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Q. The International Youth Day (IYD) is marked every year on which day?

A) 11 August  
B) 12 August  
C) 10 August  
D) 9 August

Answer - B

- Every year, International Youth Day is observed on August 12.
- This year’s theme is “Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health”.
- According to the United Nations, this year’s theme highlights the crucial need for “inclusive support mechanisms that ensure youth continue to amplify efforts collectively and individually to restore the planet and protect life while integrating biodiversity in the transformation of food systems.”
- On this day, governments and citizens across the world come together to recognize and bring attention to the problems faced by the youth.
- In 1999, the United Nations decided to commemorate International Youth Day every year on August 12.
- The day is celebrated through various awareness campaigns, community concerts, and events to bring to notice the socio-economic and socio-political issues that the youth in every nation face.

Q. PM Modi has announced the launch of National Edible Oil Mission-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) scheme to make India self-reliance in edible oil. How much amount will be invested in the scheme approximately by the government?

A) Rs 15,000 crore  
B) Rs 20,000 crore  
C) Rs 5,000 crore  
D) Rs 11,000 crore

Answer - B
Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scheme on palm oil production called National Edible Oil Mission-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP), on August 09, 2021. The government will invest more than Rs. 11,000 crore, under the scheme, through the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm.

Q. The Malabar Naval Exercise is conducted annually between which of these countries?

A) India, Australia, US and Singapore  
B) India, US, Japan and Australia  
C) India, Japan, Sri Lanka and US  
D) India, US, Russia and Australia

Answer - B

The Quad country navies including, India, the US, Japan and Australia, will be conducting the annual Malabar naval exercises, from August 21, off the coast of Guam, in the Indo-Pacific.

Q. India will host the first-ever Internet Governance Forum (IGF), in October 2021. What will be the theme of the Forum?

A) Internet United  
B) Connect Faster  
C) Inclusive Internet for Digital India  
D) Internet for human resilience and solidarity

Answer - C

Objective:

- To generate discussions about policy formation related to the Internet.
- The forum will also become a starting point for identifying something that retards or halts the free movement and progress of Internet policies and trying to resolve this one by one.
The Indian Internet Governance Forum will work towards bringing various stakeholders together from different groups, considering all at par to discuss public policy issues related to the Internet.

About India Internet Governance Forum:

- The Indian Internet Governance Forum (IGF), is the Indian version of the United Nations-based ‘Internet Governance Forum (IGF)’, held annually since 2006.

Note:

- India is the second-largest broadband subscription country in the world and also has the highest data consumption per user per month.

About Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology:

- Founded: 1991
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Cabinet Minister: Ashwini Vaishnaw
- Secretary: Ajay Prakash Sawhney
- Minister of State: Surinderjeet Singh Ahluwalia

Q. Which among the following bank has launched ‘Para Champions Programme’ to provide support for Para-athletes to qualify for upcoming Paralympic Games?

A) Bank of Baroda          C) IndusInd Bank
B) Axis Bank               D) HDFC Bank

Answer - C

- The 21 para-athletes who are part of the IndusInd Bank’s ‘Para Champions Programme’ will represent the country at the 2020 Summer Paralympic Games to be held in Tokyo between 24 August and 5 September.
The programme was launched in 2015, in partnership with the GoSports Foundation with an objective to support para-athletes across various sports disciplines.

Overall, the Bank helps 43 para-athletes underneath its ‘Para Champions’ Programme, in collaboration with GoSports Foundation throughout 7 disciplines from 14 States by serving to them fulfil their vitamin, health and conditioning, medical assist in addition to home and worldwide coaching necessities.

About Indus Ind Bank:

- **IndusInd Bank** Limited is a new-generation Indian bank headquartered in Pune.
- The bank offers commercial, transactional and electronic banking products and services.
- IndusInd Bank was inaugurated in April 1994 by then Union Finance Minister Manmohan Singh.
- **CEO**: Sumant Kathpalia
- **Headquarters**: Pune
- **Owner**: Hinduja Group

Q. The DRDO successfully test-fired India’s first Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile, off Odisha Coast. Name the missile

A) Shaurya    
B) Prithvi    
C) Akash    
D) Nirbhay

**Answer - D**

About Nirbhay missile:

- Nirbhay is **India’s first Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM)**.
- It is a Long-range, all-weather, subsonic cruise missile.
- It can use both conventional and nuclear weapons of 200 to 300 kilograms.
- The missile can be launched from multiple platforms.
• The missile has a length of 6 metres, width of 0.52 metres, a wingspan of 2.7 metres and weighs about 1500 kg.

