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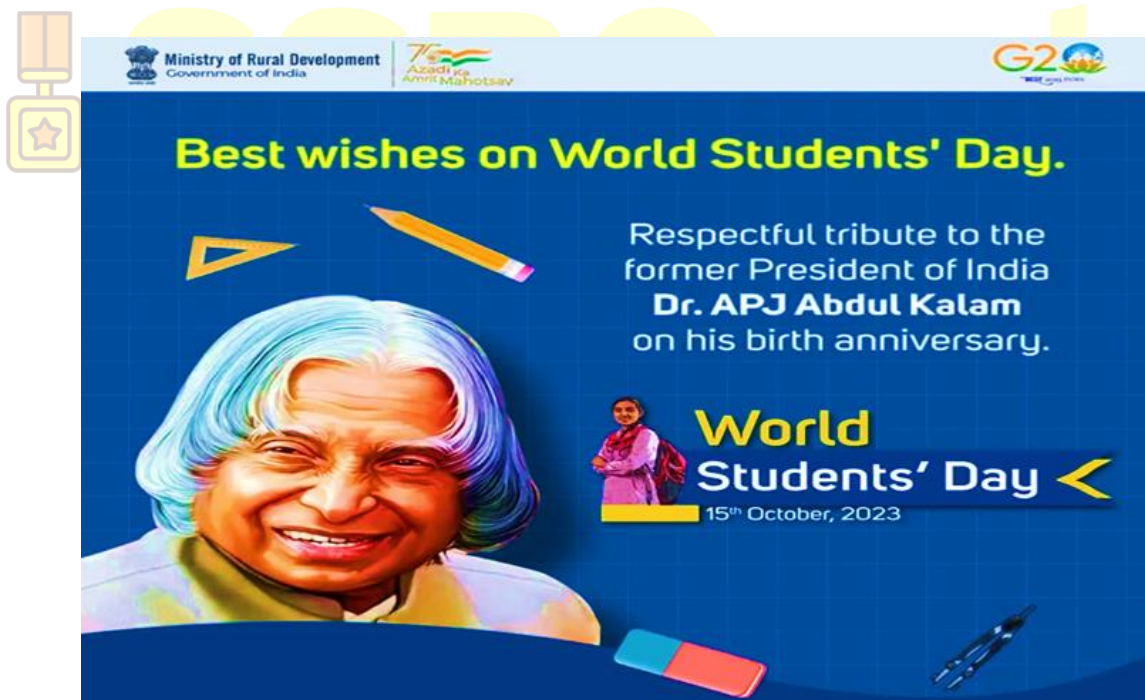
World Food Day

- World Food Day is an international day celebrated every year worldwide on October 16 to commemorate the date of the **founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization** in 1945.
- The **Theme of World Food Day** is - Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind. "Water is essential to life on Earth.
- It covers the majority of the Earth's surface, makes up over 50% of our bodies, produces our food, and supports livelihoods.
- The day is celebrated widely by many other organizations concerned with hunger and food security, including the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.
- World Food Day (WFD) was established by FAO's Member Countries at the Organization's 20th General Conference in **November 1979**.



World Students Day

- The **United Nations** officially designated **October 15** as World Students Day in **2010**.
- This date holds special significance as it is the **birthdate of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**.
- World Students Day is being celebrated in the country to mark birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, the **11th president** of the country.
- Dr APJ Abdul Kalam also known as the ‘Missile Man’ of India was born on the 15th of October, 1931, in **Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu**.
- From the small village of Ramesharwam to the Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi, Dr Kalam’s life story has inspired millions of people.
- The Theme for World Students Day 2023 is **“FAIL: stands for First Attempt in Learning.”**
- This theme, introduced by the Ministry of Education and the Government of India, aims to motivate students to embrace failure as a learning experience and continue their educational journey.



India & Sri Lanka Resume Ferry Service After 40 Years

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India and Sri Lanka are embarking on a new chapter in diplomatic and economic relations. He was addressing the launch of ferry services between **Nagapattinam, India and Kankesanthurai**, Sri Lanka.
- Mr. Modi said, the launch of a ferry service between Nagapattinam and Kankesanthurai is an important milestone in strengthening the relations as both countries share a deep history of culture.
- He also spoke about Sangam age literature like Pattinappalai and Manimekalai which describe the movement of boats and ships between the two countries.
- He also touched upon the great poet Subramania Bharti's song '**Sindhu Nadhiyin Misai**', which mentions a bridge connecting India and Sri Lanka.
- Srilankan President Ranil Wickramasinghe expressed happiness at India's initiatives in helping the island Nation in resuming the ferry service.
- He said that the connectivity which was stopped during the war in the island Nation has resumed after peace returned.



