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1. On which day was the 'PM Surya Ghar: Free Electricity Scheme' launched?

- A. January 22, 2024 B. February 13, 2024
C. January 1, 2024 D. February 28, 2023

Answer: B

The 'PM Surya Ghar: Free Electricity Scheme' was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 13, 2024. The objective of the scheme is to promote electricity supply through solar energy in rural areas. Under this scheme, solar panels will be provided to rural households, ensuring they receive free electricity. This initiative is a significant step towards promoting clean energy usage in India and ensuring affordable and continuous energy availability in rural regions. The scheme will help rural India transition towards sustainable and green energy solutions.

2. Who is the Chairman of the Sixteenth Finance Commission?

- A. Dr. Arvind Panagariya
B. Dr. Ajay Narayan Jha
C. Dr. N.K. Singh
D. Dr. Y.V. Reddy

Answer: A

The Sixteenth Finance Commission was constituted by the Government of India on December 31, 2023, with Dr. Arvind Panagariya as its Chairman. He is a renowned economist and a professor at Columbia University. He also served as the first Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog (2015-2017). His expertise in public policy and economics makes him well-suited for leading this commission, which determines financial relations between the central and state governments in India. Dr. N.K. Singh chaired the 15th Finance Commission (2017-2020).

3. Consider the following statements regarding Ramsar sites in India:

1. Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites among all Indian states.
2. Uttar Pradesh ranks second in the number of Ramsar sites in India.

Which of the following options correctly identifies the true statements?

- A. Only statement 1 is correct
B. Only statement 2 is correct
C. Both statements 1 and 2 are correct
D. Neither statement 1 nor 2 is correct

Answer: C

Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites among all Indian states - True. As of February 2025, Tamil Nadu has 20 Ramsar sites, the highest in India, surpassing other states (e.g., MoEFCC

updates, February 2, 2025). Examples include Point Calimere and Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary. Uttar Pradesh ranks second in the number of Ramsar sites in India - True. Uttar Pradesh has 10 Ramsar sites, placing it second behind Tamil Nadu (e.g., Ramsar Convention data). Sites include Sur Sarovar and Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary.

Tamil Nadu has set the record for the highest number of Ramsar sites in India. These wetlands are known for their environmental significance, biodiversity, and role in supporting local livelihoods. Major Ramsar sites in Tamil Nadu include Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary, Vellode Bird Sanctuary, Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary, and Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary.

4. Who has been appointed as the first woman Subedar in the Indian Army?

- A. Tania Shergill B. Mitali Madhumita
C. Preeti Rajak D. Priya Jhingan

Answer: C

Subedar Preeti Rajak made history by becoming the first female Subedar in the Indian Army. She was promoted from Havildar to Subedar in January 2024. She is also a champion trap shooter, having won a silver medal in the women's team trap event at the 19th Asian Games (2023) in Hangzhou, China. Preeti Rajak serves in the Corps of Military Police and trains at the Army Marksmanship Unit for the Paris Olympics 2024. Lieutenant Colonel Mitali Madhumita: First woman officer to receive the Sena Medal (2010). Major Priya Jhingan: One of the first 25 women to join the Indian Army in 1992.

5. Consider the following statements about the Black Tiger Safari Plan in India:

1. The world's first Black Tiger Safari was announced for Similipal Tiger Reserve in Odisha in February 2024.
2. The safari aims to showcase the rare black tigers, a melanistic variant of the Bengal tiger, found predominantly in Similipal.

Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- A. Only statement 1 is correct
B. Only statement 2 is correct
C. Both statements 1 and 2 are correct
D. Neither statement 1 nor 2 is correct

Answer: C

Statement 1: True - Announced in February 2024 for Similipal, Odisha, as the world's first Black Tiger Safari.

Statement 2: True - Targets showcasing rare melanistic Bengal tigers, unique to Similipal.

6. Which state in India inaugurated the "Dhami against drugs campaign"?

- A. Himachal Pradesh B. Uttarakhand
C. Uttar Pradesh D. Punjab

Answer: B

The "Dhami against drugs campaign" was launched by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The campaign, initiated by Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, Metropolitan Dehradun, ran from February 5 to 10, 2024, with the goal of making Uttarakhand drug-free by 2025. It actively involved students, educational institutions, and civil society to raise awareness and fight against drug abuse.

7. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a warning for cyclonic activity in the _____ in 2024, later named Cyclone Remal.

- A. Arabian Sea B. Bay of Bengal
C. Indian Ocean D. Andaman Sea

Answer: B

IMD warned of cyclonic activity in the Bay of Bengal, which developed into Cyclone Remal by 2024.

8. Which ministry launched the Kilkari programme?

- A. Ministry of Education
B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
D. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer: B

The Kilkari programme was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India. It is a mobile-based health service that provides weekly audio messages to pregnant women and new mothers regarding maternal and child health, nutrition, breastfeeding, and family planning.

