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1. Ganges Dolphin

For the first time, a dolphin population survey was conducted in India, in which a total of 6327 dolphins were found in the rivers of the country. 6324 dolphins were found in the Ganga and Brahmaputra river basins, while 3 dolphins were found in the Beas river of Punjab. This report was released on 3 March 2025 on World Wildlife Day by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the meeting of the National Wildlife Board in Gujarat.



2. Mission 300

Mission 300 is an ambitious and transformational initiative that aims to provide electricity to 300 million people in sub-Saharan Africa by 2030. It has been launched by the World Bank and the African Development Bank in collaboration with key partners. This is not just an electrification plan but a game-changing mission that will redefine the future of the region.

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3. Lake Tanganyika Basin Biodiversity Conservation Project

The governments of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia have launched the Lake Tanganyika Basin Biodiversity Conservation Project, which will run from 2025 to 2030. The project is led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and will receive funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). It aims to assess transboundary threats affecting the biodiversity of the Lake Tanganyika basin and make efforts to address them.



4. Swavalamban Initiative

Swavalamban Initiative 2025 has been launched by the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in collaboration with NITI Aayog. It was launched by Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary (Independent Charge) at Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut (Uttar Pradesh).



5. Yamandu Orsi elected President of Uruguay

Recently Yamandu Orsi took oath as the President of Uruguay. He replaced former President Luis Lacalle Pou. The term of the President of Uruguay is five years. This country is located in the South American continent and is the second smallest country in South America in terms of area. It shares its borders with Argentina and Brazil.



6. Sahitya Akademi to organise Sahitya Mahotsav 2025

Sahitya Akademi, working under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India will organise the annual "Festival of Letters 2025" at Ravindra Bhavan, New Delhi from 7 to 12 March 2025. Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Shekhawat will inaugurate the festival. Renowned English playwright Mahesh Dattani will be the Chief Guest of the award ceremony, where Sahitya Akademi Awards will be presented in 23 languages.



7. Ajay Bhadoo appointed CEO of Government e Marketplace

Ajay Bhadoo, a 1999 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government e-Marketplace (GEM). His appointment will be effective from March 3, 2025, and he has replaced L. Satya Srinivas. Ajay Bhadoo will also be Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce, as the post is given charge of the CEO of Government e-Marketplace.



8. President inaugurates "Amrit Mahotsav of Diversity" at Rashtrapati Bhavan

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the second edition of "Amrit Mahotsav of Diversity" at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 5 March 2025. The festival showcased the rich cultural heritage of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. The President urged people to participate in the festival and learn about the art and culture of South India.



1. According to the Ganges Dolphin Population Survey 2025 in India, which state has the highest population of dolphins?

- A - Uttar Pradesh
B - Bihar
C - West Bengal
D - Rajasthan

In the first dolphin population survey conducted in India, 6327 dolphins were recorded, of which 6324 were found in the Ganges and Brahmaputra river basins and 3 dolphins were found in the Beas river of Punjab. The report was released by PM Modi on 3 March 2025. The survey covered an area of 8500 km in 28 rivers of 8 states and took 3150 days.



2. Mission-300 aims to provide electricity to 300 million people in which region?

- A - Ukraine
B - India
C - Sub-Saharan Africa
D - Guatemala

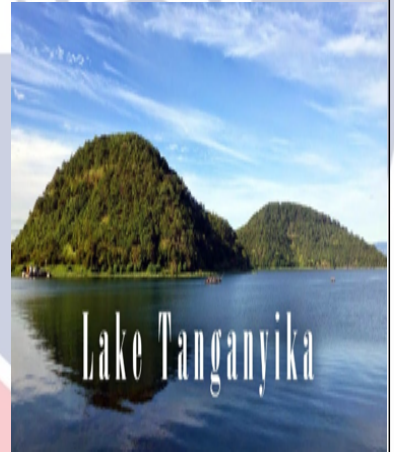
Mission 300 is a transformational initiative that aims to provide electricity to 300 million people in sub-Saharan Africa by 2030. It has been launched in collaboration with the World Bank and the African Development Bank. This initiative will be helpful in economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation by promoting affordable, reliable and clean energy.



3. Recently, a biodiversity conservation project has been launched in which lake of Africa ?

- A - Victoria
B - Malawi
C - Turkana
D - Tanganyika

The Lake Tanganyika Basin Biodiversity Conservation Project will run from 2025-2030, involving Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia. Led by UNEP and funded by GEF, this initiative aims to assess and address transboundary threats to the lake's biodiversity.



4. Recently, which ministry has launched the Swavalambini Initiative in collaboration with NITI Aayog ?

- A - Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
B - Ministry of Panchayati Raj
C - Ministry of Home Affairs
D - Ministry of Finance

Swavalambini Initiative 2025 is an initiative launched by the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and NITI Aayog, which was launched by Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. It will first be implemented in higher educational institutions in the eastern region of the country.





One Liner

1. When is National Ganges River Dolphin Day celebrated. - **5 October**
2. Recently, the 'Mission-300' program is being run by whom to provide electricity to 300 million people of sub-Saharan Africa. - **"In collaboration with the World Bank and the African Development Bank"**
3. The Tanganyika Lake Basin Biodiversity Conservation Project has been launched by which four countries - **Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia**
4. Who is the Minister of State with Independent Charge of the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship - **-Shri Jayant Chaudhary**
5. Who has recently been elected as the President of Uruguay - **Yamandu Orsi**
6. Who is the Union Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Government of India - **Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**
7. Government e-Marketplace (GEM) comes under which ministry of the Government of India - **Department of Commerce (Union Ministry of Commerce)**
8. Which edition of 'Amrit Mahotsav of Diversity' was inaugurated by the President recently - - **"Second edition"**
9. In which state did Prime Minister Narendra Modi participate in winter tourism - **Uttarakhand**
10. Who has recently been appointed by RBI as its new Executive Director (ED) - **Dr. Ajit Ratnakar Joshi**

