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Important days

1) World EMOJI Day is being Observed on July 17

World EMOJI Day :July 17

EMOJI Developed By : Shigetaka Kurita ,Japan



Highlights :

- Emoji Day is observed on July 17 and is a day of celebration of all emojis.
- World Emoji Day is celebrated to represent an idea or an emotion through electronic means.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? World Emoji Day

When? 17 july

Developed by ? Shigetaka Kurita

Recent News:

- World Justice Day : July 17

State

2) Andhra Pradesh govt to launch flagship startup promotion scheme



Highlights:

- The Andhra Pradesh government will launch a flagship startup promotion scheme **Accelerate Startups** in AP (ASAP) for early stage startups to offer **plug-and-play** office space.
- The state will also set up incubation centres at different notified places as part of the measures to develop a startup ecosystem

What? Accelerate Startups in AP (ASAP)

By? Andhra pradesh

AP

CM: Y S Jagan mohan reddy

Gov: Biswabhusan

Harichandran

Recent news

- Andhra Pradesh introduces SALT programme to transform foundational learning in government schools

3) 'Bonalu' festivities to begin in Telangana



What? 'Bonalu' Festival
Where? Telangana

Telangana

Capital: Hyderabad;
Governor: Tamilisai
Soundararajan;
Chief minister: K.
Chandrashekar Rao

Highlights:

- 'Bonalu' : A traditional folk festival celebrated every year in the **Telugu month of Ashadham** (falling in June/July) in the twin cities of **Hyderabad and Secunderabad**, and some other parts of **Telangana state**.
- The festival was declared a '**state festival**' by the K Chandrasekhar Rao-led government after the state's formation back in 2014.

Recent news

- Telangana AI Mission launched 'Revv Up'' to enable and empower **AI startups**.

AWARDS

4) Kajal Chakraborty wins Norman Borlaug National Award



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Norman Borlaug National Award

Who? Kajal Chakraborty

Highlights:

- **Kajal Chakraborty**, Principal Scientist at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has won the **Norman Borlaug National Award** for Excellence in Agricultural Research instituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- For his research efforts to develop a series of nutraceutical products from seaweeds to treat various lifestyle diseases including diabetes.

Recent news

- Journalist N N Pillai honoured with BKS Literary Award

National

5) IEA Report : Electricity Demand growing faster than RE Capacity



Highlights:

- According to 2021 “**Electricity Market Report** “ released by **International Energy Agency** the demand for electricity is growing faster than Renewable Energy production.
- Leads to increase in use of heavily **polluting coal** that threatens the efforts made by country to reach **carbon neutrality**.
- Demand of Electricity Expected to grow by **5 % in 2021**

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? Electricity Demand
Grow By ? 5%
Report By ? IEA**

IEA

HQ: Paris ,France

Head: Dr Fatih Birol

6) Tata Power ties up with HPCL to set up EV charging stations



Highlights:

- **Tata Power** has signed an agreement with **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL)** to provide **end-to-end EV charging stations** at HPCL's retail outlets (petrol pumps) in multiple cities and major highways across the country.
- Tata Power will provide EV charging infrastructure at HPCL pumps for EV users who can travel within cities & intercity.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

Who? Tata Power

Along with? HPCL

For what? end-to-end EV charging stations

Tata Power

CEO: Praveer Sinha.

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Recent News

- Tata Power partners with SIDBI to offer easy & affordable financing scheme for MSME

7) MeitY Enables Various Map Services In "UMANG App" With MapmyIndia



Highlights:

- The UMANG mobile app (**Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance**) mobile app launched by the Government of India that provides exposure to advanced services from different national and state-level bodies.
- **MeitY** (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) has allowed map services in the "UMANG App" through an MOU with **MapmyIndia** to improve the Digital India Program's endeavors under the concept of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat."

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

Who? Meity

Which app? UMANG

For what? Map services

Recent News

MeitY released the list of "Digital Payment Scorecard": Toped by **State Bank of India (SBI)**

International

8) US Navy hands over MH-60R multi role helicopters to India



Highlights:

- **United States Navy** has handed over first two **MH-60R Multi Role Helicopters (MRH)** to **Indian Navy** further strengthening the India-US defence relationship.
- These helicopters are considered as world's most advanced maritime helicopter.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MH-60R Multi Role Helicopters (MRH)

who? US Navy

To Whom ? Indian Navy

Recent News

- Indian Navy receives 10th Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft 'P-8I'

9) New Zealand chairs special APEC Meeting



Highlights:

- Special virtual meeting of Asia-Pacific trade group called **“Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)”** has been chaired by **New Zealand** .
- Leaders highlighted that, extensive COVID-19 immunization is a global public good and accelerating access to vaccines is essential in order to overcome health emergency.
- Leaders of APEC grouping vowed for redoubling efforts to expand vaccine manufacture and supply.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What?APEC Meting

Chaired by ? New Zealand

Recent News

- New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern Tops Fortune’s World’s 50 Greatest Leaders 2021

Organisation / Bank:

Bank of maharashtra

Headquarters: Pune

CEO: A. S. Rajeev

NABARD

Gov: G.R. Chintala

Hq: mumbai

CII

President: T. V. Narendran

Headquarters: new delhi

NCW

Chairperson: Rekha Sharma

HQ: delhi

BPR&D

DG: VSK Kaumudi

HQ: delhi

ICC

HQ: hague, the netherlands

Pres:Judge Piotr Hofmański

Country / State:

Kerala

Capital: thiruvananthapuram

CM: Pinarayi Vijayan;

Gov: Arif Mohammad Khan

UP

Capital: Lucknow;

Cm: yogi adithyanath

Gov: anandiben patel

Gujarat

Capital: Gandhinagar

Gov: Acharya Devvrat

Chief minister: Vijay Rupani

pakistan

Presi: Arif Alvi

Capital: Islamabad

Currency: Pakistani rupee

Minis/cons:

Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Narendra Singh Tomar.

Cons: Morena, Madhya Pradesh

External Affairs Minister

S Jaishankar

Cons: gujarat

Union Minister for education

Dharmendra pradhan

Cons: MP

Minister of Tribal Affairs.

Arjun Munda.

cons: khunti,jharkhand

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MapmyIndia