence, and homeland security?

- A. Russia
- B. Israel
- C. France
- D. Japan



- ✓ **Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) in Gandhinagar, India, and Starburst Aerospace of France have inked a significant memorandum of understanding (MoU) to boost innovation in aerospace, defence, and homeland security. This aligns with the India-France Strategic Partnership and includes the creation of a 100 million euros venture capital fund. Indian startups will also receive export promotion support.**

9. Recently, who received the prestigious Aryabhata Award from the Astronautical Society of India (ASI)?

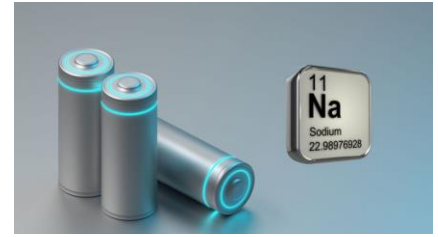
- A. G Satheesh Reddy
- B. Ram Narain Agarwal
- C. S Somnath
- D. Pavuluri Subba Rao



- ✓ **Pavuluri Subba Rao, Founder, CEO, and Chairman of Ananth Technologies, was honored with the prestigious 'Aryabhata Award' by the Aeronautical Society of India (ASI) for his outstanding contributions to astronautics in India. Additionally, Rao was named a 'Distinguished Fellow' by ASI, recognizing his remarkable impact on the aerospace and aviation sectors.**

10. Which country's researchers recently developed a sodium-ion battery that can be charged in seconds?

- A. China
- B. South Korea
- C. India
- D. Japan



- ✓ **South Korean researchers unveiled a breakthrough: a high-power hybrid sodium-ion battery. It charges in seconds, potentially reshaping mineral demand for tech. Sodium, nearly 1000 times more abundant than lithium, promises cheaper, more accessible energy storage**

11. Recently, who became the first woman Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University?

- A. Naima Khatoon
- B. Fatima Sheikh
- C. Farhat Hashmi
- D. Kushboo Mirza



- ✓ **Professor Naima Khatoon is appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), the first woman to hold the position in its history. The appointment was made by the Ministry of Education and approved by President Droupadi Murmu. Khatoon, currently the Principal of AMU's Women's College, will serve for five years or until she turns 70.**

12. Prachi Yadav, who recently won two gold medals in the ACC Paracanoe Asian Championship 2024, belongs to which state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Haryana



- ✓ **Prachi Yadav, Madhya Pradesh's leading para canoer from Gwalior, secured two gold medals at the ACC Paracanoe Asian Championship 2024 in Tokyo, Japan. She triumphed in the Women's KL2 and Women's VL2 categories. Notably, Prachi was honored with the prestigious Arjuna Award in 2023 for her outstanding achievements in the sport.**

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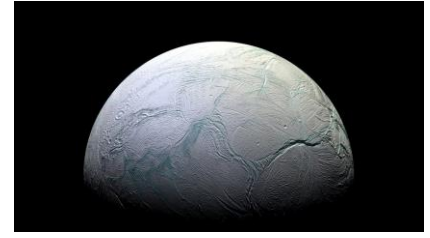
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1. What is 'Enceladus'?

- A. Ancient irrigation system
- B. Nuclear powered ballistic submarine
- C. Saturn's ocean moon
- D. Invasive plant



- ✓ **Enceladus, one of Saturn's 146 moons, reveals potential for life with its liquid ocean, carbon-based chemistry, and energy from tidal heating. NASA's Cassini-Huygens mission, spanning 2004 to 2017, discovered plumes of water erupting from Enceladus, providing insights into its subsurface ocean's composition. The presence of life-supporting phosphate in ice grains further strengthens the case. Mimas and Titan, Saturn's other moons, also show signs of life.**

2. Which district of Tamil Nadu recently celebrated the 'Chithirai Car Festival'?

- A. Madurai
- B. Virudhunagar
- C. Tiruchirappalli
- D. Tirunelveli



- ✓ **Thousands of devotees' flock to the Masi streets for the grand Chithirai Car Festival at Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple. Celebrated during the Tamil months of Chithirai or Panguni, the festival honors the divine union of Goddess Meenakshi and Lord Sundareswarar. It symbolizes unity between Saivaites and Vaishnavites, glorifying both Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu. The festival spans various rituals, beginning with temple flag hoisting and culminating in celebrations at Alagar Hills, rooted in tradition dating back 700 years.**

3. What is 'Crystal Maze 2'?

- A. Ballistic Missile
- B. Asteroid
- C. Earth Communication Satellite
- D. Invasive Plan



