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International Conference On Plant Health Management

- The **International Conference on Plant Health Management (ICPHM) 2023** is set to take place in Hyderabad, India.
- This significant event is organized by the **Plant Protection Association of India (PPAI)**, an institution with a rich legacy of 50 years in advancing plant protection both nationally and internationally.
- The conference aims to provide a **platform for global collaboration** in fostering innovation and sustainability in the field of Plant Health Management.



- The primary objective of the ICPHM 2023 is **to explore and capitalize on global opportunities in innovation and sustainability** within the domains of research and entrepreneurship related to Plant Health Management.
- The conference **aims to bring together experts, researchers** and stakeholders from around the world to discuss and deliberate on pressing issues and potential solutions in the field.
- The Plant Protection Association of India (PPAI), established in 1972, has played a pivotal role in the realm of plant protection. As the organization commemorates its 50th anniversary in 2022, the ICPHM 2023 stands as a

testament to its enduring commitment to the advancement of plant health management on both national and international fronts.



'Hello Naariyal' Call Centre Launched By CDB

- The **Coconut Development Board (CDB)** has taken a significant step in aiding coconut farmers and improving cultivation methods with the launch of the **"Hello Naariyal" Friends of Coconut Trees (FoCT)** call center.
- This initiative is geared towards supporting farmers in various aspects of coconut harvesting and plant management.



- The **main goal of the “Hello Naariyal”** project is to establish a dedicated platform that caters to the needs of coconut growers by providing expert guidance and assistance related to coconut cultivation.



- This initiative aims to benefit not just farmers in Kerala but also those in traditional coconut-growing states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka through their respective Coconut Development Board unit offices.
- The **initiative offers a range of services aimed** at supporting farmers at different stages of coconut cultivation. These services include: Coconut Tree Climbing, Plant Protection, Harvesting, Seed Nut Procurement, Nursery Management.

Shakuntla Bhaya

- US President Joe Biden has recently announced several key appointments, including the **notable selection of Indian American Shakuntla L Bhaya** to serve in a crucial role.
- According to the White House, Bhaya has been appointed as a **member of the Council of the Administrative Conference** of the United States.



- Shakuntla L Bhaya, a co-owner of the Law Offices of Doroshow, Pasquale, Krawitz & Bhaya, a statewide Delaware law firm, brings a wealth of legal experience to her new role.
- Her legal practice is dedicated to representing individuals who have suffered serious injuries due to unsafe decisions made by businesses and individuals.
- Bhaya's commitment to justice and advocacy is reflected in her work over the years, earning her a reputation as a dedicated and accomplished legal professional.

Amit S Telang

- The Ministry of External Affairs has announced that High Commissioner of India to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, **Amit S Telang has been concurrently accredited as the Indian Ambassador to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and High Commissioner to the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis and Antigua and Barbuda.**



- Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, Anil Kumar Rai has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Finland To Close Four Crossing Points

- Finland has announced that **four of the nine crossing points** on its long eastern border **with Russia** will be closed.
- **Prime Minister Petteri Orpo** said that it is an attempt to stem the flow of asylum seekers.

- According to media reports, the move comes in response to a sharp increase in the number of asylum-seekers from countries such as **Iraq, Yemen, Somalia, and Syria**.
- Finland shares a 1,340-kilometer frontier with Russia, which also serves as the EU's external border with Russia. There are only nine crossing points, one of which is only a railway.

Four Finland-Russia border crossings close

● Border crossings closing ● Border crossings remaining open



Loneliness A Pressing Global Health Threat - WHO

- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has **declared loneliness** as a pressing global health threat.
- The WHO also launched an **international commission** on the problem, led by the US surgeon general, **Dr Vivek Murthy**.
- The commission will run for three years. Dr Murthy said that the mortality effects of loneliness are equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day.
- He said, the rate of '**one in four**' **older people** experiencing social isolation is similar in all regions of the world.
- It comes after the Covid-19 pandemic halted economic and social activity, increasing levels of loneliness, but also amid rising awareness of the importance of the issue.



Herbicide Glyphosate

- The European Union approved the use of the controversial **herbicide Glyphosate** for another 10 years.
- Meanwhile, the EU Commission said that there will be new conditions and restrictions including a prohibition of pre-harvest use as a desiccant and the need for certain measures to protect non-target organisms.



