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1. International Bird Festival at Maha Kumbh 2025.

A three-day International Bird Festival will be organized between February 16 and 18 to promote environmental conservation and biodiversity at Maha Kumbh 2025. The main objective of this festival is to make environmentalists, ornithologists and devotees aware of rare species of birds and make them aware of their conservation.



2. Skill India Program

Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the continuation and restructuring of the Skill India program till 2026. The total outlay of this scheme has been fixed at Rs 8,800 crore, which will be applicable for the period 2022-23 to 2025-26. Three schemes have been included under the Skill India program - Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 (PMKVY 4.0), Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (PM-NAPS) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) scheme.



Skill India
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3. Dabhota Green Hydrogen Plant.

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu laid the foundation stone of North India's first 1 MW green hydrogen plant at Dabhota in Solan district. The plant will be set up by Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL) in collaboration with Oil India Limited. Its cost has been fixed at Rs 9.04 crore.



4. Henley Passport Index 2025.

The Henley Passport Index 2025 released by Henley & Partners ranks passports from 199 countries based on visa-free or visa-on-arrival access. The ranking is based on data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and reflects global mobility. This year, Singapore ranks first with visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 193 countries.



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5. Joint military exercise 'Cyclone 2025' between India and Egypt begins in Rajasthan.

The joint exercise 'Cyclone 2025' to enhance military cooperation between India and Egypt began at Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan. It will last for 14 days and aims to strengthen the interoperability of the special forces of the two countries. The main focus of this exercise is on military skills such as anti-terrorism operations, reconnaissance operations, raids, sniping, combat free fall and surveillance.



6. US President Donald Trump changes name of Gulf of Mexico.

US President Donald Trump declared February 9 as "Gulf of America Day", officially renaming the region formerly known as Gulf of Mexico. The decision was taken after signing an executive order, signalling a strengthening of US sovereignty and identity. During his inauguration on January 20, Trump directed the Department of Homeland Security to complete the name change process within 30 days.



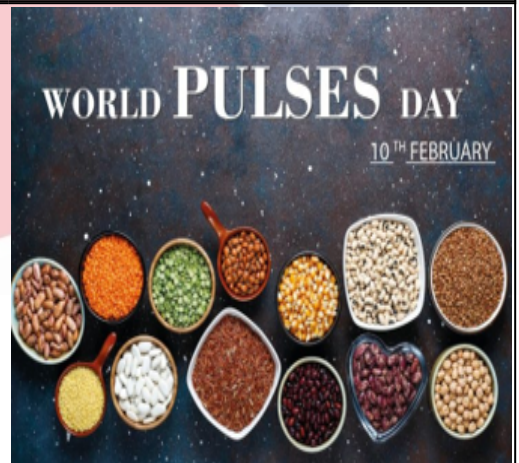
7. Permanent government in Lebanon after 2 years of political deadlock.

After two years of political deadlock in Lebanon, a new government was formed under the leadership of Prime Minister Nawaf Salam. President Joseph Aoun issued an order to form this new government on 8 February 2025 and accepted the resignation of the government of caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikat. Nawaf Salam, who is a former president of the International Court of Justice, was appointed Prime Minister in January 2025.



8. World Pulses Day

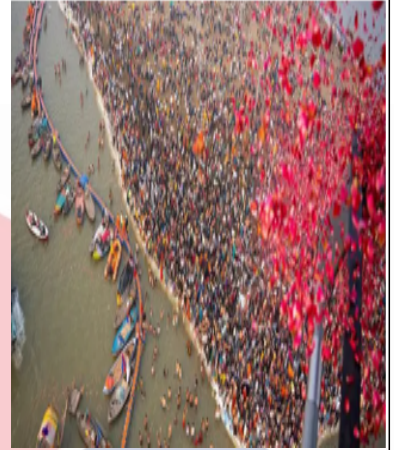
World Pulses Day is celebrated every year on 10 February to highlight the importance of pulses as a sustainable and nutritious food source. The day emphasizes the nutritional, food security and environmental benefits of pulses, thereby promoting sustainable agricultural systems. The day, supported by the United Nations (UN), promotes the role of pulses in hunger elimination, human health improvement and soil fertility.