- ✓ **The Indian Air Force (IAF) recently conducted a successful test firing of the Crystal Maze 2 missile, also known as ROCKS. Originating from Israel, this air-launched medium-range ballistic missile is designed for targeting high-value stationary and relocatable assets like long-range radars and air defense systems. It boasts extended stand-off range capabilities compared to its predecessor, Crystal Maze 1, with a range of over 250 kilometers.**

4. Which day is celebrated as 'National Panchayati Raj Day'?

- A. 22.April
- B. 23.April
- C. 24.April
- D. 25.April



- ✓ **The National Panchayat Raj Day is celebrated every year in India on April.24 by the Ministry of Panchayat Raj. On this day, in 1993, the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 came into force that has institutionalized Panchayat Raj through the village, Intermediate and District level Panchayats.**

5. What is the theme of 'World Immunization Week' 2024?

- A. Long Life for All
- B. Humanly Possible: Immunization for All
- C. Vaccines bring us closer
- D. Vaccines Work for All



- ✓ **'World Immunization Week' is celebrated annually from April 24 to 30 to highlight the importance of vaccines. Established by the World Health Assembly in 2012, it now spans over 180 countries. The theme for 2024 is 'Humanly Possible: Immunization for All', emphasizing universal access to vaccines. Vaccination campaigns have eradicated smallpox and nearly eliminated polio.**

6. What is the Miyawaki Method?

- A. Technique to create dense forests with native plants
- B. To establish urban gardens with non-native species
- C. Development of gardens using genetically modified flora
- D. Promotion of commercial farming in semi-arid areas



- ✓ **The Embassy of Israel in India has partnered with the 'Million Miyawaki' project, which focuses on enhancing air quality in Indian cities by mass afforestation of urban areas. The initiative is based on the Miyawaki Method, developed by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki, which promotes rapid growth and replication of natural biodiversity in limited spaces. Although lacking some qualities of natural forests, like medicinal properties and rain generation, Miyawaki forests aid in mitigating ecological impacts of activities like mining and create carbon sinks.**

7. Recently, where was the 'ASEAN Future Forum' held?

- A. Jakarta, Indonesia
- B. Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- C. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- D. Hanoi, Vietnam



- ✓ India's External Affairs Minister joined the inaugural 'ASEAN Future Forum' virtually, hosted in Hanoi, Vietnam. ASEAN, comprising 10 member nations, focuses on economic growth and regional stability. Proposed at the 43rd ASEAN Summit in 2023, the forum serves as a platform for member states and partners to exchange ideas and policy suggestions.

8. Recently, which bank has signed an agreement with Tata Power Solar Systems to provide loans under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana?

- A. NABARD
- B. Indian Bank
- C. State Bank of India
- D. Karur Vysya Bank



- ✓ Indian Bank, based in Chennai, has partnered with Tata Power Solar Systems to offer loans under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. This initiative, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 13, 2024, aims to provide free electricity to one crore households in India through rooftop solar systems. Eligible households, meeting specific criteria, can receive up to 300 units of free electricity monthly. The government has allocated Rs 75,021 crore for this scheme.

9. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, as a part of the Earth Day Celebrations, recently installed India's biggest Climate Clock at which place?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Prayagraj
- D. Ujjain



- ✓ As part of Earth Day Celebrations, the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) unveiled India's largest Climate Clock at its headquarters in Rafi Marg, New Delhi. The initiative aims to raise awareness about climate change. Prof Chetan Singh Solanki, from IIT Bombay, emphasized the urgency for energy literacy among citizens, urging them to minimize energy consumption.

10. Voyager 1 Spacecraft is a space probe launched by which space organization?

- A. ISRO
- B. NASA
- C. JAXA
- D. CNSA



- ✓ **NASA's Voyager 1 probe, launched in 1977, is transmitting vital data after a period of malfunction, the agency announced. The spacecraft's mission aims to explore the outer Solar System and beyond, conducting flybys of Jupiter and Saturn, discovering new moons and rings. It became the first human-made object to exit the Solar System in 2012. Voyager 1 is expected to remain operational until at least 2025, currently 13.8 billion miles away from the sun.**

11. Which organization recently released a report titled "Towards a Regenerative Blue Economy – Mapping the Blue Economy"?