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Asian Women's Hockey Championship

- Chief Minister Hemant Soren unveiled the **mascot- Juhi** and the trophy of **Asian Women's Hockey Championship in Ranchi**.
- Around 13 countries will take part in the international hockey championship beginning from October 27 to November 14 in Ranchi.
- On the occasion, Mr. Soren thanked Mohd Taiyab Ekram, President of International Hockey Association and **Mr Dilip Tirkey**, President of Hockey India to organise the **international sporting event in Jharkhand**.

- The Women's Asian Champions Trophy is a **biennial women's international field hockey competition** contested by the best five women's national teams of the member associations of the Asian Hockey Federation.



World Health Summit 2023

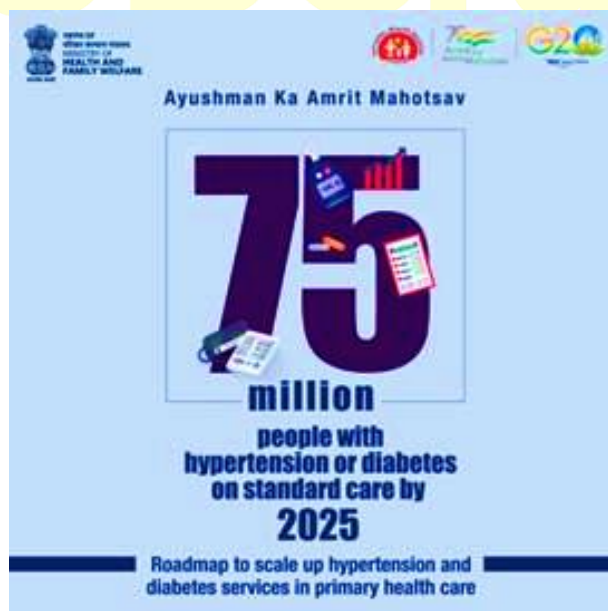
- The World Health Summit is the **unique international strategic forum for global health**. Held **annually in Berlin**, it brings together stakeholders from politics, science, the private sector, and civil society from around the world to set the agenda for a healthier future by inspiring innovative solutions for better health and well-being for all.



- The World Health Summit 2023 under the theme "**A Defining Year for Global Health Action**" takes place from October 15-17 in Berlin, Germany and online.



- Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar from India delivers keynote on “**Scaling up Integration of NCDs in Primary Care** .” India emphasizes the need for a comprehensive strategy which includes preventive measures, early discussion and efficient management with the aim of **reducing the prevalence and impact of NCDs** on the well-being of our citizens.
- “India has launched the **75/25 initiative**, aimed at screening and providing standard of care for **75 million individuals** with **hypertension and diabetes by 2025**. It marks the most extensive expansion of NCDs in primary healthcare globally”



PM Modi congratulates Raunak Sadhwani

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated **Raunak Sadhwani** on his victory at the FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship 2023 Italy.



- In a social media post, Mr Modi said that his strategic brilliance and skills have left the world in awe and made the nation proud.
- He hoped that Sadhwani will keep inspiring the youth of the country with his achievements.

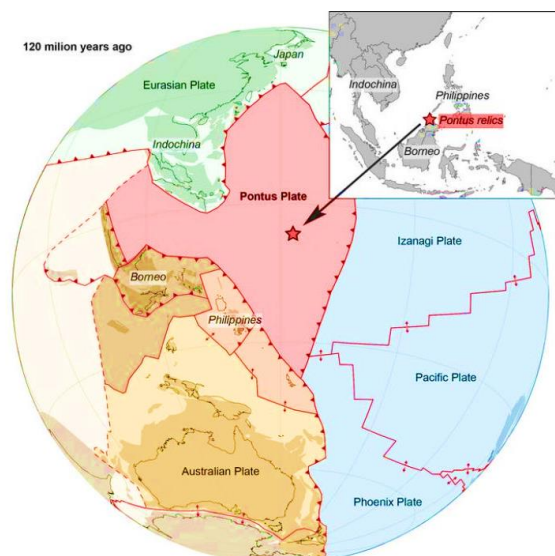
ICICI Bank Introduces 'iFinance,'

- ICICI Bank has recently launched '**iFinance**,' a revolutionary feature that is set to change the way millions of customers, including retail clients and sole proprietors, manage their finances.
- This innovative service empowers customers **to consolidate their savings** and current accounts from multiple banks into one convenient location.
- The '**iFinance**' feature is available through ICICI Bank's digital platforms, including the iMobile Pay app, Retail Internet Banking (RIB), Corporate Internet Banking (CIB), and InstaBIZ, the Bank's mobile app designed for businesses.



