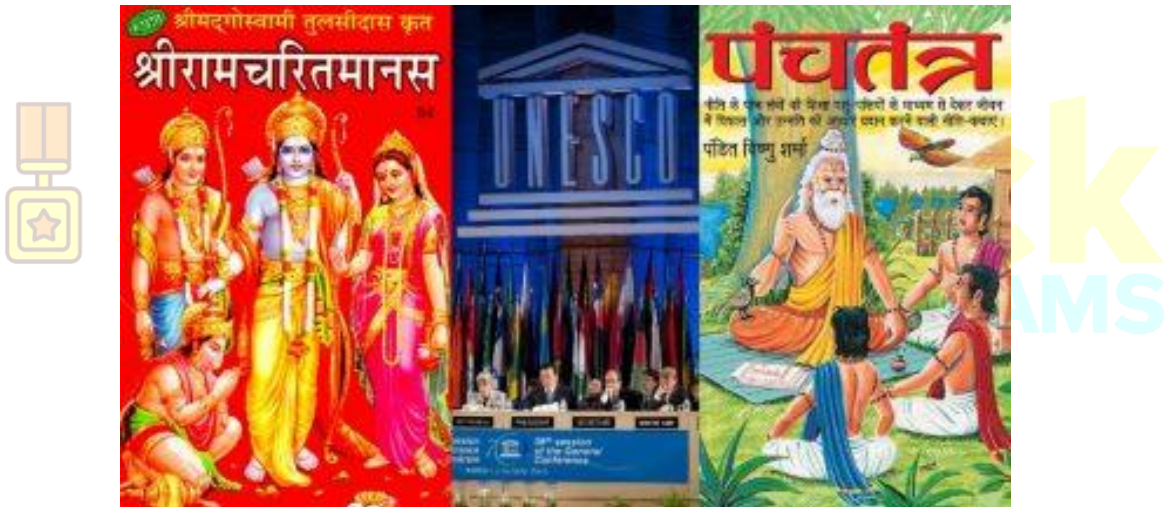


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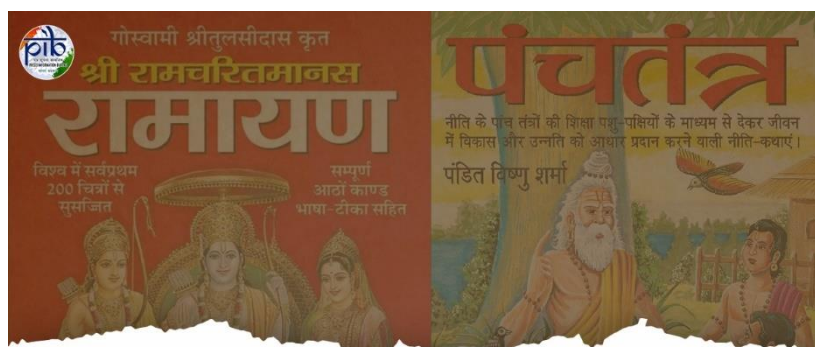
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India's Rich Literary Heritage To UNESCO

- The **Ramcharitmanas**, **Panchatantra** and **Sahṛdayāloka-Locana** have been included in UNESCO's Memory of the **World Asia-Pacific Regional Register**.
- Culture Ministry said, this inclusion is a proud moment for India, a confirmation of the country's rich literary heritage and cultural legacy. The Ministry said, it also signifies a **step forward in global cultural preservation** efforts, highlighting the importance of recognizing and safeguarding the diverse narratives and artistic expressions that shape the shared humanity.



- It said, by honouring these literary masterpieces, society not only pays homage to the creative genius of their creators but also ensures that their profound wisdom and timeless teachings continue to inspire and enlighten future generations.
- The '**Ramcharitmanas**', '**Panchatantra**', and '**Sahṛdayaloka-Locana**' are such timeless works that have deeply influenced Indian literature and culture, shaping the nation's moral fabric and artistic expressions.
- These literary works have transcended time and place, leaving an indelible mark on readers and artists both within and outside India. It is noteworthy that **Ramcharitmanas** was authored by Goswami Tulsidas, **Panchatantra** by Pandit Vishnu Sharma and **Sahṛdayaloka-Locana** by Acharya Anandvardhan.