- A. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- B. Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
- C. World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
- D. Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)



- ✓ **The IUCN released a report titled "Towards a Regenerative Blue Economy – Mapping the Blue Economy," proposing a definition and principles for a Regenerative Blue Economy (RBE). The RBE model aims for effective regeneration and protection of ocean ecosystems, along with sustainable economic activities and fair prosperity.**

12. Recently, which state government is planning to denotify a sizeable area of Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha



- ✓ **The Tamil Nadu government intends to denotify a significant portion of the Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary. Situated along the Bay of Bengal between Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, Pulicat Lake is India's second-largest brackish water lake, following Odisha's Lake Chilika. Sriharikota Island acts as a barrier between the lagoon and the Bay of Bengal. Fed by the Kalangi and Arani rivers, the sanctuary hosts the largest gathering of flamingos.**

13. Which Indian Naval Sailing Vessel recently marked a historic transoceanic expedition of nearly 2 months by two women officers of the Indian Navy?

- A. INSV Tarini
- B. INSV Saryu
- C. INSV Kaveri
- D. INSV Kirpan



- ✓ The Indian Naval Sailing Vessel INSV Tarini completed a significant transoceanic journey, led by two female officers, culminating in its return to Goa after nearly two months. This achievement underscores the Indian Navy's commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment in maritime roles. Next, the crew is gearing up for Sagar Parikrama-IV, a global circumnavigation expedition set for September 2024 aboard INSV Tarini.

14. Recently, which country has appointed Col. Edison Napyo as the first Defence Adviser of India?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Tonga
- C. Fiji
- D. Papua New Guinea



- ✓ Papua New Guinea has named Colonel Edison Napyo as its inaugural Defence Advisor to India, signifying deepening cooperation between the two nations. Acting Chief of Defence Force Commodore Philip Polewara led the farewell ceremony for Napyo, who will serve as a liaison between PNG's government and military in India. Col Napyo, the first to hold this position.

15. Which bank recently unveiled its Climate Strategy 2030 document, which aims to address India's need for green financing?

- A. NABARD
- B. SIDBI
- C. SBI
- D. PNB



- ✓ On Earth Day, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) revealed its Climate Strategy 2030, targeting India's green financing requirements. Key pillars include accelerating green lending, broadening market-making roles, internal transformation, and resource mobilization. India needs approximately \$170 billion annually to achieve a cumulative total of over \$2.5 trillion by 2030, yet only received \$49 billion in green financing as of 2019-20.

16. What is the theme of 'World Malaria Day 2024'?

- A. Zero Malaria starts with me
- B. Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world
- C. Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden
- D. Zero Malaria - Draw the line against Malaria



- ✓ World Malaria Day is observed annually on April 25. In 2024, the theme is "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world." Malaria, transmitted through mosquito bites, manifests with symptoms like shaking chills and high fever. It's prevalent in tropical regions but preventable with precautions. The day aims to raise awareness about prevention methods and combat the disease's impact.

17. Recently, which organization has been conferred the Outstanding Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of the Year award?

- A. BHEL
- B. ONGC
- C. HAL
- D. IOCL



- ✓ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) received the Outstanding Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of the Year award at the All-India Management Association (AIMA) Managing India Awards. Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar presented the award in Delhi on April 23. HAL achieved record revenue of over ₹29,810 crore in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, marking an impressive 11% growth. AIMA, established in 1957, promotes management excellence across India, collaborating with various sectors to advance the profession.

18. What is '*Stellaria mcclintockiae*'?

- A. A new plant species
- B. Traditional irrigation technique
- C. Earth observation satellite
- D. Black hole



- ✓ A new plant species, *Stellaria mcclintockiae*, has been identified by researchers in the Nelliampathy hills, belonging to the *Stellaria* (*Caryophyllaceae* species) group. Named in tribute to geneticist Barbara McClintock, it's the first of its kind discovered in southern India. The species exhibits distinct traits compared to others in the wild, marking a significant addition to botanical knowledge.

19. Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) scheme is administered by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



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FAMILY WELFARE

- ✓ The Delhi High Court recently deemed the new income threshold for the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) scheme as "extremely low." Under the revised RAN umbrella scheme, the monthly income limit for benefits stands at ₹1,571 for rural areas and ₹1,605 for urban areas. Administered by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, RAN provides one-time financial aid to impoverished patients with life-threatening diseases like heart, kidney, liver, and cancer for treatment at specialized government hospitals.

20. Eravikulam National Park, recently seen in news due to project Nilgiri Tahr, is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Goa



- ✓ Tamil Nadu and Kerala are set to conduct the first synchronized survey of Nilgiri tahrs starting April 29, a monumental effort in India. Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary for Environment, Climate Change, and Forest, anticipates valuable insights from this initiative. The Eravikulam National Park harbors the largest population of these endemic ungulates, native to the southern Western Ghats. Nilgiri tahr, the state animal of Tamil Nadu, faces endangerment, according to the IUCN.

