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Oscar Awards

- The **Oscars, Officially Named The Academy Awards**, Stand As Pinnacle Of Recognition In Film Industry Worldwide. Every Year, Artists From Diverse Corners Of The Globe Compete For Accolades Across A Broad Spectrum Of Categories.
- **"Oppenheimer" Won The Biggest Awards Of The Night**, With The Film's Director, Christopher Nolan, Taking Home The Best Director Oscar, Actor Cillian Murphy Winning The Best Actor Award, And The Film Earning The Coveted Best Picture Among Its Seven Overall Wins.



- Best Picture - "Oppenheimer"
- Best Actress - Emma Stone, "Poor Things"
- Best Director - Christopher Nolan, "Oppenheimer"
- Best Actor - Cillian Murphy, "Oppenheimer"
- Best Original Song - "What Was I Made For?" From "Barbie"
- Best Original Score - "Oppenheimer"
- Best Live Action Short Film - "The Wonderful Story Of Henry Sugar"
- Best Cinematography - "Oppenheimer" - Hoyte Van Hoytema

- Best Documentary Feature Film - "20 Days In Mariupol"
- Best Animated Short Film - "War Is Over! Inspired By The Music Of John & Yoko"
- Best Animated Feature Film - "The Boy And The Heron"
- Best Original Screenplay - "Anatomy Of A Fall" - Justine Triet, Arthur Harari

UGC Introduces SheRNI

- The **University Grants Commission's (UGC) Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre** unveiled a groundbreaking initiative, known as the '**She Research Network in India**' (SheRNI).
- This initiative aims to **address the gender disparity** in the field of science by ensuring equal representation of women scientists.
- SheRNI challenges stereotypes and serves as a beacon of inspiration for future generations of **female scientists, researchers, and faculty members**.



- By providing a platform for visibility and recognition, it aims to encourage more women to pursue careers in science and research.
- **The primary goal of SheRNI** is to establish a national-level expert platform for women faculty members.
- This platform facilitates the exchange of expertise, insights, and experiences across various domains, promoting collaboration and networking opportunities among women in academia.
- The **SheRNI database currently hosts profiles of 81,818 women faculty members**, showcasing their vast contributions to the field of science.
- Furthermore, it houses an **impressive collection of 6,75,313 publications and 11,543 patents**, underscoring the significant role of women in advancing scientific knowledge and innovation.



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UGC

University Grants Commission

- The **University Grants Commission is a statutory body** operating under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India. Established in accordance with the UGC Act of 1956, its mandate includes coordinating, determining, and maintaining standards of higher education in India.

Mahtari Vandan Yojana

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually launched the **'Mahtari Vandan Yojana'** in Chhattisgarh from Kashi, Uttar Pradesh.
- **The scheme aims to provide financial assistance** to women in the state. PM Modi disbursed the first installment of **Rs 1,000 to 70,12,417 women** in Chhattisgarh.



- The **state government has allocated Rs 655.57 crore** for this purpose. PM Modi assured regular monthly transfers of Rs 1,000 to eligible beneficiaries under the scheme.

- Prime Minister praised Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and his team for the swift implementation of the 'Mahtari Vandan Yojana'.
- Under the **Mahtari Vandan Yojana**, approximately **70 lakh women** in Chhattisgarh will receive Rs 1,000 every month.

India Becomes 2nd Largest Mobile Phone Producer

- India has emerged as **the world's second-largest producer of mobile phones**. This achievement marks a significant transition for the country's electronics manufacturing sector.
- According to the **India Cellular and Electronics Association**, the mobile phone sector has transformed from being **78 percent import-dependent in 2014** to achieving **97 per cent self-sufficiency by 2024**.



- **Only 3 per cent** of the total mobile phones sold in India are now imported. India's mobile phone production has reached an **impressive 20 lakh crore rupees** in this decade of unprecedented growth.
- During these ten years, the **country produced 2.45 billion units** of mobile phones, against a **target of 2.5 billion units**.
- This remarkable achievement highlights the growth of India's electronics manufacturing ecosystem.



- The country has successfully **reduced its reliance on imports and fostered a self-sufficient mobile phone** production industry.
- India's rise as the **second-largest mobile phone producer globally** is a testament to the country's commitment to developing a robust manufacturing sector.
- With **reduced import dependence** and substantial production volumes, India has established itself as a major player in the global mobile phone market, contributing to its economic growth and technological advancements.

Tropical Seaweed Farm

- **Sea6 Energy, a pioneer in the Blue Economy, has launched the world's first large-scale mechanized tropical seaweed farm** off the coast of **Lombok, Indonesia**.
- The **one-square-kilometer seaweed farm** is a significant milestone in establishing the scalability of **sustainable tropical seaweed cultivation** for various industrial applications.



- Harvesting tropical seaweed at scale has been a significant barrier in the industry, limiting research on its applicability in large industrial applications.
- **Sea6's vertically integrated technology platform** automates various workflows, from seeding to harvesting, and enhances the seaweed feedstock's shelf life, increasing smallholder farmer productivity.
- The launch was attended by dignitaries in Indonesia, including ministers and ambassadors, highlighting the project's importance in promoting environmental stewardship and fostering economic growth in the region.



- The Indian Ambassador to Indonesia praised Sea6 Energy's commitment to scaling up seaweed cultivation and processing, **creating local green jobs, and building a sustainable local economy.**
- Seaweed is gaining popularity due to its potential as an **input feedstock** for various products traditionally made from **fossil fuels or land-based biomass.**
- Sea6's farm aims to **revolutionize the ocean economy** by maximizing efficiency, minimizing environmental impact, and ensuring the highest standards of product quality, safety, and traceability.
- Sea6 Energy has attracted nearly **USD \$30 million of international investment** over the past ten years, including from sustainable aquaculture funds, venture capital firms, and family offices.
- Sea6 Energy's pioneering mechanized tropical seaweed farm in Indonesia marks a significant step towards sustainable seaweed cultivation at scale.
- **With the support of investors and partnerships,** the company aims to revolutionize the ocean economy by producing renewable and versatile

seaweed-based products while promoting environmental stewardship and economic growth in coastal communities.



