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Important Days & Their Themes

Q1. Which theme did the Ministry of Ayush choose for the ninth Naturopathy Day?

आयुष मंत्रालय ने नौवें प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा दिवस के लिए कौन-सी थीम चुनी?

(a) Yoga for One Earth
(b) Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat
(c) Health for All, Science for All
(d) One Earth, One Health
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat

1. The **Ministry of Ayush** chose **Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat** for the 2026 observance. The theme connects naturopathy with preventive health.
2. The national event was scheduled at **Nagamangala** in **Karnataka** on 18 November. The host institute specialises in research on yoga and naturopathy.
3. The annual observance began in **2018**. Its date recalls Mahatma Gandhi taking up the lifetime chairmanship of a nature cure trust in **1945**.

Economy & Finance

Q2. How much additional investment did Amazon announce for renewable energy in India by 2030?

अमेज़न ने 2030 तक भारत में नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा के लिए कितने अतिरिक्त निवेश की घोषणा की?

(a) USD 4 billion
(b) USD 11 billion
(c) USD 7 billion
(d) USD 2 billion
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) USD 7 billion

1. Amazon announced an additional **USD 7 billion** for renewable energy in India by **2030**. Its total planned and contracted investment would exceed **USD 11 billion**.
2. Four wind and solar projects account for **934 megawatts** of new capacity. Their locations span **Karnataka**, **Madhya Pradesh** and Rajasthan.
3. Investment and capacity measure different things. Dollars measure the financial commitment, while megawatts measure the power the projects can supply.

State News

Q3. Which Karbi folk dance did more than 15,000 performers present together in Diphu in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में दीफू में 15,000 से अधिक कलाकारों ने एक साथ कौन-सा कार्बी लोकनृत्य प्रस्तुत किया?

(a) Nimso Kerung
(b) Bihu
(c) Cheraw
(d) Wangala
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Nimso Kerung

1. **Nimso Kerung** was the dance performed in **Diphu**, **Assam**. The performance brought a tradition of the Karbi community to a stadium audience.
2. The gathering took place on **17 November** during celebrations marking **75 years** of **Karbi Anglong Day**.
3. More than 15,000 dancers took part in the record-setting performance. Remember the combination of community, dance and place: Karbi, Nimso Kerung and Diphu.

Q4. Which state proposed a marine biotechnology institute under a policy that targets a USD 6–8 billion blue bioeconomy by 2031?

किस राज्य ने 2031 तक 6–8 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर की समुद्री जैव-अर्थव्यवस्था के लक्ष्य वाली नीति के तहत समुद्री जैव प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान बनाने का प्रस्ताव रखा?

(a) Kerala
(b) Gujarat
(c) Odisha
(d) Karnataka
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Karnataka

1. **Karnataka** presented its 2026–31 marine biotechnology policy at the **Bengaluru Tech Summit**. The proposed institute would focus on marine biotechnology and the blue economy.
2. The policy envisages a budget of **₹120 crore**. It seeks to turn coastal biological resources into products and services that can support **coastal communities**.
3. The employment targets distinguish **2,500 technical jobs** from **7,500 coastal livelihood opportunities**. Both are policy targets for the coming years.

Q5. Where is Nagaland scheduled to host the 27th Hornbill Festival in December 2026?

दिसंबर 2026 में नागालैंड के 27वें हॉर्नबिल महोत्सव का आयोजन कहाँ निर्धारित है?

(a) Khonoma near Dimapur
(b) Kisama near Kohima
(c) Ziro in Arunachal Pradesh
(d) Diphu in Assam
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Kisama near Kohima

1. **Kisama near Kohima** is the site of the **Naga Heritage Village**. The 27th Hornbill Festival is scheduled for **1–10 December**.
2. Visitors can see **morungs**, traditional community buildings representing different **Naga tribes**. Music, food, crafts and indigenous games are part of the programme.
3. Often called the **Festival of Festivals**, the event gives different communities a shared venue to present their traditions and supports tourism in Nagaland.

National News

Q6. Under India's revised maritime flag rules, which ensign is prescribed for an ordinary Indian-registered merchant vessel?