Pontus Tectonic Plate

- A long-lost tectonic plate dubbed '**Pontus**' was recently discovered by chance by scientists studying **ancient rocks in Borneo**.
- Discovered by **Suzanna van de Lagemaat**, a doctoral candidate at Utrecht University in the Netherlands, and her colleagues.
- The Pontus plate was a significant tectonic plate, about a quarter of the size of the Pacific Ocean.
- It once underpinned the region now known as the South China Sea.
- Named the '**Pontus plate**' due to its association with the **ancient Pontus Ocean**.
- The Pontus plate likely formed at least **160 million years ago**, although its actual age could be older.
- Over time, it gradually diminished in size before being pushed under the Australian plate to the south and China to the north, ultimately disappearing **20 million years ago**.



International Day of Rural Women 2023

- The International Day of Rural Women, celebrated annually on **October 15**, is a day dedicated to **recognizing the vital contributions of rural women** worldwide.
- The Theme of International Day of Rural Women 2023 is **“Rural Women Cultivating Good For All”**.
- On **18th December 2007**, the United Nations General Assembly passed resolution 62/136, formally acknowledging the crucial role of rural women in agricultural and rural development, enhancing food security and reducing poverty.
- Subsequently, on 15th October 2008, the first-ever International Day of Rural Women celebrated.

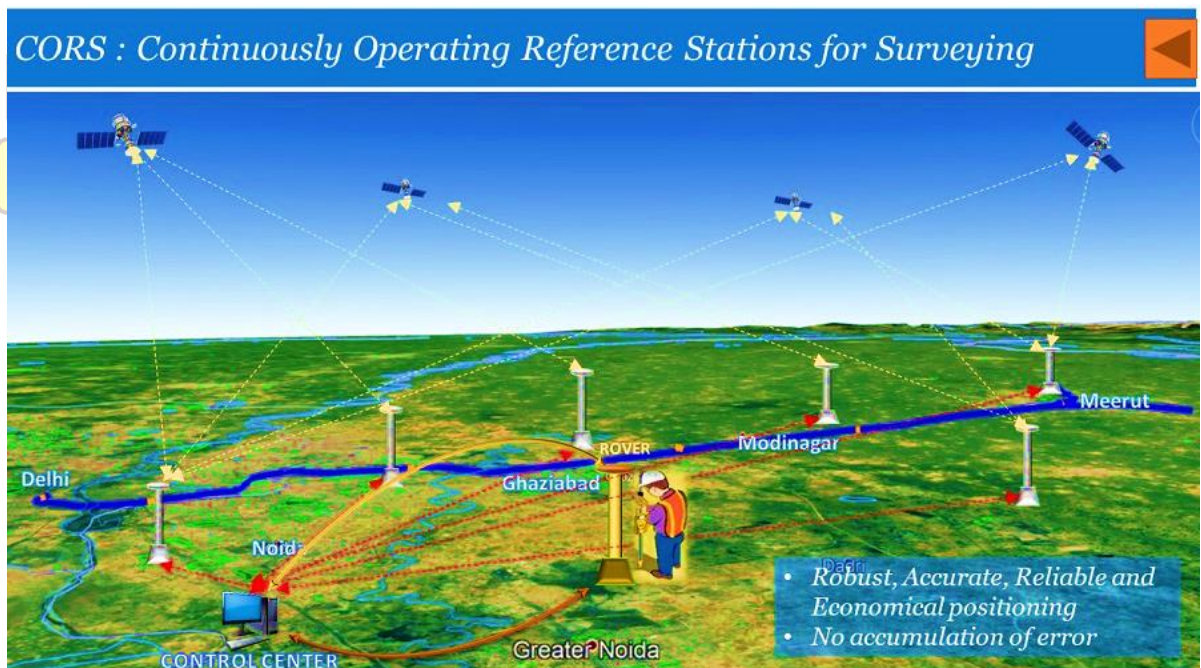


Continuously Operating Reference Stations

- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launches state-of-art latest **National Survey Network; the nationwide "Continuously Operating Reference Stations" (CORS)** Network will be operated by the **Survey of India**.
- “India now has a **world class Precise Location** based service, which is capable to provide centimetre level positioning services in realtime”