Satwik-Chirag

- Indian pair **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Chirag Shetty** have clinched their second **French Open Men's doubles Badminton** title.
- The Indian top seed registered a straight games victory over Yang Po-han and Lee Jhe-huei of Taiwan in the final 21-11, 21-17 last night. Satwik and Chirag had earlier won the title in 2022.



Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora

- **Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora**, a three-time member of the Provincial Assembly (MPA) in Pakistan, has become the **first Sikh minister in the Punjab province**.
- He took oath as a minister **representing the minority community** in the provincial assembly.
- The cabinet in Punjab was formed by the newly elected Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) government led by **Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif**.
- The inclusion of Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora reflects the government's commitment to representing all communities.



- In a statement, Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora, 48, said, "It is for the first time since Partition in 1947 that a Sikh has been inducted in the cabinet of Punjab province. I won't just work for the safety and well-being of Sikhs but all minorities, including Hindus and Christians living in Pakistan."
- **Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora** was born in Nankana Sahib and holds a postgraduate degree in entrepreneurship and SME management.
- Before entering politics, he contributed to the **World Bank's Poverty Reduction Programme in Pakistan**.
- In 2008, he established the **Mojaz Foundation**, dedicated to assisting the underprivileged in Pakistan.
- Last year, he was appointed as "**Ambassador at Large**" for the Kartarpur Corridor.



World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly

- **World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA 2024)** will be held in New Delhi from 15 to 24 October 2024.
- The **Telecommunication Standardisation Bureau (TSB)** of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) organises WTSA which plays a crucial role in shaping the **global agenda for the standardisation of telecom** and information and communication technologies.



- Over two thousand technology developers, industry leaders, academicians, policymakers from 193 member countries, and nine hundred plus ITU associate and sector members are expected to participate.
- Additionally, **Asia's premier digital technology exhibition**, India Mobile Congress (IMC), co-hosted by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and

Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) will be held from the 15th of October at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi this year.

- It will be held **concurrently with WTSA 2024**. Artificial Intelligence, Quantum technology, and Circular Economy along with a spotlight on 6G and 5G use-case showcases, cloud and edge computing, semiconductors, cybersecurity and green tech will be high on the agenda of IMC.



EXAMS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Coral Reef Watch Programme Is Developed By Which Agency

- A. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education
- B. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- C. National Biodiversity Authority
- D. National Ganga River Basin Authority

ANSWER: B

2. Recently, Where Was The 125-foot Statue Of Lachit Borphukan Unveiled

- A. Golaghat, Assam
- B. Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Jorhat, Assam
- D. Aizawl, Mizoram

ANSWER: C

3. Poshan Pakhwada Is Organized By Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

ANSWER: B

4. Recently, Maldives Has Signed A Defense Agreement With Which Country For Obtaining Non-lethal Weapons And Training

- A. Russia
- B. India
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. China

ANSWER: D

5. Which Day Is Celebrated As 'CISF Raising Day' Every Year

- A. March 9
- B. March 10
- C. March 11
- D. March 12

ANSWER: B

6. Where Was The 'Agriculture Integrated Command And Control Centre' Inaugurated

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Bhopal

ANSWER: A

7. Shankaracharya Hill Is Located In Which State/UT

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Jammu & Kashmir
- C. Odisha
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: B

8. Recently, Blue Leaders High Level Event On Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Was Held In Which Country

- A. Belgium
- B. Italy
- C. Spain
- D. Germany

ANSWER: A

9. What Is The Theme Of 'Rare Disease Day 2024'

- A. Rare is many, rare is strong, rare is proud
- B. Share Your Colours
- C. Reframe Rare for Rare Disease Day
- D. Bridging health and social care

ANSWER: B

10. Which Two Countries Formally Opposed Adoption Of Investment Facilitation For Development Agreement

- A. India and Singapore
- B. India and South Africa
- C. India and China
- D. India and Russia

ANSWER: B

11. Which State Government Recently Announced A Fully Funded Universal Life Insurance Scheme

- A. Nagaland
- B. Mizoram
- C. Assam
- D. Manipur

ANSWER: A

12. 'SAMOA Pathway', Is Associated With Which One Of Following Groupings

- A. African Union (AU)
- B. Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- C. Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- D. European Union (EU)

ANSWER:C

13. Which Day Is Celebrated As World Wildlife Day

- A. 2 March
- B. 3 March
- C. 4 March
- D. 5 March

ANSWER: B

14. Okhla Bird Sanctuary Is Located In Which State

- A. Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bihar

ANSWER: C

15. Which Ministry Hosted First “Blue Talks” Meeting On The Ocean In New Delhi

- A. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Defence

ANSWER: A

16. Tamas Sulyok Became A New President Of Which Country

- A. Poland
- B. Hungary
- C. Italy
- D. Estonia

ANSWER: B

17. Ratlam Riyawan Garlic, Received GI Tag, Belongs To Which State

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Odisha
- D. Tripura

ANSWER: A

18. Which entity developed and constructed India's first hydrogen fuel cell ferry

- A. Mumbai Port Trust
- B. Cochin Shipyard
- C. Chennai Port Trust
- D. Kolkata Port Trust

ANSWER: B

19. In which country is Agalega Island located

- A. Indonesia
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Maldives
- D. Mauritius

ANSWER: D

20. Which Indian state hosts the largest population of leopards according to the report

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: B