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12TH August - International Youth Day

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- In 1965, the UN General Assembly approved the declaration of promoting peace, mutual respect, and understanding between people, amongst the youth. The United Nations declared 12 August the International Youth Day in 1999, first celebrated on 2000.
 - Theme:- 'From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development.'

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President Murmu accorded Timor Leste's highest civilian award

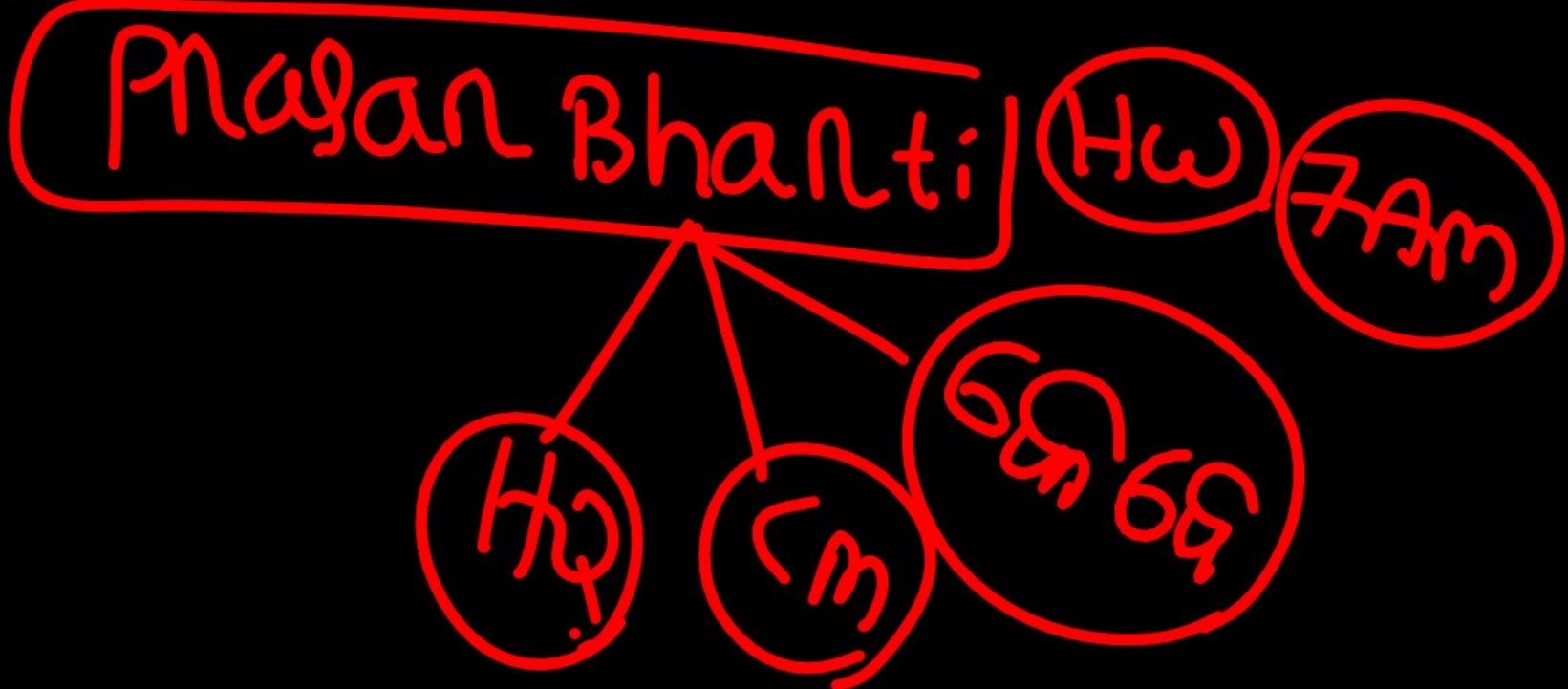
- **President Droupadi Murmu** was accorded the **Grand Collar of Order of Timor Leste**, the highest civil award by President Jose Ramos Horta at the Presidential Palace in Dili.

