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First Ever Riverine Dolphin Estimation

- During the 7th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife at Sasan Gir in Junagadh district, the Prime Minister released the report of the first-ever **riverine dolphin estimation** conducted in the country, which estimated a total of **6,327 dolphins**.



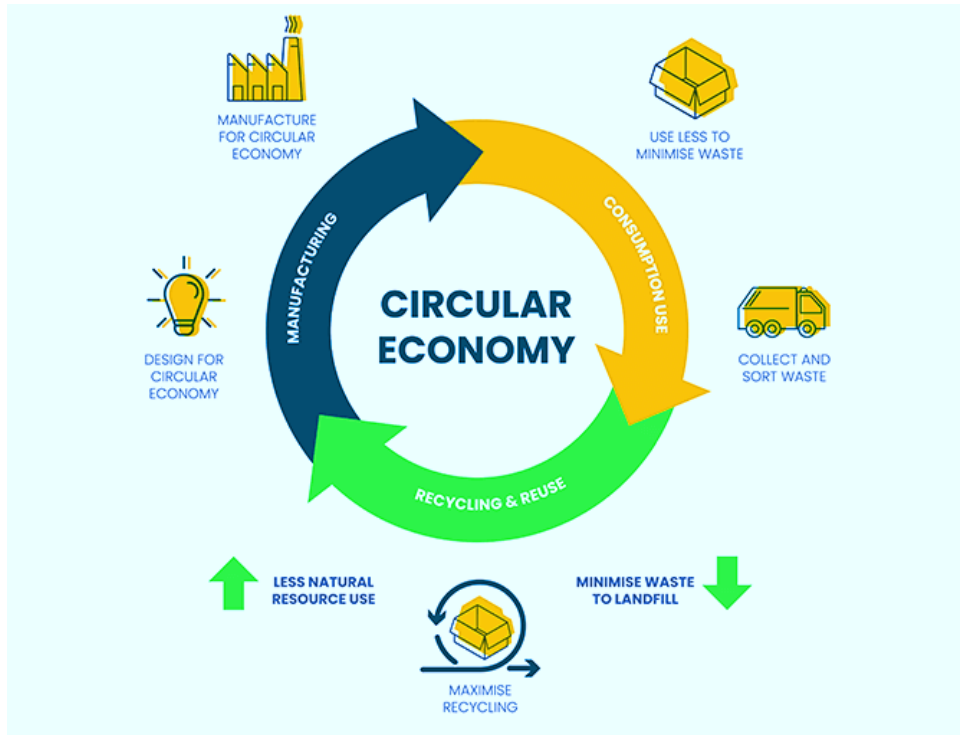
- This pioneering effort involved **surveying 28 rivers across eight states**, with **3,150 man-days dedicated** to covering over **8,500 kilometres**. **Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest numbers**, followed by Bihar, West Bengal, and Assam. The Prime Minister emphasized the importance of awareness of dolphin conservation through the involvement of the local population and villagers in these areas. He emphasized the **role of eco-tourism in wildlife conservation** and stressed the need for improved travel and connectivity for wildlife tourism.

12th Regional 3R & Circular Economy Forum

- Pinkcity Jaipur is all set to host the **12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific**. This three-day Event kicks off today at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur.
- The forum focuses on **“Realizing Circular Societies Towards Achieving SDGs and Carbon Neutrality in Asia-Pacific**. Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal, will inaugurate the event in the presence of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Bhajanlal Sharma.



- **Forum aims to provide strategic policy inputs to government** authorities in the Asia-Pacific region for mainstreaming **3R (reduce, reuse, recycle)** and circularity and serve as a platform for disseminating and sharing best practices in 3R.
- The takeaway of the 12th Regional Forum will be the Jaipur Declaration for 2025-34. It will aim to provide participating countries with a framework for **developing 3R and circular economy policies and programs**. Agreements for 18 cities will be signed in the event to activate the CITIIS 2.0 program, which includes integrated waste management projects.



India Rejects UN Rights Chief's Remarks

- India strongly rejected comments made by **UN Human Rights Chief Volker Turk** in his global update at the Human Rights Council in Geneva. Speaking at the UN, India's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva, Mr Arindam Bagchi, called the **remarks unfounded and baseless, saying they did not reflect the reality on the ground.**



- Bagchi emphasized that India is the **world's largest democracy** with a vibrant and diverse society. He criticized Turk's reference to Kashmir and Manipur and used Kashmir instead of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Mr Bagchi highlighted Jammu and Kashmir's high voter turnout, booming tourism, and rapid development. India also expressed concern over the UN report's **oversimplifications and cherry-picking of issues**.
- Mr Bagchi urged the UN rights office to take a long and hard look in the mirror. Turk's update covered various global conflicts, including Ukraine and Gaza, but did not mention Pakistan.

India-Nepal

- **India and Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** in New Delhi to enhance cooperation in the Water Sanitation, Hygiene sector, and waste management.



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- The primary agenda of the agreement is to promote collaboration between the two nations and strengthen intergovernmental cooperation in the **WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) sector**, ensuring better access to clean drinking water and sanitation for their populations.
- Speaking at the event, Minister of Jal Shakti, C.R. Patil, emphasized that the MoU reflects the **shared commitment of both countries towards** public health, sustainability, and regional cooperation. Our correspondent reports that the MoU marks a new chapter in the **India-Nepal partnership**, ensuring that both

countries work together for the well-being of their people and for a sustainable future.

