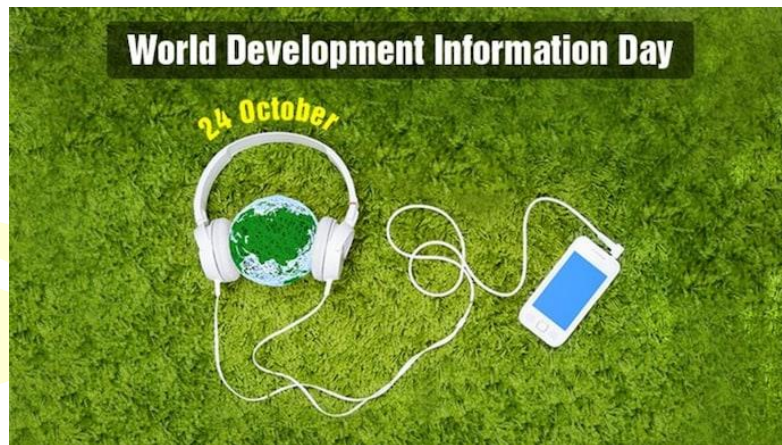


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World Development Information Day

- The **World Development Information Day** is celebrated by the United Nations (UN).
- Established in **1972**, this day aims to draw the attention of the world to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.



- The UN hopes that effective **dissemination of information** and the mobilization of public opinion, particularly among young people, would lead to greater awareness of the problems of development, thus, promoting efforts in the sphere of international cooperation for development.
- This day coincides with the **United Nations Day**, celebrated to commemorate the day UN began operating in 1945



India's First Liquid Nano DAP Fertiliser Plant

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate **India's first liquid nano di-ammonia phosphate (DAP)** plant established by IFFCO at **Kalol in Gandhinagar**.
- Union Chemical and Fertilizer Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will also be present on the occasion.
- IFFCO chairman Dilip Sanghani said this plant will **hugely benefit the farmers** and also help reduce the import of DAP in the country.
- Minister who is on a visit to Gujarat will also inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for various development works in the Sanand assembly area in Ahmedabad.
- He laid the foundation stone of the sports complex SD Arts and BR Commerce College, in his native place Mansa near Gandhinagar. The minister will also offer prayers and perform aarti at the Bahuchar Mataji temple in Mansa.



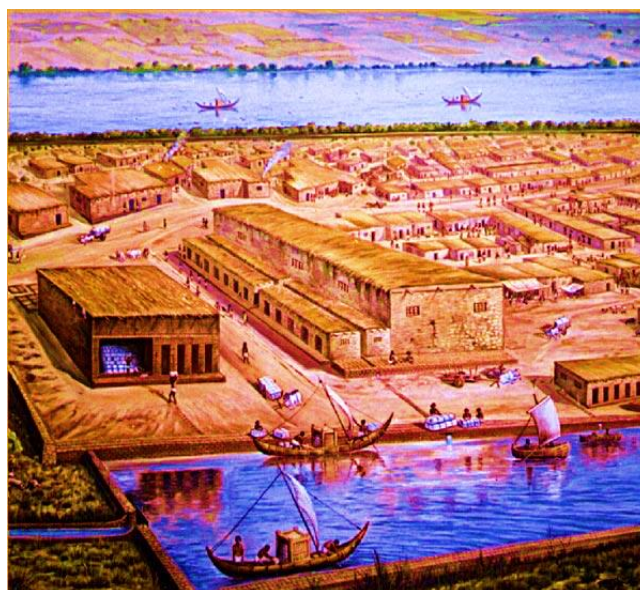
National Maritime Heritage Complex At Lothal

- The first phase of the **National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal** near Ahmedabad will be inaugurated in January 2024.
- Mr. Mandaviya said that the ambitious Complex will be built at the heritage site Lothal at the **cost of 4500 crore rupees** to revive India's rich maritime heritage.
- He added that the **world's tallest 77-meter lighthouse museum** will also be established in the complex.
- Apart from the Lothal Mini Recreation, **four theme parks** such as 'Memorial Theme Park', 'Maritime and Navy Theme Park', 'Climate Theme Park' and

Adventure and Amusement Theme Park are also being built in this complex to revive the Harappan architecture and lifestyle in the country's ancient port.

