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**1. Recently India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with whom to enhance tourism cooperation.**

- A - Ho Chi Minh  
B - Jakarta  
C - Bangkok  
D - Malaysia

An important Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote tourism cooperation between India and Malaysia was signed on 20 August 2024. Shri Ganjendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Tourism and Culture, India and Shri YB Dato Sri Tiong King Sing, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Malaysia signed this MoU. This MoU is aimed at further strengthening political, economic and socio-cultural relations between India and Malaysia.



**2. India's largest affordable Aero Lounge has been launched at which airport in Kerala?**

- A - Kannur International Airport  
B - Kochi International Airport  
C - Calicut International Airport  
D - Thiruvananthapuram International Airport

Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) is all set to introduce a new world-class experience to its passengers. The "0484 Aero Lounge" will be inaugurated at Terminal 2 by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala on 1 September 2024. The lounge is based on the concept of 'affordable luxury', which will offer premium airport lounge experience at hourly rates.



**3. Fast bowler Shannon Gabriel has recently retired from international cricket. He belongs to which country?**

- A - Australia  
B - West Indies  
C - South Africa  
D - New Zealand

West Indies fast bowler Shannon Gabriel announced his retirement from international cricket on 29 August 2024. Gabriel, 36, played 86 international matches for West Indies, most of which were Test matches. He made his Test debut in 2012 against England at Lord's. Gabriel is particularly known for his career-best figures of 8/62 in the Gros Islet Test match in 2018 against Sri Lanka.



**4. Which medal did Narwal win in the men's 10m air pistol SH1 event at the Paris 2024 Paralympics?**

- A - Gold  
B - Bronze  
C - Silver  
D - None

Indian para shooter Manish Narwal won the silver medal in the men's 10m air pistol SH1 final at the Paris Paralympics on 29 August 2024. He finished second with 234.9 points, while Jeongdoo Jo of South Korea won the gold medal with 237.4 points. China's Chao Yang secured the bronze medal with 214.3 points.





**5. Who has been appointed as the new Cabinet Secretary of India, succeeding Rajiv Gauba?**

- A - Ajay Bhushan Pandey  
B - Subhash Chandra Garg  
C - Rakesh Sharma  
D - Dr. T.V. Somanathan

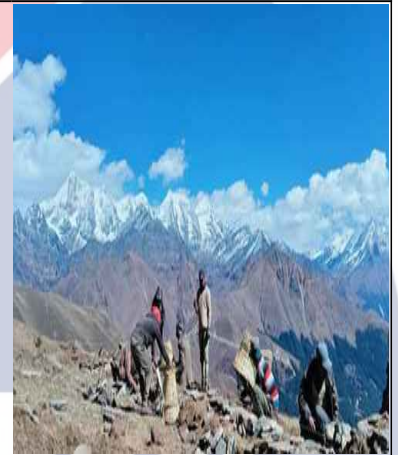
Dr. T.V. Somanathan will take over as the new Cabinet Secretary of the Government of India on 30 August 2024, following the retirement of Rajiv Gauba. He is an IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre (1987 batch) and holds a PhD in Economics, Executive Development Programme from Harvard Business School, and is a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant and Company Secretary.



**6. Which country's tourism board won the PATA Gold Award in Sustainable Tourism for its livelihood revival project?**

- A - Nepal  
B - India  
C - Sri Lanka  
D - Bhutan

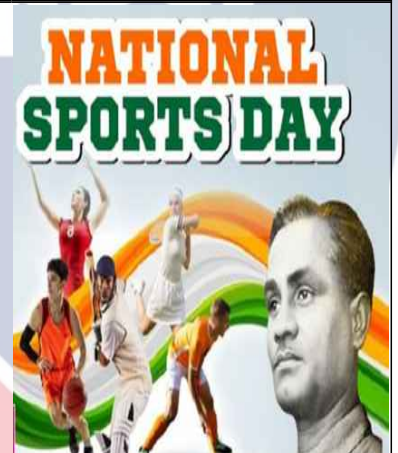
The Sustainable Tourism Livelihood Revival Project (STLRP) of Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) was awarded the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award in 2024. The award was given in the community-based tourism category, recognizing the project's important role in promoting tourism employment and sustainable development.



**7. Which day is celebrated as 'National Sports Day' every year?**

- A - 27 August  
B - 28 August  
C - 29 August  
D - 30 August

National Sports Day is celebrated in India on 29 August, which marks the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. It was first celebrated in 2012 and the day is dedicated to promoting the importance of sports and spreading awareness for physical activities. Sports competitions, seminars and announcements of sports schemes are held on this day.



**8. Which Haryana company supplied steel sheets to DRDO's SMART system?**

- A - Gupta Stainless  
B - Arora Stainless  
C - Chaudhary Stainless  
D - Jindal Stainless

Jindal Stainless has developed a 3-millimetre special alloy steel sheet for the Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedoes (SMART) system, capable of withstanding high pressure and temperature. The sheet has been fabricated at Jindal Defence and Aerospace's Hisar facility.



**9. Who inaugurated the National Conference of District Judiciary in New Delhi, marking 75 years of the Supreme Court of India, and released a commemorative stamp and coin?**

- A - CJI D.Y. Chandrachud                      B - Kapil Sibal  
C - Narendra Modi                                D - Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Conference of District Judiciary at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi and released a commemorative stamp and coin to commemorate 75 years of the establishment of the Supreme Court of India.



**10. In which event did Preeti Pal win a bronze medal at the Paris Paralympics?**

- A - T35 200m                                      B - T42 Long jump  
C - T44 High jump                                D - T35 100m

Preeti Pal created history at the Paris 2024 Paralympics by winning a bronze medal in the women's 100m T35 category, becoming the first Indian athlete to win a Paralympic medal in track events. Preeti, 23, recorded a personal best time of 14.21 seconds while China's Zhou Jia and Qianqian Guo won the gold and silver medals respectively.



**11. Who launched the 7th edition of National Nutrition Month in Gandhinagar?**

- A - Smriti Irani                                    B - Nirmala Sitharaman  
C - Annapurna Devi                              D - Piyush Goyal

The 7th National Nutrition Month was launched from Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Union Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel and other dignitaries planted saplings under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign on the occasion.



**12. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (Additional Charge) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), succeeding C.B. Ananthkrishnan, till August 31, 2024?**

- A - Dr. D.K. Sunil                                B - Dr. Rajesh Kumar  
C - Dr. Arun Patel                                D - Dr. Sunil Kumar

Dr. D.K. Sunil has assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (Additional Charge) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), following the retirement of C.B. Ananthkrishnan on August 31. Dr. Sunil has made significant contributions in various roles for nearly 37 years, joining HAL as a Management Trainee in 1987.





**13. Which team won the 2024 Durand Cup by defeating Mohun Bagan SG 4-3 in a penalty shootout?**

- A - NorthEast United FC**                      **B - Mohun Bagan SG**  
**C - Kerala Blasters FC**                      **D - Bengaluru FC**

The match between Mohun Bagan SG and NorthEast United FC ended in a 2-2 draw in the semi-final of the Durand Cup at the Salt Lake Stadium. NorthEast United won 4-3 in the penalty shootout, making them reach the Durand Cup final for the first time. Mohun Bagan's Jason Cummings and Sahal Abdul Samad scored in the first half, while NorthEast United's Azraai and Guillermo equalised the score in the second half.



**14. In which category did Rubina Francis win a bronze medal at the Paris Paralympics, giving India its 5th medal at the Games?**

- A - Women's 50m Rifle SH2**                      **B - Women's 25m Pistol SH1**  
**C - Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1**                      **D - Women's 10m Air Rifle SH2**

Indian shooter Rubina Francis won the bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event at the Paris Paralympics 2024. This is India's fourth medal from shooting at the Paris Paralympics, and India has so far won a total of five medals, including one gold medal. Rubina scored 211.1 points in the final. Iran's Javanmardi Sareh won the gold medal and Turkey's Azogan Aysol won the silver medal in this event.



**15. Who has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Bihar, effective from August 31, 2024, who was earlier serving as Coal Secretary?**

- A - Anil Kumar Gupta**                      **B - Rajiv Kumar Singh**  
**C - Suresh Chandra Verma**                      **D - Amrit Lal Meena**

Senior officer Amritlal Meena will be appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar. He was till now serving as Union Coal Secretary. Late on Saturday evening, the central government relieved him from his current post and sent him back to his parent cadre Bihar. Amritlal Meena, who is a 1989 batch IAS officer, has held various important posts in his 35 years of administrative career.



**16. Name the person who recently took over as the Vice Chief of the Air Force, who has more than 4500 flying hours and experience of leading various Indian Air Force units?**

- A - Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh**                      **B - Air Marshal Tejinder Singh**  
**C - Air Marshal Arjun Pratap**                      **D - Air Marshal Sandeep Rao**

Air Marshal Tejinder Singh has taken over as the Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force. The Ministry of Defense confirmed this appointment. After assuming charge, he paid tribute to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives at the National War Memorial.



**17. Who was awarded the Olympic Order in recognition of his support for the success of the Olympic Games Paris 2024?**

- A - Thomas Bach  
B - Jean-Michel Blanquer  
C - Emmanuel Macron  
D - Mario Duplantier

French President Emmanuel Macron was awarded the gold medal for his exceptional contribution to the Olympic Movement. The honour was given to him by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for his unwavering support for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and his commitment to the Olympic ideals. Macron fully supported Paris' bid to host the Olympics after becoming president in 2017.



**18. Who was awarded the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award, known as Asia's Nobel Prize, in 2024?**

- A - Hayao Miyazaki  
B - Isao Takahata  
C - Mamoru Hosoda  
D - Satoshi Kon

Japanese film director Hayao Miyazaki has been announced to receive the 2024 Ramon Magsaysay Award. Miyazaki, whose famous films include 'Princess Mononoke', 'Spirited Away', 'Howl's Moving Castle', 'My Neighbour Totoro' and 'The Boy and the Heron', has created animated films based on environmental conservation.



**19. In which event did Nishad Kumar win a silver medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics?**

- A - Men's long jump T47  
B - Men's high jump T47  
C - Men's javelin throw F46  
D - Men's 100m race T47

Nishad Kumar of India won a silver medal in the men's T47 high jump final at the Paris Paralympics. He finished second with his season's best jump of 2.04m. Earlier, Nishad Kumar had also won a silver medal at the Tokyo Paralympics. Townsend-Roberts of the US won the gold medal with a jump of 2.08m, taking him ahead of India's Nishad Kumar.



**20. Which stadium in Bihar will host the 2024 Women's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy?**

- A - Rajgir Hockey Stadium  
B - Patna Sports Complex  
C - Moin-ul-Haq Stadium  
D - Gandhi Maidan

Rajgir in Bihar will host an important event on the international hockey map. The 8th Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament 2024 will be held at the newly-built Rajgir Hockey Stadium from 11 to 20 November 2024. This will be India's second consecutive hosting of the tournament. Asian Hockey Federation President Dato Fumio Ogura announced India as the host on 29 August 2024.





**21. Who is the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic medals in athletics?**

- A - Avani Lekhara  
B - Mona Agarwal  
C - Rubina Francis  
D - Preeti Pal

India's female para athlete Preeti Pal has created history by winning a bronze medal in the 200m (T35) event at the Paris Paralympics 2024. Preeti won the medal with a personal best time of 30.01 seconds. She has become the first Indian female athlete to win two medals in track and field. Athletes affected by hypertonia and coordination disorders participate in the T35 category.



**22. Who won the gold medal in the men's singles SL3 category at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, thereby getting his first Paralympic gold medal in para-badminton?**

- A - Avani Lekhara  
B - Nitesh Kumar  
C - Pramod Bhagat  
D - Manoj Sarkar

Nitesh Kumar of India won the gold medal in the men's singles badminton SL3 category at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. He defeated Tokyo 2020 silver medallist Daniel Bethell of Great Britain 21-14, 18-21, 23-21. The match lasted 1 hour and 20 minutes. Nitesh's win is India's second consecutive gold medal in the SL3 category;



**23. Who has recently assumed the additional charge of Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), effective from September 1, 2024?**

- A - Srikant Madhav Vaidya  
B - Sanjeev Singh  
C - V. Satish Kumar  
D - Rajesh Kumar Srivastava

V. Satish Kumar has assumed the additional charge of Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), following the end of the tenure of Srikant Madhav Vaidya. Kumar has served in various key positions at IOCL for over 35 years and under his leadership the company modernized retail outlets, excelled in high-octane fuel and clean energy solutions.



**24. In which event did Yogesh Kathunia win the silver medal at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, throwing a season-best of 42.22m to claim his second Paralympic silver medal?**

- A - Discus Throw  
B - Shot Put  
C - Long Jump  
D - Javelin Throw

India has got its 8th medal at the Paris Paralympics. Yogesh Kathunia won the silver medal in the men's discus throw F56 event. He covered a distance of 42.22m in the first throw and then covered distances of 41.50m, 41.55m, 40.33m and 40.89m in the other throws respectively.



