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Important Days & Their Themes

Q1. Which SDG target is most directly linked to World Toilet Day?

विश्व शौचालय दिवस का सबसे सीधा संबंध किस सतत विकास लक्ष्य के उपलक्ष्य से है?

(a) Target 3.8
(b) Target 6.2
(c) Target 4.1
(d) Target 7.2
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Target 6.2

1. **Target 6.2** calls for equitable access to **sanitation** and **hygiene** and an end to open defecation.
2. **UN-Water** coordinates the observance on **19 November**. The UN formally recognised it in 2013.
3. The 2026 theme, "Safe toilets. **Equal futures**.", draws attention to how safe facilities support girls' education and participation at work.

Q2. How many major commercial banks were nationalised in 1969 during Indira Gandhi's tenure?

इंदिरा गांधी के कार्यकाल में 1969 में कितने प्रमुख वाणिज्यिक बैंकों का राष्ट्रीयकरण हुआ था?

(a) 6
(b) 12
(c) 14
(d) 20
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 14

1. The government nationalised 14 major commercial banks in **July 1969**. This brought these lenders under **public ownership**.
2. A second round in **1980** covered six more banks. The two rounds are often tested together.
3. **Indira Gandhi** was born on **19 November 1917** in Allahabad, now **Prayagraj**.

Q3. Which calendar rule determines World Pancreatic Cancer Day?

विश्व अग्न्याशय कैंसर दिवस किस कैलेंडर नियम के अनुसार मनाया जाता है?

(a) Third Thursday of November
(b) Second Tuesday of November
(c) Last Friday of October
(d) First Monday of December
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Third Thursday of November

1. The observance falls on the **third Thursday of November**, which was **19 November** in 2026.
2. The **World Pancreatic Cancer Coalition** brings together **patient advocates** and organisations for the campaign.
3. The campaign promotes **awareness** of pancreatic cancer and supports **research**. The weekday rule means the calendar date changes each year.

Q4. In which country did the modern International Men's Day observance begin in 1999?

1999 में आधुनिक अंतरराष्ट्रीय पुरुष दिवस की शुरुआत किस देश में हुई?

(a) Jamaica
(b) Barbados
(c) Guyana
(d) Trinidad and Tobago
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Trinidad and Tobago

1. **Jerome Teelucksingh** initiated the modern observance in **Trinidad and Tobago** in **1999**.
2. It falls on **19 November** and recognises contributions by men in families and communities.
3. Positive **role models** and men's physical and **mental health** are recurring themes of the observance.

Q5. Which policy did the British invoke to annex Jhansi after rejecting the succession claim of Rani Lakshmibai's adopted son?

रानी लक्ष्मीबाई के दत्तक पुत्र का उत्तराधिकार अस्वीकार करने के बाद अंग्रेजों ने किस नीति के तहत झाँसी का विलय किया?

(a) Subsidiary Alliance
(b) Doctrine of Lapse
(c) Permanent Settlement
(d) Ryotwari Settlement
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Doctrine of Lapse

1. The **Doctrine of Lapse** allowed the **East India Company** to annex certain princely states when it declined to recognise an adopted heir.
2. In **Jhansi**, the succession dispute concerned **Damodar Rao** after the death of Gangadhar Rao.
3. Born **Manikarnika Tambe**, Lakshmibai later led resistance during the uprising of **1857**.

Q6. When is World AMR Awareness Week observed each year?

विश्व एएमआर जागरूकता सप्ताह हर वर्ष कब मनाया जाता है?

(a) 18–24 November
(b) 7–13 April
(c) 1–7 December
(d) 24–30 October
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) 18–24 November

1. World AMR Awareness Week runs from 18 to **24 November**. AMR stands for **antimicrobial resistance**.
2. The **One Health** approach connects **human**, animal and environmental health because resistant organisms can spread between these settings.
3. India's second National Action Plan on AMR covers **2025–2029** and includes **surveillance** and infection prevention.

RBI, SEBI & Banking News

Q7. What combined net profit did India's public sector banks report for April–September 2026?

अप्रैल–सितंबर 2026 में भारत के सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों ने कुल कितना शुद्ध लाभ दर्ज किया?

(a) ₹1.81 lakh crore
(b) ₹3.01 lakh crore
(c) ₹1.10 lakh crore
(d) ₹0.33 lakh crore
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) ₹1.10 lakh crore

1. The banks earned **₹1.10 lakh crore** in net profit in the first half of **FY2026–27**, up 16.9% year on year.
2. **Operating profit** was ₹1.81 lakh crore. It is measured before provisions and tax, so it differs from **net profit**.
3. Deposits and advances together took **aggregate business** to **₹301.6 lakh** crore. Business volume measures the scale of banking activity.

Government Schemes & Policies

Q8. Under Telangana's proposed Indiramma Family Insurance Scheme, what life cover was envisaged per eligible family?

तेलंगाना की प्रस्तावित इंदिरम्मा परिवार बीमा योजना में प्रति पात्र परिवार कितना जीवन बीमा प्रस्तावित था?