Congratulations
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- The **Indira Gandhi National Centre** for the Arts IGNA, played a vital role in securing a historic moment during the 10th meeting of the Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific MOWCAP. At the gathering in Ulaanbaatar, 38 representatives from member states convened alongside 40 observers and nominees.
- Advocating for three Indian nominations, IGNA ensured their placement in UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register. Professor Ramesh Chandra Gaur, Dean (Administration) and Head of the Department, Kala Nidhi Division at IGNA, successfully presented these three entries from India.

India Sends 2nd Tranche Of Humanitarian Assistance

- India has sent a **second tranche of Humanitarian Assistance** including 40 tonnes of medicines, medical supplies and other equipment in a special Indian Air Force plane to assist flood victims in Kenya.
- India has sent tents, blankets, power generation sets, basic sanitary utilities, hygiene kits, baby food, malaria and dengue diagnostic kits and anti-venom treatment that can be readily deployed on the ground.



- **First tranche of assistance was sent in Naval Ship Sumedha** and was handed over to the Government of Kenya on 10th of this month. It included food, relief and medicine supplies for flood victims.
- **Torrential rains driven floods** have wreaked havoc in the African nation where 267 people have died, 188 injured and over two lakh 80 thousand people have been displaced.
- Ministry of External Affairs said the assistance to Kenya is a reiteration of the strong and friendly relations with the country, in the spirit of South-South cooperation and India's commitment to keep Africa on top of its priorities.

Dubai Gaming Visa

- In a strategic move aimed at positioning **Dubai as a global gaming hub** and bolstering its digital economy, His Highness **Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**, the Crown Prince of Dubai, has unveiled the '**Dubai Gaming Visa**' as part of the Dubai Program for Gaming 2033.
- This groundbreaking initiative is poised to **revolutionize the gaming landscape**, offering a host of opportunities for talented individuals, creators, and entrepreneurs in the burgeoning e-gaming sector.



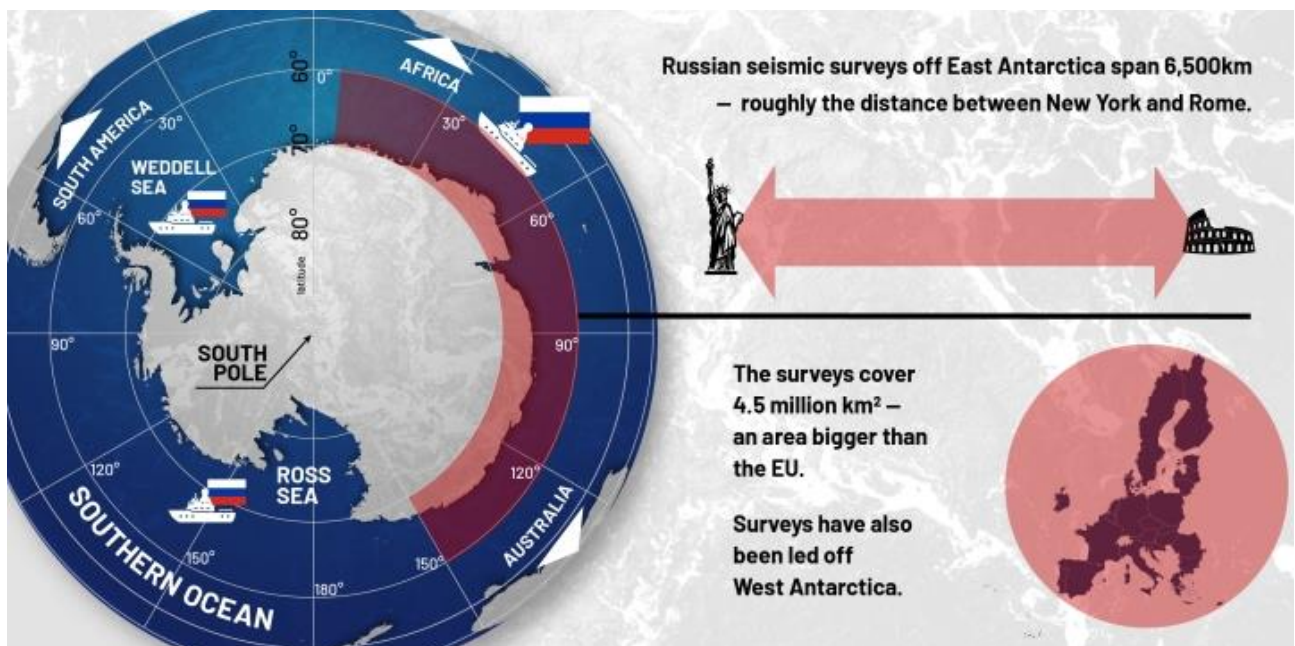
- The **primary objective** behind the introduction of the ‘Dubai Gaming Visa’ is to provide comprehensive support to skilled individuals and pioneers in the e-gaming industry.
- By fostering skill development and facilitating investment opportunities, the visa program aims to nurture innovative ideas and transform them into successful ventures.
- This visionary approach **underscores Dubai’s commitment** to fostering a dynamic ecosystem that encourages creativity, entrepreneurship, and technological innovation.
- The ‘**Dubai Gaming Visa**’ initiative is set to have a profound impact on Dubai’s economy, with ambitious targets to add 30,000 new jobs in the e-gaming sector by 2033.
- This concerted effort aligns with **Dubai’s broader vision** of attracting top-tier talent, intellectuals, and highly skilled professionals from around the globe.
- By positioning itself as a premier destination for entrepreneurs, investors, and game developers, Dubai aims to solidify its status as a leading player in the global gaming arena.

