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World Cancer Day

- World Cancer Day, observed **annually on February 4th**, serves as a powerful reminder to raise awareness, take action, and reduce the global burden of this life-threatening condition. This day encourages individuals, communities, and governments to come together in the fight against cancer
- World Cancer Day was **officially established on 4th February 2000**, during the World Cancer Summit for the New Millennium held in Paris.



- The Union for **International Cancer Control** (UICC) organized the summit, bringing together leaders, healthcare professionals, and policymakers from around the world to highlight the urgent need to address the cancer crisis.



- The **Paris Charter, signed at the summit, laid** the groundwork for World Cancer Day. It aimed to, Promote research into cancer causes, treatment, and prevention, Improve patient care and support, Raise awareness of cancer’s growing impact, Mobilize governments, communities, and individuals to act in combating the disease.
- The theme for **World Cancer Day 2025, “United by Unique,”** marks the launch of a three-year campaign that will run until 2027.



- The core focus of this **theme is to emphasize the personalized journey** of each cancer patient, as well as the importance of individualized care and inclusivity in cancer treatment.
- The campaign aims to,

- **Highlight Personal Stories:** Sharing the personal journeys of cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers to inspire empathy and support.
- **Encourage Personalised Care:** Advocating for healthcare systems that offer tailored treatments and services, recognizing that each patient's experience with cancer is different.
- **Foster Inclusivity:** Ensuring equal access to compassionate and effective cancer care for all individuals, regardless of socio-economic status, background, or location.

'SwaRail' SuperApp

- Railway Ministry has released an application called **SuperApp, a one-stop solution offering multiple public-facing services**. The app provides easy access to services like **reserved and unreserved ticket bookings**, platform and parcel bookings, train inquiries, PNR inquiries, help through RailMadad and more.



- The **core emphasis of the app is to enhance** user experience through a seamless and clean user interface. It **not only combines all services in** one place but also integrates several services to provide users with a complete package of Indian Railway services.

International Big Cat Alliance

- Environment Ministry announced that the Framework Agreement on the establishment of the **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)** has officially come into force.
- The **IBCA and its Secretariat have become a full-fledged**, treaty-based, inter-governmental international organization and legal entity as of January 23. Five countries – **Nicaragua, Eswatini, India, Somalia, and Liberia** – have deposited their instruments of ratification under the Framework Agreement. As of now, 27 countries, including India, have consented to join the IBCA.



- Several international and national organizations working in the field of **wildlife conservation** have also partnered with the IBCA.
- IBCA was launched by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 9, 2023**, during the **'Commemorating 50 years of Project Tiger'** event. Last year, the Union Cabinet approved the **establishment of the IBCA**, with its headquarters in India.
- It was launched with the **aim of conserving seven big cats**: the Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.



Canada, Mexico Order Retaliatory Tariffs

- **Canada and MEXICO have ordered retaliatory tariffs** on goods from the United States. This follows US President Donald Trump ordering sweeping tariffs on imports from Canada, Mexico and China.
- **Canada is initially targeting US 30 billion dollars** in goods imported from the US with **tariffs of 25 per cent**. The restrictions will come into force from tomorrow. A second list will be unveiled soon and will be implemented after public consultation.



- This will include **passenger vehicles, trucks, steel and aluminium products**, certain fruits and vegetables, beef, pork, dairy products and more.
- Mexico has declared that it will **impose retaliatory tariffs**, without mentioning any rate and products. **Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum** spoke on the phone on Saturday after Trump's administration **imposed a sweeping 25 per cent tariff** on goods from Canada and Mexico, and **10 per cent on imports from China**.

MEXICO ANNOUNCES 'RETLIATORY' TARIFFS ON US AFTER CANADA



- Canada's Prime Minister's office in a statement said that Canada and Mexico agreed to enhance the strong bilateral relations. **Canada is the largest export market for 36 states and Mexico is the largest trading partner** of the US.
- Canada and Mexico ordered the tariffs despite Trump's further threat to increase the duties charged if retaliatory levies are placed on American goods.
- At the local level, **some authorities in provinces like** Ontario, British Columbia and Nova Scotia will remove American liquor brands from government store shelves.