(a) ₹2 lakh
(b) ₹8 lakh
(c) ₹10 lakh
(d) ₹5 lakh
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) ₹5 lakh

1. **Telangana** proposed **₹5 lakh** of **life cover** for an earning member in each eligible family.
2. The proposed age range was **18–59 years**, with the state bearing the **premium**.
3. The proposal sought to bring departmental insurance programmes together and reach about **one crore** families.

Q9. Which portal supports beneficiary verification for Uttar Pradesh's student tablet distribution drive?

उत्तर प्रदेश के छात्र टैबलेट वितरण अभियान में लाभार्थियों के सत्यापन के लिए कौन-सा पोर्टल इस्तेमाल होता है?

(a) DigiShakti
(b) DigiLocker
(c) e-Shram
(d) UMANG
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) DigiShakti

1. **DigiShakti** supports the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana in **Uttar Pradesh**.
2. Educational **institutions** help identify eligible students in degree, **diploma** and technical programmes.
3. The state announced **25 lakh** additional tablets for **FY2026–27**. The device allocation is distinct from a cash scholarship.

National News

Q10. Which country contributed the name Akvan to the regional cyclone naming list?

क्षेत्रीय चक्रवात नामकरण सूची में अकवन नाम किस देश ने दिया?

(a) Oman
(b) Qatar
(c) Iran
(d) Myanmar
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Iran

1. Iran contributed **Akvan** to the naming list for tropical cyclones in the northern **Indian Ocean**.
2. On **19 November** the India Meteorological Department was tracking the storm over the **Bay of Bengal**.
3. The bulletin concerned a forecast for the **Andhra Pradesh–Odisha** coast. A forecast gives the expected track at the time of issue.

Q11. Which Rajasthan town is associated with the Pichwaai painting presented at the Manila summit?

मनीला शिखर सम्मेलन में भेंट की गई पिछवाई पेंटिंग राजस्थान के किस नगर से जुड़ी है?

(a) Bundi
(b) Nathdwara
(c) Jaisalmer
(d) Alwar
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Nathdwara

1. **Nathdwara** is closely associated with Pichwaai painting and the worship of **Shrinathji**.
2. A golden Pichwaai was among India's diplomatic gifts in **Manila** during the **India–ASEAN** meetings.
3. Another gift, a Banarasi **Katan silk** stole, represented **Varanasi**. Matching the craft to its place of origin distinguishes the two gifts.

Q12. Under the market classification examined by the Allahabad High Court, how was coconut treated?

इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय द्वारा विचारित मंडी वर्गीकरण में नारियल को किस श्रेणी में रखा गया?

(a) Spice
(b) Pulse
(c) Cereal
(d) Oilseed
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Oilseed

1. The **Lucknow Bench** upheld the classification of coconut as an **oilseed** for the market law at issue.
2. **Copra** is the **dried kernel** from which coconut oil is extracted. This commercial use was relevant to the classification.
3. The dispute arose over the sale of green coconuts in **Sahibabad**. The ruling concerned a **market category** rather than botanical taxonomy.

International News

Q13. How much funding does the ADB's ASEAN Resilient Rivers Initiative aim to mobilise by 2030?

एडीबी की आसियान रेज़िलिएंट रिवर्स पहल का 2030 तक कितनी राशि जुटाने का लक्ष्य है?

(a) USD 8 billion
(b) USD 3 billion
(c) USD 18 billion
(d) USD 30 billion
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) USD 8 billion

1. The **Asian Development Bank** set a **USD 8 billion** mobilisation target for 2030.
2. The initiative links **water security** to food production through **irrigation** improvements and better river-basin management.
3. **Flood protection** is another priority. The target for this initiative is part of a broader ADB commitment to **ASEAN**.

Appointments

Q14. Who was named to succeed Albert Park as Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank?

एशियाई विकास बैंक के मुख्य अर्थशास्त्री के रूप में अल्बर्ट पार्क का स्थान लेने के लिए किसे नामित किया गया?

(a) Masato Kanda
(b) Raghuram Rajan
(c) Karthik Muralidharan
(d) Arvind Subramanian
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Karthik Muralidharan

1. **Karthik Muralidharan** was named the next **ADB Chief Economist**, with the appointment effective on 1 July 2027.
2. He was also selected to lead the bank's **Economic Research** and Development Impact Department.
3. A professor at the **University of California San Diego**, he co-founded the Centre for Effective **Governance** of Indian States.

Reports & Rankings

Q15. What was India's rank for 1996–2025 in Germanwatch's Climate Risk Index 2027?

जर्मनवॉच के जलवायु जोखिम सूचकांक 2027 में 1996–2025 के लिए भारत की रैंक क्या थी?

(a) 12th
(b) 9th
(c) 15th
(d) 10th
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 10th

1. India ranked tenth for the thirty-year period **1996–2025**. Its rank for **2025** alone was **twelfth**.
2. **Germanwatch** measures observed losses from **extreme weather**, including **deaths** and economic damage.
3. The long-term table aggregates many years. A single-year rank can differ when an especially destructive event affects another country.