21. Which organization has recently released the 2nd edition of its global sodium benchmarks for different food categories?

- A. FAO
- B. WHO
- C. ILOs
- D. WMO



World Health
Organization

- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched its 2nd edition of global sodium benchmarks for various food categories, as part of its effort to curb sodium intake and combat chronic health issues like high blood pressure and obesity. These benchmarks serve as reference values to gauge progress in reducing sodium consumption. WHO advises adults to consume less than 2000 mg/day of sodium (equivalent to less than 5 g/day salt) for better health outcomes.

22. What is the theme of International Delegate's Day 2024?

- A. Make the World a better place
- B. Together, we challenge those in power
- C. People of the World
- D. Role of Delegates



- ✓ **The International Delegate's Day is celebrated on April 25th each year to recognize the important role of delegates who represent their countries at the United Nations (UN). The theme for International Delegate's Day in 2024 is "Together, we challenge those in power". Delegates negotiate agreements, coordinate with their home countries, and form alliances or compromise. They embody the multilateralism that the UN stands for.**

23. Khongjom Day is observed in which state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Manipur
- D. Haryana



- ✓ **On April 23, Manipur observed Khongjom Day, commemorating the fallen heroes of the Khongjom Battle in 1891 against the British. The event took place at the Khongjom War Memorial Complex in Thoubal district. High-profile attendees included Governor Sushri Anusuiya Uikey and Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who laid floral wreaths and honored the martyrs with a guard of honor, salute, and two-minute silence.**

24. Recently, where was the 6th edition of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ **The 6th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure held in New Delhi, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister emphasized, "We must invest in resilient infrastructure today for a better tomorrow."**
- ✓ **Underlining that nature and disasters have no borders, the Prime Minister said that disasters and disruptions cause widespread impact in a highly interconnected world. "The world can be resilient collectively, only when each country is resilient individually", PM Modi said. He stressed the importance of shared resilience due to shared risks and said that CDRI and this conference will help the world come together for this collective mission.**

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1. Indian Historical Records Commission (IHRC) is related to which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Power



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MINISTRY OF
CULTURE

- ✓ In April 2024, the Indian Historical Records Commission (IHRC) unveiled its new logo and motto, "Yatra Itihasam Bhavishyaam Prasakshantah". Chosen from 436 entries in an online competition, Shaurya Pratap Singh's submission won.
- ✓ Established in 1919, IHRC is a pivotal advisory body on archival matters in India, overseeing record management and historical research. It operates under the Union Minister of Culture, serving as a nationwide platform for record creators, custodians, and users.

2. What is the theme of 'World Intellectual Property Day 2024'?

- A. Women and IP: Accelerating innovation and creativity
- B. IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity
- C. IP and Youth Innovating for a Better Future
- D. Taking your ideas to the market



- ✓ World Intellectual Property Day, observed annually on April 26, is organized by WIPO to highlight the significance of Intellectual Property (IP) in fostering innovation and creativity. The theme for 2024 is 'IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity'. WIPO became a specialized agency of the UN in 1974.

3. Recently, 26th World Energy Congress is organized in which country?

- A. Belgium
- B. Netherlands
- C. Germany
- D. Denmark



- ✓ A Ministerial Round Table Conference convened on April 24, 2024, during the 26th World Energy Congress in Rotterdam, Netherlands. Discussions centered on the transformative impact of the COP28 UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai. The Congress, themed 'Redesigning Energy for People and Planet', aimed to shape global energy transitions amidst unpredictability.

4. Recently, India's first multipurpose Green Hydrogen Pilot Project was inaugurated in which state?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Odisha
- D. Aunachal Pradesh



- ✓ **SJVN Limited inaugurated India's first multipurpose green hydrogen pilot project at the Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station in Himachal Pradesh. Operating for eight hours daily, it aims to produce 14 kg of green hydrogen. The project will also produce high-velocity oxygen fuel coating material for NJHPS. Its 20 Nm/hour alkaline electrolyzer is powered by renewable energy from a 1.31 MW solar power plant in Shimla.**

