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International Day for Disaster Reduction

- The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction was started in **1989**, after a call by the **United Nations General Assembly**.
- To promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction.
- Held every 13 October, the day celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face.
- To mobilize action, the UN agency is raising awareness of the brutal inequality of disasters.
- It calls for **fighting inequality for a resilient future**, which is the theme of the 2023 observance.



India-China held 20th Commander Level Meeting

- The 20th round of **India-China Corps Commander** Level Meeting was held at **Chushul-Moldo** border meeting point on the Indian side on 9th and 10th of this month.
- The two sides exchanged views in a frank, open, and constructive manner for an early and mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues along the LAC in the Western Sector in accordance with the guidance provided by the national leadership of the two countries.

- India and China agreed to maintain the momentum of dialogue and negotiations through the relevant military and diplomatic mechanisms.
- They also committed to maintaining peace and tranquility on the ground in the border areas in the interim.

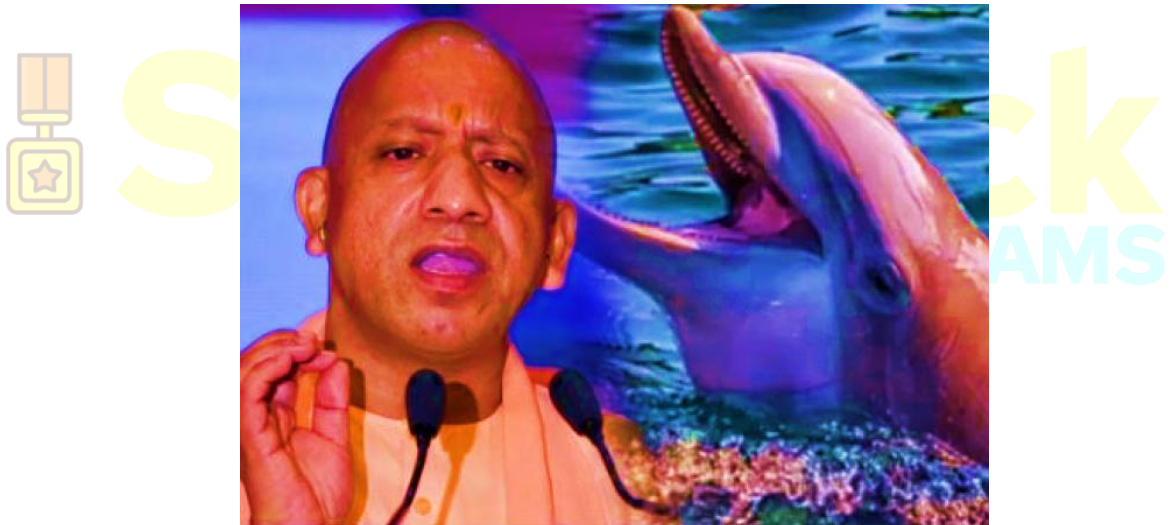


UP Declares Gangetic Dolphin as State Aquatic Animal

- In a significant announcement, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has officially designated the **Gangetic Dolphin as the state's aquatic emblem**.
- This bold move underscores the critical importance of preserving these extraordinary creatures and safeguarding the pristine habitats they call home, namely the state's rivers and ponds.
- Uttar Pradesh's decision to honor the Gangetic Dolphin with the title of state aquatic symbol and the launch of the "**Meri Ganga Meri Dolphin 2023**" campaign stand as resounding evidence of the government's unwavering dedication to wildlife conservation, environmental sustainability, and the imperative task of increasing awareness about the crucial role of maintaining the purity of our rivers and ponds.



- These initiatives collectively contribute to the broader mission of protecting India's incredibly diverse biodiversity and its ecological legacy.
- Gangetic dolphins represent a **unique and endangered species** that inhabit rivers like the **Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti, and Gerua**.
- Their presence carries profound significance as they serve as **sensitive indicators of river health**, profoundly affected by water quality. Therefore, their conservation efforts are nothing short of pivotal for the overall health of the ecosystem.
- Under the banner of the "Meri Ganga Meri Dolphin 2023" campaign, a comprehensive initiative has been set in motion to ensure the protection of the Gangetic Dolphin.
- This multifaceted campaign includes the crucial task of **conducting population counts** of these remarkable creatures along the Ganga River, spanning from the Muzaffarpur Barrage to the entire Narora Barrage.