25. Luis Suarez has recently announced his retirement from international football. He is from which South American country?

- A - Uruguay  
B - Argentina  
C - Brazil  
D - Chile

Uruguayan football legend Luis Suarez has announced his retirement from international football. Uruguay's all-time top scorer Suarez revealed his decision in a press conference on Monday. He informed that Uruguay's FIFA World Cup qualifier match against Paraguay on September 6 will be his last international match.



26. In which event did Sumit Antil win gold at the Paris Paralympics 2024 and become the first Indian man to defend his title?

- A - Shot put F57  
B - Long jump T63  
C - Javelin throw F64  
D - Discus throw F56

Sumit Antil created history by winning gold in the men's javelin throw F64 category at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, becoming the first Indian para-athlete to defend his title at the Paralympics. The 26-year-old Sumit achieved the feat with a new Paralympic record of 70.59m, which was even better than his previous record set at Tokyo 2020.



27. Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar won bronze medals in which event at the Paris 2024 Paralympics?

- A - Mixed Team Badminton S-26  
B - Mixed Team Recurve Archery  
C - Mixed Team Compound Archery  
D - Tag-Team Wrestling A-12

Indian archers Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar brought glory to the nation by winning the bronze medal in the mixed team compound archery event at the Paris Paralympics 2024. After a loss in the semi-finals, they defeated Eleonora Sarti and Matteo Bonacina of Italy in a hard-fought 156-155 contest.



28. The second phase of Exercise Tarang Shakti 24 is being held at which place?

- A - Air Force Station Jodhpur  
B - Air Force Station Ambala  
C - Air Force Station Bathinda  
D - Air Force Station Hashimara

The second phase of Tarang Shakti-2024 started from Jodhpur Airbase on Thursday. This multinational air exercise involves the air forces of India, Japan, America, Australia, Greece, UAE and Hungary. The inauguration will be on August 30. The first phase was held from 6-14 August at Sullur Air Force Station in Tamil Nadu, in which Britain, France, Germany and Spain participated.





**29. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Brunei on a bilateral visit. Brunei is located in which continent?**

- A - Europe  
B - Asia  
C - South America  
D - Africa

Indian High Commissioner Alok Amitabh Dimri described Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Brunei as "historic" and said that this is the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister. Modi arrived in Brunei on Tuesday, where he will hold high-level meetings with Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah and members of the royal family.



**30. Who were honoured with the FICCI Young Leader's Youth Icon Award by Shashwat Goenka?**

- A - Ranveer Singh and Virat Kohli  
B - Shah Rukh Khan and P.V. Sindhu  
C - Ayushmann Khurrana and Neeraj Chopra  
D - Hrithik Roshan and Deepika Padukone

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) recently held its prestigious Young Leaders Awards in New Delhi. The event recognised the achievements of talented individuals from various fields.



**31. Which country has announced the Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS) to improve its visa system and promote tourism from India and China?**

- A - South Africa  
B - Australia  
C - Canada  
D - New Zealand

South Africa has announced a new Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS), primarily aimed at the emerging tourism markets of India and China. The scheme will come into effect from January 2025 and aims to improve the visa system and promote job creation in the tourism sector. Currently, Indian tourists account for only 3.9 per cent of all international tourists visiting South Africa.



**32. Which company was awarded the CSR Times Award 2024 for its 'Hunger Free World' project?**

- A - Tanishq  
B - Malabar Group  
C - Kalyan Jewellers  
D - PC Jeweller

Malabar Group has been honoured with the prestigious CSR Times Award 2024 for its 'Hunger Free World' project. The award is given to companies that demonstrate exceptional commitment to social responsibility. Goa Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant was the chief guest at the ceremony organised by the Goa government.



**33. Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Pakistan hockey team?**

- A - Shahnaz Sheikh  
B - Hanif Khan  
C - Naseer Ali  
D - Tahir Zaman

Former Pakistan hockey Olympian Tahir Zaman has been appointed as the head coach ahead of the Asian Champions Trophy. Zaman will join the team in Hulunbuir, China, where the tournament begins on September 8. The appointment comes after Roelant Oltmans declined to join the team demanding a long-term contract.



**34. Which initiative won the National e-Governance Gold Award for Administrative Reforms and District Level e-Governance Initiatives at the National e-Governance Conference 2024?**

- A - Smart Varanasi Project  
B - Digital India Programme  
C - Lab Mitra  
D - e-Sampada Yojana

Kashi's 'Lab Mitra' initiative won the Gold Award at the National e-Governance Conference 2024 held at Jio Convention Center, Mumbai. The award was given to Varanasi District Magistrate S Rajlingam, Chief Development Officer Himanshu Nagpal, Chief Medical Officer Dr Sandeep Chaudhary, and Project Coordinator Ashutosh Singh.



**35. Who won the silver medal for India in the men's shot put - F46 final at the Paris Paralympics?**

- A - Sachin Khilari  
B - Praveen Kumar  
C - Sumit Antil  
D - Mariyappan Thangavelu

Sachin Khilari won the 21st medal for India by winning the silver medal in the men's shot put F46 event at the Paris Paralympics 2024. He won the medal with an Asian record of 16.32 meters, while Greg Stewart of Canada won the gold with a season's best throw of 16.38 meters. Luka Bekovic of Croatia won the bronze medal with a personal best performance of 16.27m.



**36. Recently \_\_\_\_\_ has become a global ambassador for L'Oreal Paris and will be seen in the brand's global campaigns alongside Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, who is also a global ambassador for the brand.**

- A - Alia Bhatt  
B - Deepika Padukone  
C - Kiara Advani  
D - Priyanka Chopra

French cosmetic brand L'Oreal Paris has announced Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt as its new global brand ambassador. Bhatt now joins L'Oreal's international list of ambassadors, which includes famous personalities like Viola Davis, Jane Fonda, Eva Longoria, Kendall Jenner, Elle Fanning, and Camila Cabello.





**37. Where in Maharashtra was the Vishwashanti Buddha Vihar inaugurated by President Draupadi Murmu in September 2024?**

- A - Pune  
B - Nagpur  
C - Satara  
D - Udgir

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Vishwashanti Buddha Vihar in Udgir in Latur district of Maharashtra on Wednesday, September 4. President Murmu began her Maharashtra tour on Monday and reached Udgir via helicopter from Nanded on Wednesday morning. Prayers were held there after the inauguration ceremony.



**38. Under the aegis of which mission, the "Vishnu Yudh Abhyas" mock drill on pandemic preparedness was conducted in Ajmer, Rajasthan?**

- A - National One Health Mission  
B - National Urban Health Mission  
C - Ayushman Bharat Mission  
D - National Rural Health Mission

Under the National One Health Mission (NOHM), a comprehensive national mock drill called "Vishnu Yudh Abhyas" was conducted in Ajmer district of Rajasthan from August 27 to August 31. The aim of the exercise was to test the preparedness and response of the National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT) comprising experts from human health, animal husbandry, and wildlife fields.



**39. The administration of which district in Nagaland launched the Wokha Sathi WhatsApp chatbot, which won the Gold Award at the National e-Governance Awards 2023-2024?**

- A - Kohima  
B - Wokha  
C - Dimapur  
D - Mokokchung

The innovative "Wokha Sathi" WhatsApp chatbot of the Wokha district administration has been awarded the prestigious Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance Scheme 2023-2024. The award was presented by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis during the 27th National e-Governance Conference held in Mumbai on 3 September 2024.



**40. Who became the oldest Indian to swim solo across the English Channel in 2024?**

- A - Siddharth Agarwal  
B - Satish Kumar  
C - Srikanth Vishwanathan  
D - Rajiv Malhotra

Siddharth Agarwal, a 49-year-old swimmer from Bengaluru, on August 29, 2024 set a record for becoming the oldest Indian to swim across the English Channel. He completed the 42-km distance in 15 hours and six minutes, breaking the previous record set by Srikanth Vishwanathan in 2018. Agarwal, who did not take up swimming in his youth, attributed his success to the rigorous training he did with coach Satish Kumar.



41. Who was named the first Indian ambassador of the ITTF Foundation during Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) season five?

A - Mihai Bobocica

B - Sharath Kamal

C - Rajdeep Saha

D - Tathagata Majumdar

On the 11th day of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) season 5 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Indian table tennis player Sharath Kamal was named the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation. Princess Zeina Shaban of Jordan and UTT President Vita Dani were present during the announcement.



42. Team India's Dharambir won the gold medal by setting a new Asian record in which event at the Paris 2024 Summer Paralympic Games?

A - Club Throw (Men) - F51

B - Javelin Throw (Men) - F52

C - Discus Throw (Men) - F53

D - Long Jump (Men) - F50

Dharambir broke the Asian record by winning the gold medal in the men's club throw F51 event at the Paralympics. 35-year-old Dharambir threw 34.92 meters, while Pranav Surma won the silver medal with a throw of 34.59 meters. Dharambir dedicated his achievement to his coach Amit Kumar Saroha and hoped that this medal will inspire future para athletes.



43. Which fintech company launched India's first multi-brand co-branded credit card in partnership with RuPay and Yes Bank?

A - PhonePe

B - Super Money

C - Amazon Pay

D - POP

POP, a fintech start-up founded by former Flipkart employees, has launched India's first multi-brand co-branded credit card, the YEB BANK POP-CLUB RuPay Credit Card. The card is developed in collaboration with RuPay and Yes Bank and aims to simplify UPI transactions. It was launched at the Global Fintech Festival.



44. In which state, 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Initiative' is being launched to build around 24,800 rainwater harvesting structures?

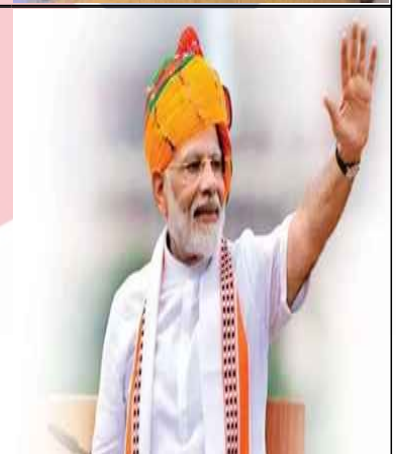
A - Maharashtra

B - Gujarat

C - Rajasthan

D - Telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' initiative in Surat, Gujarat, which aims to strengthen community participation in water conservation. The initiative is in line with 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' and promotes collective water management for long-term water security.





**45. Who received the 'Gender Diversity' award at the Indian Steel Conference 2024?**

**A - Dr. Dasari Radhika**  
C - Dr. Sunita Sharma

B - Dr. Nirmala Rao  
D - Dr. Priya Menon

The Indian Steel Association (ISA) presented the prestigious 'Gender Diversity Award' to Dr. Dasari Radhika, DGM (HR), RINL, the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, at the Indian Steel Conference 2024 in New Delhi. The award was presented by Shri Nagendra Nath Sinha, former Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India. Dr. Radhika has shown remarkable resilience and determination to promote women's participation in the steel industry.



**46. Who will become the oldest Indian to swim solo across the English Channel in 2024?**

**A - Sujoy Khanna**  
C - Siddharth Agarwal

B - Rajesh Mehta  
D - Sanjay Kumar

49-year-old swimmer Siddharth Agarwal from Bengaluru set a record for becoming the oldest Indian to swim solo across the English Channel on August 29, 2024. He completed the 42-km distance in 15 hours and six minutes, breaking the previous record set by Srikanth Vishwanathan in 2018 at the age of 46.



**47. Who has been appointed as the vice-chairman of Uttar Pradesh Mahila Aayog in 2024?**

**A - Babita Chauhan**  
C - Charu Chaudhary

**B - Aparna Yadav**  
D - Swati Singh

The Uttar Pradesh government has made significant changes in the Mahila Aayog. Aparna Yadav, daughter-in-law of Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav, has been appointed as the vice-chairman of the UP Mahila Aayog. Charu Chaudhary has also become the vice-chairman along with her, while Babita Chauhan has been appointed as the new chairperson of the commission.



**48. Zero Hour will be introduced in which state assembly after preparing standard operating procedures (SOPs)?**

**A - Punjab**  
C - Himachal Pradesh

B - Uttarakhand  
D - Haryana

Procedures are being prepared for the introduction of Zero Hour in Himachal Assembly, Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Pathania confirmed. During Zero Hour, MLAs can raise issues of public concern that require immediate attention. However, the discretion to raise any issue lies with the Speaker and there is no need to give an immediate reply during this time.



**49. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) in 2024?**

- A - Ajay Tyagi  
 B - Ashish Chauhan  
 C - Nehal Vora  
 D - Vikram Limaye

Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) has announced the reappointment of Nehal Vora as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO), approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 29, 2024. This appointment is a significant change in the leadership of CDSL, signaling an improvement in the company's corporate direction and governance.



