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1. Aadi Mahotsav 2025

Recently, President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Aadi Mahotsav-2025, which will be held from February 16 to 24, 2025 at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi. The festival is a celebration of India's tribal heritage, culture, arts, crafts, food and trade. Tribal artists from various states gave captivating performances at the opening ceremony, including Chhau dance from Jharkhand, Kalbelia and Angi Ger dance from Rajasthan, Gaur Maria dance from Chhattisgarh and Siddhi Dhamal dance from Gujarat.



2. Agreement between SIDBI and AFD

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and French agency AFD signed a \$100 million credit facility agreement. The agreement will help increase access to affordable financing for Indian MSMEs. Under this, funds will be made available to MSMEs investing in energy-efficient technologies, renewable energy solutions and climate-friendly business practices.



3. Volcano 'Mount Etna'

Recently, Europe's highest and active volcano, Mount Etna, erupted in a powerful explosion. The explosion occurred at an altitude of 3,050 meters near the Bocca Nuova crater located on the eastern coast of the Italian island of Sicily, where lava started flowing from a crack. After the eruption, the aviation color code was changed from orange to red, which meant that flights over the area could be dangerous.



4. Military exercise 'Dharma Guardian'

The sixth edition of the joint military exercise 'Dharma Guardian' between India and Japan will be held at Mount Fuji, Japan from 25 February to 9 March 2025. The main objective of this exercise is to increase coordination between the two armies, practice combat and counter-terrorism operations and promote mutual cooperation and understanding.



5. No Money for Terror Conference

Recently, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai led the Indian delegation in the fourth ministerial conference on the topic 'No Money for Terror'. This conference was held in Munich, Germany in 2025, which was organized by the German government. More than 200 high-level officials and experts attended the conference, including representatives of the Egmont Group countries and major international organizations.



6. Einstein Ring

The European Space Agency's (ESA) Euclid space telescope has discovered a rare Einstein ring around a galaxy about 590 million light-years from Earth. An Einstein ring is a ring that is formed when dark matter distorts light around a galaxy or a group of galaxies. These rings are formed as a result of gravitational lensing, when a massive celestial body comes into the path of light and distorts it.



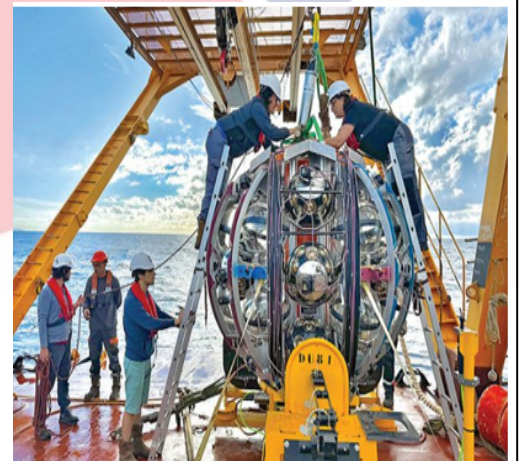
7. Dokra Artwork

Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a traditional Dokra artwork of musicians playing Indian instruments to French President Emmanuel Macron. The artwork featured musicians playing sarod and tabla, and was made of gold metal and decorated with stones. Also, Prime Minister Modi also presented a beautiful silver hand-engraved table mirror with floral and peacock motifs to the First Lady of France Brigitte Macron.



8. Neutrinos discovered in the Mediterranean

Scientists have discovered neutrino particles under the Mediterranean Sea near Sicily (Italy). This discovery has been made under the KM3NeT (Cubic Kilometer Neutrino Telescope) project. The recently discovered neutrino particles are 30 times more energetic than any other particle known so far and are 10,000 times more energetic than the particles produced by the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva.



1. Who recently inaugurated the Aadi Mahotsav-2025?

A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

B - Vice President Shri Jagdeep
Dhankhar

C - President Smt. Draupadi
Murmu

D - Home Minister Amit Shah

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2. When was the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) established?

A - 1985

B - 1990

C - 1995

D - 2000

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3. Where is Mount Etna volcano located?