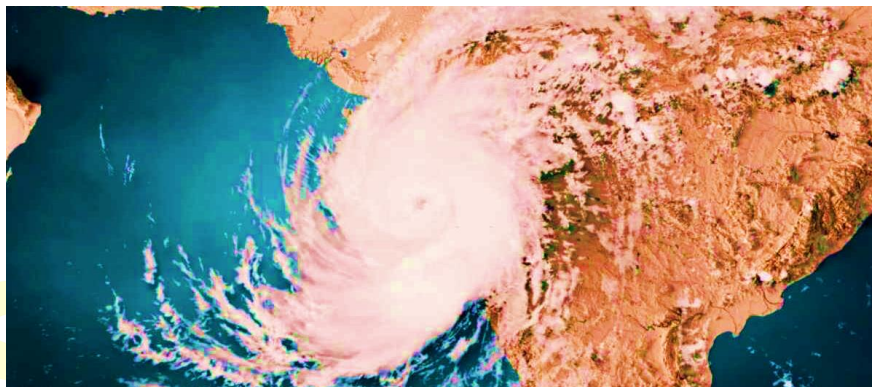


- **Lothal** was one of the most significant locations during the Indus Valley Era. It was one of the most important **and thriving trade centres** in ancient times. The world's **oldest known artificial dock**, which was connected to an old course of the Sabarmati River was found during an excavation in Lothal.

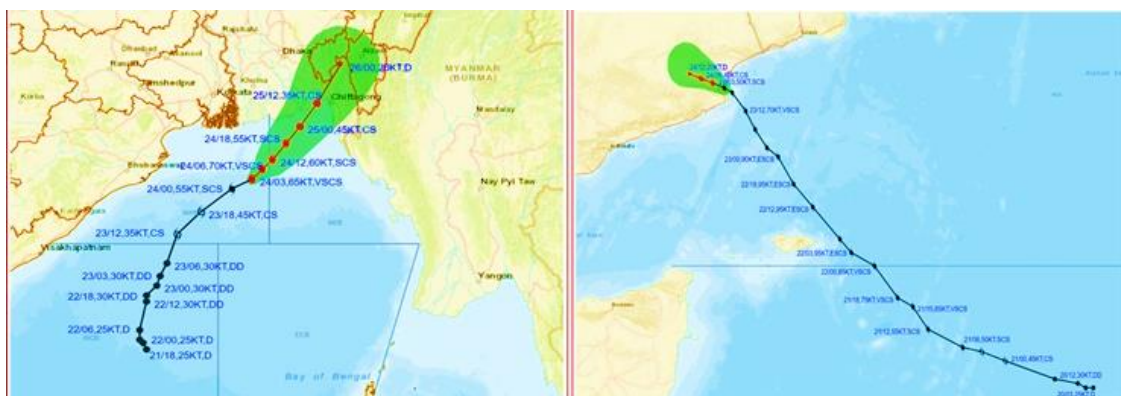


Cyclone Hamoon

- **Cyclonic storm 'Hamoon'** has intensified into a severe cyclonic storm over the northwest Bay of Bengal.
- A special bulletin of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) said that **Chattogram and Payra ports** have been advised to hoist danger Signal 7 while Cox's bazar and Mongla ports have been asked to hoist danger Signal 6 and 5.
- The severe cyclonic storm is likely to hit **Bangladesh coast** and intensify further. Maximum sustained wind speed within 64 km of the cyclone centre is about 90 kph, rising to 110 kph in gusts/squalls.



- The sea will remain high near the severe cyclone centre. Under the peripheral effect of the severe cyclone, heavy to very heavy rainfall with gusty or squally wind may continue over north Bay and coastal areas of Bangladesh.
- All fishing boats and trawlers over North Bay and deep sea have been advised to remain in shelter till further notice.
- The Cyclonic storm has been named '**Hamoon**' by Iran. The word 'Hamoon' is a Persian word that refers to **inland desert lakes or marshlands**. They are formed as natural seasonal reservoirs in areas adjoining the Helmand basin.