Manikanta H Hoblidhar Set New National Record

- The 62nd National Open Athletics Championships 2023 commenced with a dazzling start in Bengaluru, as **Manikanta Hoblidhar** from Services etched his name into the annals of history by shattering the **national record in the men's 100m** category.
- In the semi-finals of the **Men's 100m event**, Manikanta Hoblidhar launched himself from the third lane with extraordinary speed and unwavering determination.

- With a burst of power, he surged to victory, crossing the finish line in the coveted first place, clocking a remarkable time of **10.23 seconds**.
- In this remarkable feat, Manikanta Hoblidhar outperformed the previous national record of **10.26 seconds, a record held by Amiya Kumar Mallick** since April 2016.



NTPC Only Indian PSU In Forbes World Best Employers

- India's largest integrated energy conglomerate, **NTPC Limited**, has been recognized as one of the **"World's Best Employers 2023"** in the Forbes World's Best Employers list 2023.
- It ranked **261st out of top 700** companies in the World ranking and is the only Indian PSU to figure in the list.
- This is a testimony that the people practices at NTPC are at par with the top companies in the world.
- Every year Forbes publishes the **World's Best Employers List** through independent market research to identify top 700 companies which offer exciting working and a positive environment, opportunities for training and career advancement, employee benefits, employee centric and workplace diversity.
- Forbes partnered with market research firm **Statista** to create the seventh annual list of the World's Best Employers this year.
- This recognises NTPC's progressive and **"People before PLF"** approach, excellence in development and management of its Human Resources through continuous process improvement, creating a caring, learning and engaging workplace, employee well-being and care and creating a meaningful,

collaborative employee experience by putting the needs of employees first and adopting people practices aligned strategically to business needs.



India To Host 141st International Olympic Committee

- India is set to host the **141st International Olympic Committee (IOC)** meeting in Mumbai.
- The 141st IOC Session will be held from **15 to 17 October** in **Mumbai**, India, with the Opening Ceremony to be held on the 14th.
- IOC President **Thomas Bach** has already reached Mumbai and he will lead the Executive Board meeting.
- Mr. Bach said, this is an important moment for India as it will offer the country an opportunity to showcase its preparedness to host major global sporting events like the Olympics. He said that this meeting is important for India as this will determine cricket's chances in the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028.
- The IOC session, held annually, is the meeting of the members of the International Olympic Committee, and important decisions regarding the sporting event are taken at the meeting. The members and the representatives from various countries discuss matters pertaining to host cities and any changes to the Olympic Charter for the upcoming events at these sessions.



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141st Session

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Udangudi Panangrupatti

- Recently, Udangudi 'Panangrupatti' (palm jaggery/ gur) from Tamil Nadu has received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The palm jaggery preparation procedure in this area is traditional till date without inclusion of any additional modern strategies.
- Uniqueness:
- The karupatti prepared from the palm sap from the region around Udangudi in Tiruchendur taluk in Thoothukudi district has some uniqueness.
- This is due to the presence of red sand dune soil found in the region.
- This soil holds less groundwater. The moisture content in the atmosphere is less because of the dry climatic condition, which leads to high sucrose content, in turn adding taste.
- The region's dry climate is also suitable for storage of karupatti for a longer duration.
- No chemical additives like Triple super phosphate and phosphoric acid are used in its preparation.



4th Asian Para Games

- Union Ministers Shri Hardeep S Puri and Shri Anurag Singh Thakur grace send-off ceremony of athletes for 4th Asian Para Games
- **Indian Oil Supports Para Athletes** in their quest for glory at the 4th Asian Para Games . In a remarkable feat, India will participate in seventeen disciplines, including five sports — Canoe, Blind Football, Lawn Bowls, Rowing, and Taekwondo.
- In an unprecedented display of support and encouragement, the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) and IndianOil Corporation Limited came together to empower and encourage the contingent of **309 athletes**, including 196 male and 113 female athletes for the 4th Asian Para Games to be held at **Hangzhou, China, from 22-28 October 2023**.
- The send-off ceremony was graced by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and information & Broadcasting, Shri Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil and senior officials of PCI.