In Timor Leste, MoUs were exchanged on co-operation between Prasar Bharati and the Timorese public broadcaster, Radio Televisaun Timor Leste (RTTL), visa waiver for official and diplomatic passport holders and cooperation on cultural exchange programme.

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Indian Air Force contingent returns after successfully participating in Exercise Udara Shakti 2024 at Malaysia

- **Indian Air Force (IAF)** contingent returned to India after successfully participating in Exercise Udara Shakti 2024 in Malaysia's Kuantan. The joint air exercise was conducted in collaboration with the Royal Malaysian Air Force. Indian Air Force's **Su-30MKI** fighter jets engaged in air combat missions.

Harimau Shakti



India set to commission its **second nuclear-missile submarine**

- India is preparing to commission its **second nuclear-powered submarine, the INS Arighat**, which will be equipped with nuclear missiles for strategic deterrence. The INS Arighat, a 6,000-ton submarine built at the Vizag shipyard, is ready for commissioning after thorough trials and upgrades. It will join the INS Arihant, which has been operational since 2018.

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2020 - Japan
2024 - Paris
2028 - USA

Paris Olympics 2024: India Finish 71st as United States Top Final Medals Table

- **United States of America topped the Paris Olympics medal table after winning its 40th gold medal in the women's basketball final. While China also has 40 golds. USA was the only country to overtake the 100 medal count. Japan is placed third, followed by Australia and host France in the fourth and fifth spot, respectively.**



Neelakurinji that blooms once in 12 years included in Red List of threatened species

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) has listed Neelakurinji (Strobilanthes kunthiana) under Schedule III of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, including it on the list of protected plants. Those who uproot or destroy the plant will invite a fine of ₹25,000 and three years' imprisonment. The cultivation of Neelakurinji and its possession is not allowed.





Chhattisgarh Approves Country's Third Largest Tiger Reserve

- The Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve, which integrates an existing national park with a wildlife sanctuary, is Chhattisgarh's fourth reserve for the big cats. It spans 2,829 square kilometres across four northern districts of the state.

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MoU Signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda and Amity University to Promote Ayurveda Research and Education

- A significant **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi and Amity University, Noida, to collaborate on education, research, and technology. This MoU extends the ongoing five-year agreement with Amity University.

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MEA, NSIL sign MoU for grant assistance for the launch of Munal satellite

- The Ministry of External Affairs and ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) signed an agreement to grant assistance for the launching of the Nepal-built Munal satellite. The satellite aims to build a vegetation density database of the earth's surface. "This satellite expected to be launched soon on NSIL's Dolar Satellite Launch Vehicle,"

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Union Cabinet approves PMAY-U 2.0 scheme; One crore houses to be built for urban poor & middle-class families

- Financial assistance will be provided to one crore urban poor and middle-class families through states and Union Territories to construct, purchase, or rent a house at an affordable cost in urban areas in five years. The government will provide Rs 2.30 trillion in assistance under the scheme.



Youth creates World Record for performance of largest-ever Kashmiri folk dance at 'Kashur Riwaaj' cultural festival

- Youth of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district created a world record by registering their names to the **Universal Records Forum (URF)** for the largest-ever Kashmiri folk dance performed by **10,000 young women** at 'Kashur Riwaaj' cultural festival.





Paris Olympics 2024 Closing Ceremony to take place tonight at Stade de France

- The name given to the Closing Ceremony is 'Records'. For India, two-time Olympic medallists PR Sreejesh (Hockey Goalkeeper) and Manu Bhaker have been chosen as the flag-bearers for the Parade of Nations during the ceremony.





Abhinav Bindra receives the Olympic Order Award by International Olympic Committee in Paris

- The Olympic Order is the highest honour bestowed by the IOC, recognizing exceptional contributions to the Olympic Movement. Bindra won India's first individual Olympic gold in the Men's 10-meter Air Rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Games.