Russia’s Controversial Oil And Gas Discovery

- **Russia has claimed** to have discovered massive oil and gas reserves in the British Antarctic Territory, a region currently protected under the 1959 Antarctic Treaty.
- AT evidence submitted to the **Commons Environment Audit Committee**, the reserves uncovered by Russian research ships contain around 511 billion barrels worth of oil, a staggering amount equivalent to approximately 10 times the North Sea’s output over the last 50 years.



- **Antarctic Treaty**, signed by numerous nations, including Russia, prohibits all oil developments in the region, designating it as a zone to be used “exclusively for peaceful purposes” and preventing it from becoming “the scene or object of international discord.”
- **Russia’s discovery and potential intentions** to exploit these reserves could potentially violate the terms of this treaty. Klaus Dodds, a professor of geopolitics at Royal Holloway University, expressed concerns about the implications of Russia’s activities in the Antarctic region.



- He argued that the **Antarctic policy environment** is “arguably at its most challenging since the late 1980s and early 1990s,” and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has created “widespread concern that a worsening relationship with the country will spark strategic competition and make it even more explicit in Antarctica.”
- Dodds further stated his belief that **Russian activity in the region** equates to hunting for oil and gas rather than conducting legitimate scientific research, as claimed by the Russian authorities.
- **The British Antarctic Territory**, one of Britain’s 14 overseas territories, has faced competing claims from Argentina and Chile in the past.
- **Russia’s alleged discovery** of vast energy reserves in this region could potentially reignite territorial disputes and heighten international tensions surrounding the Antarctic continent.

- While the UK minister **David Rutley** assured Members of Parliament (MPs) that Russia was conducting scientific research in the region, the revelations about the massive oil and gas reserves have raised concerns about potential violations of the Antarctic Treaty and the potential for escalating geopolitical tensions.

World Summit In Rotterdam

- India has set up its **pavilion for the first time** at the **World Hydrogen Summit 2024**, currently underway in the Netherlands' Rotterdam.
- The pavilion was inaugurated by **Renewable Energy Secretary Bhupinder S. Bhalla**. It showcases the country's progress in the **field of Green Hydrogen**. Around fifteen thousand delegates from around the world are expected to attend the Summit.



- India launched its **National Green Hydrogen Mission** in January last year with a target to achieve green hydrogen production capacity of Five Million Metric Tonnes by end of the year 2030.

Abha Khatua

- **Abha Khatua** has set a national record and won gold medal in Women's Shot Put with a massive throw of 18.41 metres at National Federation Cup Athletics Competition in Bhubaneswar. Representing Maharashtra at the event, Abha was the joint record holder of 18.06 metres with Manpreet Kaur before this event.
- But after a throw of **18.41 metres at the Kalinga Stadium**
- , Abha has become the sole national record holder. However, her effort was well short of the Olympics qualifying mark of 18.80 metres, which no Indian woman has ever been able to reach.



Manika Batra

- India's ace women's table tennis player **Manika Batra** became the **first Indian woman paddler** to break into the top 25 of the world Women's singles rankings. She rose to her career-best ranking of 24, following her success in the Saudi Smash, last week. She also equalled G. Sathyan's five year old record for the highest rank achieved by an Indian in singles table tennis.
- Manika, the 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medalist in individual and team categories, jumped 15 spots following her run in Jeddah, where she reached the quarterfinals.



