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1. World-class Archaeological Experiential Museum in Vadnagar.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a world-class archaeological experiential museum in Vadnagar, which brings to life the 2,500-year-old historical heritage of Vadnagar. The museum is a mirror of the ancient traditions of Vadnagar and has been opened with the aim of preserving its history. The museum aims to provide a unique experience to the visitors and set new benchmarks in science.



2. India-Singapore Joint Logo.

President of India Draupadi Murmu and President of Singapore Tharman Shanmugaratnam unveiled a joint logo on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The logo incorporates the colours of the national flags and national flowers of the Indian and Singapore.



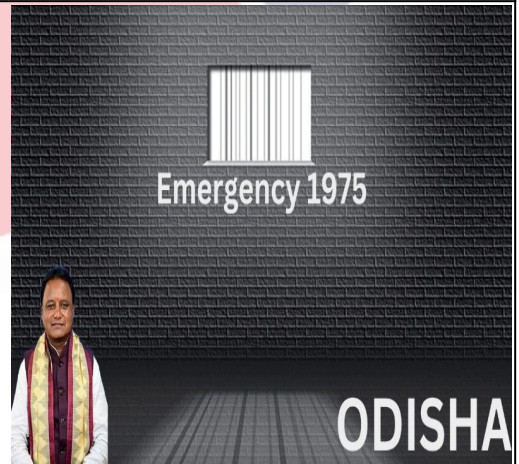
3. Utricularia

A rare insectivorous plant 'Utricularia' has been found in large numbers in Keoladeo National Park in Rajasthan. This plant belongs to the insectivorous species, which plays an important role in maintaining environmental balance by hunting small insects and promotes biodiversity in the region. It is also called bladderworts and is found on almost all continents, except Antarctica.



4. Odisha government announces ₹20,000 pension for emergency prisoners

The Odisha state government has announced a significant welfare scheme for individuals jailed during the Emergency period from 1975 to 1977. From January 1, 2025, all surviving detainees in Odisha will be given a pension of ₹20,000 per month, medical cover and other benefits.



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5. India Startup Grand Challenge.

Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India launched the "Improve Factbook and India Startup Challenge" on the 9th Foundation Day of Startup India. "Improve Factbook" is a digital platform aimed at showcasing the social and economic impact of Indian startups.



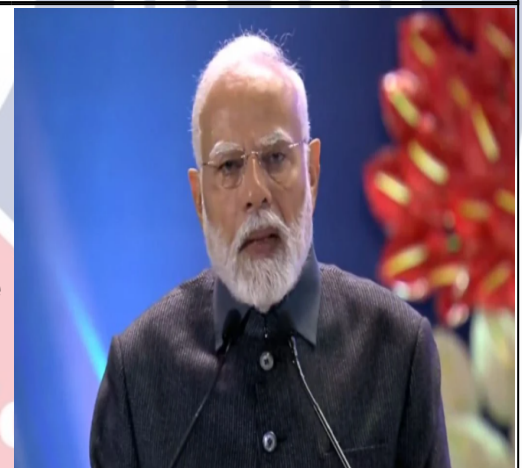
6. Cabinet approves third launch pad for ISRO's new generation rockets

The Union Cabinet has approved the construction of ISRO's third launch pad, which will be helpful in human space flight and next generation rocket launch. This launch pad will be built at Satish Dhawan Space Center, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, where there are already two functional launch pads. A budget of Rs 3984.86 crore has been approved for this and the project is targeted to be completed in 48 months.



7. PM Modi inaugurates 2nd India Mobility Global Expo 2025.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2nd India Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 17 January 2025. The expo underlines India's growing global role in the mobility space and showcases India's success across the automotive and mobility value chain through cutting-edge technologies and innovations.



8. India's hydrogen train engine sets benchmark of power

India's Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw shared the remarkable achievement of Indian Railways on the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. Indian Railways has developed the world's most powerful hydrogen fuel-powered train engine, which generates 1,200 horsepower.