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IIT Indore Develops E-Shoes for Live Location Tracking

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore delivered 10 pairs of Tribo-Electric Nanogenerator (TENG)-based shoe sole energy harvesting units to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), which will help in live location tracking of jawans and can help improve the performance of athletes as well.





In Financial Year 24, 272 companies went public as compared to 164 in Financial Year 23: SEBI

- According to the sector-wise breakup on FPI investment, the report stated that out of the consolidated Rs 64.2 lakh crore equity assets held by FPIs, Rs 18.6 lakh crore were invested in financial services, followed by oil, gas, and consumable fuels (Rs 6.0 lakh crore), information technology (Rs 5.9 lakh crore), and automobile and auto components with Rs 4.8 lakh crore invested.





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1. "International Youth Day" is observed every year on -

A. 12th August

B. 13th August

C. 14th August

D. 15th August

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ANSWER-A

- **The International Youth Day** is observed on **August 12** annually to draw attention of governments and others towards youth issues worldwide.
- The theme of the International Youth Day 2024 is "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development."



2. "World Elephant Day" is observed every year on -

- A. 11th August**
- B. 12th August**
- C. 13th August**
- D. 14th August**

ANSWER-B

7 Am Odisha's major River

- **World Elephant Day** is observed every year on **August 12** globally for the preservation and protection of the global elephants.
- The official theme for World Elephant Day 2024 is "Personifying prehistoric beauty, theological relevance, and environmental importance".

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3. India has participated the "Exercise Udara Shakti 2024" in which country?

A. Philippines

B. Malaysia

C. Indonesia

D. Australia

ANSWER-B

- **The Royal Malaysian Air Force hosted Exercise Udara Shakti 2024 at its base in Kuantan, Malaysia, from 6th to 9th August 2024.**



4. Which country has announced the discovery of "Lingshui 36-1 gas field", the world's first large, ultra-shallow gas field in ultra-deep waters?

- A. Vietnam
- B. China
- C. Malaysia
- D. Philippines

ANSWER-B

- **China** has announced the discovery of the "Lingshui 36-1 gas field" in the South China Sea, marking it as the world's first large, ultra-shallow gas field in ultra-deep waters.



5. In which country was a 2,700-year-old "Etruscan cult temple" discovered?

A. Greece

B. Turkey

C. Italy

D. Egypt

ANSWER-C

- The 2,700-year-old Etruscan cult temple, or **Oikos**, was discovered at the Sasso Pinzuto necropolis in Tuscany, Italy.



6. Which country launched "Thousand Sails" satellite constellation to compete with SpaceX's Starlink?

- A. India**
- B. Russia**
- C. Japan**
- D. China**

ANSWER-D

➤ China has launched the "Thousand Sails" satellite constellation as a direct competitor to SpaceX's Starlink network.

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7. Which Indian was recently conferred with "Grand Collar of Order of Timor Leste"?

A. Droupadi Murmu

B. Narendra Modi

C. Sachin Tendulkar

D. Virat Kohli

ANSWER-A

- **President Droupadi Murmu** was honoured with the highest civilian award of Timor Leste Grand Collar of Order of Timor Leste, by **Timor Leste President Jose Ramos Horta**.



8. Who was India's male flag bearer at the closing ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic?

- A. Neeraj Chopra
- B. Swapnil Kusale
- C. PR Sreejesh
- D. Sarabjot Singh

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ANSWER-C

- India's hockey goalkeeper **PR Sreejesh** and **pistol shooter Manu Bhaker** were the **co-flag bearers** for India at the closing ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games on 11th August 2024.



9. Who is the Chairman of the 5-member of oversee situation on Bangladesh border?

A. Harish Dudani

B. Amit Negi

C. Vikas Lakhera

D. Ravi Gandhi

ANSWER-D

- The Indian government on 9th August, announced the formation of a five-member committee to monitor and assess the current situation along the **India-Bangladesh border**. The committee is to be chaired by Ravi Gandhi, Additional Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF), Eastern Command.