**50. Who won India's first Paralympic judo medal in the men's 60 kg (J1) category at the 2024 Paralympics?**

- A - Akram Shah  
 B - Kapil Parmar  
 C - Narendra Singh  
 D - Angom Anita Chanu

Madhya Pradesh judo player Kapil Parmar has won a bronze medal in a historic performance at the Paris Paralympics. The 24-year-old Kapil achieved this success by defeating Brazil's Eliton de Oliveira 10-0 in the men's J1-60 kg category. Kapil, who hails from Sehore, participated in the visually impaired sportspersons category where he performed exceptionally well.



**51. What is the name of Star Health's newly launched health insurance policy designed exclusively for persons with disabilities, including visually impaired persons?**

- A - Special Care Gold  
 B - Care Plus Health Assist Plan  
 C - Disability Protection Plan  
 D - Star Health Vision Plan

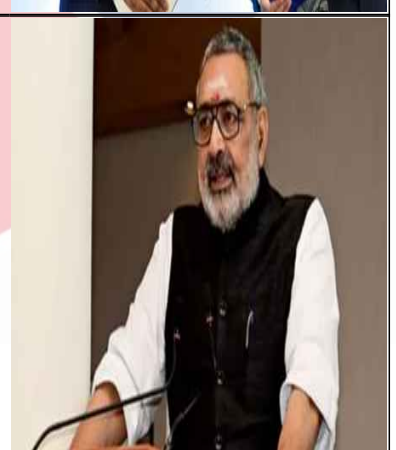
Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited has launched the industry's first insurance policy "Special Care Gold" in Braille for visually impaired and blind persons. The initiative reflects the company's commitment towards inclusivity and accessibility, enabling visually impaired migrants to independently make decisions related to their health and finances.



**52. What is the name of India's first fashion forecasting initiative launched by Union Textiles Minister Shri Giriraj Singh in 2024?**

- A - FashionNXT  
 B - StyleVision  
 C - ParidhiNXT  
 D - Vizio Next

Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh launched the 'Vizio Next' fashion forecasting initiative of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT). A bilingual web portal and India-specific fashion trend book 'Paridhi 24x25' were also launched under this initiative. Union Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs Pabitra Margherita and Textiles Secretary Rachna Shah were also present at the event.





**53. Who won the gold medal in the women's 76 kg freestyle category at the U20 World Championships held in Pontevedra, Spain?**

- A - Priya Malik  
B - Maria Orlevich  
C - Jyoti Berwal  
D - Pooja Gehlot

Jyoti Berwal made India proud by winning the gold medal in the women's 76 kg freestyle category at the Under-20 World Wrestling Championships held in Pontevedra, Spain. Jyoti defeated Ukraine's Maria Orlevich in the final to win the title without conceding a point. She reached the final by defeating wrestlers from Mongolia, China, and Turkey.



**54. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh?**

- A - Manish Kumar Gupta  
B - Naresh Kumar  
C - Alok Kumar  
D - Anil Baijal

Delhi's new Chief Secretary Dharmendra took charge on September 1. Meanwhile, the Union Home Ministry has appointed Delhi Government's Additional Chief Secretary Manish Kumar Gupta as the new Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh.



**55. Who won the gold medal for India in the men's high jump T64 final at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, breaking India's previous record of gold medals in the event?**

- A - Praveen Kumar  
B - Mariappan Thangavelu  
C - Nishad Kumar  
D - Devendra Jhajharia

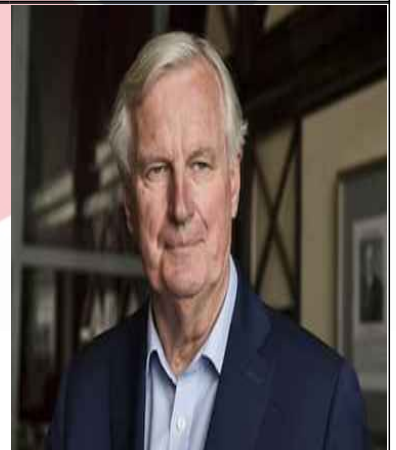
India's Praveen Kumar won the gold medal in the men's high jump T64 category at the Paris Paralympic Games with a jump of 2.08m, setting an Asian record. The 21-year-old Praveen took India's medal tally to 26 with this historic win, which includes 6 gold, 9 silver, and 11 bronze. Earlier, he won the silver medal at Tokyo 2020.



**56. Who has been appointed as the new French Prime Minister by French President Emmanuel Macron?**

- A - Jean-Luc Mélenchon  
B - Michel Barnier  
C - Francois Hollande  
D - Nicolas Sarkozy

French President Emmanuel Macron has appointed former EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier as the new prime minister after 50 days of a caretaker government. The 73-year-old Barnier was appointed after Macron's team attempted to unite diverse groups in parliament and avoid potential instability against the government.



57. Agni-4 missile, which was in the news recently, has been developed by which organization?

A - DRDO

B - ISRO

C - HAL

D - BHEL

The Agni-4 missile developed by DRDO was successfully test fired from the Integrated Test Range in Odisha on 6 September 2024. It was the ninth test of the nuclear-capable medium-range ballistic missile (IRBM). The test was conducted by India's Strategic Forces Command, which oversees all nuclear weapons. Agni-4 can carry nuclear weapons and will be controlled by the Strategic Forces Command.



58. Where was India's first conservation and breeding center for Asian king vultures opened recently?

A - Mussoorie, Himachal Pradesh

B - Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

C - Indore, Madhya Pradesh

D - Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated India's first conservation and breeding centre for Asian king vultures at Campierganj range in Gorakhpur. The Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre aims to boost the population of this critically endangered species, which has been listed on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List since 2007.



59. When is World Suicide Prevention Day observed?

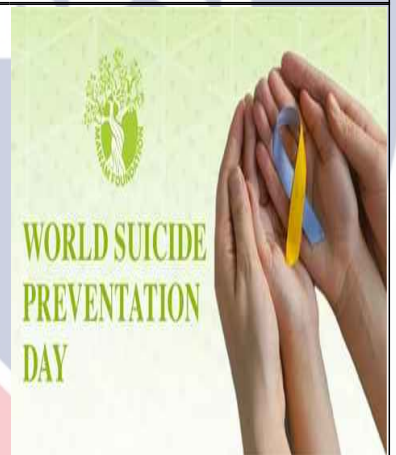
A - January 1

B - September 10

C - November 15

D - March 25

World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on September 10, 2024 with the theme "Creating hope through action". The day aims to promote suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Suicide is associated with factors such as mental health disorders, substance abuse and trauma. Recognizing warning signs and early intervention are important for its prevention.



60. BPaLM regimen, which was in the news recently, is associated with which disease?

A - Malaria

B - Dengue

C - Tuberculosis

D - Typhoid

The Union Health Ministry has recently introduced the BPaLM regimen for the treatment of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) under the National TB Elimination Program. The BPaLM regimen consists of four drugs: bedaquiline, pretomanid, linezolid and optionally moxifloxacin. Pretomanid is a new anti-TB drug approved for use in India. This regimen is safer, more effective and patient-friendly than conventional treatments.

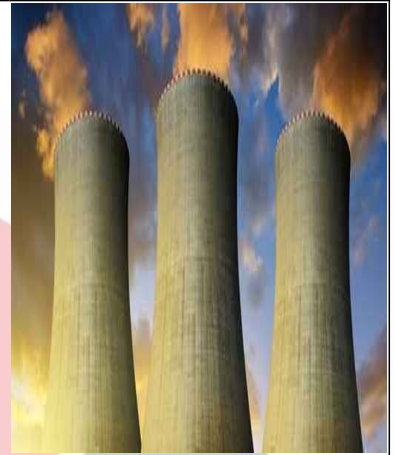




**61. Barakah Nuclear Power Plant, which was in the news recently, is located in which country?**

- A - France  
B - Ukraine  
C - Russia  
D - United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates has completed the Arab world's first nuclear power plant, the Barakah Nuclear Power Plant. Located in Al Dhafra, Abu Dhabi, near Ruwais, its construction began in 2012 and it began operating in 2020. The plant has four reactors and once fully operational, it will reduce 21 million tonnes of carbon emissions annually.



**62. When is World Physical Therapy Day celebrated?**

- A - 8 September  
B - 12 October  
C - 15 November  
D - 18 December

World Physical Therapy Day is celebrated every year on 8 September to highlight the important role physical therapists play in public health. The day was recognised in 1996, which coincides with the founding of the World Day of Physiotherapy in 1951. Physical therapy aims to reduce pain, improve mobility, and prevent future injuries.



**63. In September 2024, \_\_\_\_\_ and state-owned United India Insurance Company (UIIC) announced a strategic partnership to deliver general insurance solutions to the bank's customers.**

- A - Ujjivan Small Finance Bank  
B - AU Small Finance Bank  
C - Equitas Small Finance Bank  
D - Jana Small Finance Bank

AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) and state-owned United India Insurance Company (UIIC) on Friday announced a strategic partnership to deliver general insurance solutions to the bank's customers.



**64. When is International Vulture Awareness Day observed in 2024?**

- A - 1 June  
B - 15 August  
C - 7 September  
D - 30 October

International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD) is celebrated every year on the first Saturday of September, and in 2024 it will be celebrated on 7 September. The day aims to raise awareness and conservation of vultures. The initiative started in 2009 in South Africa and the United Kingdom. Vultures are natural cleaners of the environment and play a vital role in maintaining the balance of the ecosystem.



**65. Who became the first Asian school girl boxing champion to win seven titles for India at the Asian Championships held in Al Ain, UAE?**

- A - Bhumi  
B - Deepali Thapa  
C - Nischal Sharma  
D - Rakhi

Indian boxer Deepali Thapa has created history by winning the gold medal in the Asian School Championship. She defeated Anelia Ordbek of Kazakhstan in the semi-finals held in Abu Dhabi and Lyudmila Vasilchenko of Ukraine in the final. Thapa performed brilliantly in the 35 kg category to win the gold medal and became the first Indian player to do so in Asian school boxing.



**66. Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary of India, replacing T.V. Somanathan?**

- A - Tuhin Kant Pandey  
B - Arun Kumar Sinha  
C - Rajiv Gauba  
D - Nagarju Maddirala

Senior IAS officer Tuhin Kant Pandey has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary. Pandey, a 1987 batch officer of Odisha cadre, who is currently the Secretary of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), took charge on September 7. He replaced T.V. Somanathan of Punjab, who was recently made the Cabinet Secretary.



**67. Which Indian state inaugurated its first silicon carbide facility, developed by RIR Power Electronics, with an investment of Rs 620 crore?**

- A - Maharashtra  
B - Karnataka  
C - Odisha  
D - Tamil Nadu

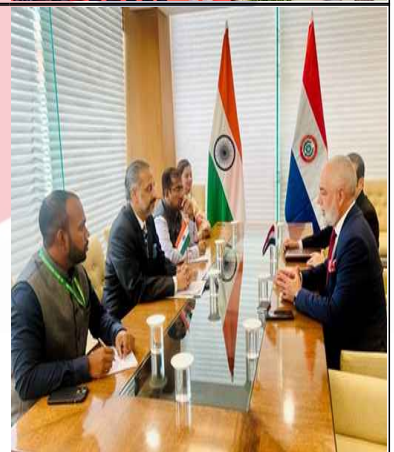
India's first silicon carbide manufacturing facility was inaugurated in Odisha on Friday, which will be built with an investment of Rs 620 crore. The project is being developed by R Power Electronics Limited and was described as a significant step by Odisha Chief Minister K Mohan Charan Majhi.



**68. Which country became the 101st member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?**

- A - Bhutan  
B - Nepal  
C - Sri Lanka  
D - Bangladesh

On September 9, 2024, Nepal officially confirmed to become the 101st member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). The document was handed over by Nepal's Charge d'Affaires, Surendra Thapa to ISA officials in New Delhi. Nepal's membership reflects its commitment to promote renewable energy and combat climate change.





**69. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Croatia?**

**A - Rajiv Kumar**

**B - Suresh Mathur**

**C - Arun Goel**

**D - Vinod Rai**

Arun Goel has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Croatia, and he will replace Raj Kumar Srivastava. The Ministry of External Affairs announced the appointment on September 7, 2024. Goel, who is a retired IAS officer of the 1985 batch of Punjab cadre, was the Election Commissioner of India from November 21, 2022 to March 9, 2024.



**70. Who has been appointed as the State Mission Director of National Health Mission (NHM) in Kerala in place of K. Jeevan Babu?**

**A - Rajiv Kumar**

**B - Vinay Goel**

**C - Anil Mehta**

**D - Suresh Patil**

Dr Vinay Goel has been appointed as the State Mission Director of the National Health Mission (NHM), where he will replace K. Jeevan Babu. Dr Goel, a 2016 batch IAS officer, will also hold the position of Director of Kerala State IT Mission and Project Director of eHealth Kerala. His key objective is to strengthen the digital and health infrastructure of Kerala.