India-US Dialogue On Africa

- The second round of the **India-US Dialogue on Africa** is being held in Washington today. External Affairs Ministry said, the two day India-US dialogue aims to share ideas and perspectives and explore ways to develop institutional, technical and bilateral synergies to work together in Africa.



- It also targets identification of developmental projects and programs of cooperation in Africa, leveraging the strengths of India and the US, in accordance with African priorities.
- The Ministry said, this is the first such dialogue on Africa between India and the US after the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member of the G20 during India's presidency.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Sahṛdayaloka -locana Is Authored By

- A. Acharya Anandvardhan
- B. Acharya Janardhan
- C. Acharya Govardhan
- D. Acharya Jagardhan

ANSWER: A

2. Medals Did India Win At ASBC Asian U-22 And Youth Boxing Championships

- A. 43
- B. 48
- C. 35
- D. 51

ANSWER: A

3. Which Institution Received Nine Defence Tech Projects From DRDO

- A. IIT-Delhi
- B. IIT-Kanpur
- C. IIT-Bhubaneswar
- D. IISc Bangalore

ANSWER: C

4. India Signed A Visa Waiver Agreement For Diplomatic Passports With Which Country

- A. Italy
- B. Poland
- C. Greece
- D. Moldova

ANSWER: D

5. Which Country Won 30th Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy

- A. Japan
- B. India
- C. China
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: A

6. Idashisha Nongrang Has Been Appointed As The First Woman Director General Of Police Of Which State

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

ANSWER: C

7. Pench Tiger Reserve Is Located In Which State

- A. Kerala
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Odisha
- D. Telangana

ANSWER: B

8. What Is 'Caenorhabditis Elegans'

- A. Invasive plant
- B. Frog
- C. Nematode
- D. Spider

ANSWER: C

9. What Is The Theme Of 'World Migratory Bird Day 2024'

- A. Relationship With Insects
- B. Water
- C. Light pollution
- D. Protect birds

ANSWER: A

10. Cricketer Colin Munro Announced His Retirement From International Cricket, Belongs To Which Country

- A. South Africa
- B. Australia
- C. New Zealand
- D. Bangladesh

ANSWER: C

11. AT Invest India Report, India's E-commerce Market Is Expected To Grow To \$325 Billion By Which Year

- A. 2025
- B. 2027
- C. 2030
- D. 2040

ANSWER: C

12. Which Organization Celebrated 70th Anniversary Of Convention For Protection Of Cultural Property In The Event Of Armed Conflict

- A. UNESCO
- B. WTO
- C. FAO
- D. UNICEF

ANSWER: A

13. Gulf Of Aden Forms A Natural Sea Link Between Which Two Seas

- A. Red Sea and Arabian Sea
- B. Red Sea and Black Sea
- C. Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Sea
- D. Caspian Sea and Sargasso Sea

ANSWER: A

14. Which Country Is On Verge Of Dramatic Change To Its Immigration Policy That Could Reverberate From Dense Darien Jungle To US Border

- A. Costa Rica
- B. Panama
- C. Nicaragua
- D. Cuba

ANSWER: B

15. What Is 'Sea Anemones'

- A. Invertebrate aquatic animal
- B. Newly discovered species of spider
- C. Naval ship
- D. Submarine

ANSWER: A

16. 4th Joint Committee Meeting For Review Of AITIGA Held

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Jurong, Singapore
- C. Jakarta, Indonesia
- D. Putrajaya, Malaysia

ANSWER: D

17. Which Ministry Sanctioned 113 Roads Under Vibrant Village Programme In Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand And Sikkim

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Agriculture

ANSWER: B

18. Which Ministry Signed An Mou With Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. To Conduct Two Pilot Projects Under The Drone Didi Yojana

- A. Minister of Road Transport and Highways
- B. Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C. Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- D. Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

ANSWER: D

19. What Is Primary Focus Of 'Glide Phase Interceptor Project'

- A. Missile interception
- B. Ocean exploration
- C. Mineral exploration
- D. Space exploration

ANSWER: A

20. Who Overthrew Saka Rulers From India

- A. Gautami putra Satakarni
- B. Kanishka
- C. Rudraraman
- D. Demetrius

ANSWER: A