10. How many houses will be constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 scheme?

A. 1 crore

B. 2 crores

C. 3 crores

D. 5 crores

ANSWER-A

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 in a meeting on 9 August 2024. The total investment required under the PMAY-U 2.0 - scheme to build one core house is Rs 10 lakh crore over five years.



11. Recently 'HaatiApp' was launched in which state to reduce human-elephant conflict?

- A. Assam
- B. Odisha
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Odisha

ANSWER-A

- **Aaranyak, a leading biodiversity conservation organization in Northeast India, has unveiled a new mobile application aimed at reducing human-elephant conflict (HEC) in Assam and surrounding regions.**



12. Which institute has developed "e-shoes" for real-time location tracking?

A. IIT Indore

B. IIT Kanpur

C. IIT Delhi

D. IIT Madras

ANSWER-A

- **The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore** has developed innovative footwear for the Indian armed forces called Tribo-Electric Nanogenerator (TENG) which can not only generate electricity with every step but also provide real-time location tracking.



13. Which state formed a task force to remove encroachment in forests and Western Ghats?

- A. Andhra Pradesh**
- B. Tamil Nadu**
- C. Karnataka**
- D. Kerala**

ANSWER-C

Hull 7 Am Western Ghats.

- **Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre** announced the formation of a task force to remove illegal resorts and encroachments from the Western Ghats, covering 10 districts.



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14. Which Indian state replace "Good Morning" with "Jai Hind" in its schools?

- A. Punjab**
- B. Rajasthan**
- C. Uttar Pradesh**
- D. Haryana**

ANSWER-D

- Starting August 15, schools in Haryana set to greet students with "Jai Hind" instead of "Good Morning" to promote patriotism and national pride.



15. Which state govt partnered with UNICEF to promote fathers' involvement in encouraging breastfeeding?

- A. Kerala**
- B. West Bengal**
- C. Tamil Nadu**
- D. Maharashtra**

ANSWER-B

- The West Bengal government, in collaboration with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), has launched an initiative to encourage fathers to actively support and promote breastfeeding.





Important Questions

**16. Who has received the Pat Tillman Award
2024?**

- A. Damar Hamlin**
- B. Gretchen Evans**
- C. Prince Harry**
- D. Maya Moore**

ANSWER-C

Prince Harry has received the Pat Tillman Award 2024 for Service at the Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly (ESPY) Awards in USA.



17. Who has launched the 'One Scientist, One Product' scheme?

A. ICAR

B. AIIMS

C. FAO

D. WHO

ANSWER-A

On 16th July 2024, **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** has launched the **'One Scientist-One Product'** scheme, to revolutionize the landscape of agricultural and animal husbandry research in India.

Odisha
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18. India won the 2024 World Championship of Legends title by defeating which country?

- A. England**
- B. West Indies**
- C. Pakistan**
- D. Australia**

ANSWER-C

India Champions won the World Championship of Legends 2024 by defeating Pakistan Champions by five wickets in a match held at **Edgbaston** on July 13, 2024. The victory underscored the intense cricketing rivalry and competitive spirit between India and Pakistan, making the match highly anticipated and thrilling.



19. How many medals has India won in the 35th International Biology Olympiad?

- A. 3 medals**
- B. 1 medal**
- C. 4 medals**
- D. 5 medals**

ANSWER-C

- **The 35th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) in 2024 was organised from 7th to 14th July 2024 in Astana, Kazakhstan.**
- **The Indian team, which participated at the 35th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2024 achieved remarkable success, with one student winning a GOLD medal and three students securing SILVER medals.**



20. Who has been nominated for the 'Exceptional Bravery' award by the International Maritime Organization for rescue operations in the Red Sea recently?

- A. Vinod Ganatra**
- B. Avilash Rawat**
- C. K. Chokalingam**
- D. Subbaiah Nallamuthu**

ANSWER-B

Captain Avhilash Rawat and his crew from the oil tanker **Marlin Luanda** have received the 2024 International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

