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1. Thaipusam

On 11 February 2025, Tamil Nadu celebrated Thaipusam festival, which is the main festival of the Tamil Hindu community. In this, Lord Murugan, also known as Kartikeya, the son of Shiva and Parvati, is worshiped. This festival is mainly celebrated in Tamil Nadu, but is also celebrated with reverence by the Tamil community settled in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, America and Thailand.



2. F-35 fighter aircraft

Recently, President Donald Trump has offered India the F-35 fighter aircraft. It is a state-of-the-art, multi-role fighter aircraft, developed by Lockheed Martin. Its stealth technology makes it difficult to detect on radar, allowing it to deceive enemy defensive systems. The F-35 has three major versions—F-35A (normal takeoff and landing), F-35B (short takeoff and vertical landing), and F-35C (aircraft carrier-based). Its design is based on stealth technology, making it less visible on radar.



3. Logistics Performance Index Report 2023

Recently, the World Bank released the Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2023, in which India ranked 38th. India's ranking has improved by six places, and it ranked 22nd in the international shipment category. The "turnaround time" of Indian ports was recorded at 0.9 days, showing a significant improvement. India's logistics and freight transport market is moving towards 8.8% annual growth, and it is emerging as a global logistics hub.



4. Shikhar Dhawan appointed as Champions Trophy ambassador

Recently, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan as one of the four ambassadors of the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025. Along with him, Pakistan's Sarfaraz Ahmed, Australia's Shane Watson and New Zealand fast bowler Shane Watson have also been made ambassadors of this tournament. The ICC Champions Trophy 2025 will be held from 19 February to 9 March.



5. 17th Foundation Day of National Statistical System Training Academy I

The National Statistical System Training Academy (NSSTA) celebrated its 17th Foundation Day at Mahalanobis Auditorium, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The theme of this year was "Empowering Governance through Statistical Excellence - 17 Years of Capacity Development and Collaboration".



6. Submarine 'Matsya 6000'

India's first manned submarine 'Matsya 6000' is being developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. It is being prepared under the Deep Ocean Mission and is likely to be completed by 2026. The submarine will be equipped with scientific sensors for marine exploration and observation and will be capable of carrying three people to a depth of 6000 meters.



7. President's rule imposed in Manipur

President's rule has been imposed in Manipur under Article 356 of the Constitution. After the resignation of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, no party could prove majority, which increased political instability in the state. The constitutional mechanism had failed due to the ongoing political crisis and failure to form the government. Apart from this, serious problems of ethnic violence and law and order had persisted in the state for the last few months, which weakened the administrative mechanism.



8. The oldest Jurassic bird fossil found in China I

A research team led by Professor Wang Min of the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology (IVPP) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences has discovered two bird fossils from the Jurassic era (about 149 million years ago) in Fujian province of China. The study has been published in the journal "Nature" and challenges the existing beliefs related to bird evolution.



1. In which state of India is the Thaipusam festival organized?

A - Tamil Nadu

B - Karnataka

C - Jharkhand

D - Chhattisgarh

On 11 February 2025, the Thaipusam festival was celebrated in Tamil Nadu, which is the main festival of the Tamil Hindu community. In this, Lord Murugan is worshipped, who is considered to be Kartikeya, the son of Shiva and Parvati. This festival falls on the first full moon of the "Thai" month of the Tamil calendar and symbolizes the victory of Lord Murugan over the demon Surapadman.



2. Recently, which fighter plane has President Donald Trump offered to give to India?

A - F-22 Raptor

B - F-35

C - MiG-29

D - Rafale

Recently, President Donald Trump offered India the F-35 fighter aircraft. It is an advanced multi-role fighter aircraft developed by Lockheed Martin, equipped with stealth technology and does not get caught on radar. There are three versions of the F-35—F-35A (normal takeoff and landing), F-35B (short takeoff and vertical landing), and F-35C (aircraft carrier based).



3. What is the rank of India in the Logistics Performance Index Report 2023?

A - 38th

B - 39th

C - 40th

D - 41st

India ranked 38th in the Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2023 released by the World Bank, improving by six places. India ranked 22nd in the international shipment category, and the "turnaround time" of ports was recorded at 0.9 days. India's logistics market is emerging as a global logistics hub with 8.8% annual growth, while its logistics cost is 13-14% of GDP.



4. Who among the following has been appointed as the ambassador of ICC Champions Trophy 2025?

A - Shikhar Dhawan

B - Yuvraj Singh

C - Shahid Afridi

D - Chris Gayle

ICC has appointed former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan as the ambassador of Champions Trophy 2025. Along with him, Sarfaraz Ahmed of Pakistan, Shane Watson of Australia and Shane Watson of New Zealand have also been made ambassadors. The tournament will be held in Pakistan and UAE from 19 February to 9 March 2025. This will be the 9th edition of the Champions Trophy, in which 8 teams will participate.



5. National Statistical System Training Academy (NSSTA) celebrated which of its foundation days recently?

- A - 15th
B - 16th
C - 17th
D - 18th

National Statistical System Training Academy (NSSTA) celebrated its 17th foundation day in Greater Noida with the theme "Empowering Governance through Statistical Excellence". Its objective is to train statisticians and officers in advanced methodologies and support policy making. NSSTA, established in January 2009, functions under the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation.



6. India's first manned submarine is

- A - Girraj 400
B - Matsya 6000
C - Naitik 200
D - Cheetah 100

The National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai is developing India's first manned submarine 'Matsya 6000' under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. It is being prepared under the Deep Ocean Mission and is likely to be completed by 2026. This submarine will be equipped with scientific sensors and will be able to carry three people to a depth of 6000 meters.



7. Where has the oldest Jurassic bird fossil been found recently?

- A - China
B - India
C - Japan
D - South Africa

Two bird fossils from the Jurassic era (about 149 million years ago) have been discovered in China's Fujian province, the study of which has been published in the journal "Nature". This discovery challenges the existing beliefs related to bird evolution and shows that birds had diversified by the end of the Jurassic era.



8. Under which Article of the Constitution was President's rule imposed in Manipur?

- A - Article 352
B - Article 356
C - Article 370
D - Article 377

President's rule has been imposed in Manipur under Article 356 due to political instability and failure of constitutional mechanism after the resignation of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. The administration had become weak due to ethnic violence and law and order problems in the state.





One Liner

1. Thaipusam festival is celebrated by which community? - **It is celebrated every year by the Tamil Hindu community**
2. F-35 fighter aircraft has been offered to India by which country? - **US President Trump**
3. Recently, which institution has released the Logistics Performance Index 2023? - **World Bank**
4. Which country is hosting the ICC Champions Trophy 2025? - **Pakistan and United Arab Emirates**
5. When was the National Statistical System Training Academy established? - **January 2009**
6. Submarine, Matsya 6000 is being developed by which institution? - **Ministry of Earth Sciences, and through the National Institute of Ocean Technology Chennai**
7. In which state was President's rule imposed for the first time? - **Punjab 1951**
8. In which province of China has the oldest Jurassic bird fossil been found? - **Fujian Province, South East China**
9. Recently the name of Foy Sagar Lake has been changed, in which state is this lake - **Rajasthan**
10. What has the name of Foy Sagar Lake been changed to? - **Varun Sagar Lake**