• Nirbhay is a subsonic missile, flying at a **speed of 7 to 0.9 Mach**

**Note:**

• The Nirbhay missile was first test fired from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur on March 12, 2013.

• It was tested for the ninth time.

**Recent News:**

• On July 23, 2021, India had also successfully test-fired the indigenously developed **New Generation Akash Missile (AKASH-NG)** in Balasore, Odisha.

**Launch Missile with range by DRDO IN NEWS**

• “Prithvi II”-350 Km
• “Brahmos”-400Km
• “Shaurya”-1000Km
• “Pranash”-200Km
• “K-4 nuclear”-3500Km
• “Nirbhay”: 1500Km
• **Agni P Ballistic Missile:** 1000 to 2000KM
• ‘Akash-NG’: 60KM

**About DRDO:**

• Founded: 1958
• Jurisdiction: India
• Headquarters: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi
• Annual budget: ₹11,375.50 crore (US$1.6 billion) (2021-22)
Subsidiary: Gas Turbine Research Establishment
Aircraft designed: Avatar, DRDO Nishant, DRDO Lakshya

**Ex-Malabar 2021: Quad Navies to undertake**

- The **Quad navies** will be conducting the **annual Malabar naval exercises**, from August 21, off the **coast of Guam**, in the Indo-Pacific.
- The harbour phase of the Malabar naval exercises is scheduled on August 21-24.
- While the sea phase of the annual exercise will be held on August 25-29.

**Objective:**

- To increase the interoperability of naval powers of the **four QUAD countries (India, US, Japan, Australia)**.
- Indian Navy will be represented by two surface combatants led by Guided Missile Destroyer INS Ranvijay and Frigate INS Shivalik along with maritime reconnaissance aircraft P8I, ASW helicopters and special forces

**Note:**

- The **last Malabar exercise** off the coast of Guam was held in 2018 with Japanese, Indian and US Navy participating in the advanced naval war games.

Q. Which state has announced the launch of a new IT sector award named after former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi?

A) Kerala  
B) Maharashtra  
C) Karnataka  
D) Punjab

**Answer - B**

**About the Award:**

- The **award** will be conferred upon **companies and institutions** for excellence in the IT sector.
• “The award will be given to the institutions that excel in the IT sector every year.

• This will be a lasting tribute to Rajiv ji for his pioneering work in the technology sector of the country”.

• Minister of state for Information and Technology Satej Patil informed the award will be given yearly on August 20, the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi.

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Maharashtra Governor, Bhagat Singh Koshyari has released the book ‘Majhi Bhint’ (My Wall) authored by Rajendra Darda

Usha Mangeshkar Honored with Gan Samragni Lata Mangeshkar award for 2020-21 by Maharashtra Govt

Maharashtra launches largest plasma therapy trial “Project Platina”

ADB and India inks USD 177 million loan for Maharashtra

Maharashtra Govt launches ‘My Family, My Responsibility’ campaign

Maharashtra partners with Google to deploy learning tools for online education

Bharat Air Fibre Services inaugurated in Maharashtra

Maharashtra government launches “Maha” Job portal

Maharashtra Govt introduced “Maha Parwana” plan to boost investment

Flood warning system “iFLOWS” launched in Mumbai Maharashtra

About Maharashtra:

- Maharashtra is a state in the western peninsular region of India occupying a substantial portion onf the Deccan Plateau.

- Maharashtra is the second-most populous state in India as well as the third-most populous country subdivision in the world.

- Capital: Mumbai

- Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari

- Chief minister: Uddhav Thackeray

- National Parks: Chandoli National Park, Gugamal National Park, Nawegaon National Park, Pench (Jawaharlal Nehru) National Park, Sanjay Gandhi (Borivali) National Park, Tadoba National Park

Q. The World Elephant Day is marked annually on_______

A) 12 August \hspace{1cm} C) 11 August
B) Second Sunday of August \hspace{1cm} D) Second Wednesday of August
Answer - A

- **World Elephant Day** is celebrated on **August 12 every year** to help protect elephants for maintaining the biodiversity of rainforests.

- This **theme** for this year’s World Elephant Day has **not been announced**; however, **last year it was ‘Haathi Hamara Saathi.’**

- This day is marked by **raising awareness about the difficulty of the elephants** in the forests and also finding out possible ways to protect them.