भारत के संशोधित समुद्री ध्वज नियमों में सामान्य भारतीय-पंजीकृत वाणिज्यिक पोत के लिए कौन-सा ध्वज निर्धारित है?

(a) Red Ensign
(b) Blue Ensign
(c) White Ensign
(d) Yellow Ensign
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Red Ensign

1. The **Red Ensign** identifies an Indian merchant vessel in the ordinary commercial category. The **Blue Ensign** applies to specified categories including **government-owned vessels**.
2. An ensign is a flag that indicates the nationality or service of a vessel. The notification specifies which colours each category may fly.
3. The government issued the notification on **9 November** under **Section 37** of the **Merchant Shipping Act**, 2025. It superseded a notification issued in 1961.

Q7. Which institute began its year-long golden jubilee celebrations with President Droupadi Murmu in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मु ने किस संस्थान के वर्षभर चलने वाले स्वर्ण जयंती समारोह का उद्घाटन किया?

(a) National Institute of Virology
(b) National Institute of Nutrition
(c) National Institute of Malaria Research
(d) National Institute of Epidemiology
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) National Institute of Malaria Research

1. The **National Institute of Malaria Research** is part of the **Indian Council of Medical Research**. The President inaugurated the celebrations in **New Delhi** on 17 November.
2. The institute began as the **Malaria Research Centre** in **1977**. It adopted its present name in **2005**.
3. Its research supports India's malaria elimination effort. Tracking where local transmission continues helps programme managers focus resources on districts that still need them.

Q8. Which Indian city was the first in the country to earn the MCR2030 Resilience Hub designation?

एमसीआर2030 के तहत रेज़िलिएंस हब का दर्जा पाने वाला भारत का पहला शहर कौन-सा है?

(a) Navi Mumbai
(b) Chandigarh
(c) Bhubaneswar
(d) GIFT City
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) GIFT City

1. **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City**, known as **GIFT City**, received the designation under **Making Cities Resilient 2030**.
2. The **United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction** coordinates the initiative. A hub shares its experience of preparing for disasters with other cities.
3. GIFT City joined in **July 2022** and finalised its resilience plan in **March 2024**. Early warning systems and emergency drills are examples of measures covered by the plan.

International News

Q9. Which two countries launched LeadIT 3.0 to support lower-carbon industrial production?

कम कार्बन उत्सर्जन वाले औद्योगिक उत्पादन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किन दो देशों ने लीडआईटी 3.0 शुरू किया?

(a) India and Sweden
(b) India and Brazil
(c) Sweden and France
(d) Brazil and Germany
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) India and Sweden

1. **India and Sweden** launched the new phase of the **Leadership Group for Industry Transition** at the 2026 climate conference in **Antalya**, Türkiye.
2. The **2027–2030** phase focuses on financing and implementing industrial projects. **Steel** and cement are examples of industries in which cutting emissions can be technically difficult.
3. **Brazil** joined as a country member. The partnership brings companies and governments together to address technology and investment needs.

Q10. Which word did Cambridge Dictionary choose as its Word of the Year for 2026?

कैम्ब्रिज डिक्शनरी ने 2026 के लिए किस शब्द को वर्ड ऑफ द ईयर चुना?

(a) Agent
(b) Analogue
(c) Human
(d) Dusking
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Human

1. **Cambridge Dictionary** chose **human** in a year marked by debate about **artificial intelligence**. It is a familiar word with renewed significance in discussions about identity.
2. The word traces its roots to the **Latin humanus**. Its selection draws attention to qualities people associate with human judgement and relationships.
3. **Agent** and **analogue** were among the alternatives considered. Remember the publisher as well as the word because dictionaries make independent annual selections.

Appointments

Q11. Who became a Government Nominee Director on the board of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited on 17 November 2026?

17 नवंबर 2026 को भारत पेट्रोलियम कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड के बोर्ड में सरकारी नामित निदेशक कौन बनीं?

(a) Dr Alka Mittal
(b) Dr M. Beena
(c) Madhabi Puri Buch
(d) Arundhati Bhattacharya
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Dr M. Beena

1. **Dr M. Beena** joined the board of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited as a Government Nominee Director and **Additional Director**.
2. An **Indian Administrative Service** officer of the **Kerala cadre**, she was serving as Principal Secretary in Kerala's Industries Department at the time of appointment.
3. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas communicated the nomination on **17 November**. The stated term is **three years**, subject to the conditions in the appointment order.