**71. Where did the 20th edition of the Indo-US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' take place?**

**A - Mahajan Field Firing Range**

**B - Jaisalmer**

**C - Pokhran**

**D - Bikaner**

The 20th edition of the India-US joint military training 'Yudh Abhyas-2024' has begun at Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan. The exercise will run from 9 to 22 September 2024 and has been conducted annually since 2004. This time, the scope of the joint exercise has increased significantly in terms of troop strength and equipment.



**72. Who won the women's and men's singles titles at the 2024 US Open?**

**A - Jessica Pegula and Taylor Fritz**

**B - Aryna Sabalenka and Taylor Fritz**

**C - Jessica Pegula and Jannik Sinner**

**D - Aryna Sabalenka and Jannik Sinner**

World number one men's player Yannick Sinner and number two women's player Aryna Sabalenka won the final of the Cincinnati Open tennis tournament. Both these players have become champions for the first time in this tournament. Sabalenka defeated Jessica Pegula 6-3, 7-5 to win her first title since the Australian Open in January.



**73. What is the theme of World Suicide Prevention Day 2024-2026?**

- A - Ending the silence on mental health  
 B - Changing the narrative on suicide  
 C - Supporting mental health awareness  
 D - Building resilient communities

World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is an annual international event observed on September 10 to raise awareness about preventing suicides. The day has been organized by IASP since 2003 in collaboration with WHO and WFMH. Its main objective is to raise awareness about suicide and take steps to address this serious problem.



**74. Legendary music icon Sergio Mendes passed away recently at the age of 83. He belonged to which Latin-American country?**

- A - Argentina  
 B - Mexico  
 C - Brazil  
 D - Colombia

Brazilian legend Sergio Mendes, who died in Los Angeles at the age of 83, will be remembered as a transformative personality in the world of music. He passed away after a long struggle with COVID, and the family kept the cause of death a secret. Mendes began his career with Antonio Carlos Jobim's band, but Brasil '66 brought him global recognition.



**75. Abdelmadjid Tebboune has recently been re-elected as the President of which country?**

- A - Algeria  
 B - Egypt  
 C - Tunisia  
 D - Morocco

Incumbent President Abdelmadjid Tebboune has been re-elected in the presidential election in Algeria. Abdelmadjid Tebboune won the election with 94.7 per cent of the vote, with a voter turnout rate of 48 per cent. By 5pm on Saturday, 26.5 per cent of the vote had been cast in the country and 18.3 per cent abroad.



**76. Which English cricketer has recently announced his retirement from international cricket?**

- A - Ben Stokes  
 B - Moeen Ali  
 C - Joe Root  
 D - James Anderson

England star all-rounder Moeen Ali has announced his retirement from international cricket. 37-year-old Moeen said he was not selected for the upcoming limited-overs series against Australia, and described his retirement as a timely move. He made his debut for England in 2014 and played 68 Tests, 138 ODIs and 92 T20Is.





**77. Who won the Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series award at the 2024 Creative Arts Emmys?**

- A - Olivia Coleman  
B - Kaitlin Olson  
C - Da'Vine Joy Randolph  
D - **Jamie Lee Curtis**

Jamie Lee Curtis has added another feather to her career by winning the Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series award at the 2024 Creative Arts Emmys on Sunday night. Curtis earned the award for her portrayal of Donna Barzatto in the show 'The Bear'.



**78. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) for the National Capital Region (NCR)?**

- A - Sanjeev Verma  
B - **Rajesh Verma**  
C - Deepak Gupta  
D - Alok Awasthi

Rajesh Verma, a 1987 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, on Monday took charge as the new full-time chairman of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM). Verma has been appointed for a period of three years or until further orders, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.



**79. Which police line in Uttar Pradesh became the first in Purvanchal to receive ISO-9001:2015 certification for excellence in management and facilities?**

- A - Varanasi Police Line  
B - **Sonbhadra Police Line**  
C - Gorakhpur Police Line  
D - Prayagraj Police Line

The Uttar Pradesh Police has achieved a significant milestone by recognising its functioning in line with international standards. Under CM Yogi Adityanath's zero tolerance vision, UP Police has promoted smart policing. Sonbhadra Police Line has now received ISO-9001:2015 certification, making it the first police line in Purvanchal.



**80. Who won the U-16 gold and U-20 bronze medal in the Commonwealth Chess Championship held in Sri Lanka?**

- A - Mrityika Mallick  
B - Yashvi Jain  
C - **Shubhi Gupta**  
D - Koneru Humpy

Chess prodigy Shubhi Gupta performed brilliantly in the recently concluded Commonwealth Chess Championship 2024 in Kalutara, Sri Lanka. She won the gold medal in the girls under-16 category and the bronze medal in the girls under-20 category. Woman FIDE Master and reigning under-19 girls national champion Shubhi scored excellently with seven wins and two draws in the under-16 category to beat Indian players Mrityika Malik and Yashvi Jain.



81. Who won the Singapore Literature Prize for English fiction for the short story collection 'Nine Yard Sarees'?

**A - Prashanthi Ram**

**B - Gitanjali Shree**

**C - Arundhati Roy**

**D - Jhumpa Lahiri**

Prasanti Ram, an Indian-origin lecturer at Nanyang Technological University, won the Singapore Literature Prize for her short story "Nine Yard Sarees". This is her first work, which was published in late 2023 and tells the story of generations of a Tamil Brahmin family. Prashanthi's writing was termed "skillful and deeply moving" at the awards ceremony.



82. Which position did Indian women secure at the U20 World Wrestling Championships held in Spain?

**A - First**

**B - Third**

**C - Second**

**D - Fourth**

Indian wrestlers performed brilliantly at the U20 World Wrestling Championships. Nikita won the silver medal in the women's 62kg freestyle category, while Neha bagged the bronze medal in 57kg. Nikita lost 1-4 to Iryna Bondar of Ukraine in the final to bag the silver medal, while Neha won the bronze medal by defeating Gerda Terek of Hungary 10-8.



83. Which country won the Intercontinental Cup 2024 by defeating India in September 2024?

**A - Japan**

**B - Syria**

**C - South Korea**

**D - Australia**

The fourth Intercontinental Cup men's football championship ended with a resounding victory for Syria, who beat India 3-0. The tournament, held at the GMC Balayogi Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad from September 3 to 9, 2024, saw Syria take control early in the game. Mahmoud Al-Aswad scored the first goal in the seventh minute, followed by additional goals from Delho Irandust and Pablo Sabbagh to ensure the Indian team's defeat.



84. President Draupadi Murmu has recently conferred the National Florence Nightingale Award to nurses. In which year was this award first instituted?

**A - 1973**

**B - 1970**

**C - 1980**

**D - 1990**

President of India Smt. Draupadi Murmu conferred the National Florence Nightingale Award (NFNA) for the year 2021 to nursing professionals at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The award was instituted in 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to recognize the outstanding services of nurses and nursing professionals.







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**85. INS Malpe and INS Mulki, recently launched for the Indian Navy at Cochin Shipyard, are which type of ships?**

- A - Corvette
- B - Frigate
- C - Destroyer
- D - Anti-submarine warfare corvette

The first three ships in the series of eight anti-submarine warfare (ASW) shallow water vessels commissioned by the Indian Navy—INS Mahe, INS Malwa, and INS Mangrol—were launched at Cochin Shipyard on 30 November 2023.



**86. Which country is planning to introduce legislation to enforce a minimum age for social media use to protect children?**

- A - Canada
- B - Australia
- C - United Kingdom
- D - New Zealand

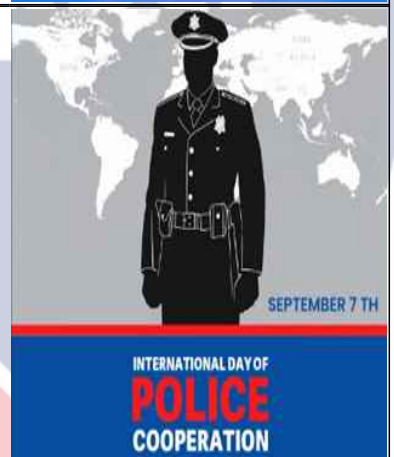
Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has announced plans to restrict children from social media and other digital platforms, to protect their mental and physical health. Under the proposed law, the minimum age for online access could be between 14 and 16 years. The legislation will be drafted in collaboration with states and territories and will be influenced by a review by the South Australian government.



**87. When is the International Day of Police Cooperation observed?**

- A - 7 January
- B - 15 June
- C - 27 May
- D - 7 September

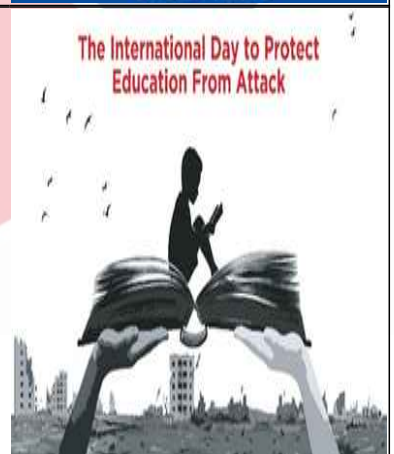
The International Day of Police Cooperation is observed across the world on 7 September, underlining the need for cooperation, transparency, accountability and oversight in the global security of law enforcement. The day coincides with the centenary of Interpol, which was established in 1923.



**88. When is the International Day to Protect Education from Attack observed?**

- A - 12 March
- B - 9 September
- C - 15 July
- D - 3 October

Every year 9 September is celebrated as the International Day to Protect Education from Attacks. The day was established in 2019 by the United Nations General Assembly, supported by 62 countries, on a proposal by Qatar. It aims to raise awareness of attacks on schools and educational institutions around the world, including shelling, bombing, and the recruitment of children into armed conflict.



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**89. What is the theme of SEMICON India 2024 inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in September 2024?**

- A - Empowering the future of electronics  
 B - Reshaping the semiconductor revolution  
 C - Advancing technology for a new era  
 D - Shaping the semiconductor future

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated "SEMICON India 2024" in Greater Noida on 11 September 2024. The three-day conference aims to make India a global hub in the semiconductor sector. Modi lauded India's role in the semiconductor industry, which employs 85,000 professionals and has set up a research fund of Rs 1 trillion.



**90. What is the name of the joint military exercise to be held between India and Oman in September 2024?**

- A - Exercise Desert Eagle  
 B - Exercise Sandstorm  
 C - Exercise Al Najah  
 D - Exercise Iron Fist

The fifth edition of the India-Oman joint military exercise 'Al Najah' will take place from 13 to 26 September 2024 at the Rabkoot Training Area in Salalah, Oman. The Indian Army contingent, comprising 60 soldiers and led by a battalion of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment, has left for the exercise.



**91. Which state team lost to T.G. English School of Manipur in the final of the 63rd Subroto Cup Junior Boys title?**

- A - Meghalaya  
 B - Assam  
 C - Nagaland  
 D - Tripura

T.G. English School of Manipur won the Junior Boys title of the 63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament. They defeated Mingken Christian Higher Secondary School of Meghalaya 4-3 in a sudden death tie-breaker. Both teams were tied 1-1 in the match. Manipur's Namdigon scored in the first half, while Meghalaya's Banplibok Khongjoh scored the equaliser in the last minute.



**92. On which date the United Nations celebrates the International Day of South-South Cooperation?**

- A - 10 September  
 B - 15 September  
 C - 12 September  
 D - 20 September

Every year on 12 September, the International Day for South-South Cooperation is observed by the United Nations. The day highlights cooperation efforts among developing countries and marks the economic, social and political developments made by these countries in recent years.





**93. Who won the Singapore Literature Prize for her short story collection "Nine Yard Sarees"?**

- A - Anita Desai  
C - Arundhati Roy  
B - Prashanthi Ram  
D - Sonali Pathak

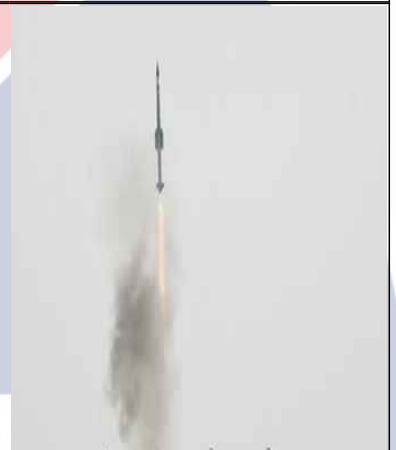
Prasanti Ram, an Indian-origin lecturer at Nanyang Technological University, has won the Singapore Literature Prize for her debut short story collection 'Nine Yard Sarees'. The collection, which is published in late 2023, has been hailed as a significant debut in Singapore fiction.



