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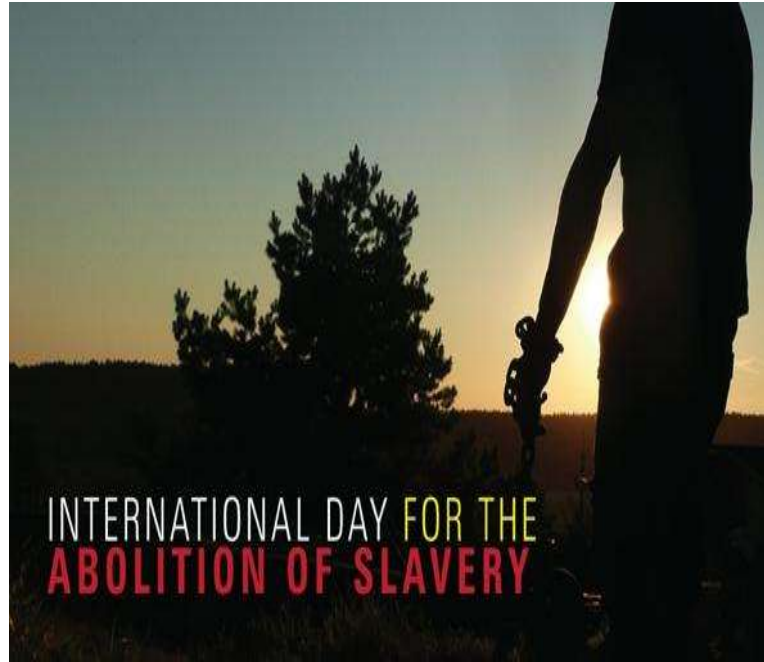
Important days

1. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition: August 23

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition : August 23

BY: UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

First observed: 1998



Highlights :

- UNESCO observes **23 August** every year as “**International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**”.
- The Day is observed to inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples.
- It is a day to honour the memory of the men and women who, in **Saint-Domingue in 1791**, revolted and paved the way for the end of slavery and dehumanization.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
When? 23 August

UNESCO

HQ: Paris, France.

Head: Audrey Azoulay.

Recent News:

- International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief : 23 August

Obituaries

2. Former UP CM Kalyan Singh passes away



Passed Away : Kalyan Singh

Field: former CM of UP

Born: atrauli,UP

Highlights :

- Former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, **Kalyan Singh** passed away.
- He had served as the CM of Uttar Pradesh twice — **June 1991 to December 1992** and **September 1997 to November 1999** and was the CM of UP during the demolition of the **Babri Masjid**.
- He's a two-time Member of Parliament and a former governor of **Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

Who? Kalyan Singh

Field ? former CM of UP

Born? atrauli,UP

Recent News

- Legendary athlete PT Usha's coach OM Nambiar passes away

3. Former India footballer Syed Shahid Hakim passes away at 82



Passed Away : Syed Shahid Hakim

Field: former India footballer

Born: hyderabad ,telangana

Highlights :

- **Syed Shahid Hakim, former India footballer** and member of the 1960 Rome Olympics squad, passed away.
- Hakim was conferred with the prestigious **Dhyan Chand award in 2017**.
- Hakim was also a regional director of Sports Authority of India and his last assignment was as project director in charge of scouting before the 2017 U-17 Fifa World Cup.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

Who? Syed Shahid Hakim

Field ? former India footballer

Born? hyderabad ,telangana

Recent News

- Former India defender Chinmoy Chatterjee passes away

Appointments

4. Senior BJP leader La. Ganesan appointed as new governor of Manipur

appointed : La. Ganesan

as: governor of manipur

Replaces: Najma Heptulla



Highlights:

- Senior BJP leader from Tamil Nadu **La. Ganesan** was appointed as the **new governor of Manipur**.
- The post of the governor had fallen vacant after the retirement of **Najma Heptulla** earlier this month.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? governor of manipur

who? La. Ganesan

manipur

Cap: Imphal

CM: N. Biren Singh

Gov: La.ganesan

Recent News

- Arunachal Pradesh Governor BD Mishra given additional charge of Mizoram

5.U Raja Babu appointed as RCI director

appointed : U.Raja babu

as: Director of RCI

Replaces: BHVS Narayamurthy



Highlights:

- An Outstanding Scientist and **Programme Director U. Raja Babu** has been appointed as **Director** of the Hyderabad-based **Research Centre Imarat (RCI)**. RCI is the premier avionics laboratory of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Missile Complex of DRDO in **Hyderabad**.
- BHVS Narayamurthy who was heading RCI until recently was appointed Director-General, missiles and strategic systems, DRDO.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Director of RCI
who? U.Raja babu

DRDO

chairman: G. Satheesh Reddy

HQ: new delhi

Recent News

- BARC appoints Nakul Chopra as CEO

Festival

6.Wanchuwa Festival in assam



Highlights:

- **Tiwa tribesmen** perform their traditional dance to celebrate the **Wanchuwa Festival** in Assam.
- **Tiwa** also known as Lalung is **indigenous community** inhabiting the states of **Assam and Meghalaya** and are also found in some parts of **Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur**.
- This festival is celebrated by Tiwa tribesmen to mark their **good harvest**.
- It comes with songs, dances, a bunch of rituals and people clad in their native attires.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Wanchuwa Festival
In? assam

Assam

cap: dispur

CM: himanta bishwa
sharma

Gov : jagdish mukhi

RECENT NEWS

- Onam is an annual harvest festival celebrated in the Indian state of Kerala.

Ranking

7. ARWU Rankings: IISc Bangalore, Calcutta university top institutes from India

index: Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2021

by: Shanghai Ranking Consultancy

top: harvard university

Highlights:

- The **2021 ARWU (Academic Ranking of World Universities)** released by **Shanghai Ranking Consultancy** is one of the premier and globally recognised rankings of higher educational institutions.
- According to the (ARWU) 2021 where **IISc Bangalore** is rated the **best university in the country** whereas **Calcutta university** stood at the **second place**.
- In the world universities, **Harvard University (US)** has been rated the **best university in the world** with **Stanford** and the **University of Cambridge** at the **second and third positions** respectively.



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2021
Top? harvard university

Shanghai Ranking Consultancy

Dir: Dr. Philip G. Altbach

RECENT NEWS

- Mumbai(106), Bengaluru(110) lose top-100 spots in QS Best Student Cities Ranking topped by london

Banking

8. Facebook launches “Small Business Loans Initiative” in India



Highlights:

- **Facebook India** has launched the “**Small Business Loans Initiative**” in India in partnership with the online lending platform **Indifi**.
- The objective of this initiative is to help **small and medium businesses (SMBs)** that advertise on Facebook to get quick access to credit/loans through independent lending partners.
- The programme will also enable small businesses to apply for loans without collateral through a quick online application.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Small Business Loans Initiative
by? facebook

Facebook

Hq: california,US
CEO: mark zuckerberg

Recent news

- Exim Bank to provide \$100 million loan to Mauritius for procuring defence items

9. Razorpay, Capital Float in partnership for 'buy now pay later' solutions



Highlights:

- Fintech startup **capital Float** has partnered with **Razorpay** to extend its '**buy now, pay later**' solution—**Walnut 369**—to all Razorpay-enabled online merchants.
- The partnership provides customers seamless and instant access to credit while shopping at leading direct-to-consumer brands.
- Using Walnut 369, customers can sign up while shopping, get approved instantly and pay for purchases over three, six or nine months. The one-click credit option brings convenience and affordability to customers, and increases order value for merchant.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Walnut 369
by? Capital float and razorpay

Razorpay

Hq: bengaluru, karnataka
CEO: Harshil Mathur

Recent news

- Kotak Mahindra Bank launches 'Neo Collections' Digital Repayment platform

National

10.Nirmala Sitharaman Launches National Monetisation Pipeline



Highlights:

- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** launched the Centre's ambitious **National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP)**, which is a four-year pipeline for those infrastructure assets that the government plans to monetise for generating funds.
- under NMP, the Centre is finalising **₹ 6 lakh crore** worth of infrastructure assets, including **national highways, mobile towers, stadia, railway stations as well as power grid pipelines** among other key assets, which it plans to monetise.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? National Monetisation Pipeline
by? Finance ministry

Union finance minister
Nirmala sitha raman
Cons: karnataka

Recent News

- Finance Ministry launched 'Ubharte Sitaare Fund'

11. Dharmendra Pradhan Dedicates Skill Development Institute In Bhubaneswar To The Nation



Highlights:

- Union Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated and dedicated the mega **model Skill Development Institute (SDI) Bhubaneswar** to the Nation.
- The Minister has also laid the foundation stone for the permanent campus of the Institute of Chemical Technology – Indian Oil Corporation (ICT-IOC) Bhubaneswar.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Skill Development Institute

by? Education ministry

Union education minister

Dharmendra pradhan

Cons: Deogarh, odisha

Recent News

- Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates Centre for Research & Innovation in AI set up at IIT-Hyderabad.

