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1. Chief Minister launches Mobile Operation Theatre in Nagaland.

Nagaland recently launched a mobile operation theatre, which was inaugurated by Governor L.A. Ganesan on January 26. It aims to increase access to healthcare in rural and remote areas of the state. This mobile unit is equipped with advanced technology and has the capability to perform keyhole surgery. It is designed to provide advanced medical services to communities that have limited access to healthcare facilities.



2. Madison Keys of the US won the Australian Open

Madison Keys won the 2025 Australian Open Women's Singles title, defeating Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in the final. This was her first Grand Slam title. The 120th edition of the 2025 Australian Open was held from January 6 to 26 in Melbourne, Australia. The Australian Open is the first Grand Slam tournament of the year, which began in 1905 as the Australasia Open.



3. Odisha Warriors became champions in Women's Hockey India League.

Recently, Odisha Warriors won the title of the first Women's Hockey India League. In the final, they defeated JSW Soorma Hockey Club 2-1. The match took place at Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Stadium in Ranchi. Rutuja Dadaso Pisal performed brilliantly for Odisha Warriors in the final, scoring two important goals in the 20th and 56th minutes.



4. Georgia declared malaria free.

Georgia has been officially declared malaria free by the World Health Organization (WHO). With this achievement, Turkey now becomes the only country in the WHO European region that has not been certified malaria free. Malaria is an infectious disease that is mainly spread by mosquitoes, and is caused by a parasite called Plasmodium, which enters the body through the bite of an infected female Anopheles mosquito.



5. Forever Chemicals

The European Union is planning to ban Forever Chemicals, or PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances), in consumer products, although the ban would apply except to industrial uses. PFAS are a group of synthetic chemicals called Forever Chemicals because they do not decompose in the environment. Their carbon-fluoride bond, one of the strongest bonds in chemistry, prevents them from decomposing.



6. Sambhar Festival 2025

The Sambhar Festival, a celebration of culture, adventure, and heritage, began on 24 January 2025 at Sambhar Lake in Rajasthan. The five-day festival has been organised by the Rajasthan Tourism Department and the district administration with an aim to showcase the rich culture, traditions, and natural beauty of the region. The festival was inaugurated by former MLA Nirmal Kumawat and Additional Director of Tourism Department Rakesh Sharma.



7. Doordarshan honoured for election campaign.

Doordarshan, India's national broadcaster, was honoured in the Electronic Media category for its outstanding campaign on voter awareness and education during the Lok Sabha Elections 2024. The honour recognises the impactful series titled "Chunav Ka Parv, Desh Ka Garv" and other initiatives launched with the aim of promoting aware and active citizenship.



8. Hariman Sharma, Apple Man of India gets Padma Shri award.

Shri Hariman Sharma, a visionary farmer from Paniyala village in Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh, was conferred with the Padma Shri award for revolutionizing Indian agriculture. He developed an apple variety called HRMN-99, which helped in making apple cultivation a success in tropical and subtropical regions. The variety is self-pollinated and has low chilling requirements, and can be grown even at 40-45 °C temperature and altitude of 1,800 feet.



1. In which state was the Chief Minister's Mobile Operation Theatre launched recently?

- A - Meghalaya
C - Nagaland

- B - Manipur
D - Mizoram

On January 26, Governor La Ganesan launched the Mobile Operation Theatre in Nagaland. It aims to provide healthcare to rural and remote areas. The unit is equipped with advanced technology and can perform keyhole surgery. It has portable ultrasound, X-ray, endoscopy and blood testing equipment. It also provides minimally invasive surgery facilities.



2. Madison, who won the Women's Singles title of Australia Open 2025, is a resident of which country?

- A - Italy
C - Germany

- B - Belarus
D - USA

Madison Keys won the 2025 Australian Open Women's Singles title, her first Grand Slam, defeating Aryna Sabalenka in the final. The 2025 Australian Open was held in Melbourne from 6 to 26 January. The tournament began in 1905 as the Australasia Open and was renamed the Australian Open in 1969.



3. Who among the following won the first Women's Hockey India League title?

- A - Delhi SG Pipers
C - Surma Hockey Club

- B - Bengal Tigers
D - Odisha Warriors

Odisha Warriors won the title of the first Women's Hockey India League, defeating JSW Soorma Hockey Club 2-1 in the final. Rutuja Dadaso Pisal scored two crucial goals while Jyoti Rumawat was named Player of the Tournament. The league was held at Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Stadium in Ranchi from January 12, in which Delhi SG Pipers, Odisha Warriors, Bengal Tigers and Surma Hockey Club participated.