9. What is the primary purpose of the SARTHI initiative launched under PMFBY?

- A. To offer diverse insurance coverage for farmers
B. To provide direct subsidies on fertilizers
C. To introduce new irrigation techniques
D. To promote organic farming

Answer: A

The SARTHI initiative, launched under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), is aimed at providing a wider range of insurance coverage for farmers. It focuses on enhancing awareness, streamlining claim settlements, and improving accessibility to crop insurance services. This initiative ensures timely financial assistance to farmers in case of crop loss due to natural calamities, pests, and diseases.

10. Where was the Centre of Excellence for Nutritional Supplements Testing (CoE-NSTS) inaugurated?

- A. New Delhi B. Mumbai
C. Gandhinagar D. Bengaluru

Answer: C

The Centre of Excellence for Nutritional Supplements Testing for Sportspersons (CoE-NSTS) was inaugurated at the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. This facility is dedicated to testing and certifying nutritional supplements for athletes, ensuring they are free from prohibited substances. The inauguration was conducted virtually by Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur on February 9, 2024.

11. Which two teams were declared joint winners of the SAFF U-19 Women's Championship 2024?

- A. India and Nepal
B. India and Bangladesh
C. Bangladesh and Sri Lanka
D. Nepal and Bhutan

Answer: B

The final match of the SAFF U-19 Women's Championship 2024 was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, between India and Bangladesh on February 8, 2024. The match ended in a 1-1 draw in regular time, followed by an 11-11 tie in the penalty shootout. Initially, India was declared the winner via a coin toss. However, due to controversy and security concerns, the match officials later decided to declare both India and Bangladesh as joint winners.

12. Why is National Science Day celebrated in India on February 28?

- A. To mark the launch of ISRO
B. To honor CV Raman's discovery of the Raman Effect
C. To celebrate India's first nuclear test
D. To commemorate the birth of APJ Abdul Kalam

Answer: B

National Science Day on February 28 celebrates CV Raman's discovery of the Raman Effect in 1928, for which he won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.



13. What is the main purpose of APAAR ID, which was in the news recently?

- A. To provide financial aid to students
- B. To assign a unique and permanent 12-digit ID to every student
- C. To implement a uniform curriculum across all educational institutions
- D. To monitor teachers' performance

Answer: B

The Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR), introduced in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, aims to provide a unified and accessible academic experience for students across India. By assigning a unique and permanent 12-digit ID to every student, APAAR consolidates their academic achievements into a single, accessible platform, facilitating seamless academic mobility while ensuring data security and privacy.

14. Which card, based on India's digital RuPay credit and debit card stack, was launched during PM Modi's UAE visit?

- A. JAYWAN Card
- B. Emirates RuPay Card
- C. Gulf Pay Card
- D. Desert Pay Card

Answer: A

During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in February 2024, the UAE launched its domestic card scheme, the JAYWAN Card, which is based on India's digital RuPay credit and debit card infrastructure. This initiative is a result of collaboration between the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Al Etihad Payments (AEP), aiming to enhance digital payment solutions and financial inclusion in the UAE. The JAYWAN Card enables seamless transactions within the UAE and strengthens the financial ties between India and the UAE.

15. What is the primary responsibility of the 16th Finance Commission (FC)?

- A. To audit the financial accounts of the Union and State governments
- B. To recommend the distribution of tax revenues between the Union and the States
- C. To formulate the Union Budget
- D. To oversee the implementation of economic policies

Answer: B

The 16th Finance Commission of India, constituted under Article 280 of the Constitution, is primarily responsible for making recommendations on the distribution of the net proceeds of taxes between the Union and the States. This includes determining the allocation of these tax revenues among the states themselves. Additionally, the Commission

suggests principles governing grants-in-aid to the States from the Consolidated Fund of India and proposes measures to augment the Consolidated Fund of a State to supplement the resources of panchayats and municipalities.

16. Who launched the 'Sangam: Digital Twin' initiative?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Ministry of Urban Development

Answer: B

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) unveiled the 'Sangam: Digital Twin' initiative on February 15, 2024. This initiative aims to revolutionise infrastructure planning and design by creating virtual replicas of physical assets, enabling real-time monitoring, simulation, and analysis. It integrates advanced technologies such as 5G, IoT, AI, AR/VR, AI-native 6G, and next-generation computational tools. The project is structured in two stages: an exploratory phase to clarify horizons and unleash potential, followed by a practical demonstration phase focusing on specific use cases. The initiative seeks to foster collaboration among public entities, infrastructure planners, tech giants, startups, and academia to develop innovative infrastructure solutions.

