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1. Giloy - An Emerging Ayurvedic Miracle in Global Research

The number of research publications on Giloy (*Tinospora cordifolia*) has increased by 376.5% in the last decade. There were 243 studies on it in the year 2014, while this number increased to 913 in 2024, reflecting its growing therapeutic popularity. Giloy has long been used in Ayurveda as an immunity booster.



2. Ministry of Panchayati Raj to launch "Sashakt Panchayat - Netri Abhiyan" at a National Workshop on 4th March 2025

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj will launch the "Sashakt Panchayat - Netri Abhiyan" on 4 March 2025 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Union Panchayati Raj Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smt. Annapurna Devi, Minister of State Shri S.P. Baghel and Smt. Defense Nikhil Khadse will be present at the event.



Ministry of Panchayati Raj
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3. Desert Hunt 2-2025 Exercise

Indian Air Force conducted an Integrated Tri-Service Special Forces Exercise called "Desert Hunt-2025" at Air Force Station, Jodhpur from 24 to 28 February 2025. It was attended by Para (Special Forces) of Indian Army, Marine Commandos of Indian Navy and Garud Special Forces of Air Force.



4. World Bank says India needs 7.8% growth to become developed by 2047

According to the World Bank's recent report "The India Country Economic Memorandum, Becoming a High Income Economy in a Generation", India needs to grow its economy at an average annual growth rate of at least 7.8% to become a developed country by 2047. Currently India is a lower-middle income country, while China falls in the upper-middle income category.



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5. EU President Ursula Leyen's visit to India

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen made an official visit to India on 27-28 February 2025, accompanied by a group of EU commissioners. This was the first time this group was visiting a country outside Europe. During the visit, the second ministerial meeting of the India-EU Business and Technology Council was held in New Delhi.



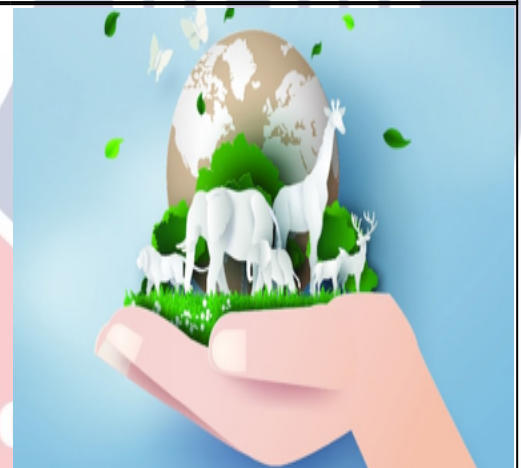
6. ADB's \$200 million loan to Kolkata

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$200 million loan to improve the sustainability, sanitation and infrastructure of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. The project aims to develop climate and disaster resilient sewage and drainage infrastructure, improve the living conditions of the poor and reduce the risk of waterborne and vector-borne diseases.



7. World Wildlife Day 2025

The United Nations General Assembly declared 3 March as World Wildlife Day on 20 December 2013. The day marks the anniversary of the signing of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) in 1973. The CITES Secretariat was entrusted with the responsibility of organizing the day globally.



8. Banaras Lit Fest Awards

Banaras Lit Fest has announced the winners of the Book Awards 2025. The awards were officially announced on 23 February 2025 at the festival's curtain raiser event at PHDCCI House, New Delhi. These awards will be distributed at the grand Banaras Lit Fest organized at Hotel Taj Banaras from 7 to 9 March 2025.





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1. What is the scientific name of Giloy?

- A - *Tinospora cordifolia* B - *Pisum cerivum*
C - *Syzygum cumini* D - *Azardica indica*

The number of research publications on Giloy has increased by 376.5% in the last decade, from 243 in 2014 to 913 in 2024. After COVID-19, research on its immunity booster, antiviral and adaptogenic properties increased rapidly. Giloy is helpful in preventing infections, viral fever, dengue, malaria and controlling blood sugar.



2. Which ministry will launch 'Sashakt Panchayat - Netri Abhiyan'?

- A - Ministry of Labour B - Ministry of Panchayati Raj
C - Ministry of Finance D - Ministry of External Affairs

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj will launch the "Sashakt Panchayat - Netri Abhiyan" on 4 March 2025 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Union Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi, Ministers of State S.P. Baghel and Defence Nikhil Khadse will attend the event.



Ministry of Panchayati Raj
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3. Desert Hunt exercise was a military exercise of which army?

- A - Air Force B - Indian Navy
C - Special Paraforce D - Tri Service Special Forces

Indian Air Force conducted the "Desert Hunt-2025" tri-service special forces exercise in Jodhpur on 24-28 February 2025, in which Army's Para (Special Forces), Navy's Marine Commandos and Air Force's Garud Special Forces participated. It was aimed at enhancing coordination among special forces and ensuring quick resolution of security challenges.



4. Who released the report "The India Country Economic Memorandum, Becoming a High Income Economy in a Generation"?

- A - Asian Development Bank B - Reserve Bank of India
C - World Bank D - IMF

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5. Where was the second India EU Trade and Technology Council meeting held?

A - New Delhi

B - Bangalore

C - Jaipur

D - Rameswaram

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6. When was the Asian Development Bank established?

A - Year - 1956

B - Year - 1966

C - Year - 1969

D - Year - 1959

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7. When is World Wildlife Day celebrated?

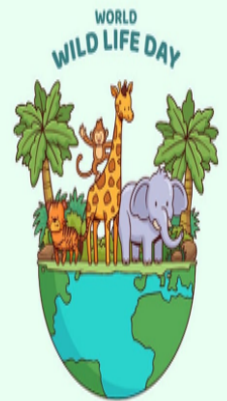
A - 3 March

B - 2 March

C - 6 March

D - 19 March

The United Nations General Assembly declared 3 March as World Wildlife Day, which marks the anniversary of the signing of CITES in 1973. The CITES Secretariat is responsible for the global celebration of this day. The theme for 2025 is "Wildlife Conservation Finance -



8. Who will be awarded the Ruskin Fiction Book Award?

A - Rajkamal Jha

B - Ashinabh Singh

C - Salman Khurshid

D - None of the following

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One Liner

1. Giloy is also known by what other name - **'Amrit Bel or Guduchi'**
2. Who is the Union Minister of Panchayati Raj - **Shri Rajiv Ranjan**
3. Where was the Desert Hunt - 2025 exercise organized - **'Air Force Station Jodhpur'**
4. According to the World Bank, what should be the growth rate of the Indian economy to achieve the status of a developed country by 2047 - **7.8%**
5. How many countries are members of the European Union - **27 European countries**
6. Who has become the 11th President of the Asian Development Bank - **Masato Kanda**
7. What is the theme of World Wildlife Day-2025 - **"Wildlife Conservation Finance - Investing in People and Planet"**
8. Who will be honored with the Bharatendu Harishchandra Lifetime Achievement Award - **"Kashinath Singh"**
9. In which state is the Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary located, which was in the news recently - **Kerala**
10. Who is Ursula von der Leyen, who recently visited India - **"President of the European Commission who is a citizen of Germany"**

