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1. 11th BRICS Environment Ministers Meeting

Recently, the 11th BRICS Environment Ministers Meeting was held in Brasilia, the capital of Brazil. In this meeting, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India, Mr. Amandeep Garg led the Indian delegation. Many BRICS countries including Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia, Indonesia and Iran participated in the meeting.



2. Sifat Kaur Samra won gold medal in Shooting World Cup

Indian shooter Sifat Kaur Samra created history by winning the gold medal in the women's 50m rifle event at the ISSF Shooting World Cup (ISSF World Cup 2025) held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This is her first individual gold medal in the ISSF World Cup. In the final match, Anita Mangold of Germany won the silver medal while Arina Altukhova of Kazakhstan got the bronze medal.



3. Global Engagement Scheme

The Global Engagement Scheme, run by the Ministry of Culture, aims to enhance India's cultural presence internationally and strengthen the country's global image. The Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) has a major role under this scheme, which promotes Indian culture abroad.



4. India releases Digital Threat Report

The Government of India has launched the Digital Threat Report 2024 for the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector, prepared in collaboration with CERT-In under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), CSIRT-Fin, the financial sector cyber response team, and SISA, a cybersecurity company. The primary objective of the report is to strengthen the cybersecurity posture of India's financial services sector.



5. All-women tri-service "Samudra Pradakshina" flagged off from Mumbai

The first tri-service women's global naval circumnavigation expedition "Samudra Pradakshina" was flagged off from Mumbai on 7 April on board the Indian Navy's sailing ship Triveni. The expedition was inaugurated by Lieutenant General A.K. Ramesh, Commandant College of Military Engineering from the Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre, Mumbai.



6. PM Mudra Yojana completes 10 years

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana completed its 10th anniversary on 8 April 2025. The scheme was launched on 8 April 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the objective of providing easy credit facility to small and micro business enterprises, especially the weaker sections of the society. The scheme is administered by Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Limited (MUDRA), an NBFC registered with the Reserve Bank of India.



7. Jal Sangrah Census Application of Portal

The Water Resource Census Application and Portal was launched by Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri C.R. Patil on 3 April 2025. It aims to create a comprehensive, reliable and updated database for effective planning and policy-making in the irrigation sector. The portal also focuses on aspects such as water use efficiency and water budgeting, to ensure optimal and sustainable use of resources.



8. President Murmu honoured by Portugal's Lisbon city by handing over the "Key of Honour"

On 7 April 2025, President Draupadi Murmu was made an honorary citizen of Portugal's capital city Lisbon and was awarded the prestigious "Key of Honour" of Lisbon. This honour reflects India's strong and friendly relations with Portugal. President Murmu's visit is the first visit of an Indian President to Portugal after a gap of 27 years.



1. Which meeting of BRICS Environment Ministers was held in Brasilia recently?

A - 11th

B - 15th

C - 16th

D - 19th

India was represented by Mr. Amandeep Garg in the 11th BRICS Environment Ministers meeting held in Brasilia. The meeting discussed tackling climate change and strengthening cooperation towards sustainable development goals. India emphasized the need for climate justice, equitable distribution of resources and financial assistance from developed countries.



2. In which sport did Sifat Kaur Samra win a gold medal recently?

A - Runner

B - Shooting

C - Swimming

D - Weightlifting

Indian shooter Sifat Kaur Samra won her first individual ISSF gold by winning the gold medal in the women's 50m rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2025 held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Germany's Anita Mangold got silver and Kazakhstan's Arina Altukhova got bronze in the final. With this win, India now has one gold and one bronze medal, and India is second in the medal tally.



3. 'Global Engagement Scheme' is being implemented by which ministry?

A - Ministry of Defense

B - Ministry of External Affairs

C - Ministry of Culture

D - Ministry of Finance

The Global Engagement Scheme of the Ministry of Culture aims to strengthen India's cultural presence internationally. Under this, ICCR promotes Indian culture abroad. India has promoted cultural cooperation by hosting meetings and events such as BRICS, SCO, G20 and India-Central Asia.



4. India's Digital Threat Report 2024 has been released by which ministry?

A - Ministry of Home Affairs

B - Ministry of Finance

C - Ministry of Defence

D - Ministry of Information Technology

The Government of India has launched the Digital Threat Report 2024 for the BFSI sector, jointly prepared by MeitY, CERT-In, CSIRT-Fin and SISA. The report aims to strengthen the cybersecurity of the financial services sector. It outlines the threats associated with weak authentication points and their impact on the network.



5. Where is the Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre located?

- A - Colaba, Mumbai B - Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu
C - Bangalore, Karnataka D - Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

The first tri-service women's global naval circumnavigation campaign "Samudra Pradakshina" departed from Mumbai on 7 April from the Indian Army's sailing ship Triveni. The expedition includes 12 women officers from the Army, Navy and Air Force, who were given special naval training in Mumbai. The mission aims to promote women empowerment.



6. When was the 'Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana' launched?

- A - 8 April 2015 B - 8 April 2020
C - 6 March 2015 D - 6 March 2020

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana celebrated its 10th anniversary on 8 April 2025. It was launched in 2015 with the aim of providing easy loans to small and micro businesses. The scheme provides loans up to ₹20 lakh in Shishu, Kishor, Tarun and Tarun Plus categories. More than 52 crore loans have been sanctioned so far, with a total amount of over Rs 32 lakh crore.



7. When was the Water Resources Census Application and Portal launched?

- A - 1 April 2025 B - 3 April 2025
C - 6 April 2025 D - 7 April 2025

On 3 April 2025, Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil launched the Water Resources Census Application and Portal. It aims to empower policy making by collecting updated and reliable data for the irrigation sector. The portal focuses on water use efficiency, water budgeting and sustainable use of resources.



8. Who is Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, who was in the news recently?

- A - President of Portugal B - Prime Minister of Portugal
C - Prime Minister of Canada D - President of Japan

On 7 April 2025, President Draupadi Murmu was made an honorary citizen of Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, and awarded the "Key of Honour". This honour was given as a symbol of India-Portugal friendship. This was the first visit of an Indian President to Portugal in 27 years, which commemorated 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.





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1. Where was the 11th BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting held? - **Brasilia**
2. Sifat Kaur Samra won the gold medal in the F Shooting World Cup 2025 held in which country? - **Argentina**
3. Which organization is engaged in the promotion of Indian culture at the international level - **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)**
4. India has released the Digital Threat Report 2024 mainly for the security of which sector - **BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance)**
5. What is 'Samudra Pradakshina' which was in the news recently - **First Tri-Service Women's Global Circumambulation Mission with 12 women**
6. Which scheme of the Central Government has completed 10 years on 8 April 2025 - **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana**
7. Recently, the 'Water Resources Census Application of Portal' was launched by - **Union Water Power Minister C.R. By Patil**
8. Which European city has made President Draupadi Murmu its honorary citizen in April 2025 - **Lisbon, the capital of Portugal**
9. When is the International Day of Sports for Development and Peace celebrated - **6 April**
10. The new Pamban Rail Bridge is near which strait, which was recently inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi - **'Palak Strait'**

