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Conference On Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

- The 6th edition of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure has begun in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said it is important to invest in resilient infrastructure for a better tomorrow.



- While addressing the 6th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure via a video message, Prime Minister Modi highlighted that while disasters are often measured in monetary terms, their true toll is felt by individuals, families, and communities.
- He stressed the **need for resilience to be incorporated** into both new infrastructure projects and post-disaster reconstruction efforts. In a world where the impact of disasters transcends borders, Prime Minister Modi urged the necessity for collective resilience among nations.

National Colloquium On Grassroots Government

- Marking In honor of **National Panchayati Raj Day**, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj is hosting a one-day National Colloquium on Grassroots Governance in New Delhi.

- Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, celebrated the **formalization of Panchayat elections** as the foremost accomplishment of the **73rd Amendment**.



- He also discussed the **necessity of minimum qualifications** for public representatives. Mr. Bharadwaj emphasized the equitable allocation of resources among all Panchayats and highlighted the pivotal role of robust and active Panchayats in fostering maximum development.



- National Panchayati Raj Day, observed 24 April, commemorates the establishment of the **Panchayati Raj system in 1993** via the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act.
- This day underscores the importance of decentralized governance in promoting **inclusive and sustainable development**, reaffirming India's commitment to nurturing grassroots democracy and empowering rural communities.

- The National Colloquium organized on this occasion aims to reaffirm India's dedication to decentralized governance and grassroots democracy. It provides a platform for policymakers, experts, and stakeholders to exchange insights, share best practices, and outline a path for further enhancing the Panchayati Raj system.

Naima Khatoon

- Droupadi Murmu Has Appointed Professor **Naima Khatoon As The First Woman Vice-chancellor Of The Aligarh Muslim University**, Breaking A Century-old Glass Ceiling.
- Appointment, Seen As Part Of The **BJP Government's Outreach To Muslim Women**.



- Khatoon's Appointment Is Being Viewed As A Message To The Muslim World, Showcasing The Government's Commitment To Inclusive Leadership.
- Although The University's Founding Chancellor Was **Sultan Jahan, The Begum Of Bhopal**, And At Least Three AMU Alumnae Have Gone On To Helm Prestigious Universities, It Took More Than **100 Years For The University** Court To Propose The Name Of A Deserving Woman From A Modest Family In Odisha's Jajpur District. Old-timers Suggest That Certain Customs And The Residential Nature Of The University Might Have Prevented A Woman From Attaining The Top Post Earlier.
- **Naima Khatoon's Journey** To The Vice-chancellorship Is A Testament To Her Academic Excellence And Perseverance. After Completing Her High School In Odisha, She Came To **Aligarh In 1977**, A Rare Occurrence For An Odia Girl At The Time. A Meritorious Student, She Completed Her Phd In Psychology From AMU And Was Appointed A Lecturer In The Same Department In 1988. She Rose

Through The Ranks, Becoming A Professor In 2006 And Later Serving As The Principal Of The Women's College In 2014.

Gita Sabharwal

- **António Guterres**, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, has appointed Gita Sabharwal from India as the new **UN Resident Coordinator in Indonesia**.
- Bringing nearly three decades of experience in development, **Gita Sabharwal enters her new role** with a wealth of expertise in supporting climate transition, sustainable peace, governance, and social policy. She is adept at leveraging digital technology and data to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



- With the approval of the host government, Sabharwal assumes her position as the **UN Resident Coordinator in Indonesia** following her previous roles as the UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand and as the Peacebuilding and Development Adviser for the United Nations in Sri Lanka.
- Prior to joining the UN, she served as Deputy Country Representative for The Asia Foundation in the **Maldives and Sri Lanka**, and held positions as Poverty and Policy Adviser for the United Kingdom's Department for International Development in India and Vietnam.
- The UN Resident Coordinator holds the **highest-ranking position** within the UN Development System at the country level. They oversee UN country teams and coordinate support for countries in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



- As the designated representative of the **UN Secretary-General**, the Resident Coordinator's responsibilities include representing the United Nations at the highest state levels and fostering engagement with government, civil society, bilateral and multilateral partners, academia, and the private sector.
- They also **ensure that the UN development system** effectively addresses the country's needs, priorities, and challenges to fulfill the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while providing leadership to the UN country team in implementing the 2030 Agenda..

