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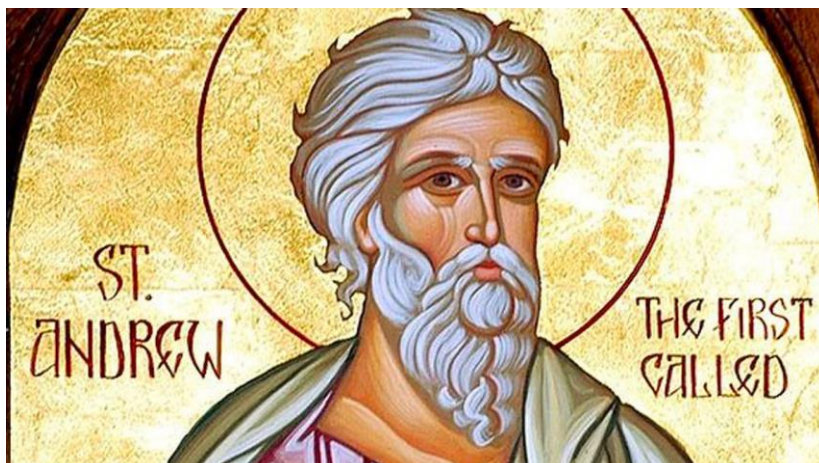
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PM Modi Receives Russia's Highest Civilian Honour

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with Russia's most prestigious civilian honour, the Order of St Andrew the Apostle. President of Russia Vladimir Putin presented it to Mr Modi.



- The award recognizes Prime Minister Modi's distinguished contribution to developing a privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India and fostering friendly ties between the two countries. The award was established in 1698 by Tsar Peter the Great in honor of Saint Andrew, the first apostle and patron saint of Russia.



Ban On Pro-Khalistani Fringe Group

- Centre extended the ban on pro-khalistani fringe group 'Sikhs For Justice' by another five years. The action has been taken under the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act**.



- A Government notification said, the **organisation has been indulging** in activities which are prejudicial to the integrity and security of the country.
- **Sikhs for Justice is a US-based group** run by Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, who was declared a designated individual terrorist by India.
- The NIA has registered many cases against Sikhs for Justice and Pannun. The Centre had banned the organisation in 2019.

Best Agriculture State Award for 2024

- The **15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee** has announced that **Maharashtra has won the Best Agriculture State Award** for 2024.
- The announcement was made by the committee headed by **Justice P Sathasivam**, former Chief Justice of India and Governor of Kerala.
- **Eknath Shinde**, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, will receive the award on July 10, 2024, at a function in New Delhi.
- Maharashtra secured this prestigious award due to its innovative agricultural and rural initiatives. The **state government's policies and high-impact developmental projects** have significantly contributed to agricultural and rural prosperity.



Maharashtra Wins Best Agriculture State Award for 2024

- **Maharashtra's agricultural innovations:** Sustainable development policies focusing on environmental protection and food security, Launch of the country's largest bamboo mission covering 21 lakh hectares, Plans to establish a green belt spanning 1.20 lakh acres in Nandurbar district, Target to enhance irrigation capabilities across 17 lakh hectares through 123 projects. Agriculture Leadership Award : Instituted by Agricultural Today magazine in 2008, Recognizes exemplary leadership in government, individuals, and organizations
- **Past recipients include:** Rajnath Singh (current Union Defence Minister), Shivraj Singh Chouhan (former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister), Prakash Singh Badal (former Punjab Chief Minister)

International Space Station Mission Under Axiom-4

- ISRO has shortlisted **two of its four trained Gaganyaan astronauts** for a mission to the **International Space Station (ISS)** in collaboration with United States' NASA.
- **Only one of the shortlisted astronauts** will go on the mission which is supposed to take place "no earlier than October 2024," according to the information available on NASA website.



- The mission will take place “**no earlier than October 2024**,”. The astronauts will have to go to the **United States ahead of the mission** to train on the specifics of the ISS.
- “While they **have general training for space-fairing**, much of their training in India focussed on **Gaganyaan modules**. They will have to be familiarised with ISS modules and protocols,” the official said.



- The **Axiom-4 mission**, which will take the Indian astronauts to the ISS, is the fourth private astronaut mission of NASA and a private US company Axiom Space.

- The mission is **expected to dock with the ISS for fourteen days**. At the time when the Axiom-4 mission was announced last year, NASA in a release had said: “The **Ax-4 crew members** will train with NASA, international partners, and SpaceX for their flight. **Axiom Space has contracted SpaceX** as launch provider for transportation to and from the space station, and to familiarize the private astronauts with systems, procedures, and emergency preparedness for the Dragon spacecraft.”

‘Ghar Ghar Solar’

- **Tata Power Solar Systems Limited** has launched the ‘**Ghar Ghar Solar**’ initiative in **Uttar Pradesh**, starting from Varanasi, aimed at providing every home with **clean energy through rooftop solar solutions**.