**94. India recently successfully flight-tested VL-SRSAM, a short-range surface-to-air missile, from which coast?**

- A - From the western coast of Goa  
C - From the northern coast of Gujarat  
B - From the southern coast of Tamil Nadu  
D - From the eastern coast of Odisha

On 12 September 2024, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy successfully flight-tested the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha.



**95. Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Iceland?**

- A - R. Ravindra  
C - Syed Akbaruddin  
B - Taranjit Singh Sandhu  
D - Harsh Vardhan Shringla

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has announced that R Ravindra has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Iceland. Ravindra, a 1999 batch Indian Foreign Service Officer, is currently serving as India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.



**96. What is the name of the app launched by Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh to support ornamental fisheries sector?**

- A - FishCare  
C - AquaLife  
B - Rangeen Machhli  
D - Ornamental Fish Hub

Under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture has launched a mobile app called "Rangeen Machhli". The app serves as a guide for novices and professional fishermen of the ornamental fish industry.



**97. Which mutual fund company has introduced auto switch facility during the NFO period of newly launched schemes?**

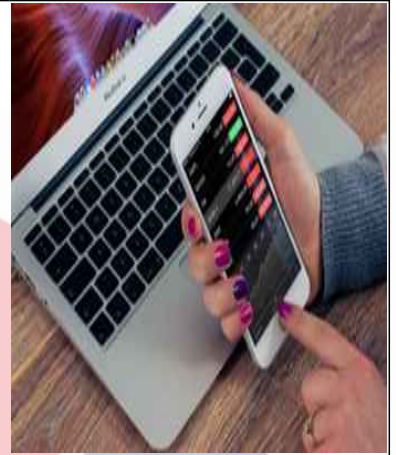
**A - LIC Mutual Fund**

**B - HDFC Mutual Fund**

**C - SBI Mutual Fund**

**D - ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund**

LIC Mutual Fund has introduced a new auto switch facility during its new fund offer (NFO), which will allow investors to switch from LIC MF Overnight Fund to a new scheme. This facility allows investors to automatically transfer their funds to the new scheme on the last date of the NFO, eliminating the need for manual switching.



**98. Which Indian PSU has been awarded the prestigious CII-GBC National Energy Leader Award 2024 for the sixth consecutive year?**

**A - Steel Authority of India (SAIL)**

**B - Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)**

**C - Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)**

**D - Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has been awarded the prestigious National Energy Leader Award for the sixth consecutive year by the Confederation of Indian Industry-Green Business Centre (CII-GBC).



**99. Who inaugurated the 4th All India Official Language Conference held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi?**

**A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

**B - External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar**

**C - Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**

**D - Home Minister Amit Shah**

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah will address the inaugural session of the Official Language Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and the 4th All India Official Language Conference in New Delhi on September 14.



**100. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Algeria, currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs?**

**A - Neeta Bhushan**

**B - Anil Kumar**

**C - Swati Vijay Kulkarni**

**D - Arvind Kumar**

The Ministry of External Affairs on Friday announced that Swati Vijay Kulkarni has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Algeria. Swati Vijay Kulkarni is a 1995 batch Indian Foreign Service Officer and is currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Ministry. She is expected to take up the assignment soon.







# Career Strategists IAS

**101. Who has been reappointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Central Depository Services India (CDSL) for a second five-year term beginning September 18, 2024?**

- A - Arun Kumar  
B - Nehal Vora  
C - Rajesh Kumar  
D - Sandeep Sethi

Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) has received approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for the appointment of Nehal Vora as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the company. The approval was given vide SEBI letter dated August 29, 2024.



**102. What is the new name of Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which was once a naval base of the Chola Empire and where Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose hoisted the tricolour for the first time?**

- A - Chandralok  
B - Netaji Nagar  
C - Sri Vijayapuram  
D - Andamanpuram

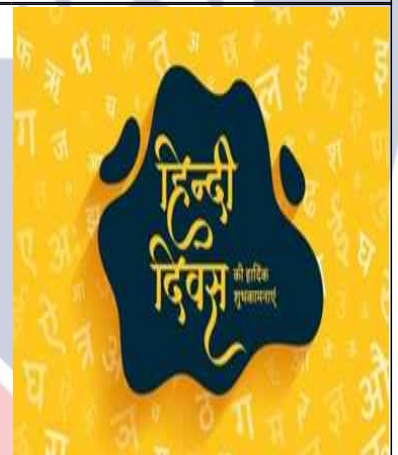
The Government of India has renamed Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, as 'Shri Vijayapuram'. Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced the name change, which has been done to honor India's freedom struggle and the contribution of Andaman-Nicobar Islands.



**103. When is Hindi Diwas celebrated?**

- A - 12 January  
B - 26 January  
C - 14 September  
D - 15 August

Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 14 September in India, which is a day to promote and increase the importance of the Hindi language. The purpose of this day is to promote Hindi at the international level, connect the youth with the literary and cultural traditions of Hindi, and increase pride in the mother tongue.



**104. Where was the Artificial Intelligence and Web3 Festival held in September 2024 to advance digital and AI technologies?**

- A - Paris  
B - Tokyo  
C - Dubai  
D - Seoul

The first qualifier round of the FutureTech World Cup was successfully held on 10 July 2024 at the Dubai AI Campus. During the event, ten pre-qualified global startups presented their ideas, out of which Moment, Nettle, and Orby qualified for the grand finale. Moment was awarded for innovation in clean energy, Nettle for AI-powered digital humans, and Orby for improved data and AI models.



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**105. Arvind Kejriwal announced his resignation as Delhi Chief Minister after getting bail in the excise policy case. In which year did Arvind Kejriwal founded the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)?**

- A - 2014  
B - 2013  
C - 2012  
D - 2015

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced his resignation on Sunday after getting bail from the Supreme Court in the recent Delhi excise policy case. He said that he will return to the post of Chief Minister only when the public gives him a "certificate of honesty" and during this he will seek support from the public.



**106. Which two officers of the Indian Navy will lead the global circumnavigation expedition on INSV Tarini as part of Navika Sagar Parikrama II?**

- A - Lt Commander Anju and Lt Commander Meera  
B - Lt. Commander Roopa and Lt. Commander Dilna  
C - Lt Commander Priya and Lt Commander Suman  
D - Lt Commander Neelam and Lt Commander Kavita

The Indian Navy is reviving its tradition to preserve maritime heritage and promote sailing skills. The Navy has played a vital role in ocean sailing expeditions led by INS Tarangire and INS Sudarshini.



**107. At the 2024 Diamond League Final in Brussels, India's Neeraj Chopra finished second in the men's javelin throw competition with a best effort of 87.86 meters, but missed the title. Who topped the competition with a throw of 87.87 meters?**

- A - Julian Weber  
B - Anderson Peters  
C - Johannes Vetter  
D - Keshorn Walcott

Indian javelin throw athlete Neeraj Chopra finished second with a throw of 87.86 meters at the Diamond League Final in Brussels, falling just 1 centimeter short of first place. Anderson Peters grabbed the top spot with a throw of 87.87m.



**108. Where was the 4th edition of Global Bio-India 2024 concluded successfully, highlighting India's potential in biotech innovation and bio-manufacturing?**

- A - Mumbai  
B - Bengaluru  
C - New Delhi  
D - Hyderabad

The fourth edition of Global Bio-India 2024 concluded successfully at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 12th to 14th September. The event was organized in collaboration with Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, and BIRAC.





**109. In the 2024 Hockey India Senior Men's Inter-Department Championship, \_\_\_\_\_ emerged victorious after a thrilling shootout against Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB).**

- A - Services Sports Control Board B - Food Corporation of India  
C - HAR Hockey Academy D - Petroleum Sports Promotion Board

Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) on Sunday won the title of the 4th Hockey India Senior Men's Inter-Departmental National Championship. In a thrilling final match, PSPB defeated Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) in a penalty shootout.



**110. Who won the Belgian badminton tournament title by defeating Denmark's Amalie Schultz, thereby securing her first international title as well?**

- A - Ananya Arun B - Unnati Hooda  
C - Anmol Kharab D - Tanvi Sharma

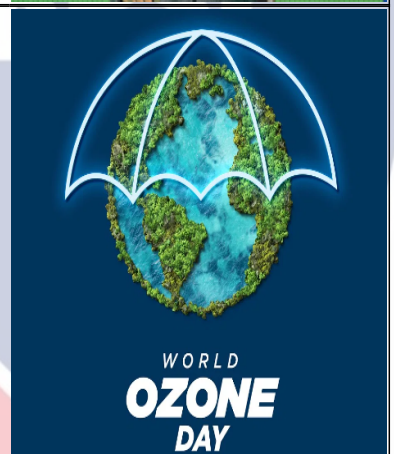
India's 17-year-old badminton player Anmol Kharab created history by winning her first international title in women's singles of the Belgium International Badminton Tournament. She defeated Denmark's Amalie Schultz in a hard-fought final 24-22, 12-21, 21-10. The match lasted 59 minutes and Anmol had entered the main draw through the qualifying rounds.



**111. When is World Ozone Day celebrated?**

- A - 12 January B - 26 January  
C - 16 September D - 15 August

World Ozone Day is celebrated every year on 16 September, the main objective of which is to raise awareness about the protection of the ozone layer. The ozone layer, which is located in the Earth's atmosphere, absorbs the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun and protects life. If this layer weakens or has a hole in it, serious problems like skin cancer, eye problems and environmental imbalance can arise.



**112. When is World Patient Safety Day observed?**

- A - 15 March B - 16 September  
C - 17 September D - 18 October

World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) is observed every year on 17 September, established by WHO in 2019 under resolution WHA72.6. The main objective of this day is to promote patient safety and spread awareness globally. The theme for 2024 is "Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety", which emphasizes the role of accurate and timely diagnosis.



**113. Which TV show won the Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series at the 76th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards?**

- A - Abbott Elementary                      B - The Bear  
C - Hacks                                        D - Only Murders in the Building

Jean Smart won Best Actress for her role in "Hacks" at the 76th Primetime Emmy Awards, and the audience gave her a standing ovation. She called it a humbling experience and joked, "I don't get enough attention." This is her third Emmy win. Jeremy Allen White won Best Actor for the second year in a row for "The Bear." While receiving the award, he thanked his co-stars and fellow nominees and said the show had changed his life.



**114. India's first 'NaMo Bharat Rapid Rail', which was launched recently, connects which two cities in India?**

- A - Ahmedabad and Bhuj                      B - Mumbai and Pune  
C - Delhi and Jaipur                              D - Bangalore and Chennai

India's first Vande Metro service has been renamed as 'NaMo Bharat Rapid Rail'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually launched the service running between Bhuj and Ahmedabad on September 16. The train was inaugurated from Bhuj railway station while the PM was present in Ahmedabad. The rapid rail will stop at 9 stations between Ahmedabad-Bhuj and cover the distance of 360 km in 5 hours 45 minutes.



**115. Which Indian actress won the Best Actress award at the South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) 2024?**

- A - Deepika Padukone                              B - Aishwarya Rai Bachchan  
C - Priyanka Chopra                                D - Alia Bhatt

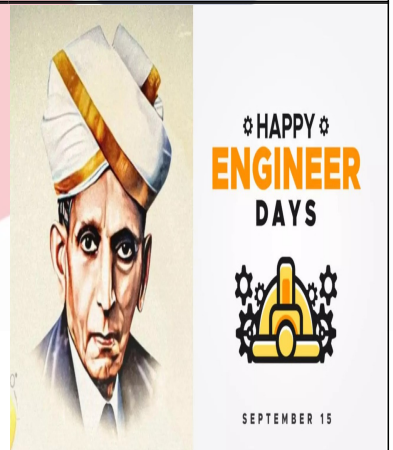
Aishwarya Rai was given the Critics Award for Best Actress for the film "Ponniyin Selvan: 2" at the South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) 2024. She played a double role in this film directed by Mani Ratnam. Aishwarya was accompanied by her daughter Aaradhya Bachchan at the awards ceremony. After receiving the award, Aishwarya gave her winning speech, which is going viral on social media.



**116. Engineers Day is celebrated every year in India as the birth anniversary of whom?**

- A - J.C. Bose                                        B - C.V. Raman  
C - M. Visvesvaraya                                D - Chandrasekhar

India is celebrating National Engineers Day 2024 on September 15, which marks the birth anniversary of the country's first engineer, Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. In 1968, the Government of India declared this day as Engineers Day. M Visvesvaraya made many important contributions to civil engineering, including the construction of the Krishnaraja Sagar Dam in Mysore. His works shaped modern engineering and infrastructure in India.