1. Where was a world-class archaeological experiential museum inaugurated recently?

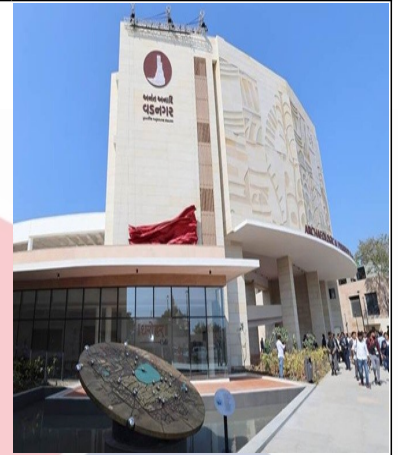
A - Vadnagar

B - Gandhinagar

C - Varanasi

D - Jaipur

Union Home Minister Amit Shah opened a world-class archaeological museum in Vadnagar that brings alive the 2,500-year-old historical heritage. The museum is spread over 12,500 square meters, includes 9 theme-based galleries and an excavation site showing archaeological remains 16-18 meters deep.



2. Recently, President of India Draupadi Murmu and President of Singapore Tharman unveiled the joint logo on which of their diplomatic anniversary?

A - 40th Anniversary

B - 60th Anniversary

C - 50th Anniversary

D - 30th Anniversary

President of India Draupadi Murmu and President of Singapore Tharman Shanmugaratnam unveiled a joint logo on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries, which includes India's national flower lotus and Singapore's orchid. The logo symbolises the enduring friendship and shared values of the two countries.



3. Where has a rare insectivorous plant called 'Utricularia' been found recently?

A - Keoladeo National Park

B - Ranthambore Sanctuary

C - Kuno National Park

D - Western Ghats

Rare insectivorous plant 'Utricularia' has been found in large numbers in Keoladeo National Park in Rajasthan. This plant maintains environmental balance by hunting small insects and promotes biodiversity. It is also called bladderworts and is found all over the world. The flowers of Utricularia resemble those of snapdragons and orchids, and it catches small creatures with a bladder trap.



4. Recently, which state government has announced pension for prisoners jailed during the Emergency?

A - Madhya Pradesh

B - Odisha

C - Uttar Pradesh

D - Rajasthan

The Odisha state government has announced a welfare scheme for persons imprisoned during the Emergency of 1975-77. From January 1, 2025, surviving detainees will be given a pension of ₹20,000, medical cover and other benefits. The scheme is to provide dignity and assistance to persons imprisoned under the "Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA)".





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5. When did the Government of India launch the Startup India initiative?

A - January 16, 2016

B - January 6, 2015

C - July 11, 2014

D - November 10, 2019

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6. Where is India's space port located?

A - Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh)

B - Dhanushkoti (Tamil Nadu)

C - Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)

D - Kutch (Gujarat)

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7. Who inaugurated the second India Mobility Global Expo 2025?

A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

B - External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar

C - Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan

D - Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the second India Mobility Global Expo 2025 in New Delhi on 17 January 2025. The event showcases India's growing role in global mobility and technological innovations in the automotive sector. The expo is being held at three locations—Bharat Mandapam, Yashobhoomi (Delhi) and Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh)—from January 17-22.



8. Recently, the first test of hydrogen-powered train is proposed to be conducted on which route?

A - Jind - Sonipat Road

B - Delhi - Mumbai Industrial Road

C - Agra - Lucknow Expressway

D - None of the above

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the world's most powerful hydrogen fuel-powered train engine developed by Indian Railways on the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. This engine generates 1,200 horsepower, which is more than the 500-600 horsepower engines of other countries.



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1. Who inaugurated the world class Archaeological Experience Museum (Vadnagar)? - **Union Home Minister Amit Shah**
2. " SIMBEX " war exercise is conducted between which countries? - **India and Singapore**
3. When was Keoladeo Ghana National Park included in the World Heritage List? - **In 1985**
4. How much pension has the Odisha government announced for emergency prisoners? - **20 thousand rupees per month**
5. Recently, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal launched "Improv Factbook" and "Bharat Startup-Challenge" on which foundation day of Startup India? - **On the 9th foundation day**
6. Recently, which launch pad has been announced by the government to be built for ISRO? - **Third launchpad**
7. At how many places is Bharat Mobility Global Expo being organized? - **At 3 places**
8. Union Railway Minister is - **Ashwini Vaishnav**
9. When is the cabinet approval for the 8th Central Pay Commission expected to be implemented? - **By the year 2026**
10. General V.K. Singh has recently been appointed as the Governor of which state - **Mizoram**

