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International Dyslexia Awareness

In a step towards spreading awareness about Dyslexia, the Rashtrapati Bhawan,
 Parliament, India Gate and other government offices have been lit red.



- This **happens every year in October**, which is International Dyslexia Awareness Month.
- The campaign aims to raise awareness, reduce stigma and eliminate discrimination around the disease. To amplify the message of inclusion, the walk4Dyslexia was also organized from Vijay Chowk to India Gate.
- This walk symbolizes collective action for Act4Dyslexia, emphasizing the need for equal opportunities and support for individuals with learning disabilities.

Surface dyslexia

Symptoms

- · Limited sight vocabulary
- Confusion with letters that differ in orientation (b-d, p-q)
- · Losing one's place
- Omitting letters and words because they weren't visually noted
- Difficulty recalling the shape of a letter when writing
- · Spells phonetically but not bizarrely



Causes

- Visual word form area (VWFA) does not function properly.
- Confusion of letters that differ in orientation is also located in the VWFA.
- Cognitive skills that support this part of the brain are visual processing, visual memory, and rapid recall.

Treatment

- Development Tutor PLUS Live Tutor
- Reading Tutor



Sohrai Painting From Hazaribagh

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted Jharkhand's art to Russian President Vladimir Putin during the recently held BRICS summit in Kazan. The **Sohrai** painting from Hazaribagh district in Jharkhand is a beautiful representation of the region's indigenous artistic traditions.
- Sohrai Paintings are recognized as an ODOP, One District One Product item.
 The paintings are known for their use of natural pigments and simple tools.

 Artists often use brushes made from twigs, rice straw, or even fingers to create intricate designs.



- The depiction of animals, birds, and nature is a reflection of the agrarian lifestyle and the reverence for wildlife in tribal culture.
- During the BRICS summit, Mr Modi gifted exquisite work from Maharashtra to
 the leaders of Iran and Uzbekistan. He gifted to the President of Iran, a Mother
 of Pearl Sea Shell Vase, which is a masterpiece of coastal craftsmanship. In
 Maharashtra, especially in its coastal regions, artisans have honed the art of
 crafting exquisite items from sea shells, creating unique and luxurious pieces like
 this vase.



• To the President of Uzbekistan, Prime Minister gifted a Warli Painting also from Maharashtra. It is a tribal art form originating from the Warli tribe primarily located in the Dahanu, Talasari and Palghar regions of the state.

• It is renowned for its simplicity and deep connection to nature and daily life.

This tribal art form is one of the oldest in India, with its roots tracing back to around 3000 BCE.



 The art was traditionally created by Warli women on the walls of their mud homes during special occasions like weddings and harvest festivals. Through their art, they documented their lifestyle, customs, and rituals in a visual storytelling format that transcended language.

World Justice Project

- Pakistan has been ranked 140 among 142 countries in the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index regarding order and security, making it the third worst country in the world.
- Mali and Nigeria are the only countries ranked lower than Pakistan in terms of law and security. India stands at 98 out of 142 countries.



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 According to a recent report published by the WJP has evaluated countries based on different factors, including constraints on government powers, absence of corruption, open government, fundamental rights, order and security, regulatory enforcement, civil justice, and criminal justice.

India's First Writers' Village

- Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, will inaugurate a unique initiative called 'Writers' Village' (Lekhak Gaon) near Dehradun.
- This event marks an important cultural milestone in India, aiming to **celebrate literature and creativity**. The Writers' Village is situated 24 km from Dehradun.
 It is the first of its kind in India.



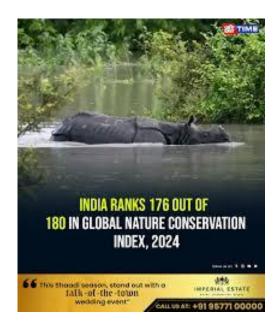
- The village aims to provide a dedicated space for writers and artists to gather, create, and collaborate. Nishank's vision is to encourage a community that nurtures literary and artistic talent.
- The ceremony will kick off a **three-day International Literature**, **Art**, and Culture Festival. Writers, artists, and cultural figures from over 65 countries will attend the festival.
- Notably, **40 countries will have representatives present** on-site. This international gathering aims to create a platform for cultural exchange and collaboration.



- The festival will include 30 sessions. These sessions will cover various topics such as writing techniques, cultural discussions, and the relationship between nature and art.
- The diverse programme aims to engage participants and promote creative dialogue. Nishank revealed that the concept of the Writers' Village was inspired by the late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He expressed concern over the lack of respect for writers in India. Nishank aims to address this issue by creating a space where writers can thrive.
- The Writers' Village seeks to become a hub for literary and cultural activities. It
 aims to host regular events, workshops, and residencies for writers. Nishank
 envisions a vibrant community that will elevate the status of writers in India
 and beyond.