International

12. Dubai sets up money-laundering court to combat financial crimes



Highlights:

- **A new court** has been set up **in Dubai, UAE** to tackle **financial crimes**.
- Dubai Courts said the court would operate within the Court of First Instance and Court of Appeal, and focus on **combating money laundering**.
- It will aim to further raise the global competitiveness of the UAE and Dubai by reinforcing justice and transparency.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS
What? Court for money laundering
by? UAE

UAE

Cap: abu dhabi

Pres: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Curr: UAE dirham

RECENT NEWS

- India-UAE Navy undertakes bilateral exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021'

State

13. India's largest Floating Solar PV Project commissioned in Andhra Pradesh



Highlights:

- **NTPC** has commissioned the largest **floating solar PV project in India** of 25MW power on the reservoir of its **Simhadri thermal station in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.
- This is also the first solar project to be set up under the **Flexibilisation Scheme**.
- This scheme was notified by the Government of India in 2018. NTPC is also planning to set up a hydrogen-based micro-grid system on a pilot basis at Simhadri.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? floating solar PV project

In? andhra pradesh

Andhra pradesh

Capital: Visakhapatnam, Amaravati, Kurnool

CM: jagan mohan reddy

Gov: bishwabhusan hari chandran

Recent News

- Bank of Baroda inks MoU with Andhra Pradesh for 'fish andhra' scheme

14. India's highest herbal park inaugurated in Uttarakhand



Highlights:

- India's highest altitude **herbal park** has been inaugurated at **Mana village** in the **Chamoli district of Uttarakhand**.
- The herbal park is situated at a height of 11,000 feet and is close to the Indo-China border.
- Mana is the last Indian village in Chamoli bordering China and is adjacent to Badrinath temple.
- The herbal park has around **40** species found in high altitude alpine areas in the Himalayan region.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? herbal park
In? Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand

Capital: Dehradun, Gairsain

CM: Pushkar Singh Dhami

Gov: Baby Rani Maurya;

Recent News

- Uttarakhand unveils India's first earthquake mobile app

MOU

15.AMTRON, Israel's Corsight AI sign MOU for setting up Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence at Guwahati Tech City



Highlights:

- **Assam Electronics Development Corporation Limited (AMTRON)** has signed a tripartite **MOU** with an Israel based company, **Corsight AI** for establishing a strong Face Recognition Technology Development and Services portfolio along with setting up a Facial Recognition Center of Excellence (FR-COE) at Tech City, Guwahati.

What? MOU with corsight AI
who? assam

assam

Capital:dispur

CM: himanta biswa sharma

Gov: Jagdish Mukhi

Recent News

- ASSAM GOVT TO DEVELOP JORHAT CENTRAL JAIL INTO HERITAGE SITE

Organisation / Bank:

Razorpay

Hq: bengaluru,karnataka

CEO: Harshil Mathur

Facebook

Hq: california,US

CEO: mark zuckerberg

Shanghai Ranking Consultancy

Dir: Dr. Philip G. Altbach

UNESCO

HQ: Paris, France.

Head: Audrey Azoulay.

DRDO

chairman: G. Satheesh Reddy

HQ: new delhi

Minis/cons

Union education minister

Dharmendra prdhan

Cons: Deogarh,odisha

Union finance minister

Nirmala sitha raman

Cons: karnataka

Country / State:

assam

Capital:dispur

CM: himanta biswa sharma

Gov: Jagdish Mukhi

Uttarakhand

Capital: dehradun,gairsain

CM: Pushkar Singh Dhami

Gov: Baby Rani Maurya;

manipur

Cap: Imphal

CM: N. Biren Singh

Gov: La.ganesan

UAE

Cap: abu dhabi

Pres: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Curr: UAE dirham

Andhra pradesh

Capital:Visakhapatnam,

Amaravati, Kurnool

CM: jagan mohan reddy

Gov: bishwabhusan hari chandran

**1. India is observing the Sanskrit Week from August 19
to _____**

August 25

2. Govt forms 8-member committee for promotion of handloom sector headed by??

Sunil Sethi

3. BARC appoints _____ as CEO

Nakul Chopra

4. DMart's Radhakishan Damani enters Bloomberg's global top 100 rich list:: top??

Elon musk

5. Exim Bank extends soft loans worth USD _____ to Guinea

USD 210 mn