1. Where will the three-day International Bird Festival be organized from 16 to 18 February?

- A - Varanasi
B - Ayodhya
C - Haridwar
D - Prayagraj

A three-day International Bird Festival will be organized from 16 to 18 February to promote environmental conservation and biodiversity in Maha Kumbh 2025. Its objective is to make people aware of rare species of birds and raise awareness towards their conservation. In this festival, devotees and nature lovers will be able to see more than 200 migratory and local birds, including rare species like Indian Skimmer, Flamingo and Siberian Crane.



2. What is the outlay of Skill India program from the year 2022-23 to 2025-26?

- A - Rs 5,000 crore
B - Rs 8,800 crore
C - Rs 10,000 crore
D - Rs 12,500 crore

The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation and restructuring of the Skill India program till 2026. The total outlay of this scheme is Rs 8,800 crore, which will be implemented from 2022-23 to 2025-26. It includes Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 (PMKVY 4.0), Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (PM-NAPS) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) scheme.



3. Dabhota green hydrogen plant is being set up in collaboration with whom?

- A - NTPC
B - Oil India Limited
C - Reliance Industries
D - Tata Power

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4. Which country ranks first in the Henley Passport Index 2025 category?

- A - Singapore
B - Japan
C - USA
D - South Korea

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5. Where is the joint military exercise Cyclone 2025 being organized between India and Egypt recently?

- A - Madhya Pradesh
B - Rajasthan
C - Chhattisgarh
D - Haryana

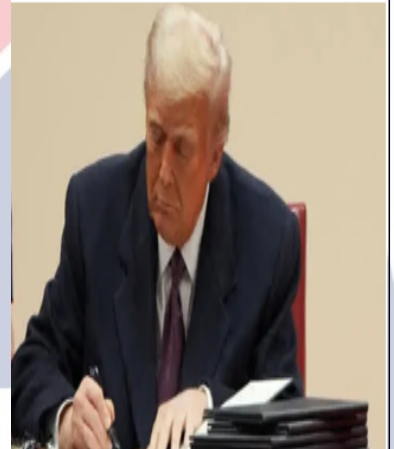
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6. Recently, American President Trump changed the name of Gulf of Mexico to what?

- A - Gulf of America Day
B - Gulf of Peace
C - Gulf of Honor
D - Gulf of War

US President Donald Trump on February 9 changed the name of Gulf of Mexico to "Gulf of America" and declared it "Gulf of America Day". The decision was taken under an executive order, indicating a strengthening of US sovereignty. During his inauguration on January 20, Trump directed the Department of Homeland Security to complete the process in 30 days and signed the order while flying on Air Force One.



7. Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Lebanon recently?

- A - Nawaz Sharif
B - Nawaf Salam
C - Shahid Afridi
D - Ahsan Sharif

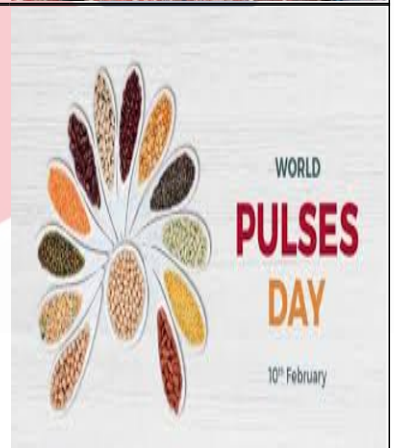
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8. When is World Pulses Day observed?

- A - 10 February
B - 11 February
C - 6 February
D - 11 March

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One Liner

1. When will the International Bird Festival be organized to promote environment and biodiversity in Maha Kumbh 2025? - **16 to 18 February**
2. When was the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana started? - **Year 2015**
3. In which state has the Dabhot Green Hydrogen Plant been established? - **Himachal Pradesh**
4. What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2025? - **80**
5. Which joint military exercise has started between India and Egypt recently? - **Cyclone 2025**
6. Recently, America has renamed which gulf as Gulf of America? - **Gulf of Mexico**
7. What is the capital of Lebanon? - **Beirut**
8. What is the theme of World Pulses Day 2025? - **Pulses, to diversify agricultural food systems**
9. Who has recently resigned from the post of Chief Minister of Manipur? - **N. Biren Singh**
10. In which country is the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Action Summit 2025 being organized? - **France**