**117. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?**

- A - Daljit Singh Chaudhary                      B - Amrit Mohan Prasad  
C - Kuldeep Singh                                  D - Rakesh Asthana

Senior IPS officer Amrit Mohan Prasad has been appointed as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). Prasad, a 1989 batch officer of Odisha cadre, is currently serving as Special Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). According to the order issued by the Personnel Ministry, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved his appointment to the post.



**118. Who has been re-elected as the President of Algeria with 94.65 per cent votes in the recent election?**

- A - Abdelmadjid Tebboune                      B - Abdelaziz Bouteflika  
C - Ahmed Ouyahia                              D - Ali Benflis

In the presidential election held in Algeria, incumbent President Abdelmadjid Tebboune has been re-elected as President with a huge majority. He has received a total of 94.65 percent of the votes. In this election, 5,320,000 out of 5,630,000 voters voted for him. Mohammed Charfi, head of Algeria's National Independent Election Authority (ANIE), announced the election results and said that there was an average voting rate of 48 percent.



**119. Who won the Outstanding Lead Actor Award in a Drama Series at the 2024 Emmy Awards?**

- A - Pedro Pascal, The Last of Us              B - Brian Cox, Succession  
C - Hiroyuki Sanada, Shogun                  D - Jeremy Strong, Succession

Japan erupted in joy on Monday, September 16, when the samurai series "Shogun" won a record 18 Emmy Awards for its first season. It won several major awards, including Outstanding Drama Series. The series' star and co-creator Hiroyuki Sanada made history by winning the Emmy Award for Best Lead Actor in a Dramatic Series. He became the first Japanese actor to win an Emmy in this category.



**120. Who has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Adani Green Energy Limited, effective October 1, 2024?**

- A - Saurabh Shah                                  B - Phuntsok Wangyal  
C - Shaminder Singh Jamwal                  D - Satyajit Ghoshal

Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) has appointed Saurabh Shah as its new Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Shah is currently working as Deputy Chief Financial Officer at Adani Enterprises Limited and will assume the role of CFO at AGEL from October 1, 2024. The appointment will be effective after the resignation on September 30, 2024 of Phuntsok Wangyal, who is currently the Chief Financial Officer of the company.



**121. Who has been appointed as the next Chief Minister of Delhi after Arvind Kejriwal's resignation in September 2024?**

- A - Manoj Sisodia  
B - Sunita Kejriwal  
C - **Atishi Marlena**  
D - Raghav Chadha

Delhi Finance Minister Atishi has been named by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as the third and youngest woman Chief Minister of Delhi. She has been entrusted with this responsibility after the resignation of Arvind Kejriwal. AAP's election campaign ahead of the assembly elections to be held in February 2025 will focus on welfare schemes for women and the poor under the leadership of Atishi.



**122. In which state did Prime Minister Narendra Modi launch railway and national highway projects worth over Rs 3,800 crore in September 2024?**

- A - Chhattisgarh  
B - **Odisha**  
C - Bihar  
D - Jharkhand

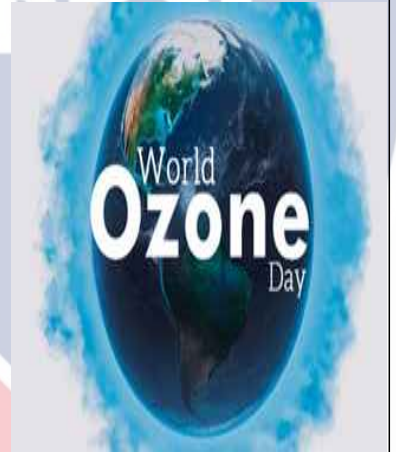
Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Odisha government's women-centric scheme 'Subhadra Yojana' and unveiled railway and national highway projects worth over ₹3,800 crore in the state. Under this, foundation stones of railway projects worth ₹2,871 crore were laid and national highway projects worth ₹1,000 crore were launched.



**123. What was the theme of World Ozone Day 2024?**

- A - Ozone for Life  
B - Protecting our ozone layer  
C - Cooling the Earth  
D - **Advancing climate actions**

World Ozone Day is celebrated on September 16 to protect the ozone layer and spread awareness about the threats of its depletion. The theme for 2024 is "Ozone for Life: 35 years of global cooperation", which highlights international efforts in protecting the ozone layer.



**124. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of National Aluminium Corporation (NALCO)?**

- A - Ramesh Kumar  
B - Rajesh Kumar  
C - **Brijendra Pratap Singh**  
D - Sandeep Gupta

Brijendra Pratap Singh has been appointed as the next Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of National Aluminium Corporation (NALCO). The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) recommended him for the post after a selection meeting on September 17.





**125. India defeated which team to win the Men's Asian Champions Trophy for the fifth time, which is a record?**

- A - Japan  
B - China  
C - South Korea  
D - Pakistan

The Indian men's hockey team retained the Asian Champions Trophy title by defeating China 1-0 on Tuesday. In the 51st minute of the fourth quarter, Jugraj Singh scored the only goal of the match by making a brilliant move from captain Harmanpreet Singh, which proved to be decisive.



**126. Who is the first Pakistani woman to be named in the ICC International Development Umpire Panel, making her eligible to umpire in international women's cricket?**

- A - Sana Mir  
B - Bismah Maroof  
C - Salima Imtiaz  
D - Javeria Khan

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has named Salima Imtiaz to the International Development Panel of the International Cricket Council (ICC), making her the first woman from Pakistan to be part of this panel. With this appointment, Imtiaz will get a chance to umpire in ICC women's events and other international matches.



**127. Which sports personality, who is a two-time Olympic medalist and daughter of a marine engineer, has recently been appointed the brand ambassador of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways?**

- A - Abhinav Bindra  
B - Neeraj Chopra  
C - Mary Kom  
D - Manu Bhaker

India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has appointed two-time Olympic medalist shooter Manu Bhaker as the brand ambassador. Bhaker, who won a medal at the recently held Summer Olympics in Paris, is the daughter of a marine engineer.



**128. Who chaired key anti-doping meetings including the 2nd COP9 Bureau and 3rd Fund Approval Committee meetings held in New Delhi?**

- A - Narendra Modi  
B - Amit Shah  
C - Mansukh Mandaviya  
D - Anurag Thakur

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday chaired the second formal meeting of the 'COP9 Bureau' and the third formal meeting of the Approval Committee of the Fund under the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport in Delhi. Minister of State for Sports Raksha Khadse was also present in the meeting.







**133. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Jordan, effective September 15, 2024?**

- A - Bisher Khasawneh  
B - Jaafar Hassan  
C - Abdullah II  
D - Ayman Safadi

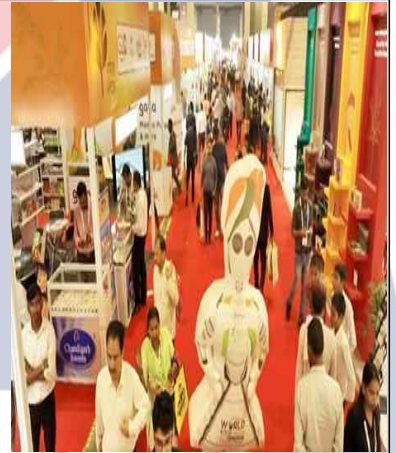
Jordan's King Abdullah II has appointed Jaafar Hassan as the new Prime Minister, who will replace outgoing Prime Minister Bisher Khasawneh. Hassan has been tasked with forming a government after parliamentary elections that saw low voter turnout and a big victory for the Islamist opposition.



**134. What is the name of the culinary competition organised during the World Food India 2024 event to be held in September 2024?**

- A - Swaad Sutra  
B - Flavour Fiesta  
C - Taste of India  
D - Spice Symphony

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries will organise World Food India 2024 in New Delhi from 19 to 22 September 2024. The event will take place across 70,000 square metres, with over 90 countries, 26 Indian states, and 18 central ministries participating. Union Ministers Prahlad Joshi, Chirag Paswan, and Ravneet Singh Bittu will attend the event.



**135. The Indian Space Station (BAS) is being developed as part of which ISRO mission?**

- A - Gaganyaan Programme  
B - Chandrayaan Mission  
C - Mangalyaan Mission  
D - Aditya-L1 Mission

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the development of the first module of the Indian Space Station (BAS-1) under the Gaganyaan Programme, expanding India's space ambitions. The decision aims to establish India's own space station by 2035 and pave the way for a manned lunar mission by 2040.



**136. When is the International Day for Interventional Cardiology celebrated?**

- A - 12 January  
B - 26 January  
C - 16 September  
D - 15 August

The International Day of Interventional Cardiology, celebrated on 16 September, aims to showcase advances in cardiac care. The day highlights the important role of minimally invasive procedures such as angioplasty, stent placement, valve repair, and ablation. These procedures have shorter recovery times and better outcomes, providing advantages over traditional open-heart surgery.



137. Valluri Ajay Babu has won gold medal at Commonwealth Championships. Where is the event taking place?

- A - Suva, Fiji
- B - Auckland, New Zealand
- C - Melbourne, Australia
- D - Nairobi, Kenya

Indian weightlifter Valluri Ajay Babu won gold medals in both men's 81kg junior and senior categories at the Commonwealth Championships held in Suva, Fiji. At just 19 years old, Babu lifted a combined weight of 326 kg, which included a 147 kg snatch and a 179 kg clean and jerk.



138. Which food delivery app has launched India's first zero-commission model and is now live on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?

- A - Zomato
- B - Waayu
- C - Swiggy
- D - Dunzo

India's first zero-commission food delivery app WAAYU is now live on ONDC as a seller marketplace, eliminating commissions in the food delivery industry and providing affordable and better services for restaurants and consumers. Launched in May 2023, WAAYU has onboarded over 3,000 restaurants across Mumbai, Pune, Jaipur, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad.



139. Ricky Ponting has been appointed as the head coach for which IPL team from IPL 2025?

- A - Kolkata Knight Riders
- B - Mumbai Indians
- C - Punjab Kings
- D - Delhi Capitals

Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting has been appointed as the new head coach of Punjab Kings (PBKS) for the next four seasons of the Indian Premier League (IPL). He took over as the sixth head coach at Punjab Kings after his seven-year stint with Delhi Capitals ended in July. Ponting said he is excited for the new challenge and promised to show Punjab Kings fans a different team.



140. With which bank has Paisa-Bazaar launched the PaisaSave Credit Card?

- A - YES Bank
- B - HDFC Bank
- C - ICICI Bank
- D - IDFC First Bank

PaisaBazaar and Yes Bank have jointly launched a new co-branded credit card, Yes Bank PaisaBazaar PaisaSave Credit Card. This card is specially designed for those consumers who regularly shop online and offline. This card offers cashback benefits, giving consumers an opportunity to save on their spends.





**141. Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen has been appointed as Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in the police force of which state?**

- A - Maharashtra  
B - Telangana  
C - Andhra Pradesh  
D - Kerala

Indian women boxer and Olympic athlete Nikhat Zareen recently took charge as Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in Telangana Police. She submitted her joining report to Telangana Police DGP Jitendra, after which she started her new role. The DGP praised her service, calling her an inspiration for the state.



**142. On which date is Constitution Day celebrated in Nepal?**

- A - 19 September  
B - 18 September  
C - 20 September  
D - 21 September

Constitution Day is celebrated every year on 19 September in Nepal, which is the anniversary of becoming a federal republic in 2015. It marks the adoption of the 2015 Constitution, which transformed Nepal from a constitutional monarchy to a federal republic. Earlier attempts at democracy failed in 1948, 1951 and 1962, but hope arose after the establishment of Parliament and Judiciary in 1990.



**143. Which team won the 14th Hockey India Junior Men's National Championship after a thrilling final against Uttar Pradesh Hockey?**

- A - Kerala Hockey  
B - Haryana Hockey  
C - Punjab Hockey  
D - Karnataka Hockey

In the final of the 14th Hockey India Junior Men's National Championship 2024, Hockey Punjab defeated Uttar Pradesh Hockey 3-3 (4-3 shootout) to win the title. Sukhwinder Singh, Jarman Singh and Jobanpreet Singh scored for Punjab, while Ajeet Yadav, Suraj Pal and Akash Pal scored for Uttar Pradesh.



**144. Who has been appointed by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) as the new head coach of the Indian women's football team, replacing former international player Chaoba Devi?**

- A - Igor Stimac  
B - Santosh Kashyap  
C - Anshul Kholi  
D - Sunil Chhetri

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Santosh Kashyap as the new head coach of the national senior women's team. She has replaced former coach Chaoba Devi and her first big task will be the SAFF Women's Championship to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal from October 17 to 30.



**145. PayU has launched its biometric authentication solution for card payments with which innovative feature?**

**A - Flash-Pay**

**B - Voice Recognition**

**C - Smart Card Technology**

**D - QR Code International Payment**

PayU has launched a biometric authentication solution "Flash Pay" in the digital payments industry, designed to make card payments simple, fast and secure. It was unveiled at the Global Fintech Festival (GFF) 2024, and is being seen as a significant innovation in the industry.