Q16. What distinguishes the inaugural TIME100 Next India list from a numerical ranking?

पहली TIME100 Next India सूची को संख्यात्मक रैंकिंग से क्या अलग करता है?

(a) It orders states by income
(b) It groups honourees into five categories without ranking them
(c) It grades companies by revenue
(d) It ranks athletes by medals
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) It groups honourees into five categories without ranking them

1. **TIME100 Next India** recognises emerging figures from India and its **diaspora**.
2. The five groups are **Artists**, **Phenoms**, Innovators, Leaders and Advocates. A category describes the area of recognition.
3. **The Indian** edition extends the **TIME100 Next** series. Inclusion does not assign someone a numerical position within the list.

Q17. Which pair of demographic factors helps explain differences in projected population growth across religious groups in the Pew study?

प्यू के अध्ययन में धार्मिक समूहों की अनुमानित जनसंख्या वृद्धि में अंतर समझाने वाले दो जनसांख्यिकीय कारक कौन-से हैं?

(a) Rainfall and altitude
(b) Literacy and land area
(c) Age structure and fertility
(d) Exports and exchange rates
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Age structure and fertility

1. **Age structure** shows how a population is distributed across age groups. A **younger population** can have more people entering childbearing ages.
2. **Fertility** affects how many children are born, while the **age distribution** influences how many potential parents there are.
3. The **Pew Research Center** uses demographic **projections** to explore future religious composition. A projection depends on its assumptions.

Science & Technology

Q18. Which IIT partnered with Bharat1.ai to establish the AI Kavach laboratory?

एआई कवच प्रयोगशाला स्थापित करने के लिए भारत1.एआई ने किस आईआईटी के साथ साझेदारी की?

(a) IIT Kanpur
(b) IIT Madras
(c) IIT Delhi
(d) IIT Roorkee
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) IIT Kanpur

1. **IIT Kanpur** and **Bharat1.ai** launched AI Kavach through the Wadhwani School of AI and Intelligent Systems.
2. The laboratory focuses on **assurance** and security for **AI** applications, including those in banking and **insurance**.

3. Its training objective covers more than 300 students and professionals annually. **Traceability** is one area of work.

Defence

Q19. Which company signed the Indian Navy's Barak point-defence system upgrade contract with the Ministry of Defence?

भारतीय नौसेना की बराक पॉइंट-डिफेंस प्रणाली के उन्नयन के लिए रक्षा मंत्रालय ने किस कंपनी से अनुबंध किया?

(a) Bharat Dynamics Limited
(b) Naval Group
(c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
(d) Israel Aerospace Industries
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Israel Aerospace Industries

1. **Israel Aerospace Industries** signed the upgrade contract with India's **Ministry of Defence**.
2. The agreement, valued at ₹1,976.40 crore, concerns **Barak** systems already deployed on **naval ships**.
3. The procurement covers **hardware** and **software** updates and the management of ageing components across the system's service life.

Awards & Honours

Q20. Which novel won the 2026 US National Book Award for Fiction?

किस उपन्यास को 2026 का अमेरिकी नेशनल बुक अवॉर्ड फॉर फिक्शन मिला?

(a) Huna
(b) Paradiso 17
(c) The Ministry of Time
(d) Orbital
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Paradiso 17

1. **Hannah Lillith Assadi** won the **Fiction** award for **Paradiso 17**.
2. The National Book Awards recognise different kinds of writing. Huna, a memoir by **Abdelrahman ElGendy**, won in **Nonfiction**.
3. **Salman Rushdie** received the Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, a separate career honour.

Q21. Which mobile application won Google Play's Best App award in India for 2026?

भारत में 2026 के लिए गूगल प्ले का बेस्ट ऐप पुरस्कार किस मोबाइल ऐप ने जीता?

(a) Adobe Premiere
(b) ibis Paint X
(c) Pocket FM
(d) FanCode
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Adobe Premiere

1. **Adobe Premiere** won the India Best App award for its mobile **video-editing** tools.
2. **Google Play** names separate winners for apps and games. Arknights: Endfield won **Best Game** and Best Story.
3. **Monument Valley** 3 received **Best Indie**, a category for independently developed games.

Q22. Which ministry organises the SVANidhi Samman Awards for support to street vendors?

रेहड़ी-पटरी विक्रेताओं को सहयोग देने के लिए स्वनिधि सम्मान पुरस्कार किस मंत्रालय द्वारा आयोजित किए जाते हैं?

(a) Ministry of Rural Development
(b) Ministry of Labour and Employment
(c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
(d) Ministry of Finance
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

1. The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** scheduled the 2026 ceremony for **20 November** in New Delhi.
2. It recognises contributions by **urban local bodies**, lenders and other partners that help **street vendors** access credit.
3. PM SVANidhi began on **1 June 2020** and provides working-capital loans. The restructured scheme extends to **March 2030**.