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Daily Current Affairs
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New Species Of Flying Lizard Found In Mizoram

- **Mizoram's Flying Lizard Species** Has Been Officially Named As **Gecko Mizoramensis.**
- The Research For This Discovery Was Done Through A Collaborative Effort Between **Mizoram University** And The **Max Planck Institute For Biology In Tübingen, Germany.**
- The Study Detailing The Findings Of The Research On The Gliding Gecko Species Was Published In A Renowned German Journal On Herpetology.
- Specimens Of Gecko Mizoramensis Were Collected From Different Places Of Mizoram.
- It Include The Wildlife Sanctuary In Kolasib District, Dampa Tiger Reserve.
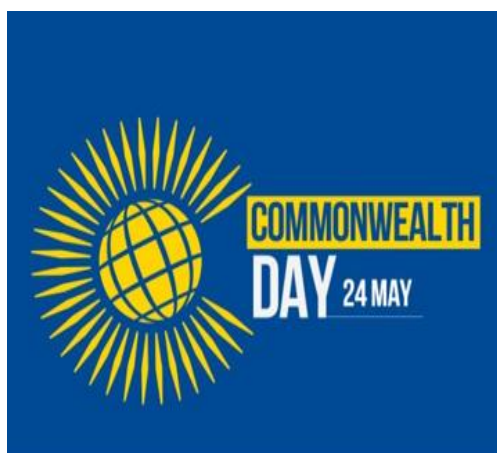

Indian Shooters Ganemat & Darshna Create History

- India For The First Time On 24 May Won Two Senior Individual Medals In Women's Skeet At **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup** Stage In **Almaty, Kazakhstan.**
- **Ganemat Sekhon** Won The **Silver,** His Second Ever Individual World Cup Medal.

- **Darshana Rathore** Won The **Bronze Medal** And This Was Her Debut Performance.
- **Asem Orinbay Of Kazakhstan** Won The **Gold Medal** Via Shoot-off.
- **Mairaj Khan, Gurjot Khangura And Anantjit Singh Naruka** Participated In The Men's Skit But None Made It To The Finals
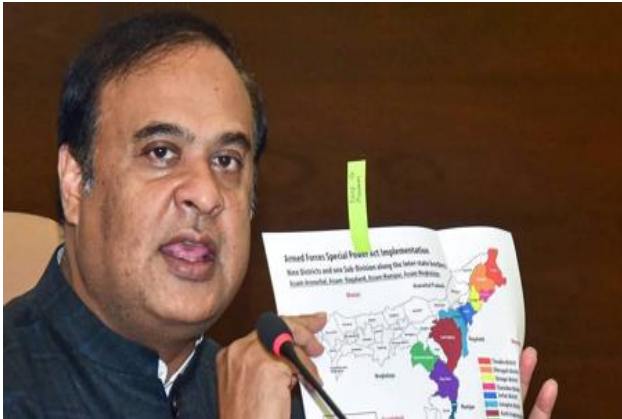

Indian Commonwealth Day - 24 May

- The Commonwealth Day Is A Global Celebration That Is Usually Celebrated On **13 March**, But **India And Some Other Countries** Celebrate It On **24 May.**
- The **Theme** For Commonwealth Day 2023 Is "**Forging A Sustainable And Peaceful Common Future".**
- It Aims **To Promote A Sense Of Shared Humanity And Solidarity.**
- Commonwealth Day Provides An Opportunity To Recognize And Acknowledge The Achievements Of The **54 Commonwealth Countries.**
- **In 1958,** Prime Minister **Harold Macmillan** Changed The Name Of The Event From **Empire Day** To **Commonwealth Day**
- It Was Started In **1902** To Pay Respect After The Death Of **Queen Victoria On January 22, 1901.**
- The **First Commemoration** Of Commonwealth Day Took Place On **May 24, 1902**, On The Occasion Of **Queen Victoria's Birthday.**
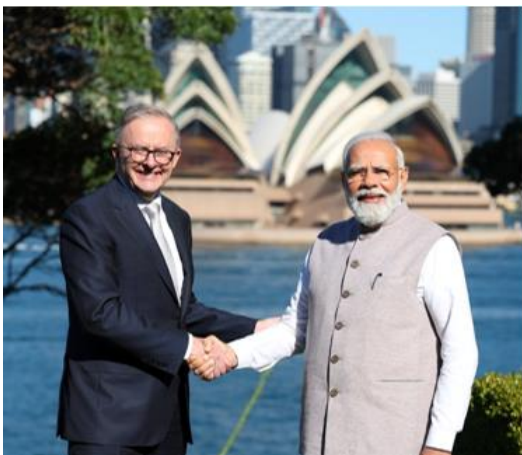- **In 1916**, Commonwealth Day Received Official Recognition As An Annual Celebration.

AFSPA To Withdraw Completely From Assam By December 2023

- Assam Chief Minister **Himanta Biswa Sarma** Has Said That A Target Has Been Set To **Completely Withdraw AFSPA From Assam By The End Of 2023.**
- The Government Aims To Address Concerns Of Human Rights Violations And Promote **Accountability And Transparency**.
- **AFSPA:**
- **AFSPA (Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act** Provides **Additional Powers** To The **Armed Forces** To **Maintain Law And Order** In Areas Affected By **Insurgency And Internal Disturbances**.
- It Was Implemented In The **Northeastern States** Of India (**Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Parts Of Arunachal Pradesh)** And **J&K.**
- AFSPA Gives The Armed Forces Wide Powers Including **Arrest, Search** And **Shoot** On **Suspicion In "Disturbed" Areas**.
- Provides **Legal Immunity** To **Armed Forces** Personnel For Their Actions During **Operations,** Making Accountability For **Human Rights Violations Difficult.**
- **Challenges**
- It Faces Criticism For **Human Rights Violations** & **Excessive Use Of Force By The Armed Forces.**
- Concerns Were Expressed By **Human Rights Organizations** Regarding **Abuses, Extrajudicial Killings And Torture.**
- **Lack Of Accountability** & **Transparency** Due To The Wide **Powers & Immunity** Given To The **Armed Forces**
- **Launched In 1958** To Address The **Naga Insurgency In Nagaland,** Later Expanded To Other Areas.
- In **2020, AFSPA** Was Repealed In **Jammu And Kashmir**, Which Is Now Governed Under The **Jammu And Kashmir Reorganisation Act.**