- This initiative promises substantial financial savings and environmental benefits for residents. Residents can avail a maximum **subsidy of up to Rs. 1,08,000** on rooftop solar installation, combining Central and State Government subsidies.
- Tata Power Solar offers state-of-the-art technology with bifacial modules for higher efficiency and durability. Flexible financing options and a quick turnaround time ensure hassle-free adoption of solar power.
- **Installing a 3 kW solar rooftop** can save residents up to **INR 27,000 annually** on electricity bills, with the potential to **generate 12 units** of electricity daily. Net metering allows for additional savings by feeding excess electricity back into the grid.



Gautam Gambhir

- **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has appointed former batter and World Cup winner **Gautam Gambhir** as the new head coach of the senior men's team. BCCI secretary Jay Shah made this announcement through a social media post today. Mr Gambhir replaced Rahul Dravid as head coach.



Gagan Narang

- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** has named **Gagan Narang**, four-time Olympian and 2012 Olympic Games men's **10 meter Air Rifle bronze medalist**, as the **Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent** to compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.



- He will replace **MC Mary Kom**.
- **Star Shuttler PV Sindhu** and **Table Tennis Ace Achanta Sharath Kamal** will be the flag bearers during the opening ceremony.

Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024

- In Badminton, **Indian shuttlers** bagged the **men's and women's singles titles** at the **Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024**, in Saint-Denis, the capital of the French overseas département of Réunion in the Western Indian Ocean.



- In Men's singles, India's **Tharun Manneppalli defeated Yudai Okimoto** of Japan in straight sets, 21-15, 21-15, to win his second title of the year. Earlier, he won the Kazakhstan International Challenge.



- While in women's singles, World No. 75, **India's Tasnim Mir clinched** the title, defeating compatriot Rakshitha Sree, also in straight games 21-15, 21-19. in the final. However, in the men's doubles final, the Indian duo of Prakash Raj and Gouse Shaik lost to Julien Maio and William Villegier of France, 9-21, 14-21, to settle for a runner-up finish.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which State Government Launched 'Mitra Van' Initiative Under The Tree Plantation Jan Abhiyan-2024 Near Nepal Border

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Bihar
- D. Sikkim

ANSWER: A

2. Amit Shah Has Inaugurated The Amin PJKP Vidhyarthi Bhavan In Which City

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Mumbai
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: C

3. Who Has Been Selected For Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award

- A. Deepak Shenoy
- B. Neeli Bendapudi
- C. Sivashankari
- D. Shanti Lakra

ANSWER: C

4. Which State Has Been Honored With Best Agriculture State Award For 2024

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

ANSWER: A

5. Vizhinjam International Seaport, Is Located In Which State

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Maharashtra
- C. West Bengal
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: D

6. What Is ' Syntrichia Caninervis '

- A. Malware
- B. A species of spider
- C. Weather monitoring satellite
- D. A species of desert moss

ANSWER: D

7. ' Nouka Baich ', Is The Traditional Boat Race Of Which State

- A. Odisha
- B. West Bengal
- C. Assam
- D. Manipur

ANSWER: B

8. What Is AI Washing

- A. Deceptive Promotional Practice That Lies About A Product Use Of AI
- B. A New AI Malware That Harms Android Phones
- C. A Tool Which Used To Washing Clothes By Using AI Tool
- D. None Of The Above

ANSWER: A

9. Saryu River, Flows Through Which Indian States

- A. Maharashtra and Karnataka
- B. Kerala and Tamil Nadu
- C. Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh
- D. Gujarat and Rajasthan

ANSWER: C

10. IAF Chief Inaugurated Weapon Systems School In Which City

- A. Jaipur
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Kolkata
- D. Bhopal

ANSWER: B

11. Nagarajunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve, Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: C

12. Leang Karampuang Cave, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Indonesia
- B. Malaysia
- C. France
- D. Ireland

ANSWER: A

13. Which State Passed Nodal Investment Region For Manufacturing (Construction) Area Bill (NIRMAN)-2024

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

ANSWER: D

14. How Many New Biosphere Reserves Recently Added To World Network Of Biosphere Reserves

- A. 10
- B. 11
- C. 12
- D. 13

ANSWER: B

15. Which Organization Launched An Integrated Tribal Development Programme In Kulathupuzha Grama Panchayat, Kerala

- A. SEBI
- B. NABARD
- C. FCI
- D. Ministry of Tribal Affairs

ANSWER: B

16. Tata Power Solar Systems Launched 'Ghar Ghar Solar' Initiative In Which State

- A. Manipur
- B. Assam
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. West Bengal

ANSWER: C

17. Amit Shah Addressed "Sahkar Se Samridhi" Conference On Occasion Of 102nd International Day Of Cooperatives In Which City

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Chennai
- C. Indore
- D. Gandhinagar

ANSWER: D

18. What Is The Full Form Of WTSA

- A. World Telephone Standardization Assembly
- B. World Telecommunication Standardized Assembly
- C. World Telecommunication Standardized Association
- D. World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly

ANSWER: D

19. Young Liu Has Been Awarded Padma Bhushan Award. He Is The Chairman Of Which Company

- A. IBM
- B. Toyota Motor
- C. Pegatron
- D. Foxconn

ANSWER: D

20. What Are 'Moidams'

- A. Ancient temples
- B. Mound-burial sites
- C. Invasive plant
- D. Black Hole

ANSWER: B