- The Survey of India has set up more than **1,000 CORS stations** across India
- Impetus given to S&T and providing an enabling milieu for innovation are the hallmarks of the Government led by the visionary Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, says Dr Jitendra Singh
- It is capable of providing real time **location based mapping services** with an accuracy of **three centimeter** it also hosts an array of different positioning services targeted to cater to requirements for different segments of Geo's passion and scientific community.
- CORS stations are permanent installations and a continuously stream satellite observations to a central server forms a CORS network.
- The **CORS network** is available 24*7 throughout the years users of the data can subscribe to the nationwide network on a monthly or yearly basis this also boosts **auto navigation** and machine control based solutions in the agriculture mining construction transport and civil aviation sectors.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When Is World Food Day Celebrated Annually

- A. October 15
- B. October 16
- C. October 17
- D. October 18

ANSWER: B

2. What Is The Theme Of World Food Day

- A. Cultivating Food For All With Sustainability
- B. Water Is Life, Water Is Food. Leave No One Behind.
- C. Bridging Communities With Water & Food
- D. Uniting Through Agriculture

ANSWER: B

3. World Students Day Officially Designated By The United Nations

- A. 2002
- B. 2010
- C. 2015
- D. 2018

ANSWER: B

4. What Is The Theme Of World Students Day 2023

- A. Think Big, Achieve More
- B. Building a Brighter Future
- C. FAIL: First Attempt in Learning
- D. Embracing Challenges, Achieving Success

ANSWER: C

5. Where Is The World Health Summit 2023 Organised

- A. New York, USA
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. London, UK
- D. Tokyo, Japan

ANSWER: B

6. Who Won FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess 2023

- A. Raunak Sadhwani
- B. Fabiano Caruana
- C. D. Gukesh
- D. Vidit Gujrathi

ANSWER: A

7. What Is The Name Of The New Feature Launched By ICICI Bank

- A. iMoney
- B. iSavings
- C. iFinance
- D. iBanking

ANSWER: C

8. What Was The Long-lost Tectonic Plate Discovered Recently Called

- A. Borneo Plate
- B. China Plate
- C. Pacific Plate
- D. Pontus Plate

ANSWER: D

9. Primary Purpose Of CORS Network Launched By Survey Of India

- A. Providing Real Time Location Based Mapping Services
- B. Enabling Remote Sensing For Floods
- C. Tracking Wildlife Movements
- D. Monitoring Seismic Activities

ANSWER: A

10. Which Company Won 'Best Innovation In Refinery' Award For Year 2022-23

- A. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd
- B. Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd
- C. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd
- D. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd

ANSWER: B

11. Autonomous Body For Youth Development Recently Approved Union Cabinet

- A. National Youth Policy
- B. Mera Yuva Bharat
- C. Youth Development Council
- D. Mera Desh Bharat

ANSWER: B

12. Which State Awarded The 3rd Prize For Outstanding Efforts In Operationalizing Telemanas

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra

ANSWER: B

13. Who Was Appointed As New Non-executive Part-time Chairman Of South Indian Bank In 2023

- A. Salim Gangadharan
- B. VJ Kurian
- C. PR Seshadri
- D. Salim Gangadharan

ANSWER: B

14. Which City In India Is Aiming To Become The First Wetland City

- A. Udaipur
- B. Jaipur
- C. Jodhpur
- D. Kota

ANSWER: A

15. Indian City Often Fondly Called The "Garden City Of India"

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bengaluru

ANSWER: D

16. Which Housing Finance Company Had Its Certificate Of Registration Cancelled By The RBI In 2023

- A. India Bulls Housing Finance Limited
- B. Bajaj Housing Finance Limited
- C. Ind Bank Housing Ltd
- D. Shriram Housing Finance

ANSWER: C

17. Where Was The 20th Round Of India- China Military Talks Held

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Ladakh
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: C

18. When Is World Sight Day Celebrated

- A. Second Thursday of October
- B. 12th October
- C. First Monday of October
- D. Last Friday of September

ANSWER: A

19. Which Company Partnered With Bridgestone India To Install EV Chargers For Four-wheelers

- A. Adani Power
- B. Reliance Power
- C. Tata Power
- D. NTPC

ANSWER: C

20. Where Was 26th Energy Technology Meet Held In October 2023

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bangalore
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: B

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EXAMS