India And Australia Sign Major Agreements

- **The Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) Was Exchanged After A Bilateral Meeting Between Prime Minister Narendra Modi And His Australian Counterpart Anthony Albanese In Sydney.**
- **Prime Minister Modi** Invited **Prime Minister Albanese** And **Australian Cricket Fans** To India For The Cricket **World Cup**.
- Prime Minister Albanese Announced The Establishment Of A New **Australian Consulate General** In **Bengaluru** To Link Australian Businesses To **India's Digital And Innovation Ecosystem**

Ireland Becomes 1st Country To Introduce Health Warnings On Alcohol

- Ireland's Health Minister, Stephen Donnelly, Signed New Regulations On May 22 That Will Carry Warnings About The Health Risks Of Drinking Alcohol, As Well As The Product's Calorie Count.

- This Aims To Raise Awareness About The Potential Health Risks Associated With Alcohol Consumption.
- Health Warnings Include Liver Disease, Heart Problems, Increased Risk Of Cancer, Mental Health Problems And Other Associated Risks.
- By Emphasizing The Risks And Potential Harms Associated With Alcohol Consumption On Alcohol Packaging, Youth Can Be Deterred From Drinking At An Early Age

Review Questions

1. **Nandaprayag Lies At The Confluence Of The ___ & ____.**
A. Alaknanda River and Dhauli Ganga River
B. Alaknanda River and Bhagirathi River
C. Alaknanda River and Nandakini River
D. Alaknanda River and Mandakini River
ANSWER: C

2. **Rudraprayag Lies At The Confluence Of The ___ & ____.**
A. Alaknanda River and Bhagirathi River
B. Alaknanda River and Dhauli Ganga River
C. Alaknanda River and Nandakini River
D. Alaknanda River and Mandakini River
ANSWER: D

3. Karnaprayag Lies At The Confluence Of The ___ & ____

A. Pindar Ganga And Bhagirathi River

B. Alaknanda River And Pindar Ganga River

C. Pindar Ganga And Nandakini River

D. Pindar Ganga And Mandakini River

ANSWER: B

4. NH-275 Lies Between _____.

A. Kochi, Kozhikode, Kollam

B. Telangana, Warangal & Sambalpur

C. Bengaluru, Nidaghatta, And Mysuru

D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: C

5. World's Longest Railway Platform Is In _____.

A. Gorakhpur

B. Hubballi

C. Kharagpur

D. Varanasi

ANSWER: B

6. Indonesia Shifts Capital From Jakarta To _____.

A. Nusantara

B. Sumatra

C. Java

D. Kalimantan

ANSWER: A

7. Borneo Island Is The ____ Largest Island In The World.

A. 2nd

B. 1st

C. 3rd

D. 4th

ANSWER: C

8. Silicon Valley Bank Collapse Due To ___

A. The Widespread Slowdown In The Startup Industry Led To High Deposit Withdrawals
B. The Increase In Interest Rates By The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp
C. None Of The Above
D. Both A And B

ANSWER: D

9. India Is The __ Largest Trading Partner For The USA

A. 3rd
B. 9th
C. 7th
D. 2nd

ANSWER: B

10. _____ Is The Largest Trading Partner For The India.

A. Australia
B. China
C. Israel
D. USA

ANSWER: D

11. India-US 5th Commercial Dialogue Meeting Held In _____

A. Mumbai
B. New Delhi
C. Ahmedabad
D. Jaipur

ANSWER: B

12. Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda Was Born In _____

A. Mysuru
B. Bengaluru
C. Sivamogga
D. Ballari

ANSWER: B

13. Vijayanagar Empire Was Founded By _____

A. Krishna Dev Raya

B. Deva Raya 2

C. Virupaksha

D. Harihara

ANSWER: D

14. World Kidney Day 2023 Is Observed On _____

A. 9 March

B. 10 March

C. 11 march

D. 12 March

ANSWER: A

15. What Is The Theme Of World Kidney Day 2023?

A. Kidney Health For Everyone – Preparing For The Unbearing, Supporting The Vulnerable

B. Kidney Health For Everyone – Preparing For The Unexpected, Supporting The Vulnerable

C. Kidney Health For Everyone – Preparing For The Unexpected, Service The Vulnerable

D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: B

16. Recently, Yaoshang Festival Started In _____.

A. Ladakh

B. Tripura

C. Meghalaya

D. Manipur

ANSWER: D

17. Nokrek National Park Is In _____

A. Nagaland

B. Meghalaya

C. Ladakh

D. Karnataka

ANSWER: B

18._____ Becomes Qatar's New Prime Minister
A. Sheikh Al - Sisi
B. Sheikh Salman
C. Sheikh Tamim
D. Sheikh Mohammed
ANSWER: D

19._____ Becomes Qatar's New Prime Minister
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ANSWER: D

20.23rd Commonwealth Law Conference Started In _____
A. Indore
B. Goa
C. Kolkata
D. Durgapur
ANSWER: B

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