EAM Jaishankar To Embark Visit To UK, Ireland

- External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar will embark on an **official visit to the United Kingdom and Ireland**. India and the UK share a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and the bilateral relations **have strengthened across** diverse areas, including defence, security, trade, economy, health, education, and people-to-people ties.



- **During the visit to the UK, Dr S. Jaishankar will hold discussions** with Foreign Secretary David Lammy and meet with other key dignitaries to further deepen cooperation.
- **Following this, on his two-day visit to Ireland, he will engage** in talks with his Irish counterpart Simon Harris and other dignitaries. During his visit, Dr. Jaishankar will also meet with members of the Indian community. India and Ireland share friendly bilateral relations based on shared democratic values, cultural ties, and growing economic engagements.

Trump Declared English As The Official Language

- President Donald Trump announced that **English would be the official language** of the country. He said that this decision would help bring unity in a nation with people from different backgrounds.



- The White House released an executive order stating that it was **“long past time”** to make **English the official language** of the United States.
- **Earlier, under President Bill Clinton, a rule required** federal agencies and organizations that receive government money to provide services in multiple languages. This rule has now been removed.
- **Government offices and federally funded organizations** whether they want to provide documents and services in languages other than English.

Krishna Jayasankar

- **India’s Krishna Jayasankar** made history at the **2025 Mountain West Indoor Track and Field Championships** by becoming the **first Indian woman** to cross the 16-metre mark in indoor shot put. Her record-breaking **throw measured 16.03 metres**.
- The 22-year-old broke the **previous Indian indoor record of 15.54 metres**. Poornarao Rane set that record at the 2023 American Athletic Conference Indoor Championships.



- **Krishna was in fourth place until the penultimate round.** However, she clinched the bronze medal with her final throw.
- **Mya Lesnar of the USA bagged the Gold while** compatriot Gabby Morns claimed a silver. Krishna's previous best indoor throw was 15.03 metres, recorded last month at the same venue.
- **India's overall women's shot put record remains 18.41 m.** Abha Khatua set it at the Federation Cup 2024.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. In First Ever Riverine Dolphin Estimation Total Dolphins Found

- A. 6325
- B. 6327
- C. 6500
- D. 6827

ANSWER: B

2. 12th Regional 3R & Circular Economy Forum Will Be Held In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Jaipur
- D. Kolkata

ANSWER: C

3. Trump Declared ____ As The Official Language

- A. French
- B. Latin
- C. English
- D. German

ANSWER: C

4. What Is The Theme For Zero Discrimination Day 2025

- A. Equality for All
- B. We stand together
- C. No More Discrimination
- D. Break the Barriers

ANSWER: B

5. Where Did Prime Minister Narendra Modi Chair The NBWL Meeting On World Wildlife Day

- A. Ranthambore National Park
- B. Kaziranga National Park
- C. Sasan Gir
- D. Jim Corbett National Park

ANSWER: C

6. Which Institution Has Developed The Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. Inter-University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune
- C. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: B

7. Which Regulatory Body Has Launched A Centralised Database Portal For Corporate Bonds Called Bond Central

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- D. Ministry of Finance

ANSWER: B

8. Which Day Is Observed As World Civil Defence Day

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

ANSWER: A

9. Krishna Jayasankar Throw Measured In Indoor Shotput

- A. 16.01
- B. 16.02
- C. 16.03
- D. 16.04

ANSWER: C

10. Ron Draper, Who Was The Oldest Living Test Cricketer, Passed Away. He Was From Which Country

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

ANSWER: B

11. Which Indian Tennis Player Won Men's Doubles Title At The Chile Open 2025

- A. Sumit Nagal
- B. Yuki Bhambri
- C. Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli
- D. Ramkumar Ramanathan

ANSWER: C

12. How Much Total GST Revenue Was Collected In February 2025

- A. 1.75 lakh crore rupees
- B. 1.89 lakh crore rupees
- C. 1.90 lakh crore rupees
- D. 1.84 lakh crore rupees

ANSWER: D

13. Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Functions Under Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Tourism

ANSWER: C

14. Auroville Cultural Township, Is Administered By Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Tourism
- C. Ministry of Culture
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

ANSWER: A

15. Lepakshi Temple, Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

16. Which Indian State Is The Host Of Global Investor Summit 2025

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: C

17. Which City Is The Host Of National Horticulture Fair 2025

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

ANSWER: C

18. Which Institution Has Developed A Quality Of Public Expenditure (QPE) Index

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- C. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- D. Ministry of Finance

ANSWER: B

19. Which Indian Municipal Corporation Became India's First Local Body To Include A Climate Chapter In Its Budget

- A. Mumbai Municipal Corporation
- B. Bengaluru Municipal Corporation
- C. Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation
- D. Delhi Municipal Corporation

ANSWER: C

20. Who Among The Following Got The Mahabharata Translated Into Persian And Named It As 'Razmnama'

- A. Akbar
- B. Jahangir
- C. Aurangzeb
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A