5. Which bank has recently collaborated with RBI to revolutionize agricultural lending through digitalization?

- A. NABARD
- B. SBI
- C. SIDBI
- D. HDFC



- ✓ **NABARD and the RBI Innovation Hub have joined hands to modernize agricultural lending through digitalization, aiming to streamline loan processing and improve accessibility for Indian farmers. NABARD will integrate its e-KCC loan origination system portal with the RBI Innovation Hub's Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit (PTPFC). This collaboration aligns with NABARD's goal of promoting rural prosperity and advancing financial inclusion in rural areas, as emphasized by Chairman Shaji K V.**

6. Chernobyl nuclear power plant is located in which country?

- A. Russia
- B. Israel
- C. Ukraine
- D. Iraq



- ✓ **Every April 26th marks the International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day, honoring the victims of the catastrophic event. On April 26, 1986, the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant explosion in Ukraine released a massive radioactive cloud, exposing around 8.4 million people to harmful radiation. The day serves to raise awareness of the disaster's consequences and the ongoing impact on affected communities worldwide.**

7. Recently, which Central Public Sector Enterprise secured a Green Loan of Japanese Yen (JPY) 60.536 billion for sustainable projects in India?

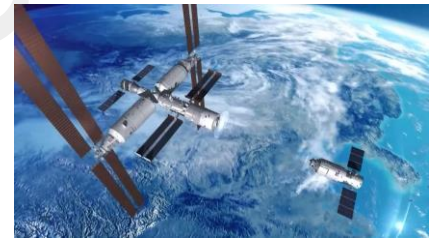
- A. Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd (REC)
- B. Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd (HEC)
- C. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)
- D. HMT Ltd (HMTL)



- ✓ **Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd (REC) obtained a Green Loan of Japanese Yen (JPY) 60.536 billion for sustainable initiatives in India. The Italian Export Credit Agency, SACE, backed the loan with an 80% guarantee as part of its Push Strategy program. Targeting renewable energy, green mobility, and energy efficiency projects, it marks SACE's inaugural JPY-denominated loan and their first green loan in India. This move aligns with the growing trend towards green financing, fostering environmental sustainability.**

8. Recently, which country successfully launched Shenzhou-18 spacecraft to its Space Station?

- A. Russia
- B. Israel
- C. China
- D. Japan



- ✓ **China launched a three-member crew to its Tiangong space station from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center atop a Long March 2-F rocket. The Shenzhou-18 crew will spend approximately six months on the station, conducting scientific tests, installing space debris protection equipment, and promoting science education. China aims to put astronauts on the moon by 2030, becoming the third nation to do so after the Soviet Union and the US.**

9. Recently, which organization released the 2024 Global Education Monitoring Report namely "Gender report – Technology on her terms" in France?

- A. UNDP
- B. IMF
- C. UNESCO
- D. UNICEF



- ✓ **The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) published the 2024 Global Education Monitoring Report: Gender report – Technology on her terms in France in 2024. The report examines the impact of technology on girls' education opportunities and future technological development. It highlights ICT's potential to overcome educational barriers for girls, citing the M-shule platform in Kenya.**

10. Recently, which space organization successfully launched its Advanced Composite Solar Sail System spacecraft from New Zealand?

- A. JAXA
- B. NASA
- C. ISRO
- D. CNSA



- ✓ **NASA recently launched a space mission from New Zealand, deploying the Advanced Composite Solar Sail System spacecraft aboard Rocket Lab's Electron rocket. The spacecraft utilizes solar energy for propulsion, orbiting 1,000 kilometers above Earth with an 80 square meter sail. Key objectives include demonstrating solar sail effectiveness and maneuverability.**

11. Recently, who secured a gold medal in women's 10m Air Rifle at World Shooting Para Sport tournament in Changwon, Korea?

- A. Esha Singh
- B. Avani Lekhara
- C. Mona Aggarwal
- D. Sift Kaur Sharma



- ✓ **Indian para-shooter Mona Aggarwal clinched gold in women's 10m air rifle, while Army man Amir Ahmed Bhatt secured silver in 25m pistol at the World Shooting Para Sport tournament in Changwon, Korea. Mona, 37, claimed the R2-10m air rifle standing SH1 gold with a score of 250.8, her second World Cup title of the year. Slovakia's Verónica Vadovicova won silver and Swedish shooter Anna Benson took bronze.**

12. Project Nilgiri Tahr is an initiative launched by which state government?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Telangana



- ✓ **The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) will join the three-day synchronised Nilgiri Tahr census as a third-party observer. This census, starting April 29, is the first-ever synchronised effort to estimate the Nilgiri Tahr population. Collaborators include WWF-India, WII, and AIWC. Project Nilgiri Tahr, launched by the Tamil Nadu government, spans 2022-2027, aiming to safeguard the species and ensure its survival.**

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1. Alagar Temple is located in which district of Tamil Nadu?