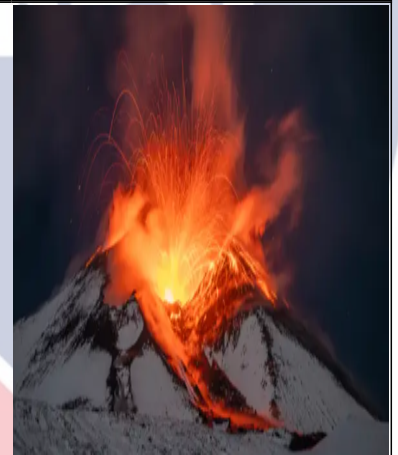
A - On the Italian island of Sicily

B - On the island of Hawaii

C - In Japan

D - In Indonesia

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4. The 'Dharma Guardian' military exercise is conducted between which two countries?

A - Japan and the US

B - India and Russia

C - India and Japan

D - India and France

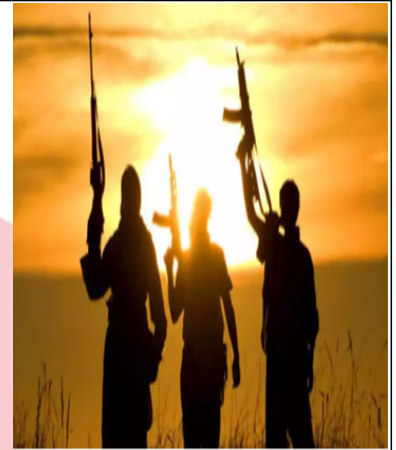
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5. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai led the Indian delegation at the fourth ministerial conference on which subject?

- A - Combatting terrorism** **B - No money for terror**
C - International security **D - Cyber security**

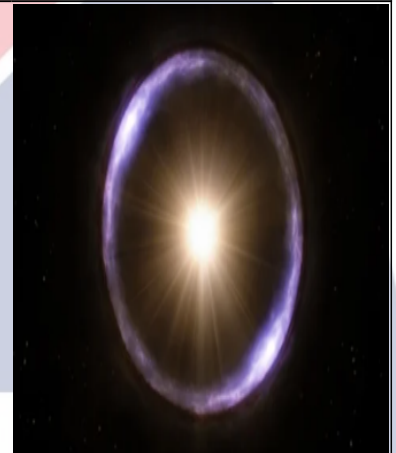
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6. When was the first Einstein ring discovered?

- A - Year 1987** **B - Year 1988**
C - Year 1989 **D - Year 1999**

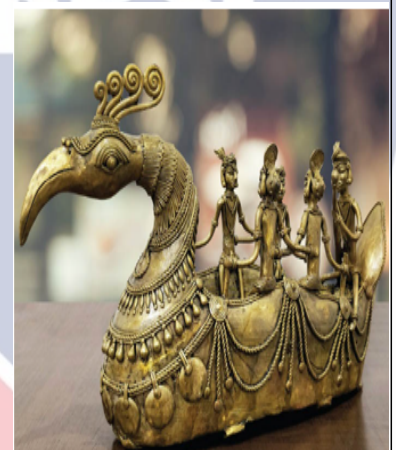
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7. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a Dokra artwork to the President of which country?

- A - To the President of France** **B - To the President of the United States**
C - To the President of Japan **D - To the President of Canada**

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8. In which year was the neutrino first discovered?

- A - 2011** **B - 2010**
C - 2013 **D - 2014**

Scientists under the KM3NeT project have discovered highly energetic neutrino particles in the Mediterranean Sea near Sicily (Italy). These particles are 10,000 times more energetic than the particles produced by the Geneva-based Large Hadron Collider. Scientists have identified 12 supermassive black holes as the origin point of these particles.





One Liner

1. When will Aadi Mahotsav 2025 be organized? - **From 16 to 24 February 2025**
2. With which agency has Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) recently signed a credit agreement? - **With French agency AFD for \$100 million**
3. Recently, Europe's most active volcano has erupted powerfully? - **Mount Etna**
4. Recently, which edition of Dharma Guardian exercise was held? - **Sixth**
5. Recently, the No Money for Terror Conference was represented by - **Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai**
6. Recently, Einstein Ring was discovered by which agency? - **European Space Agency's Euclid Space Telescope**
7. Dokra artwork is the metal casting technique of which state? - **Chhattisgarh**
8. Recently, where have scientists discovered neutrino particles? - **Under the Mediterranean Sea near Sicily (Italy)**
9. Which ministry is organizing the Prime Minister Yoga Award 2025? - **Ministry of AYUSH**
10. ICC has announced how much prize money for the winner of Champions Trophy 2025. - **2.24 million USD**