17. What is the primary focus of Project Zorawar?

- A. Developing unmanned aerial vehicles for surveillance
- B. Designing a lightweight tank for high-altitude warfare
- C. Enhancing naval capabilities in the Indian Ocean
- D. Establishing cyber defense infrastructure

Answer: B

Project Zorawar is an initiative by the Indian Army focused on developing a lightweight tank specifically designed for operations in high-altitude regions such as eastern Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh. The tank, named Zorawar, is a 25-tonne class armored fighting vehicle equipped with advanced features to ensure rapid deployment and high mobility in mountainous terrains. This project aims to enhance India's combat capabilities in challenging environments, addressing the need for versatile and agile armoured units. The development is a collaborative effort between the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T), with the tank expected to be ready for induction into the Indian Army by 2027.

18. Where was the second edition of the INDUS-X Summit organised?

- A. Washington, D.C., US
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. San Francisco, USA
- D. Bengaluru, India

Answer: B

The second edition of the India-U.S. Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) Summit was held on February 20-21, 2024, in New Delhi, India. This summit marked a significant milestone in the collaborative defence innovation efforts between India and the United States. Organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) under the Indian Ministry of Defence and the U.S. Department of Defence, in conjunction with the U.S.-India Business Council and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM), the event aimed to drive strategic technology partnerships and defence industrial cooperation between the two nations.

19. What are the 'Sagar Aankalan' guidelines, recently in the news, related to?

- A. Maritime security framework
- B. Performance benchmarking of Indian ports
- C. Deep-sea fishing regulations
- D. Coastal disaster management

Answer: B

The 'Sagar Aankalan' guidelines were introduced by the Indian government to establish a structured framework for assessing and benchmarking the logistics performance of Indian sea ports. These guidelines aim to evaluate port efficiency by analysing operational logistics, enhance competitiveness by identifying areas for improvement, standardise performance metrics with global benchmarks, and support India's Maritime Vision 2047, focused on modernisation and growth in the port sector. These guidelines will play a crucial role in improving India's port infrastructure and logistics network, making ports more efficient and globally competitive.

20. Who won the decisive match that clinched the gold medal for India at the Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024?

- A. PV Sindhu
- B. Gayatri Gopichand
- C. Anmol Kharb
- D. Treesa Jolly

Answer: C

In the Badminton Asia Team Championships 2024, the Indian women's team made history by securing their first-ever gold medal. The decisive match was won by 17-year-old Anmol Kharb,

who defeated Thailand's Pornpicha Choeikeewong in straight games (21-14, 21-9). Anmol Kharb's victory sealed India's 3-2 win against Thailand in the final. This was India's first women's team title in the championship's history. PV Sindhu also contributed with a win in the opening singles match.

21. Which countries participated in the Desert Knight Air Exercise conducted in February 2024?

- A. India and USA
- B. India, UAE, and France
- C. India and UK
- D. India, France, and USA

Answer: B

The Desert Knight Air Exercise was conducted in February 2024 between India, UAE, and France. The objective of this exercise was to enhance interoperability among air forces and strengthen joint combat strategies. It focused on advanced aerial maneuvers, coordinated mission planning, and multilateral cooperation.

22. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi lay the foundation stone for the Shri Kalki Dham Temple?

- A. Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- D. Dwarka, Gujarat

Answer: B

On February 19, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Shri Kalki Dham Temple in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh. The temple is dedicated to Lord Kalki, believed to be the tenth and final avatar of Lord Vishnu, who is prophesied to appear at the end of the current age, Kaliyuga. Sambhal is considered the birthplace of Lord Kalki, as per Hindu scriptures.

23. Who became Pakistan's first woman Chief Minister?

- A. Sherry Rehman
- B. Maryam Nawaz
- C. Hina Rabbani Khar
- D. Asma Jahangir

Answer: B

Maryam Nawaz made history by becoming Pakistan's first woman Chief Minister after being sworn in as the Chief Minister of Punjab. She is the daughter of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and a senior leader of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N).



24. Which engine will be used in India's Gaganyaan mission, as announced by ISRO?

- A. SU-345 Engine
- B. CE-20 Cryogenic Engine
- C. SNE-200 Semi-Cryogenic Engine
- D. All of the above

Answer: B

The Gaganyaan mission, India's first crewed space mission, will use the CE-20 Cryogenic Engine to power the upper stage of the LVM-3 (Launch Vehicle Mark-3) rocket. The CE-20 engine is an indigenously developed cryogenic engine by ISRO. It uses liquid hydrogen (LH2) as fuel and liquid oxygen (LOX) as an oxidiser, ensuring high efficiency and thrust in space. This engine is crucial for lifting heavy payloads and will play a key role in launching astronauts into low-Earth orbit.

25. Which country recently inaugurated the Jama al-Jazair Mosque, known as "Africa's largest mosque" and the third-largest mosque in the world?

- A. Egypt
- B. Algeria
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Morocco

Answer: B

The Jama al-Jazair Mosque, also called the Great Mosque of Algiers, was recently inaugurated in Algeria. It is Africa's largest mosque and the third-largest mosque in the world after Masjid al-Haram (Mecca) and Masjid al-Nabawi (Medina).