Mount Taranaki Becomes A Legal Person

- **New Zealand as the country's Parliament passed** a law that grants **Mount Taranaki**, also known as **Taranaki Maunga**, legal personhood. This unprecedented decision recognizes the mountain as a living entity with rights similar to those of a human being.
- This move is deeply rooted in the **Māori people's spiritual and cultural beliefs** and aims to correct past injustices while promoting environmental conservation. Mount Taranaki holds immense cultural and spiritual significance for the Māori tribes.



- For centuries, it has been regarded not just as a **mountain but as an ancestor**, a figure of cultural identity. **Māori people view the mountain** as a living being that is central to their heritage and traditions.
- The recognition of **Taranaki Maunga as a legal person** reflects this long-standing relationship, marking a momentous step in honoring the Māori worldview and understanding of the natural world.



- New legislation establishes Mount Taranaki as a legal entity known as **Te Kāhui Tupua**. This grants the mountain rights similar to those of humans, with the ability to hold responsibilities, seek legal representation, and even pursue legal actions if necessary.
- A governing body made up of **local Māori iwi (tribes) and appointees** from the Conservation Minister will oversee the management and protection of the mountain. This ensures that Māori communities will play a crucial role in decision-making processes, making the cultural connection to the land an integral part of the mountain's future care.



- Legal rights granted to Taranaki Maunga are designed to protect its health and wellbeing. These rights will help prevent forced sales of the land and promote conservation efforts.
- The mountain's management will focus on restoring traditional practices and protecting native **wildlife, ensuring that it remains a vibrant ecosystem**. The country has already taken similar steps with the **Whanganui River in 2017** and **Te Urewera forest in 2014**.
- This recognition highlights an **increasing global awareness of the need** to protect and respect nature, acknowledging that ecosystems and natural landscapes are vital to the well-being of communities, particularly Indigenous peoples.

Grammy Awards 2025

- Indian-American vocalist and entrepreneur **Chandrika Tandon has won the Grammy award for the album 'Triveni'** in the Best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album category.
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- The 67th Annual Grammy Awards kicked off at the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles today, celebrating the music and resilience. **Beyoncé led the nominations with 11**, winning Best Country Album for Cowboy Carter, making her the most nominated artist in Grammy history with 99 nods.



- **Sabrina Carpenter won her first Grammy** for her album *Short and Sweet*, Kendrick Lamar won multiple awards for his diss track “Not Like Us,” and The Beatles won Best Rock Performance for their AI-assisted track “Now and Then.” Doechii made history as the third woman to win Best Rap Album.



Award Category	Winner(s)
Album of the Year	Beyoncé – “Cowboy Carter”
Record of the Year	Kendrick Lamar – “Not Like Us”
Song of the Year	Kendrick Lamar – “Not Like Us”
Best New Artist	Chappell Roan
Best Pop Solo Performance	Sabrina Carpenter – “Espresso”
Best Pop Vocal Album	Sabrina Carpenter – “Short n’ Sweet”
Best Country Album	Beyoncé – “Cowboy Carter”
Best Country Duo/Group Performance	Beyoncé & Miley Cyrus – “II MOST WANTED”
Best Rap Album	J. Cole – “The Off-Season”
Best Rock Album	The Black Crowes – “Shake Your Money Maker”
Best R&B Song	Kehlani – “After Hours”
Best Dance/Electronic Performance	Justice & Tame Impala – “We Are the People”
Best Score Soundtrack	Bear McCreary – “God of War Ragnarök: Valhalla”
Dr. Dre Global Impact Award	Alicia Keys

EXAMS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Mount Taranaki Located In

- A. New Zealand
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Nigeria

ANSWER: A

2. World Cancer Day Is Celebrated On Which Day Every Year

- A. 1 February
- B. 2 February
- C. 3 February
- D. 4 February

ANSWER: D

3. World Wetlands Day Is Celebrated On Which Day Every Year

- A. 1 February
- B. 2 February
- C. 3 February
- D. 4 February

ANSWER: B

4. Which Country Has Become First African Country To Eliminate Onchocerciasis

- A. Kenya
- B. Libya
- C. Algeria
- D. Niger

ANSWER: D

5. Which Country Is The Host Of 9th Asian Winter Games

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

ANSWER: A

6. Primary Objective Of The Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme

- A. Promoting English-language learning
- B. Encouraging foreign-language education
- C. Establishing new universities
- D. Providing digital textbooks in Indian languages