Krish, Trish, and Baltiboy – Bharat Hain Hum”

- Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur has launched the trailer of “**Krish, Trish, and Baltiboy – Bharat Hain Hum**”, an animated series consisting of two seasons,

produced by **Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Graphiti Studios.**

- The series consists of 52 episodes, 11 minutes each, featuring stories from Indian Freedom struggle from 1500s to 1947. The series is hosted by the iconic animated characters Krish, Trish and Balti boy. The series has been created by the creator duo of Munjal Shroff and Tilakraj Shetty from Graphiti Studios.
- The series is an effort to educate the youth about the lesser known but significant contributors of the freedom struggle, contributors who were forgotten by the education system of the past.
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting decided to create a campaign to raise awareness amongst the children of India about our glorious Freedom Struggle and the numerous heroes across the country who made the supreme sacrifice for our country.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The International Day For Disaster Risk Reduction Observed

- A. 10th October
- B. 13th October
- C. 20th October
- D. 25th October

ANSWER: B

2. The Objective Of The International Day For Disaster Risk Reduction

- A. To Commemorate Past Disasters
- B. To Raise Awareness About Disaster Risks
- C. To Celebrate Disaster Resilience
- D. To Promote Tourism In Disaster-prone Areas

ANSWER: B

3. The Theme Of The 2023 International Day For Disaster Reduction

- A. Global Unity for Disaster Relief
- B. Inequality for Resilient Future
- C. Disaster Preparedness and Response
- D. Climate Change Awareness

ANSWER: B

4. The 20th India-China Corps Commander Level Meeting Held

- A. Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chushul-Moldo
- D. Beijing

ANSWER: C

5. State Declared Gangetic Dolphin As The State's Aquatic Emblem

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Rajasthan

ANSWER: B

6. Why Is The Conservation Of Gangetic Dolphins Important

- A. They Are A Source Of Food
- B. They Are Sacred In Indian Culture
- C. They Are Indicators Of River Health
- D. They Are A Tourist Attraction

ANSWER: C

7. Dr Shanta Thoutam Is Chief Innovation Officer Of Which State

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana
- C. Odisha
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: B

8. Who Set A New National Record In The Men's 100m Category At The 62nd National Open Athletics Championships 2023

- A. Amiya Kumar Mallick
- B. Manikanta Hoblidhar
- C. Hussain Akhtar
- D. Hima Das

ANSWER: B

9. Indian Company Recognized As "World's Best Employers 2023" By Forbes

- A. Reliance Industries
- B. TCS (Tata Consultancy Services)
- C. NTPC Limited
- D. Infosys

ANSWER: C

10. Where Will 141st International Olympic Committee Meeting Held

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Mumbai, India
- C. Beijing, China
- D. Los Angeles, USA

ANSWER: B

11. Udangudi Panangkarupatti Found In Which State

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. West Bengal
- D. Jharkhand

ANSWER: A

12. The Significance Of Udangudi 'Panangkarupatti' Receiving A GI Tag

- A. It Is Made Using Modern Strategies
- B. It Is The Only Jaggery Made In Tamil Nadu
- C. It Has Unique Characteristics Due To The Region's Soil And Climate
- D. It Contains Chemical Additives For Flavor

ANSWER: C

13. Who Launched Trailer Of "Krish, Trish, And Baltiboy – Bharat Hain Hum,"

- A. Shri Anurag Thakur
- B. Shri Hardeep Singh Puri
- C. Shri Narendra Modi
- D. Amitabh Bachchan

ANSWER: A

14. Rivers In India Are Mentioned As Habitats For Gangetic Dolphins

- A. Ganga, Yamuna, and Brahmaputra
- B. Ganga, Yamuna, and Chambal
- C. Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Godavari
- D. Ganga, Indus, and Kaveri

ANSWER: B

15. Who Came Together To Empower And Encourage The Contingent Of Athletes For The 4th Asian Para Games

- A. Indian Oil Corporation Limited And Paralympic Committee Of India
- B. Indian Olympic Association And Central Bureau Of Communication
- C. Ministry Of Youth Affairs & Sports And Ministry Of Information And Broadcasting
- D. Ministry Of Petroleum And Natural Gas & Ministry Of Housing And Urban Affairs

ANSWER: A

16. Aim Of Animated Series "Krish, Trish Baltiboy – Bharat Hain Hum"

- A. To Promote Cricket In India
- B. To Entertain Children With Animated Characters
- C. To Educate Youth About Forgotten Heroes Of The Freedom Struggle
- D. To Create A Campaign For Indian Athletes

ANSWER: C

17. Who Won The 2023 Nobel Prize In Economic Sciences

- A. Claudia Goldin
- B. Paul Krugman
- C. Joshua Angrist
- D. Ben Bernanke

ANSWER: A

18. When Is World Post Day Celebrated

- A. October 8th
- B. October 10th
- C. October 9th
- D. October 7th

ANSWER: C

19. Which Country Did India Sign An MOU With For Green Hydrogen

- A. Australia
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. United States
- D. Canada

ANSWER: B

20. When Is Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day Celebrated

- A. October 10th
- B. October 9th
- C. October 8th
- D. October 7th

ANSWER: B

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