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Important days

1. World Hepatitis Day celebrated on 28th July

World Hepatitis Day : July 28

FIRST OBSERVED: 2010

By: WHO



Highlights :

- **World Health Organization** is observed on **28th July** every year as “**World Hepatitis Day**”.
- This day is celebrated to enhance awareness of viral hepatitis, an inflammation of the liver that causes a range of health problems, including liver cancer.
- The date of 28 July was chosen because it is the birthday of Nobel-prize winning scientist **Dr Baruch Blumberg**, who discovered the **hepatitis B virus (HBV)** and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? World Hepatitis Day
When? 28 July

WHO

hq: Geneva, Switzerland.

DG: Tedros Adhanom..

Recent News:

- World Nature Conservation Day: 28th July

Obituaries

2. Doyen of particle physics Steven Weinberg passes away



Passed Away : Steven Weinberg

Field: physicist

Born: new York, US

Highlights :

- The **US physicist Steven Weinberg**, who shared the **1979 Nobel Prize for Physics** for his theoretical contributions to the Standard Model of particle physics, died at aged 88.
- He was Awarded the Nobel prize for Physics for his discovery of the **Unified Theory of Weak and Electromagnetic Interactions.**

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

Who? Steven Weinberg

Field ? physicist

Born? new York, US

Recent News

- Ayurveda Medicine Doyen, Dr P K Warriar passes away

Appointments

3. Lebanon: Najib Mikati named new prime minister

appointed : Najib Mikati

as: PM of Lebanon

Party: Azm Movement

Replaces: Saad Hariri



Highlights:

- Billionaire businessman **Najib Mikati** was appointed as **Lebanon's new prime minister** on following binding parliamentary consultations with **President Michel Aoun**.
- Mikati ran virtually unopposed, receiving 72 votes, with former ambassador Nawaf Salam receiving just one vote. Forty-two MPs voted blank, and three MPs did not vote at all.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? PM of Lebanon
who? Najib Mikati

Lebanon

Capital: Beirut

curr: Lebanese pound

pres: Michel Aoun.

Recent News

- Ariel Henry to take over as new Haitian Prime Minister

4. Basavaraj Bommai elected as the new Chief Minister of Karnataka

Appointed : Basavaraj S Bommai

as: CM of Karnataka

Replaces: BS Yediyurappa



Highlights:

- The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) legislature party has unanimously elected Lingayat MLA **Basavaraj S Bommai** as the new **Chief Minister of Karnataka**.
- He will succeed **BS Yediyurappa**, who resigned.
- He will be sworn in as the **23rd Chief Minister** of Karnataka
- Prior to this, Basavaraj Bommai was the **Home Minister** in the BSY government.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? CM of karnataka
who? Basavaraj S Bommai

karnataka

cap: Bengaluru

Gov: thawarchand gehlot

Recent News

- BS Yediyurappa Resigns as Chief Minister of Karnataka

MOU

5. Avigna group signs MoU with Tamil Nadu government



Highlights:

- **Avigna Industrial & Logistics Park**, part of Chennai-based **Avigna Group** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Tamil Nadu** government for an investment of **Rs 837 crore**.
- The agreement has been signed to utilize the proposed investment to develop modern industrial development parks in various parts of Tamil Nadu in the coming years.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MOU with Avigna Group

By? tamilnadu

Tamilnadu

Capital: chennai

Gov: banwarilal purohit

CM: M K stalin

Avigna group

CEO: Abhijit Verma

Recent News

- Tamil Nadu received investment commitments to the tune of Rs 28,508 crore from 49 companies

Summits

6. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to attend SCO meet



Highlights:

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** will attend the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** meeting in **Dushanbe, Tajikistan**.
- but no bilaterals with his Chinese or Pakistani counterparts have been planned so far.
- In the annual meeting, defence cooperation issues among SCO member states are discussed and a communique is expected to be issued after the deliberations

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting

Who? Rajnath singh

Defence Minister

Rajnath singh

Cons: lucknow,UP

Recent news

- S Jaishankar will be in Tajikistan for the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) foreign ministers' meet.

Banking

7.RBI plans digital currency pilots soon



Highlights:

- The **Reserve Bank of India** is currently working on a phased implementation strategy for its own digital currency, **Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)**, and will launch it in the wholesale and retail segments soon.
- India is already a leader in digital payments, but cash remains dominant for small-value transactions.
- there are countries that have launched or are going to be launching digital currencies, including **Ecuador, Tunisia, Senegal, Sweden, Estonia, China, Russia, Japan, Venezuela, and Israel.**

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)

by? RBI

RBI

gov: shaktikant das

Headquarters: mumbai

Recent news

- RBI allows loans up to Rs 5 cr to other banks' directors

8.HDFC Bank launches up to Rs 10 lakh overdraft facility for shopkeepers, merchants



Highlights:

- **HDFC Bank** launched an overdraft facility for shopkeepers and merchants “**Dukandar Overdraft Scheme**” in partnership with the government’s e-governance services delivery arm CSC SPV that enables government schemes and services through common service centres (CSCs).
- HDFC Bank will approve an overdraft limit from a minimum of **Rs 50,000 to a maximum of Rs 10 lakhs** based on the statements. Importantly, HDFC Bank won’t seek **collateral security, business financials, and income tax returns from retailers** who apply for the scheme.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? “Dukandar Overdraft Scheme”

by? HDFC bank

HDFC bank

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

Headquarters: mumbai

Recent news

- IFC lends \$250 million to HDFC Ltd to boost green housing finance

International

9. Philippines becomes first country to approve Golden Rice for planting



Highlights:

- The **Philippines** was the first country in the world to get approval for the commercial production of genetically modified “**golden rice**”, a variety of rice enriched with nutrients to help reduce childhood malnutrition.
- The Golden rice has been developed by the **Department of Agriculture-Philippine Rice Research Institute (DA-PhilRice)** in partnership with the **International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)**, after spending nearly two decades.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? “golden rice”
by? **philippines**

philippines

Cap: **manila**

Pres: **Rodrigo Duterte**

Curr: **peso**

Recent News

- Philippines included in FATF grey list

10.Dholavira inscribed on UNESCO World Heritage List



Highlights:

- A Harappan-era metropolis, **Dholavira in Gujarat** has been inscribed on the **UNESCO World Heritage List**.
- Now Gujarat has three world heritage sites, **Champaner near Pavagadh, Rani ki Vav in Patan and the historic city of Ahmedabad**.
- Dholavira is now the **40th** treasure in India to be given.

**What? Dholavira in Gujarat
In? UNESCO World Heritage List**

UNESCO

**headquarters: Paris, France.
Head: Audrey Azoulay.**

Recent news

- Rudreswara Temple inscribed as India's 39th UNESCO World Heritage List

National

11. Govt to set up center for animation, visual effects, gaming



Highlights:

- The Union Government has decided to set up a **National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics** for creating a world-class talent pool in India to cater to the Indian as well as a **global industry**.
- It will be set up in collaboration with the **Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay**.
- In order to support skilled manpower in the **animation and VFX sector**, **Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute** and **Film and Television Institute of India** run courses on Animation and VFX.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics

by? GOI

Recent News

- Govt to set up Indian Institute of Heritage at Noida

12. Centre to invest Rs 324 crore to expand lab testing infrastructure



Highlights:

- **42 virology research and diagnostic laboratories** will be set up by the Central government. This will be set up under a central scheme during the period of 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- This project will cost **Rs324 crore**.
- The scheme falls under the Department of Health Research (DHR) of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- The primary aim of this scheme is to help boost the coverage of timely identification and diagnosis of viruses during an epidemic outbreak.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? virology research and diagnostic laboratories
by? Union government

Recent News

- Amit Shah inaugurates Greater Sohra Water Supply Scheme

State

13.Puri becomes India's first city to provide quality drinking tap water



Highlights:

- Puri has become the **first city in India** where people can avail high-quality drinking water directly from the tap on a **24-hour basis**.
- It has enabled the people of Puri to collect quality drinking water directly from the tap.
- Henceforth, people need not have to store or filter drinking water.
- The project would benefit **2.5 lakh** citizens of Puri and 2 crore tourists who visit the tourist place every year.
- Water fountains have been developed at **400 locations in Puri**.

What? drinking tap water
In? puri, odisha

odisha

cap: Bhubaneswar

CM: Naveen Patnaik

GOV: ganeshi lal

Recent news

- DRDO successfully flight-tests 'Agni P' Ballistic Missile off Odisha Coast

14.MP government made 'Devaranya' scheme to promote Ayurveda



What? Devaranya' scheme.
In? MP

MP

cap:bhopal

CM: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

GOV: Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel.

Highlights:

- In order to promote **AYUSH in Madhya Pradesh** and to link it with employment, the government has made the '**Devaranya' scheme**.
- The scheme has been made to provide employment to the people living in the tribal areas of the state.
- A complete value chain for the production of **AYUSH medicines** will be developed in the state through Devaranya Yojana.

Recent news

- Gwalior, Orchha district in Madhya Pradesh is under UNESCO's 'Historic Urban Landscape' project.

Organisation / Bank:

UNESCO

hq: Paris, France.

Head: Audrey Azoulay.

WHO

hq: Geneva, Switzerland.

DG: Tedros Adhanom..

Avigna group

CEO: Abhijit Verma

RBI

gov: shaktikant das

Headquarters: mumbai

HDFC bank

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

Headquarters: mumbai

Country / State:

Lebanon

Capital: Beirut

curr:Lebanese pound

pres: Michel Aoun.

karnataka

cap: Bengaluru

Gov: thawarchand gehlot

philippines

Cap: manila

Pres:Rodrigo Duterte

Curr:peso

odisha

cap: Bhubaneswar

CM: Naveen Patnaik

GOV: ganeshi lal

Tamilnadu

Capital: chennai

Gov: banwarilal purohit

CM: M K stalin

MP

cap:bhopal

CM: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

GOV: Mangubhai

Chhaganbhai Patel.

MINIS/CONS

Defence Minister

Rajnath singh

Cons: lucknow,UP

**1. CRPF observes 83rd Raising Day on 27
July: first observed??**

1939

**2. _____ Govt To Appoint Olympic Silver Medalist
Mirabai Chanu As Addl. SP**

Manipur

3. Uttar Pradesh and _____ join hands to revive MSMEs, distributes automation software

Sapio Analytics

4. National web portal for sharing R&D facilities _____ enters Phase-II

I-STEM

5. Who is on top of MRF Tyres ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings for batting ???

Mithali Raj