- The main aim of World Elephant Day is to make people **aware of better treatment of captive elephants** and against their illegal poaching and trade for ivory.

- World Elephant Day was launched to highlight the difficulty of Asian and African elephants, which face many threats like poaching, habitat loss, and conflict with humans and being mistreated in captivity.

Q. Dr Balaji Tambe, who has passed away recently at the age of 81 was a well known

A) Economist  
B) Ayurvedacharya  
C) Oncologist  
D) Classical Musician

Answer - B

- Renowned Ayurvedacharya **Balaji Tambe** passed away.

- He was 81.

About Balaji Tambe:

- Balaji Tambe was an **expert** in **Ayurveda, Yoga** and **music therapy**.

- Tambe was the **founder** of the **Atmasantulana Village** at Karla, near Lonavala in Pune district.

- He dedicated his entire **life to promote** and **popularize Ayurveda** and

- He did research on Ayurvedic medicine and Ayurvedic physiotherapy.
Dr Tambe had written several books on spirituality, Yoga and Ayurveda & his book ‘Ayurvedic Garbha Sanskar’ was very popular.

About Atmasantulana Village:

- Established in 1982
- It is one of the first and largest Ayurveda centers in India.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)?

A) Kuldiep Singh  
B) J B Mohapatra  
C) Rashmi R Das  
D) Kamlesh Kumar Pant

Answer - D

Q. Who among the following has been appointed as the first brand ambassador of Cashify?

A) Nawazuddin Siddiqui  
B) Sonu Sood  
C) Rajkumar Rao  
D) Manoj Bajpayee

Answer - C

Q. What is the theme for International Youth Day 2021?

A) Youth Engagement for Global Action  
B) Safe Spaces for Youth  
C) Youth Building Peace  
D) Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health

Answer - D

Q. Name the all-weather Earth Observation Satellite which has been failed to launch into the intended orbit onboard GSLV-F10

A) EOS-01 / EOS-01  
B) EOS-02 / EOS-02  
C) EOS-03 / EOS-03  
D) EOS-04 / EOS-04
Answer - C

About GSLV F10 EOS-03:

- The launch is tentatively scheduled on August 12, 2021, subject to weather conditions.
- EOS-03 is a state-of-the-art agile Earth observation satellite that will be placed in a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit by GSLV-F10.
- The satellite will reach the final geostationary orbit using its onboard propulsion system.
- A 4 metre diameter Ogive-shaped payload fairing is being flown for the first time in this GSLV flight.

About ISRO:

- **Founder**: Vikram Sarabhai
- **Founded**: 15 August 1969
- **Headquarters**: Bengaluru
- **Director**: Kailasavadivoo Sivan

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Q. Where is the headquarters of the “International Dairy Federation” (IDF) located?
A) Brussels, Belgium
B) Washington, D.C., United States
C) Bern, Switzerland
D) London, UK
Answer - A

Q. N'Djamena is the capital of which country?
A) Nigeria
B) Czech Republic
C) Chad
D) Guinea
Answer - D

Q. Who is the current Minister of Law and Justice of India?
A) Rajnath Singh
B) Kiren Rijiju
C) Prakash Javadekar
D) Narendra Singh Tomar
Answer - B

Q. In which Indian state is the “Dimapur Airport” located?
A) Odisha
B) Chhattisgarh
C) Sikkim
D) Nagaland
Answer - D

Q. With which sports is Tarundeep Rai associated?
A) Hockey
B) Boxing
C) Archery
D) Athletics
Answer - C

Q. When is the International Youth Day observed?
A) September 21
B) August 22
C) October 17
D) August 12

Answer - D

Q. Who is the author of the book “How the Earth Got Its Beauty”? 
A) Sudha Murty  
B) Shashi tharoor  
C) Aravind Adiga  
D) Jhumpa Lahiri

Answer - A

Q. “Eravikulam National Park” is situated in which state of India? 
A) Kerala  
B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Andhra Pradesh  
D) Karnataka

Answer - A

Q. What is the currency of Tajikistan? 
A) Sol  
B) Złoty  
C) Riyal  
D) Somoni

Answer - D

Q. The headquarters of the UCO Bank is located at __________. 
A) Mumbai  
B) Kolkata  
C) Chennai  
D) Pune

Answer - B

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