Laureus World Sports Awards

- The prestigious **2024 Laureus Sports Awards ceremony, held in Madrid**, was a grand celebration of the world's best athletes and their remarkable achievements.
- The event honored several sporting icons who have left an indelible mark on their respective disciplines.
- **Novak Djokovic**, the world's top-ranked tennis player, etched his name in the annals of Laureus history by becoming the Laureus **World Sportsman of the Year for the fifth time**. This achievement matched Roger Federer's record for the most decorated male athlete in this category. Djokovic had previously won this coveted award in 2012, 2015, 2016, and 2019.



- **Aitana Bonmatí, a football star** from Barcelona and the Spanish national team, became the **first footballer** to be named the Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year. Her exceptional skills and sportsmanship on the pitch were celebrated, marking a significant milestone for the sport.



- **Simone Biles, the American artistic gymnast**, added another accolade to her impressive collection. With 37 World and Olympic medals, she is now the most decorated gymnast in history. Her remarkable comeback and outstanding contributions to the sport were duly recognized at the awards ceremony.
- **Jude Bellingham, an English professional** footballer who plays as a midfielder for Real Madrid and the England national team, was honored for his breakthrough performances.



- **Carlos Alcaraz, a tennis ace and a Real Madrid fan,** presented the award to Bellingham, acknowledging his contributions to the sport. The event was graced by sporting legends who presented awards to the winners.



- **Tom Brady, a seven-time Super Bowl champion,** and Usain Bolt, the sprinting GOAT, presented the awards to Djokovic and Bonmatí, respectively, adding to the event's grandeur and significance.



- Other Notable Awards Team of the Year Award: **Spain Women's Football Team**, Action Sportsman of the Year Award: Arisa Trew, Laureus Sport for Good Award: Fundación Rafa Nadal, Sportsman of the Year with a Disability Award: Diede de Groot.



- **The Laureus World Sports Awards is an annual event** that celebrates remarkable sporting achievements and showcases the initiatives of Laureus Sport for Good. Shortlists for various categories are created through votes from over 1,000 sports media professionals from more than 70 countries, while the International Paralympic Committee shortlists the World Athlete of the Year with a Disability.

India's Largest Climate Clock

- In Celebration Of Earth Day, The **Council Of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)** Recently Unveiled **India's Largest Climate Clock** At Its Headquarters In New Delhi.
- This Initiative Underscores CSIR's Commitment To Raising Awareness About Climate Change And Its Adverse Impacts.
- **CSIR Was Founded In 1942** By The Government Of India With The Primary Goal Of Fostering Scientific Research And Industrial Development Within The Nation.
- Operating As An **Autonomous Body Under The Ministry Of Science And Technology**, CSIR Comprises 38 National Laboratories, 39 Outreach Centers, 3 Innovation Complexes, And 5 Units Dispersed Across India.



- CSIR Is Entrusted With **The Responsibility Of Conducting** Scientific And Industrial Research Spanning Various Domains Including Aerospace Engineering, Biotechnology, Chemical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Electronics, And Materials Science.
- The Organization's Research Endeavors Encompass A **Diverse Array Of Fields** Such As Agriculture, Biotechnology, Chemical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Information Sciences, Life Sciences, Materials Sciences, And Physical Sciences.



- **CSIR Has Made Substantial Contributions** To Numerous Sectors Through The Development Of Pioneering Technologies, Industrial Processes, And Products. Notable Achievements Include The Creation Of India's First Computer, The Param Series Of Supercomputers, And The Discovery Of Novel Drugs And Medicinal Plants.

- Through Extensive Collaboration With Domestic And International Industries, CSIR Facilitates The Translation Of Research Outcomes Into Commercial Products And Processes, Thereby Fostering Innovation And Driving Economic Growth.