4. The main cause of spread of malaria disease is-

- A - Mosquito bites
C - Rusted iron

- B - Dog bites
D - None of the above

Georgia has been declared malaria free by WHO, while Turkey is no longer the only malaria free certified country in the WHO European Region. Malaria is an infectious disease spread by mosquitoes, caused by the Plasmodium parasite. Its symptoms include fever, fatigue, headache, sweating, vomiting, and anemia.



5. Which international organization is planning to ban the use of Forever Chemicals?

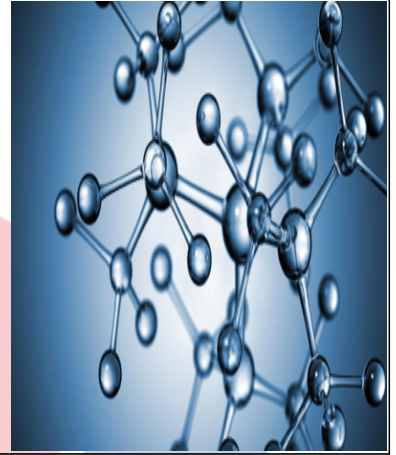
A - European Union

B - UNO

C - WHO

D - ADB

The European Union is planning to ban Forever Chemicals (PFAS) in consumer products, but excluding industrial uses. These chemicals do not decompose in the environment and can accumulate in the human body and water. PFAS are used in food packaging, water-resistant coatings, non-stick cookware, asthma inhalers, and electric vehicles.



6. Sambhar Festival is celebrated in which state of the country?

A - Rajasthan

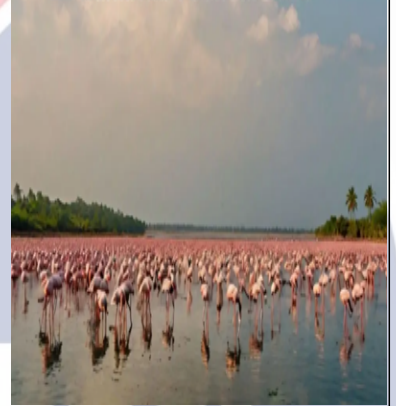
B - Madhya Pradesh

C - Chhattisgarh

D - Uttarakhand

Sambhar Festival, a celebration of culture, adventure and heritage, began on 24 January 2025 at Sambhar Lake in Rajasthan. The five-day festival, organised by the Rajasthan Tourism Department and the district administration, includes exciting activities such as kite flying, camel rides, parasailing, ATV rides, bird watching and lake tours.

Sambhar Festival 2025



7. Doordarshan News Channel was recently honoured by President Draupadi Murmu for which campaign?

A - For election campaign

B - For drug prevention

C - For girl education

D - For road safety

Doordarshan was awarded in the electronic media category for its campaign on voter awareness and education during the Lok Sabha elections 2024. The honour was given to the "Chunav Ka Parv, Desh Ka Garv" series and other initiatives. President Draupadi Murmu presented the award to Doordarshan Director General Kanchan Prasad on 25 January 2025.



8. The Apple Man of India, who has recently been awarded the Padma Shri award, is?

A - Harimohan Saxena

B - Hariman Sharma

C - Chandramohan Joshi

D - Prakash Chandra

Shri Hariman Sharma of Himachal Pradesh was awarded the Padma Shri award for revolutionizing Indian agriculture. He developed the HRMN-99 apple variety, which makes apple cultivation possible in tropical and subtropical regions. The variety is low-chill and self-pollinated, and can grow even in 40-45°C temperatures.





One Liner

1. When did the Nagaland government launch the Chief Minister Mobile Operation Theater? - **26 January, 2025**
2. The 2025 Australia Open Women's Singles title was won by whom? - **Madison Keys (USA)**
3. Recently, Odisha Warriors defeated which team to register their victory in the Women's Hockey India League? - **JSW Soorma Hockey Club**
4. Which country has been declared malaria free by WHO recently? - **Georgia**
5. Sambhar Lake of Rajasthan is famous for - **Salt production and destination of exotic birds**
6. How many types of Forever Chemicals are there mainly? - **3**
7. Which series was telecast by Doordarshan News Channel during Lok Sabha elections-2024 to increase electoral awareness? - **“Chunav Ka Parv, Desh Ka Pride”**
8. Which variety of apple was developed by Hariman Sharma, famous as Apple Man of India, which was made successful even in tropical and subtropical regions? - **HRMN – 99**
9. Under which mission is India ready to launch the first manned submarine? - **Deep Sea Mission**
10. When is the birth anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai, popularly known as Punjab Kesari, celebrated? - **28 January**