- Representatives of EU states were unable to reach a decision last month, and a new vote by an appeal committee was again inconclusive. The current period of authorization was due to expire in mid-December.
- **Glyphosate is one of the most widely used weedkiller in the world**, however, critics point to evidence that it **may cause cancer** and pose a risk to biodiversity.

Conference On 'Aerospace And Aviation In 2047'

- **President Droupadi Murmu** will inaugurate a two-day International Conference-cum-Exhibition on 'Aerospace and Aviation in 2047' in **New Delhi**.
- Defence Ministry said the **Aeronautical Society of India, AeSI** is organising the event to commemorate 75 years of excellence of the AeSI.



- The inaugural session will include the **release of a Compendium on 75 years** of aerospace and aviation journey in India as well as **Vision Document 2047**.
- The event will focus on India's journey in the field over the last 75 years, showcasing the achievements, technological advancements, and the role of great visionaries.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Shakuntla Bhaya Seen In News Is Of Origin From

- A. Italy
- B. India
- C. Australia
- D. UK

ANSWER: B

2. Hello Nariyal Is Initiative Is launched By

- A. Coconut Development Board
- B. FAO
- C. Ministry Of Environment
- D. FSSAI

ANSWER: A

3. International Conference On Plant Health Management Will Be Held In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Indore

ANSWER: C

4. Conference On 'Aerospace And Aviation In 2047' Will Be Held In

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

ANSWER: D

5. Where Did The Joint Arab- Islamic Extraordinary Summit Take Place

- A. Cairo, Egypt
- B. Istanbul, Turkey
- C. Amman, Jordan
- D. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

ANSWER: D

6. Which Companies Granted ISP Licenses For Satellite Internet Services In India

- A. Jio and OneWeb
- B. Jio and Vodafone
- C. OneWeb and Airtel
- D. BSNL and Jio

ANSWER: A

7. Which Organization Has Set A Target For Its Member Airlines To Achieve 5% Sustainable Aviation Fuel Usage By 2030

- A. International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- B. European Airlines Association (AEA)
- C. Airlines for America (A4A)
- D. Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (AAPA)

ANSWER: D

8. In Which City 10th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-plus' Held In

- A. Jakarta, Indonesia
- B. Bangkok, Thailand
- C. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- D. Manila, Philippines

ANSWER: A

9. The First Batter In The World To Score 50 One Day International Centuries

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Ricky Ponting
- C. Sanath Jayasuriya
- D. Virat Kohli

ANSWER: D

10. What Is The Trend Of India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) For The Past Seven Months

- A. Upward trend
- B. Stable trend
- C. Fluctuating trend
- D. Downward trend

ANSWER: D

11. In Which Indian Region Were The First Lithium Deposits Discovered

- A. Punjab
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Himachal Pradesh

ANSWER: B

12. Which Country Is The Host Of Asia- Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders' Meeting 2023

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. USA
- D. Australia

ANSWER: C

13. Mount Etna, Seen In The News, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Philippines
- B. Italy
- C. Indonesia
- D. Japan

ANSWER: B

14. Which Indian Shortlisted For Men's 'World Athlete Of The Year' Award

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Neeraj Chopra
- C. Hima Das
- D. Swapnil Kusale

ANSWER: B

15. Which City Is The Host Of 'Indo-pacific Regional Dialogue

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

ANSWER: B

16. 'GWP Star', Which Was Seen In The News, Is Associated With Which Sector

- A. Sports
- B. Greenhouse gas emissions
- C. Economy
- D. Automobile

ANSWER: B

17. On Which Date Is International Day For Tolerance Observed Annually

- A. 16th November
- B. 17th November
- C. 18th November
- D. 19th November

ANSWER: A

18. RBI Directed Bajaj Finance To Halt Loans For Which Two Lending Products

- A. QuickCash and SwiftLoan
- B. FlexPay and RapidCredit
- C. LoanExpress and SpeedyFund
- D. eCOM and Insta EMI

ANSWER: D

19. 'Broom And Groom' Book Is Co-authored By

- A. Salman Rushdie
- B. Shashi Tharoor
- C. Kiran Bedi
- D. Narendra Modi

ANSWER: C

20. N Sankaraiah, Who Recently Passed Away Was

- A. Social Activist
- B. Environmentalist
- C. Freedom Fighter
- D. Philanthropist

ANSWER: C