ANSWER: D

7. What Are The Four Identified Engines Of Development In The Union Budget 2025-26

- A. Agriculture, MSMEs, Investment, and Exports
- B. Infrastructure, Digital Economy, Manufacturing, and Tourism
- C. Education, Healthcare, Digitalization, and Trade
- D. Defense, Railways, Services, and Technology

ANSWER: A

8. With The New Income Tax Regime, Which Of The Following Income Slabs Has A Tax Rate Of 10%

- A. ₹4 to ₹8 lakh
- B. ₹8 to ₹12 lakh
- C. ₹16 to ₹20 lakh
- D. ₹12 to ₹16 lakh

ANSWER: B

9. Total Budget Allocation For Indian Railways For FY 2025-26

- A. ₹2.52 lakh crore
- B. ₹2.45 lakh crore
- C. ₹2.65 lakh crore
- D. ₹2.09 lakh crore

ANSWER: C

10. Main Objective Of The National Manufacturing Mission Announced In The Union Budget 2025-26

- A. To promote large-scale service sector employment
- B. To support and enhance the 'Make in India' initiative
- C. To encourage foreign direct investment in agriculture
- D. To establish new IT hubs across India

ANSWER: B

11. What Is The Primary Goal Of Increasing The Investment And Turnover Limits For MSMEs In Budget 2025-26

- A. To Increase Tax Revenue From MSMEs
- B. To Facilitate Technological Upgradation And Better Access To Capital
- C. To Reduce Competition In The MSME Sector
- D. To Encourage MSMEs To Shift To The Large-scale Industry Category

ANSWER: B

12. First Indian Company To Develop Pipes For Transporting Hydrogen

- A. Reliance Industries
- B. Tata Steel
- C. JSW Steel
- D. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)

ANSWER: B

13. Name Of The Application Released By The Railway Ministry, A On -Stop Solution Offering Multiple Public-facing Services

- A. RailGuru
- B. SupermanApp
- C. TrainTracker
- D. SwaRail

ANSWER: D

14. How Many Athletes Are Part Of The Indian Contingent For The 2025 Asian Winter Games

- A. 59 athletes
- B. 50 athletes
- C. 65 athletes
- D. 75 athletes

ANSWER: A

15. BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award Was Instituted In Honour Of Which Legendary Cricketer

- A. Kapil Dev
- B. Col. C.K. Nayudu
- C. Sunil Gavaskar
- D. Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi

ANSWER: B

16. Which Of The Following Statements Is False Regarding India's Ramsar Sites

- A. India Has Added Four New Ramsar Sites, Bringing The Total To 89.
- B. Tamil Nadu Has Highest Number Of Ramsar Sites In India, With A Tally Of 20.
- C. India Ranks First In The World In Terms Of The Number Of Ramsar Sites.
- D. Sikkim And Jharkhand Have Added Their First Ramsar Sites.

ANSWER: C

17. What Is Another Name For Onchocerciasis

- A. Sleeping sickness
- B. Yellow fever
- C. Dengue fever
- D. River blindness

ANSWER: D

18. What Is The Theme Of The BRICS Youth Council Entrepreneurship Working Group Meeting 2025

- A. Youth Innovation In The Digital Age
- B. Sustainable Business For Future Generations
- C. Youth Entrepreneurship For Sustainable Growth
- D. Empowering Young Leaders For Global Change

ANSWER: C

19. Who Did R. Praggnanandhaa Defeat To Win The Tata Steel Masters 2025 Title

- A. Magnus Carlsen
- B. Levon Aronian
- C. D. Gukesh
- D. Viswanathan Anand

ANSWER: C

20. N Gopalaswami Committee Has Been To Set Up For The Promotion Of Which Language

- A. Sanskrit
- B. Urdu
- C. Sindhi
- D. Tamil

ANSWER: A