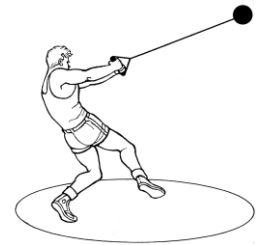
- A. Madurai
- B. Theni
- C. Dindigul
- D. Tenkasi



- ✓ The conclusion of the Chithirai festival was signified by the return procession of Lord Kallazhagar from the Vaigai river. Alagar Temple, situated at the foothills of Alagar hills in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, is one of Lord Vishnu's 108 abodes, revered as Kallazhagar. It boasts six corridors within fort walls and is referenced in Tamil epic Silappadikaram and Alvars' hymns. The temple's mandapam pillars showcase Nayaka art style.

2. Harshit Kumar, who recently won a gold medal in the 21st U-20 Asian Athletics Championship 2024, belongs to which sports?

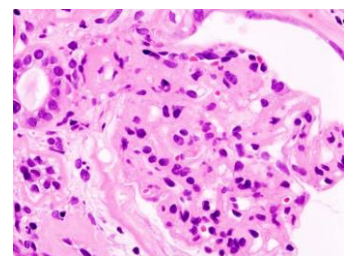
- A. Javelin throw
- B. Hammer throw
- C. Tennis
- D. Chess



- ✓ Indian athletes dominated the 21st U-20 Asian Athletics Championship 2024, earning 18 medals. Harshit Kumar clinched gold in the Hammer throw, while Ritik secured silver in men's discus throw. Laxita Sandilea took silver in the 800m race. The mixed relay team won silver, and Shreeya Rajesh grabbed bronze in the women's 400m hurdles. Prateek also secured bronze in the hammer throw event.

3. What is nephrotic syndrome?

- A. A skin disorder
- B. A kidney disorder causing excessive protein in urine
- C. A respiratory condition
- D. A neurological disorder



- ✓ Regular use of fairness creams has been linked to nephrotic syndrome by Kerala researchers. Nephrotic syndrome is a kidney disorder causing excessive protein in urine due to glomeruli inflammation. Healthy kidneys filter waste but inflamed glomeruli leak protein into urine. It's not a specific kidney disease but can result from various conditions damaging kidney filters.

4. National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) functions under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Women & Child Development
- B. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ The Union government plans to introduce a new test developed by the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) to diagnose specific learning disabilities (SLDs) in Indian adults. NIEPID, established in 1984, operates under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, focusing on services for individuals with intellectual disabilities. With headquarters in Secunderabad, Telangana, it offers training, research, and rehabilitation services nationwide.

5. According to UNCTAD report, what was the growth rate of the Indian Service Sector export in 2023?

- A. 11.4%
- B. 9.2%
- C. 8.1%
- D. 10.7%



- ✓ In 2023, Indian service sector exports surged by 11.4% to \$345 billion, while Chinese service exports fell by 10.1% to \$381 billion, as per a UNCTAD report. India's service imports slightly decreased by 0.4% to \$248 billion. India ranks 7th globally in service exports, with the US leading. Additionally, India stood as the 9th largest service-importing country. The US and China hold top positions as service importers, according to UNCTAD.

6. Recently, where was the meeting of Defense Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) held?

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Astana, Kazakhstan
- C. Beijing, China
- D. Tehran, Iran



- ✓ Defense Secretary Giridhar Armane participated in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Defence Ministers meeting in Astana, Kazakhstan on April 26, 2024. All member states' defense ministers signed a protocol. They endorsed the concept of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future', echoing the Indian philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

7. Patenting Trends in India report, recently released by which organization?

- A. NASSCOM
- B. CSIR
- C. IRDAI
- D. Ministry of Finance

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- ✓ **NASSCOM's recent release, the Patenting Trends in India report, coincided with World Intellectual Property Day. Celebrated annually on April 26, the day aims to highlight the importance of Intellectual Property rights in fostering innovation and creativity. Established in 2000 by WIPO, this year's theme is 'IP and the SDGs: Building Our Common Future with Innovation & Creativity'.**

8. Recently, which state government's food safety department has imposed a ban on using Liquid Nitrogen in food items?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Kerala
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **The commissioner of food safety in Tamil Nadu has instructed officials to oversee the use of liquid nitrogen in food items and enforce the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Liquid nitrogen, an inert, colorless, extremely cold element with a boiling point of -320°F (-196°C), poses health risks including frostbite-like injuries, organ damage, and potential perforation. It's utilized to rapidly cool and freeze food in various industrial processes.**

