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1. Swami Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti.

Swami Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti was celebrated on 23 February, which falls on the Dashami date of Krishna Paksha of Falgun month according to the calendar. This day is celebrated to honor his birthday and remember his reforms in Indian society. Swami Dayanand Saraswati was born on 12 February 1824 in Tankara, Gujarat. His original name was Mool Shankar.



2. 27th meeting of Western Zonal Council

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah chaired the 27th meeting of the Western Zonal Council in Pune, Maharashtra on 22 February 2025. The meeting was attended by the Chief Ministers, senior ministers, chief secretaries, administrators of Union Territories and other high officials of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.



3. Askot – Arakot Yatra Abhiyan

This Yatra Abhiyan, organised from Askot in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand to Arakot in Uttarkashi district, is organised once in every 10 years. It started on 25 May 1974 and is organised by 'Pahad', a social organisation founded by educationist and environmentalist Shekhar Pathak. The objective of this yatra is to take initiative to understand the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand and to know the progress made after the formation of Uttarakhand state in the year 2000.



4. International art exhibition to be held in Hyderabad

Art lovers in Hyderabad are in for a unique visual experience as Shrishti Art Gallery and Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad jointly present the international art exhibition “Topographies of Tents, Terracotta and Time”. The exhibition will showcase works of national and international artists exploring deep themes such as identity, displacement and transformation.



5. India's first wildlife biobank opens at Darjeeling Zoo.

India has taken a significant step in wildlife conservation by establishing the country's first zoo-based biobank at the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZZP) in Darjeeling, West Bengal. It aims to preserve the genetic material (DNA, cells and tissue) of endangered species. Along with this, the zoo has also started an animal museum, which will further strengthen wildlife conservation and research.



6. Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of vultures in the country.

After the first phase of the 2025 Vulture Census, Madhya Pradesh recorded the highest number of vultures in the country, which was found to be 12,981. In the last census, this number was 10,845. The first phase of the Vulture Census was conducted by the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department from 17-19 February 2025, which was completed in all the forest areas, national parks and tiger reserves of the state.



7. India becomes Chair of Bay of Bengal Intergovernmental Organization

India has become the Chair of the regional Bay of Bengal (BOB) Programme Intergovernmental Organization. India assumed the Chair from Bangladesh at the 13th Governing Council meeting of the organization held in Male, Maldives. Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of India, formally assumed the Chair.



8. Mopa Airport wins Best Safety Award.

Manohar International Airport (GOX), developed and operated by GMR Goa International Airport Limited (GGIAL), has become the first airport in India to be awarded the prestigious Best Safety Award (Golden Trophy) under the Service Sector at the National Safety Council of India (NSCI) Safety Awards 2024. The award was presented at a ceremony held at The Lalit, Mumbai in January 2025.



1. What was the original name of Swami Dayanand Saraswati?

- A - Mool Shankar
B - Satya Prakash
C - Ramchandra
D - Saraswati

Swami Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti was celebrated on 23 February, which is an occasion to honor his social reforms and revival of Vedic traditions. He was born on 12 February 1824 in Tankara, Gujarat. In 1875, he founded the Arya Samaj and gave the message of 'return to the Vedas'.



2. Where was the 27th meeting of the Western Regional Council held recently?

- A - Pune
B - Jaipur
C - Ahmedabad
D - Mumbai

Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 27th meeting of the Western Zonal Council in Pune on 22 February 2025, which was attended by the Chief Ministers and officials of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. Regional councils are advisory bodies formed to discuss mutual issues between the states and the Center, which were formed in 1956.



3. When did the Askot-Arakot Yatra Abhiyan start?

- A - Year 1973
B - Year 1974
C - Year 1975
D - Year 1977

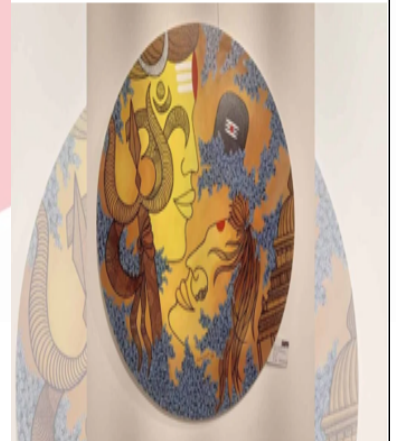
This journey, held from Askot to Arakot in Uttarakhand, takes place every 10 years, which started on 25 May 1974. It is organized by educationist Shekhar Pathak's organization 'Pahad'. Its objective is to study the social, economic and environmental condition of Uttarakhand. The journey completed 50 years in 2024 and was organized for the sixth time.