Unnati Hooda - Abu Dhabi Masters 2023

- In a battle of future Badminton stars from India, **Unnati Hooda** beat Samiya Imad Farooqui to capture the women's singles title at the Abu Dhabi Masters 2023.
- 16-year-old Unnati Hooda defeated the 20-year-old Samiya Imad Farooqui 21-16, 22-20.
- This is her second BWF Super 100 World Tour title. She became the youngest Indian to clinch a BWF title last year at 14 years of age.



CJI Honored “Award For Global Leadership”

- Chief Justice of India (CJI) **DY Chandrachud**, an distinguished alumnus of Harvard Law School, was bestowed with the prestigious ‘**Award for Global Leadership**’ by his institution.
- This recognition stands as a testament to his exceptional contributions to the field of law and justice.



- Chief Justice DY Chandrachud's association with **Harvard Law School** goes back several decades.
- He reminisced fondly about his time at the institution, where he pursued his Master of Laws (LLM) from **1982 to 1983** and later embarked on his Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) journey from 1983 to 1986.
- These formative years at Harvard shaped his perspective and laid the foundation for his distinguished career in the legal profess.

XpressWay Digital Platform

- HDFC Bank, a renowned **financial institution**, has launched its state-of-the-art digital platform, XpressWay, to streamline and accelerate its array of banking products and services.
- This pioneering solution aims to **provide customers** with a faster and smoother banking experience.
- XpressWay presents a **comprehensive suite of banking services** customized to cater to the diverse requirements of its clientele. These services include:
 - Xpress Personal Loan: Swift and hassle-free personal loan solutions.
 - Xpress Business Loans: Expedited financing options for businesses.
 - Xpress Car Loan: Efficient and prompt car loan facilities.
 - Xpress Home Loan: Streamlined processes for home loan applications and approvals.
 - Xpress Loan on Cards: Instant loan offerings linked to credit cards.
 - Xpress Credit Card: Accelerated credit card services for customers.
 - Xpress Savings Accounts: Quicker procedures for account opening and management.
- Service Journeys and More: Additional services designed to ensure a seamless banking experience.



National Symposium On Cooperative Exports

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah addressed the '**National Symposium on Cooperative Exports**' organized by **National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL)** in New Delhi & also released the logo, website and brochure of NCEL and distributed membership certificates to NCEL members.
- At least 50% of export profits will go to farmers through National Cooperative Export Limited.
- Modi government is working towards **increasing exports** as well as creating a smooth system to deliver its benefits to the farmers.



- NCEL is launched in the cooperative sector with **6 objectives** of increasing exports, prospering the farmer, changing the crop pattern, providing global market for organic products, gaining a place for India in the global market for biofuel and strengthening the cooperative sector.



- In the coming days, NECL will develop into a **complete export ecosystem** covering all aspects like procurement, storage, processing, marketing, branding, labeling, packaging, certification and R&D.
- National Cooperative Export Limited will prove to be a very big and successful cooperative venture.
- National Cooperative Export Limited will not only focus on profits, but focusing on the farmer will be its primary goal.
- NCEL will also work to connect the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, **Ministry of External Affairs** and our embassies abroad with a Whole of Government Approach for market linkages.

Asian Para Games

- **India has clinched 39 medals**- 10 gold, 12 silver and 17 bronze at the ongoing Asian Para Games at Hangzhou, China.
- The latest Indian to grab a win was **Sharath Makanahalli Shankarappa**. He clinched gold in Men's **5000m-T13** event by clocking in 20 minutes and 18.90 seconds. He beat Nabeel Khaled Ahmad of Jordan by just 0.1 second.