Reports & Rankings

Q12. How many black-necked cranes did Ladakh record in its 2026 breeding-season survey?

लद्दाख में 2026 के प्रजनन काल के सर्वेक्षण में कितने काली गर्दन वाले सारस दर्ज किए गए?

(a) 87
(b) 86
(c) 122
(d) 108
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 108

1. Survey teams counted **108** birds in **Changthang**. The total comprised 86 adults and 22 juveniles, so the juvenile count is already included in the total.
2. The comparable 2025 count was **87 birds**. The increase of 21 birds represents about **24%** of the previous count.
3. The black-necked crane is Ladakh's state bird. Wetlands around **Chushul** and **Tsokar** are among the sites that support breeding.

Q13. Which supercomputer ranked first in the November 2026 TOP500 list?

नवंबर 2026 की टॉप500 सूची में किस सुपरकंप्यूटर ने पहला स्थान प्राप्त किया?

(a) LineShine
(b) El Capitan
(c) Frontier
(d) Aurora
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) LineShine

1. **LineShine**, installed in **Shenzhen**, China, retained first place in the **68th TOP500** ranking. The list was announced at **SC26** in Chicago.
2. On the **High Performance Linpack** benchmark it achieved **2.198 exaflops**. One exaflop corresponds to a billion billion floating-point operations per second.
3. The ranking uses measured performance on the benchmark. That figure lets exam candidates distinguish a demonstrated result from a machine's theoretical peak.

Summits & Conferences

Q14. Which Indian city was named to host the inaugural Quad Business Leaders' Forum in early 2027?

2027 की शुरुआत में प्रथम क्वाड बिज़नेस लीडर्स फ़ोरम की मेजबानी के लिए किस भारतीय शहर को चुना गया?

(a) New Delhi
(b) Hyderabad
(c) Mumbai
(d) Bengaluru
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Mumbai

1. **The Quad** leaders identified **Mumbai** for the inaugural business forum. The announcement came at their November meeting in **Manila**.
2. The Quad comprises India, **Australia**, **Japan** and the **United States**. The forum adds a business channel to cooperation among the four partners.
3. The summit also addressed undersea cable connectivity and maritime cooperation. Distinguish Manila, the summit venue, from Mumbai, the planned business forum venue.

Q15. At the 23rd ASEAN–India Summit, which university featured in India's proposal to expand scholarships for ASEAN countries?

23वें आसियान–भारत शिखर सम्मेलन में आसियान देशों के लिए छात्रवृत्तियाँ बढ़ाने के भारतीय प्रस्ताव में किस विश्वविद्यालय का उल्लेख था?

(a) University of Delhi
(b) Visva-Bharati University
(c) Banaras Hindu University
(d) Nalanda University
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Nalanda University

1. India proposed expanding scholarships at **Nalanda University** during the summit in **Manila** on **17 November**. Education formed part of a wider package of nine initiatives.
2. Other proposals included a space hackathon, nuclear energy exchanges and cooperation on **critical minerals**. These initiatives would involve students, scientists and industry.
3. **ASEAN** stands for the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations**. The proposals also covered tourism through free electronic visas for visitors from member countries.

Science & Technology

Q16. At a distance of one light-day, approximately how long would a radio signal take to travel from Earth to Voyager 1 and back?

एक प्रकाश-दिवस की दूरी पर पृथ्वी से वॉयेजर 1 तक रेडियो संकेत जाने और वापस आने में कुल कितना समय लगेगा?

(a) 12 hours
(b) 48 hours
(c) 24 hours
(d) 96 hours
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 48 hours

1. A light-day is the distance light travels in **24 hours**, about **25.9 billion kilometres**. Radio signals travel at the same speed in a vacuum.
2. Each leg takes roughly one day. A round trip therefore takes about **48 hours**, excluding any time needed for the spacecraft to process a command.
3. NASA launched Voyager 1 in **1977**. After encounters with **Jupiter** and Saturn, it crossed into **interstellar space** in 2012.