4. In which city of India will the 'International Art Exhibition' be organized?

- A - Delhi
B - Gwalior
C - Hyderabad
D - Patna

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5. Where has India's first wildlife biobank been opened?

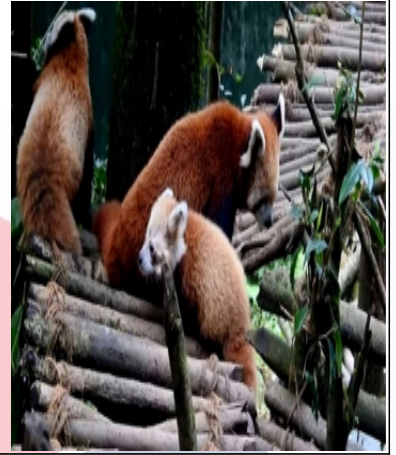
A - Darjeeling

B - Dehradun

C - Jaisalmer

D - Bangalore

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6. Which state in India has the highest number of vultures -

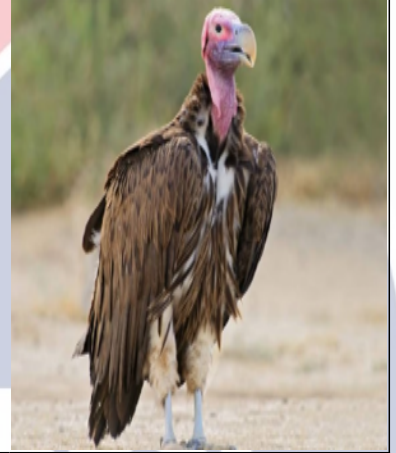
A - Madhya Pradesh

B - Himachal Pradesh

C - Gujarat

D - Chhattisgarh

12,981 vultures were recorded in the first phase of the 2025 Vulture Census in Madhya Pradesh, which is more than the 2022 count of 10,845. This census was conducted by the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department on 17-19 February 2025. The first vulture census was conducted in 2016, when there were 6,999 vultures in the state.



7. Which country has been elected as the Chair of the Bay of Bengal Programme Intergovernmental Organization in the year 2025?

A - India

B - Bangladesh

C - Myanmar

D - Thailand

India assumed the Chair of the Bay of Bengal (BOB) Programme Intergovernmental Organization from Bangladesh. Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, India assumed the position at the 13th Governing Council Meeting held on 20-22 February 2025 in Male, Maldives. The organization was established in 2003 and is headquartered in Chennai, India.



8. Which is the first airport in India which has recently been awarded the Best Security Award by the National Security Council?

A - Manohar International Airport

B - Sanganer International Airport

C - Gwalior Airport

D - Chennai Airport

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One Liner

1. Where was Swami Dayanand Saraswati born? - **Tankara (Gujarat)**
2. Which meeting of the Western Regional Council was held recently? - **27th**
3. What was the theme of Ascot-Arakot Expedition - 2024? - **"Source to Confluence"**
4. When was the 'International Art Exhibition' held in Hyderabad - **23 February - 2025**
5. India's first wildlife biobank has been opened in which park? - **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (West Bengal)**
6. In how many phases will the 2025 vulture census be conducted by the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department? - **In two phases (February and April)**
7. Where is the headquarters of the Bay of Bengal Program inter-governmental organization located? - **Chennai (Tamil Nadu)**
8. Under which ministry of the Government of India was the National Security Council (NSCI) established? - **Ministry of Labor**
9. Who has been appointed as the Principal Secretary-2 of Prime Minister Narendra Modi? - **Shaktikanta Das**
10. Recently which Indian cricketer batsman has become the fastest ODI player to score 14000 runs - **Virat Kohli**