- **Rubina Francis clinched bronze** in Women's 10M Pistol to continue India's streak in shooting. **Parmod Bijarnia** claimed silver and **Rakesh Bhaira** grabbed bronze in the Men's 1500m T46 event. Ankur Dhama bagged gold in the men's 5000m-T11 event.
- **Prachi**, picked up a gold in the KL2 event, while **Deepthi Jeevanji** in women's T20 400m and **Neeraj Yadav** in men's F54/55/56 discus throw clinched gold.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What Year World Development Information Day Established By UN

- A. 1970
- B. 1972
- C. 1980
- D. 1990

ANSWER: B

2. India's First Liquid Nano DAP Plant Inaugurated In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Barsar
- D. Kullu

ANSWER: B

3. Who Won Women's Singles Title At Abu Dhabi Masters 2023

- A. Unnati Hooda
- B. Samiya Imad Farooqui
- C. Saina Nehwal
- D. PV Sindhu

ANSWER: A

4. XpressWay Digital Platform Launched By

- A. SBI
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. Axis Bank

ANSWER: B

5. Recently Seen In News Cyclone In Bay Of Bengal Named As

- A. Cyclone Hamoon
- B. Cyclone Tej
- C. Cyclone Gulab
- D. Cyclone Phet

ANSWER: A

6. Name Of India's First Semi-High-Speed Regional Rail Service

- A. Namo Bharat
- B. Rapid B
- C. Vande Bharat
- D. Speed X

ANSWER: A

7. Which Country Became 1st To Launch Electromagnetic Railgun From An Offshore Vessel

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

8. What Is The Purpose Of The RBI's Pilot Run Of The E-rupee

- A. To Test The E-rupee For Retail Transactions
- B. To Test The E-rupee For Government Bond Transactions
- C. To Test The E-rupee For Inter-bank Borrowing
- D. To Test The E-rupee For Cross-border Transactions

ANSWER: C

9. According To A Recent Report From UNFCCC, What Is Projected Increase In Global Warming By End Of Century

- A. 1-Degree Celsius
- B. 3-Degree Celsius
- C. 5-Degree Celsius
- D. 7-Degree Celsius

ANSWER: B

10. What Date National Police Commemoration Day Observed In India

- A. 20 October
- B. 22 October
- C. 21 October
- D. 23 October

ANSWER: C

11.What Is India's Rank On The Global Pension Index 2023

- A. Forty Fifth
- B. Forty Sixth
- C. Forty Seventh
- D. Forty Eighth

ANSWER: A

12.Who received "Award for Global Leadership" from Harvard Law School

- A. Ashok Vaswani
- B. DY Chandrachud
- C. Uday Kotak
- D. Shanti Ekambaram

ANSWER:B

13.Managing Director & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank

- A. Ashok Vaswani
- B. Dipak Gupta
- C. Uday Kotak
- D. Shanti Ekambaram

ANSWER: A

14.US Imposed Sanctions On Chinese Firms For Allegedly Supplying Missile Components To Which Country

- A. India
- B. Israel
- C. Pakistan
- D. Bangladesh

ANSWER: C

15.Who Is The Fastest Player To Reach 2000 Runs In ODI's

- A. Shubman Gill
- B. Hashim Amla
- C. Suryakumar Yadav
- D. Devon Conway

ANSWER: A

16. Chairman & Managing Director Of Indian Railway Catering And Tourism Corporation

- A. Sanjay Kumar Jain
- B. Mahendra Pratap Maal
- C. Ashwani Lohani
- D. V K Yadav

ANSWER: A

17. In Which Of Following Countries Indus Civilization Did Not Spread

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: D

18. Huge Bathhouse In Indus Civilization Been Found In

- A. Harappa
- B. Mohenjo-Daro
- C. Lothal
- D. Rakhigarhi

ANSWER: C

19. From Which Of Following Indus Site, Idol Of A Bronze Dancer Has Been Found

- A. Harappa
- B. Mohenjo-Daro
- C. Lothal
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

20. On Which Of The Bank River Is The Lothal Site Situated

- A. Bhogwa River
- B. Ravi
- C. Chenab
- D. Jhelum

ANSWER: A