Global Nature Conservation Index

- India ranks 176th in the Global Nature Conservation Index (NCI) 2024, with a score of 45.5 out of 100. This places India among the five worst performers globally, alongside Kiribati, Turkey, Iraq, and Micronesia.
- The NCI was released on October 24, 2024, and assesses conservation efforts across 180 countries.



- The NCI is a new tool that evaluates conservation efforts using four key markers:
- Land Management
- Threats to Biodiversity
- Capacity and Governance
- Developed by the Goldman Sonnenfeldt School of Sustainability and Climate Change at Ben-Gurion University and BioDB.com, the index aims to provide a clear analysis of each country's conservation strategies. It helps governments and organizations identify issues and improve their conservation policies.



- India's low ranking is primarily due to poor land management and increasing threats to biodiversity. The country has converted 53% of its land for urban, industrial, and agricultural use. The NCI marks several problems:
- **High Pesticide Use**: This contributes to soil pollution.

• **Sustainable Nitrogen Index**: Currently at 0.77, indicating a need for improvement in soil health.



Tropical Storm Trami

- In Philippines, the death toll from Tropical Storm Trami has reached 90, with 36 individuals still missing due to severe flooding and landslides across the country.
- National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said, search efforts continue for the missing. The Philippine Coast Guard reports that over 8,000 people were stranded at seaports.



 Trami is the 11th typhoon to strike this year that has affected over 5.7 million people across 16 regions and primarily in Bicol and Calabarzon areas of the Luzon island. The archipelago experiences an average of 20 typhoons annually.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1.	India Ranked In World Justice Report
A.	92 nd
В.	98 th
C.	100 th
D.	101th
	ANSWER: B
2.	PM Pedro Sanchez Seen In News Related To
A.	Spain
В.	Germany
C.	Portugal
D.	Italy
	ANSWER: A
3.	Scientists Detected Gases Carbon Dioxide And Hydrogen Peroxide On Which
	Moon Of Pluto
	Charon
	Nix
	Hydra
D.	Kerberos
	ANSWER: A
4.	Which State Recently Celebrated The Lamlai Festival
A.	Manipur
В.	Odisha
C.	Sikkim
D.	Mizoram
	Wilediam
	ANSWER: A

- 5. Which Two Countries Have The World's Worst Internet Freedom
- A. Myanmar and China
- B. Bhutan and Nepal
- C. China and Bangladesh
- D. Myanmar and Sri Lanka

ANSWER: A

6. Vat Phou, UNESCO World Heritage Site, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Thailand
- B. Vietnam
- C. Laos
- D. Cambodia

ANSWER: C

7. Which State Government Approved The Damanganga - Vaitarna-Godavari River Linking Project

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: A

8. Hellfire Missiles, Are Developed By Which Country

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. France
- D. United States of America

ANSWER: D

9. Exercise SIMBEX Is Conducted Between India And Which Country

- A. Germany
- B. Singapore
- C. Australia
- D. China

ANSWER: B

10. Asiatic Golden Cat Has Been Spotted In Which National Park Of Assam

- A. Raimona National Park
- B. Dibru Saikhowa National Park
- C. Manas National Park
- D. Orang National Park

ANSWER: C

11. Indian Council For Cultural Relations Held A Conference Of Buddhist Monks And Scholars In Which City

- A. Thimphu, Bhutan
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Colombo, Sri Lanka
- D. Hanoi, Vietnam

ANSWER: C

12. Indian Skimmer Birds Spotted At Which Dam In Telangana, Marking A First For State

- A. Lower Manair Dam
- B. Ramagundam Dam
- C. Kadam Dam
- D. Singur Dam

ANSWER: A

13. Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve Is Located In Which State

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Kerala
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: C

14. The Soliga Tribe Primarily Resides In Which States

- A. Manipur and Nagaland
- B. Jharkhand and Bihar
- C. Gujarat and Rajasthan
- D. Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

ANSWER: D

15. Which Indian Won Silver Medal At Archery World Cup Final 2024

- A. Deepika Kumari
- B. Bombayla Devi
- C. Parneet Kaur
- D. Muskan Kirar

ANSWER: A

16. Which State/UT Approved Establishment Of Special Courts For People With Disabilities

- A. Delhi
- B. Bihar
- C. Ladakh
- D. Jharkhand

ANSWER: A

17. Union Ministry Of Earth Sciences Approved An X-band Radar To Be Installed In

- A. Wayanad
- B. Kannur
- C. Malappuram
- D. Kollam

ANSWER: A

18. Name Of The Mission Initiated By Anusandhan National Research Foundation To Advance Electric Vehicle Technology

- A. MAHA-EV Mission
- B. Sustainable EV Mission
- C. EMPS Mission
- D. Sarthak Mission

ANSWER: A

19. Which City Is The Host Of SARAS Ajeevika Mela 2024

- A. New Delhi
- B. Gurugram
- C. Indore
- D. Jaipur

ANSWER: B

20. What Is The Range Of Strong Nuclear Force

- A. Infinite
- B. Very short Subnuclear size
- C. Very short Nuclear size
- D. None

ANSWER: C