**146. What is the name of the new mutual fund launched by LIC Mutual Fund that focuses on the manufacturing theme?**

**A - LIC MF Growth Fund**

**B - LIC MF Equity Fund**

**C - LIC MF Manufacturing Fund**

**D - LIC MF Infrastructure Fund**

India's leading fund house, LIC Mutual Fund has launched its new scheme, LIC MF Manufacturing Fund. It is an open-ended equity scheme based on the manufacturing sector. The NFO is open from September 20, 2024 and will be available till October 4, 2024, while the allotment of units will be done on October 11, 2024.



**147. What is the name of the online vaccine management portal to be launched by Prime Minister Modi in October 2024?**

**A - U-VACCINE**

**B - U-WIN**

**C - VAX-PORTAL**

**D - VACCINE MANAGER**

Union Health Minister JP Nadda has informed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the vaccine management portal U-WIN in October. Along with this, all people aged 70 years and above will be covered under the expanded Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), irrespective of their socio-economic status.



**148. Which Group Captain of the Indian Air Force will become the first Indian astronaut to pilot the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) in the year 2025?**

**A - Ajit Krishnan**

**B - Anant Agrahari**

**C - Angad Pratap**

**D - Shubhranshu Shukla**

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has confirmed that Group Captain Shubhranshu Shukla, an astronaut of India's first human spaceflight Gaganyaan, has been selected as the prime astronaut to go to the International Space Station (ISS) for the joint India-US Axiom-4 mission. Group Captain Prashant Balakrishnan Nair will be the backup.





**149. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Netherlands?**

- A - Harsh Vardhan Shringla  
C - Taranjit Singh Sandhu  
B - Kumar Tuhin  
D - Vinay Mohan Kwatra

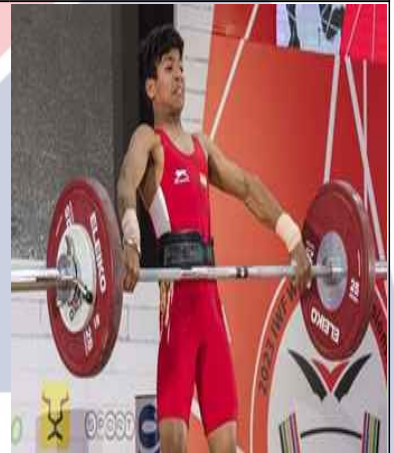
The Ministry of External Affairs has announced that Kumar Tuhin has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Netherlands. He is currently the Director General of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) and was appointed to the post on December 20, 2021. Tuhin has served as Ambassador to Hungary (November 2018 to November 2021) and High Commissioner to Namibia (June 2015 to October 2018).



**150. Dhanush Loganathan achieved a remarkable feat at the recently held IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2024 in Leon, Spain, where he won the \_\_\_\_\_ medal in the men's 55kg category.**

- A - Bronze  
C - Silver  
B - Gold  
D - No medal

Indian weightlifter Loganathan Dhanush on Friday won a bronze medal in the 55kg weight category at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships. This is the first medal won by an Indian male athlete at the Junior Weightlifting World Championships.



**151. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)?**

- A - Anish Dayal Singh  
C - S.N.Pradhan  
B - Anurag Garg  
D - Rakesh Asthana

Anurag Garg, a 1993 batch IPS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre has been appointed as the Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). Garg, currently serving as Additional Director General in the Border Security Force (BSF), will have a tenure in the NCB till May 23, 2026 or until further orders.



**152. Jasprit Bumrah recently became the 10th Indian bowler to achieve the significant milestone of taking 400 international wickets during India's first Test match against \_\_\_\_\_ in Chennai.**

- A - Sri Lanka  
C - Australia  
B - Afghanistan  
D - Bangladesh

Indian pacer Jasprit Bumrah achieved the distinction of becoming the 10th bowler from his team to complete 400 wickets in international cricket. He achieved this feat during the first Test against Bangladesh in Chennai. Bumrah has taken 401 wickets in 196 international matches at an average of 21.01, with his best bowling performance being 6/19.



**153. Who is Miss India Worldwide 2024, Dhruvi Patel?**

**A - A medical student**

**B - A fashion designer**

**C - A computer information systems student**

**D - A professional athlete as well as fashion designer**

Dhruv Patel, a computer information systems student from the US, has been declared the winner of Miss India Worldwide 2024, the longest-running Indian beauty pageant outside India. Dhruvi, who aspires to be a Bollywood actress and UNICEF ambassador, said after her crowning in Edison, New Jersey that the win is an incredible honour for her and represents her heritage and values, as well as an opportunity to inspire others globally.



**154. Who has been elected as the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) in September, 2024?**

**A - V.K. Dhall**

**B - Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo**

**C - Raninder Singh**

**D - Anil Sharma**

Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo has been elected the new president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). He defeated VK Dhall by 36 votes in the election held at the Constitution Club of India on Saturday. The election was supervised by retired Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court Anil Dev Singh, who served as the returning officer.



**155. Who were given the Best Male and Female Player awards at the FIDE 100 Awards ceremony?**

**A - Magnus Carlsen and Judit Polgar**

**B - Garry Kasparov and Hou Yifan**

**C - Levon Aronian and Nona Gaprindashvili**

**D - Viswanathan Anand and Arjun Erigaisi**

Magnus Carlsen and Judit Polgar were awarded the Best Male and Female Player awards respectively at the FIDE 100 Awards ceremony held in Hungary.



**156. What is the name of the travel platform launched by EaseMyTrip on the ONDC Network?**

**A - SecureMyTravel**

**B - ScanMyTrip**

**C - TripEasy**

**D - EasyTravel**

Online travel tech platform EaseMyTrip.com has launched a new marketplace called ScanMyTrip.com, becoming the first online travel agency to sell and buy travel services under the Open Network Digital Commerce. The platform will allow travel agents, homestays, and micro, small and medium enterprises to list their flights, hotels and homestay offerings on the ONDC Network.





**157. Who won the gold medal in the Under-30 Poomse category at the first Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League held in Vadodara, Gujarat?**

- A - Sita Sharma  
C - Nazira Bano

- B - Aditi Gupta  
D - Meera Joshi

Nazira Bano from Union Territory of Ladakh has won the gold medal in the Individual Poomse Under-30 category at the first Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League Phase 1 held in Vadodara, Gujarat. The event was organized by the Taekwondo Federation of India in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and saw participants from various states and union territories.



**158. Vivaad se Vishwas Scheme aims to reduce pending litigation related to which type of taxation?**

- A - Value Added Tax

- B - Direct Tax

- C - Cess and Surcharge on Import D - Goods and Services Tax

The Direct Tax Vivaad se Vishwas Scheme, 2024 (VSV Scheme, 2024) has been proposed under the Bill 2024, which aims to reduce pending income tax litigation. The scheme allows taxpayers to settle their pending tax disputes by paying a part of the tax dues. The scheme matches the VSV Scheme of 2020.



**159. Where did Prime Minister Modi attend the Quad Leaders Summit, where he stressed the importance of a free and inclusive Indo-Pacific?**

- A - Tokyo, Japan

- B - Sydney, Australia

- C - New Delhi, India

- D - Delaware, USA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the sixth summit of Quad leaders in Wilmington, Delaware on September 21, 2024, hosted by US President Joseph R. Biden. The summit was also attended by the Prime Ministers of Australia and Japan. Modi thanked Biden for his commitment to global welfare and reaffirmed the Quad's respect for the rule of law, sovereignty and territorial integrity.



**160. When is International Sign Language Day celebrated?**

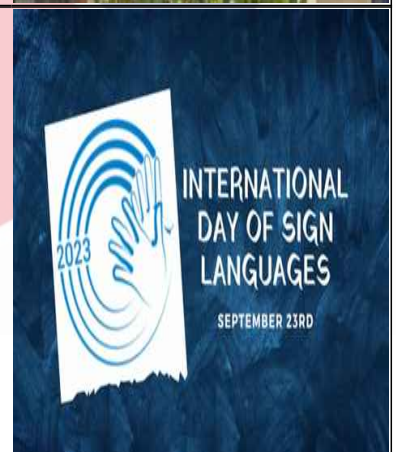
- A - 21 March

- B - 23 September

- C - 15 January

- D - 5 October

International Sign Language Day is celebrated every year on 23 September. It aims to raise awareness of the deaf community and strengthen sign language. This day is specially dedicated to those who cannot hear or speak and communicate through sign language. This day, being celebrated since 2018, was chosen as the day of the founding of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)



**161. Who won the title of Miss Universe India in the year 2024?**

**A - Riya Singha**

**B - Urvashi Rautela**

**C - Aditi Hundia**

**D - Neha Dhupia**

19-year-old Riya Singha was crowned Miss Universe India 2024 in Jaipur on 22 September 2024. The honour was given by Bollywood actress and former Miss Universe India 2015 Urvashi Rautela. Riya will now represent India at Miss Universe 2024 to be held in Mexico.



**162. Who was elected as the President of Sri Lanka in September 2024?**

**A - Sajith Premadasa**

**B - Anura Kumara Dissanayake**

**C - Ranil Wickremesinghe**

**D - Gotabaya Rajapaksa**

Sri Lanka has got a new president. Anura Kumara Dissanayake has been sworn in as the 2024 President of Sri Lanka. He is a leftist leader and belongs to the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) party. He won the election by forming an alliance with the National People's Front. He became a prominent face in the rebellion during Sri Lanka's economic crisis in 2022, which increased his popularity and forced Mahinda Rajapaksa to leave power.



**163. India has won two gold medals in the 45th Chess Olympiad held in September 2024. Where was this Chess Olympiad held?**

**A - Budapest, Hungary**

**B - Paris, France**

**C - Moscow, Russia**

**D - Berlin, Germany**

India made a historic performance in the 2024 Budapest Chess Olympiad by winning gold medals in both the men's and women's categories. This was the first time that India won gold medals in both categories in the same Olympiad. The Indian men's team defeated Slovenia 3-0 in the final round, which included brilliant victories from D. Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, and R. Praggnanandhaa.



**164. In which year was the first World Rhino Day celebrated?**

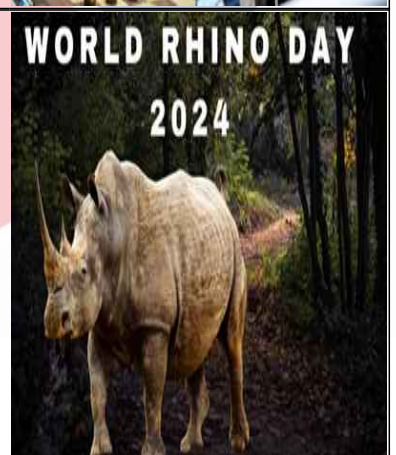
**A - 2012**

**B - 2010**

**C - 2016**

**D - 2011**

World Rhino Day is observed on September 22, focusing on the need to protect and conserve rhinos. The day was started by WWF-South Africa in 2010 and is now observed internationally. It aims to highlight the challenges faced by rhinos such as poaching, habitat loss, and wildlife trade.





**165. Who has been appointed as the first director of the global climate 'Loss and Damage' Fund in September, 2024?**

- A - Alok Kumar Sharma  
B - Patricia Espinosa  
C - Ibrahima Cheikh Diong  
D - Ban Ki-moon

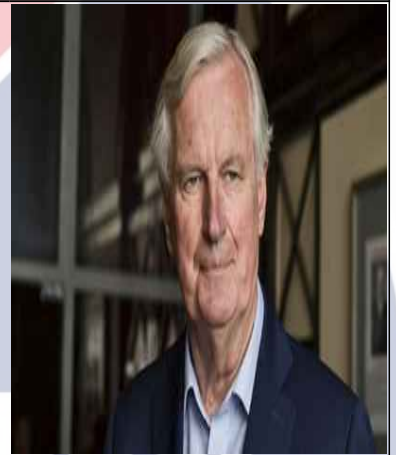
The Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) has appointed Senegalese finance expert Ibrahima Cheikh Diong as its first director for a four-year term starting November 1, 2024. Diong, who has three decades of experience in climate change, finance and development, will now strategically lead and oversee the secretariat of the FRLD.



**166. Michel Barnier was appointed as the Prime Minister of which country in September 2024?**

- A - France  
B - Germany  
C - Italy  
D - Morocco

French President Emmanuel Macron has named Michel Barnier as Prime Minister, nearly two months after the recent elections in France led to a political deadlock. Michel Barnier, the former chief Brexit negotiator of the European Union and a veteran leader of the right-wing Republicans party, has been tasked with forming a unified government for the country.