9. What is 'Bambi Bucket'?

- A. Aerial firefighting tool
- B. Traditional Irrigation Technique
- C. Earth Observation Satellite
- D. Black hole



- ✓ **The Indian Air Force deployed MI 17 V5 helicopters equipped with Bambi Buckets to combat forest fires in Nainital. The Bambi Bucket, also known as a helicopter bucket, is a specialized firefighting tool used since the 1980s. It's suspended under the chopper and filled from rivers or ponds, releasing water via a pilot-controlled valve. Its features include quick filling, storage within the helicopter, and precise water discharge, aiding in combating inaccessible wildfires.**

10. According to recent data from the Reserve Bank of India, what was India's net household savings rate for the fiscal year 2023?

- A. 4.5%
- B. 5.3%
- C. 6.7%
- D. 7.1%

%

- ✓ Recent data from the Reserve Bank of India shows India's net household savings hit a 47-year low at 5.3% of GDP in 2023, dropping from 7.3% in 2022. Simultaneously, household debt surged to 5.8% of GDP, the second-highest since the 1970s. The Household Saving Rate is the proportion of disposable income saved rather than spent, encompassing financial assets, physical assets, and precious metals like gold and silver ornaments.

11. Recently, who has been named as the regional winner for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in the 2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards?

- A. Gina Justus
- B. Revathi Advaiti
- C. Supriya Sahu
- D. Mridula Garg



- ✓ Gina Justus, a teacher at English High School, Sharjah Girls' Branch, UAE, wins the MENA region in the 2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards. Hailing from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, she's worked in the UAE since 2005. Recognized for mentorship and charity work, she stood out among 14,840 nominations from 141 countries. The awards honor primary and secondary educators globally.

12. Recently, which former Indian cricketer has been appointed as the ambassador of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024?

- A. Yuvraj Singh
- B. Harbhajan Singh
- C. Suresh Raina
- D. Irfan Pathan



- ✓ Yuvraj Singh, famed Indian cricketer, is named ambassador for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, starting in 36 days. Renowned for hitting six sixes in an over during India's 2007 victory, he joins Chris Gayle and Usain Bolt as ambassadors. Bolt, Jamaican sprinter and eight-time Olympic gold medalist, adds to the event's excitement. Singh, 42, played a pivotal role in India's 2007 win and will participate in pre-tournament promotions for the 10-team event starting June 1.

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1. What is the theme of World Veterinary Day 2024?

- A. Value of Vaccination
- B. Veterinarians are essential health workers
- C. Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness in the Veterinary Profession
- D. Environmental protection for improving animal and human health



- ✓ **World Veterinary Day annually celebrates veterinarians' contributions globally, emphasizing their role in public health and animal welfare. Observed on the last Saturday of April, World Veterinary Day raises awareness of veterinarians' vital role in maintaining both animal and human health. In 2024, celebrated on April 27, the theme is "Veterinarians are Essential Health Workers".**

2. Recently, which country won the gold medal in the Archery World Cup in the men's recurve event?

- A. India
- B. South Korea
- C. Malaysia
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ **India's men's recurve team clinched a historic gold at the Archery World Cup Stage-1 by defeating South Korea, breaking a 14-year gold drought. The triumphant trio – Dhiraj Bommadevara, Tarundeep Rai, and Pravin Jadhav – beat South Korea's world-champion squad 5-1. This marked India's highest-ever medal tally in an Archery World Cup, with 8 medals, including 5 golds, 2 silvers, and 1 bronze. India sent a 16-member squad, featuring 8 men and 8 women, to Shanghai.**

3. What is a green taxonomy?

- A. A system for categorizing environmentally friendly investments
- B. A framework for classifying financial assets based on their color
- C. A method for organizing government budgets related to environmental projects
- D. A type of plant species found in tropical rainforests

- ✓ **The RBI and Finance Ministry could draw from ASEAN's evolving green taxonomy for sustainable trajectories. Green taxonomy defines environmentally sound investments, aiding in preventing greenwashing and guiding informed investment decisions. It channels funds toward sustainable economic activities, encompassing climate mitigation, adaptation, and biodiversity conservation.**

4. Raja Ravi Varma was associated with which field?

- A. Sports
- B. Medicine
- C. Music
- D. Painting and art



- ✓ The first true copy of Raja Ravi Varma's painting "Indulekha" will be revealed at Kilimanoor Palace, Kerala, on his 176th birth anniversary. Varma, born in 1848, was a renowned Indian painter, famous for merging European techniques with Indian themes. He created around 7,000 paintings, blending Hindu mythology with Western composition. Varma's notable works include "Damayanti Talking to a Swan" and "Shakuntala Looking for Dushyanta."