Q17. Which Bhopal institute developed India's indigenous H5N1 vaccine for chickens announced in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में घोषित मुर्गियों के लिए भारत का स्वदेशी एच5एन1 टीका भोपाल के किस संस्थान ने विकसित किया?

(a) Indian Veterinary Research Institute
(b) Central Avian Research Institute
(c) National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases
(d) National Dairy Research Institute
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases

1. The **National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases** in **Bhopal** developed the vaccine for poultry. The institute is part of the **Indian Council of Agricultural Research**.
2. The announcement concerns protection of chickens against **avian influenza**. **Poultry** losses can affect both farm incomes and the supply of eggs and meat.
3. The dedication of the vaccine to the nation was scheduled for **20 November 2026**. The November 18 report described an upcoming event.

Defence

Q18. Which Indian Naval Air Squadron, nicknamed Albatross, marked its golden jubilee in November 2026?

अल्बाट्रॉस नाम से प्रसिद्ध भारतीय नौसेना के किस वायु स्क्वाड्रन ने नवंबर 2026 में अपनी स्वर्ण जयंती मनाई?

(a) INAS 312
(b) INAS 300
(c) INAS 315
(d) INAS 330
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) INAS 312

1. **Indian Naval Air Squadron** 312 marked fifty years on **18 November**. Its nickname is **Albatross**, a seabird associated with long-distance flight.
2. The squadron was commissioned in **1976** at **INS Hansa** in Goa. Its anniversary also marked fifty years of the Navy's long-range maritime reconnaissance operations.
3. The anniversary commemorates the history of naval aviation. The Lockheed Super Constellation and the **Boeing P-8I** belong to different generations of that history.

Sports & Games

Q19. Who scored India's winning goal in the 2026 men's SAFF Championship final against Pakistan?

पाकिस्तान के विरुद्ध 2026 की पुरुष सैफ चैंपियनशिप के फ़ाइनल में भारत का विजयी गोल किसने किया?

(a) Suhail Ahmad Bhat
(b) Alamgir Ghazi
(c) Sunil Chhetri
(d) Sandip Mandi
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Sandip Mandi

1. **Sandip Mandi** scored in the **88th minute** in Dhaka. His header gave India a 2–1 victory over Pakistan on 17 November.
2. **Suhail Ahmad Bhat** had scored India's equaliser in the **60th minute**. Pakistan had taken the lead before half-time.
3. India won its tenth **South Asian Football Federation Championship** title. This was its **third consecutive title** in the competition.

Awards & Honours

Q20. Which Indian organisation won the 2026 Earthshot Prize in the Clean Our Air category?

किस भारतीय संस्था ने 2026 का अर्थशॉट पुरस्कार क्लीन आवर एयर श्रेणी में जीता?

(a) Tata Power Solar
(b) Mahindra Last Mile Mobility
(c) ReNew Energy
(d) Indian Oil Corporation
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Mahindra Last Mile Mobility

1. **Mahindra Last Mile Mobility** was recognised for electric transport, particularly the shift to **electric three-wheelers**. Replacing combustion vehicles can reduce street-level exhaust emissions.
2. **Clean Our Air** is one of **five Earthshot categories**. The 2026 awards recognised solutions ranging from **forest conservation** to offshore wind.
3. Each winner receives **£1 million** and access to a network that helps expand its work. The award links a local transport solution with a broader air-quality goal.

Q21. In which category was the Tamil song Varuvaaiy nominated at the 69th Grammy Awards?

69वें ग्रैमी पुरस्कारों में तमिल गीत वरुवाय को किस श्रेणी में नामांकन मिला?

(a) Best Global Music Performance
(b) Best Alternative Music Album
(c) Best Music Video
(d) Best Choral Performance
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Best Global Music Performance

1. Varuvaaiy received a nomination for **Best Global Music Performance**. This category recognises a performance, while album awards recognise a collection of recordings.
2. **Devan Ekambaram** composed the piece and **Susha** performed the vocals. It adapts a work by the Tamil poet **Subramania Bharati**.
3. The nomination concerns the **69th Grammy Awards**, scheduled for **February 2027**. A nomination places the recording in contention for the award.