**167. Which film directed by Kiran Rao and based on a story by Biplab Goswami has been selected as India's official entry for the Foreign Film category at the 2025 Oscars?**

- A - "Gully Boy"  
B - "Jai Bhim"  
C - "The Disciple"  
D - "Missing Ladies"

The Film Federation of India has officially announced that filmmaker Kiran Rao's "Missing Ladies" has been selected as India's official entry for the Oscars 2025. The film will represent India on the global stage of cinema. "Missing Ladies" was chosen from among 22 Indian films in the selection process, which included Hindi, Tamil, and Malayalam films.



**168. Which Indian male wrestler became the first Indian to win an MMA fight by defeating Pakistani opponent Ali Raza Nasir in just 90 seconds at the Gamma International Fighting Championship in Tbilisi, Georgia?**

- A - Bajrang Punia  
B - Sangram Singh  
C - Yogeshwar Dutt  
D - Sushil Kumar

International wrestler Sangram Singh registered his first win in mixed martial arts (MMA) by defeating Pakistani fighter Ali Raza Nasir in just one minute thirty seconds at the Gamma International Fighting Championship in Tbilisi. The win is believed to be the fastest win by an Indian wrestler in the 93 kg category.



**169. What is the theme of Sign Language Day 2024?**

- A - Empower Deaf Communities      B - Support Sign Language Rights  
C - Inclusivity in Education          D - Bridging Communication Gaps

International Sign Language Day is celebrated every year on 23 September with the aim of raising awareness and strengthening sign languages. This day is specially dedicated to those who cannot speak or hear and express themselves through hand and facial gestures. The main goal of this day is to ensure early access to sign languages and provide quality education in sign language.



**170. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka in September 2024?**

- A - Harini Amarasuriya                  B - Dinesh Gunawardena  
C - Anura Kumara Dissanayake        D - Sirimavo Bandaranaike

Harini Amarasuriya was sworn in as Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister on Tuesday, becoming the first woman to be appointed to the role after Sirimavo Bandaranaike took over in 2000. Amarasuriya, 54, who is the leader of the National People's Power (NPP), took the oath from President Anura Kumara Dissanayake.



**171. Who took command of the International Space Station (ISS) in September 2024?**

- A - Oleg Kononenko                        B - Mark T. Vande He  
C - Sergei Prokopyev                      D - Sunita Williams

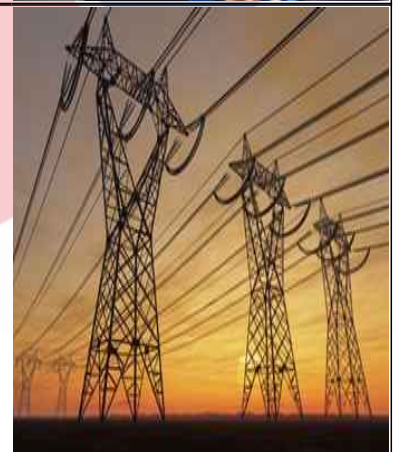
Indian-born NASA astronaut Sunita Williams has recently taken command of the International Space Station (ISS). This is the second time she is in this position, the first time she took command in the last 12 years. Sunita Williams took over this responsibility from Russian cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko, who is set to return to Earth from the ISS after a one-year mission.



**172. Apraava Energy has secured an interstate transmission project in which state through tariff-based competitive bidding?**

- A - Gujarat                                    B - Rajasthan  
C - Maharashtra                          D - Madhya Pradesh

Apraava Energy has secured a new interstate transmission project in Rajasthan, covering about 200 km long transmission lines of 400 kV and 765 kV and setting up of 765/400 kV, 4x1500 and 400/220 kV, 5x500 MVA pooling station.





**173. In which state a new law has been made to ban the use of smartphones by students in schools?**

- A - Alabama  
B - Colorado  
C - California  
D - Delaware

California has passed a new law to ban the use of smartphones by students in schools, the first such law in the US. The law, passed by Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom on Monday, aims to improve focus in class and reduce the mental effects of social media. Under the law, students will not be allowed to use smartphones on school premises.



**174. Who has been selected for the Eklavya Award for 2024?**

- A - Tanvi Patri  
B - Pratyaya Roy  
C - Dondapati Mrityam Jayaram  
D - Purnima Devi Burman

Swimmer Pratyaya Ray from Odisha has been awarded the 32nd Ekalavya Award for 2024. Under this award, he will get Rs 7 lakh and a citation, while earlier the prize money was Rs 5 lakh. Runner Dondapati Mrityam Jayaram and badminton player Tanvi Patri will also be awarded Rs 1.5 lakh and a citation for their outstanding performance.



**175. Who has been appointed as the Director of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)?**

- A - Amit Garg  
B - Alok Ranjan  
C - Vivek Gogia  
D - Rajesh Kumar

New appointments of senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers have been announced on Saturday. IPS Alok Ranjan has been appointed as the Director of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), and he will have to take charge of the post till June 30, 2026. He will replace Vivek Gogia.



**176. When is World Contraception Day celebrated?**

- A - 26 Septembe  
B - 4 July  
C - 14 February  
D - 8 March

World Contraception Day is celebrated every year on 26 September, with the aim of spreading awareness about various methods of contraception and their importance. On this day, efforts are made by health organizations to raise awareness on family planning and reproductive health.



**177. On which of the following dates do we celebrate Antyodaya Day?**

- A - 25 September  
B - 25 January  
C - 25 August  
D - 25 December

Every year in India, 25 September is celebrated as Antyodaya Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. This day is dedicated to the upliftment of the poorest and most deprived people, which is the basic objective of 'Antyodaya'. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was born in 1916 in Mathura, and was one of the prominent leaders of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh.



**178. Which state government launched the 'Handholding Scheme' (Bana Kaeh) with the aim of providing financial assistance to entrepreneurs and farmers?**

- A - Assam  
B - Mizoram  
C - Manipur  
D - Meghalaya

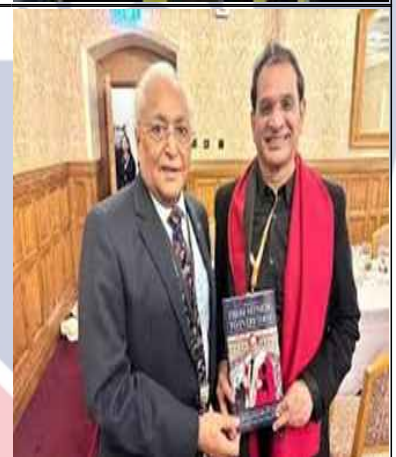
Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma launched the Handholding Scheme Bana Kaeh on 26 September 2024. The scheme is designed to provide financial support and promote self-reliance to entrepreneurs and farmers of the state. The scheme is described as the first of its kind initiative in India and consists of five major components, mainly collateral-free and interest-free bank loans.



**179. Who was honoured with the prestigious Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords, UK Parliament in 2024?**

- A - Rakesh Roshan  
B - Vinod Bachchan  
C - Rami Ranger  
D - Anurag Kashyap

Renowned Bollywood producer Vinod Bachchan was honoured with the Global Prestige Award at the UK Parliament, House of Lords. The award was given for his important role in promoting the Indian film industry and Indian cinema globally. The ceremony was hosted by Lord Bellamy KC and Lord Rami Ranger CBE.



**180. Who has been appointed as the Honorary President for the 10th Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival (AIFF) to be held in January 2025?**

- A - Rajkumar Hirani  
B - Ashutosh Gowariker  
C - Karan Johar  
D - Sanjay Leela Bhansali

The organising committee of the AIFF (International Film Festival) to be held from January 15 to 19, 2025 at Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar recently released the list of prominent personalities. The festival is organised by the Marathwada Art, Culture and Film Foundation, and is supported by FIPRESCI, FFSI, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, National Film Development Corporation, and the



Maharashtra.





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**181. Who is the captain of the Indian team for the 9th edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup tournament in 2024?**

- A - Harmanpreet Kaur**                      **B - Smriti Mandhana**  
**C - Shafali Verma**                      **D - Deepti Sharma**

The Indian team for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 has been announced. The captaincy of the Indian team in this tournament has been handed over to Harmanpreet Kaur, who is famous for her experience and aggressive game. The tournament will be held in the UAE from October 3 to October 20, with a total of 23 matches to be played in Dubai and Sharjah.



**182. Who was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court at a ceremony held in Ranchi?**

- A - Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul**                      **B - Justice N.V. Ramana**  
**C - Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao**                      **D - Justice V. Srishanand**

Justice M S Ramachandra Rao was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court on Wednesday. Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar administered the oath of office and secrecy to him at the Raj Bhavan. The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Chief Minister Hemant Soren, his ministers, judges and senior government officials.



**183. In which state is the Marhowra plant of Wabtec Locomotive Private Limited, which will start exporting Evolution Series locomotives to Africa by 2025, located?**

- A - Uttar Pradesh**                      **B - Gujarat**  
**C - Maharashtra**                      **D - Bihar**

The Marhowra plant, a joint venture of Indian Railways and Wabtec, will start exporting Evolution Series locomotives to Africa from 2025. Located in Marhowra, Bihar, this plant will export locomotives to a global customer for the first time, establishing India as a global locomotive manufacturing hub.



**184. World Pharmacist Day is observed every year on which date?**

- A - 25 September**                      **B - 20 September**  
**C - 15 October**                      **D - 30 August**

World Pharmacist Day is observed every year on 25 September, with the aim of recognizing the important role of pharmacists and their contributions. Pharmacists play a vital role in the healthcare system, including dispensing, manufacturing and advising on the correct use of medicines.



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**185. Who has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in September 2024?**

- A - Air Marshal SP Dharkar**                      **B - Air Marshal AP Singh**  
**C - Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria**            **D - Air Marshal BS Dhanoa**

Air Marshal SP Dharkar has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force. He will replace the current Vice Chief, Air Marshal AP Singh, who has been appointed as the next Air Force Chief. SP Dharkar is an experienced fighter pilot with over 3600 hours of flying time.



**186. Who was conferred with the ICC Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023, given at the 59th Indian Chemistry Council (ICC) Annual Awards?**

- A - Dr Raghunath Mashelkar**                      **B - Shri Deepak C Mehta**  
**C - Dr Aniruddha Pandit**                        **D - Shri Chimanlal K Mehta**

Shri Deepak C Mehta, Chairman and Managing Director, Deepak Nitrite Limited, has been conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 59th ICC Annual Awards ceremony held in Mumbai. The award was conferred in recognition of his significant contribution to India's chemical manufacturing sector and his commitment to 'responsible chemistry'.



**187. Which public sector bank has teamed up with EaseMyTrip.com to launch a co-branded travel debit card?**

- A - State Bank of India**                              **B - Punjab National Bank**  
**C - Union Bank of India**                            **D - Bank of Baroda**

Bank of Baroda and EaseMyTrip.com have teamed up to introduce a co-branded travel debit card designed for frequent travelers and lifestyle enthusiasts. This is the first such card launched by a public sector bank in India.



**188. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for the term 2024-2027?**

- A - Rajiv Maharishi**                                **B - Shashi Kant Sharma**  
**C - Girish Chandra Murmu**                      **D - Vinod Rai**

On September 25, 2024, Girish Chandra Murmu assumed the chairmanship of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for the term 2024-2027 as the Comptroller and Accountant General of India (CAG). The transition took place during the 16th ASOSAI Assembly, which now comprises 48 Supreme Audit Institutions of Asia.





**189. Which of the following players joined Kieron Pollard, Dwayne Bravo, Shoaib Malik, Sunil Narine and Andre Russell to become the sixth player in history to play 500 T20 matches?**

**A - David Miller**

**B - Faf du Plessis**

**C - AB de Villiers**

**D - Quinton de Kock**

South Africa middle-order batsman David Miller played his 500th T20 match on Wednesday, becoming the sixth player to do so in the format. He achieved this feat during Barbados Royals' match against Guyana Amazon Warriors in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL).



**190. Who won the IBSF World 6-Red Championship by defeating Pakistan's Asjad Iqbal in the final held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia?**

**A - Kamal Chawla**

**B - Vidya Pillai**

**C - Malkit Singh**

**D - Keerthana Pandian**

Indian snooker player Kamal Chawla won his first World 6-Red title by defeating Pakistan's Asjad Iqbal 6-2 in the final of the IBSF World Men's 6-Red Snooker Championship in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Chawla made a brilliant comeback after initially losing two frames and won six consecutive frames to win the title.



**191. What is the name of the supercomputing system developed under the National Supercomputing Mission inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Pune?**

**A - PARAM Vishwakarma**

**B - PARAM Siddhi**

**C - PARAM Rudra**

**D - PARAM Shakti**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the PARAM Rudra supercomputing system, an important milestone towards India's technological advancement and self-reliance.



**192. B. Vanlalvanna, a 1998 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, has recently been appointed as India's next ambassador to which country?**

**A - Thailand**

**B - Cambodia**

**C - Vietnam**

**D - Laos**

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