5. Recently, where was the 'Critical Minerals Summit 2024' held?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bhopal



- ✓ The Ministry of Mines, along with partners Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, CEEW, and IISD, hosted the "Critical Minerals Summit: Enhancing Beneficiation and Processing Capabilities" in New Delhi from April 29th-30th, 2024. Aimed at bolstering India's critical mineral supply chain, the summit convenes stakeholders from industry, government, academia, and startups. Key topics include mineral auction progress and sustainable solutions. Technical sessions focus on eight key minerals crucial for clean energy technologies and electric vehicles.

6. Recently, which trade association has launched a corporate governance charter for startups?

- A. India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)
- B. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- C. ASSOCHAM
- D. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)



- ✓ Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) releases Corporate Governance Charter for Startups, emphasizing principles like Transparency and Fairness. Aimed at guiding startups towards stability and success, it addresses governance failures seen in high-profile cases like BharatPe and GoMechanic. The charter, applicable to startups under the Companies Act 2013, outlines guidelines for different stages.

7. Which state's education department recently released the 'Guidelines for Elimination of Corporal Punishment (GECP)'?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana
- C. Kerala
- D. Meghalaya



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu issues Guidelines for Elimination of Corporal Punishment in Schools (GECP) to foster safe environments for students, as per Right to Education Act, 2009. The GECP issued jointly by Directors of School and Elementary Education, aims to prevent physical and mental harm and discrimination. It includes awareness camps on National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) guidelines. Measures include prompt complaint redressal and forming monitoring committees at schools.**

8. Recently, which Indian has been selected for the 'Goldman Environmental Prize 2024'?

- A. Rajendra Singh
- B. Tulsi Gowda
- C. Alok Shukla
- D. Ramesh Agrawal



- ✓ **Chhattisgarh's Alok Shukla, environmental activist, wins 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize for grassroots efforts. Known as "Green Nobel Prize," it honors his work in preserving Hasdeo Arand Forest, vital for Chhattisgarh's ecosystem. Facing coal mining threats, Shukla rallied local tribes, pressuring the government to cancel auctions of 21 coal mines in 2022. His organization, Hasdeo Aranya Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, champions environmental protection in the region.**

9. What is INS Vikrant?

- A. Submarine
- B. Aircraft carrier
- C. Tankers
- D. Frigates



- ✓ **The Indian Navy recently showcased twin carrier operations with its two aircraft carriers: INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant. India operates these carriers, with INS Vikrant being the first aircraft carrier purchased from the UK, active since the 1960s. INS Viraat, India's second carrier, was originally HMS Hermes. INS Vikramaditya, formerly Russia's Admiral Gorshkov, joined the Indian Navy in 2013, marking India's third carrier.**

10. Which organization recently released a satellite-data-based analysis on the expansion of glacial lakes in the catchments of Indian Himalayan river basins?

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. CSIR
- D. NDMA



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently released a satellite-data-based analysis on the expansion of glacial lakes in the catchments of Indian Himalayan River basins. The analysis uses long-term satellite imagery from 1984 to 2023 to show significant changes in the lakes. According to ISRO, 676 of the 2,431 lakes larger than 10 hectares identified in 2016-17 have expanded significantly since 1984. The analysis highlights the risks of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) and their impact on infrastructure and settlements downstream of such lakes.

11. Which country's parliament recently passed a law criminalizing same-sex relationships?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Vietnam
- D. Egypt



- ✓ Iraq's parliament recently passed a law criminalizing same-sex relationships, imposing up to 15 years in prison for such acts. Promoting homosexuality or prostitution can lead to a minimum of seven years behind bars. Additionally, changing one's biological gender or dressing in an effeminate manner can result in one to three years of imprisonment. The legislation was supported by conservative Shi'ite Muslim parties, aiming to uphold religious values and protect Iraqi society from moral decay.

12. Recently, Bru community participated in Lok Sabha elections for the first time as voters from which state?

- A. Mizoram
- B. Tripura
- C. Nagaland
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ In 2024, the Bru community, indigenous to Northeast India, voted for the first time in Tripura's Lok Sabha elections. Predominantly residing in Tripura, Mizoram, and Assam, they hold Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group status. Ethnically Indo-Mongoloid, they belong to the Austro-Asiatic linguistic groups.

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