Sunflowers Were The First Ones To Know

- **“SUNFLOWERS WERE FIRST ONES TO KNOW”**, a film by **Chidanand Naik**, a student of **Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)**, has been selected in the **'La Cinef’** Competitive section of **77th Cannes Film Festival, France**.
- The section is an official section of the festival aimed at encouraging new talents and recognises films from film schools across the world.



- **The film is among 18 shorts** (14 live-action and 4 animated films) selected from a total of 2,263 films submitted by film schools all over the world. This is the only Indian film selected in **‘La Cinef’ section of Cannes**.
- The Jury will hand over La Cinef prizes at a ceremony preceding the screening of the awarded films on 23rd May in the Buñuel Theatre.
- **“SUNFLOWERS WERE FIRST ONES TO KNOW”** is a story of an elderly woman who steals the village's rooster, which throws the community into disarray.
- To bring the rooster back, a prophecy is invoked, sending the old lady's family into exile. This is the first time a film by a student from 1-year Television course has been selected at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. On Which Date, National Panchayati Raj Day Is Observed

- A. 24 April
- B. 25 April
- C. 23 April
- D. 22 April

ANSWER: A

2. In Which Five Year Plan Panchayati Raj System Was Introduced In India For The First Time

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth

ANSWER: B

3. Which Among The Following Are Included In Nagar Panchayat

- A. Notified Area Committee Only
- B. Town Area Committee Only
- C. Both A & B
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: C

4. Seng Khihlang Festival Is Celebrated In Which State

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Sikkim
- C. Mizoram
- D. Nagaland

ANSWER: A

5. Tale Valley Wildlife Sanctuary Is Located In Which State

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: A

6. Which Organization Released “Trends In World Military Expenditure, 2023 Report

- A. NATO
- B. United Nations
- C. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- D. World Bank

ANSWER: C

7. Golden Trevally Belongs To Which Species

- A. Frog
- B. Spider
- C. Butterfly
- D. Fish

ANSWER: D

8. Gepang Gath Glacial Lake Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

9. Chamayavilakku Festival Is Associated With Which State

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Telangana

ANSWER: A

10. Who Has Taken Over As President Of Industry Body ASSOCHAM For 2024-25

- A. Vineet Agarwal
- B. Sanjay Nayar
- C. Deepak Sood
- D. Sunil Kanoria

ANSWER: B

11. Which Region Of West Bengal Recently Struck By A Devastating Tornado

- A. Mainaguri
- B. Siliguri
- C. Darjeeling
- D. Kolkata

ANSWER: A

12. Papikonda National Park Is Located In Which State

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: A

13. Pathimalai Cave In News Due To Ancient Rock Paintings, Located In Which State

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: B

14. What Is The Unique Characteristic Of 'Criollo Cattle Breed'

- A. Adaptability To Climate Change
- B. Life Expectancy
- C. Breeding Capacity
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

15. Which Organization Recently Introduced A Digital Health Promoter Prototype S.A.R.A.H Harnessing Generative AI For Public Health

- A. WHO
- B. WTO
- C. ILO
- D. UNDP

ANSWER: A

16. AT Report Released By World Anti Doping Agency Which Country Reported The Highest Number Of Doping Cases In The World

- A. India
- B. Myanmar
- C. China
- D. Bangladesh

ANSWER: A

17. Which Ministry Has Drafted Model Rules For Childbirth Registration

- A. Ministry of External Affairs
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Urban Development

ANSWER: B

18. First Trilateral Service Planning Conference Called 'Parivartan Chintan' Held

- A. Delhi
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Chennai
- D. Bengaluru

ANSWER: A

19. Global Unicorn Index 2024 Released By Which Organization

- A. Hurun Research Institute
- B. United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- C. World Intellectual Property Organization
- D. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

ANSWER: A

20. Which Country's Army Launched Campaign To Collect Garbage From Mount Everest

- A. United Nations
- B. IMF
- C. World Bank
- D. WEF

ANSWER: A