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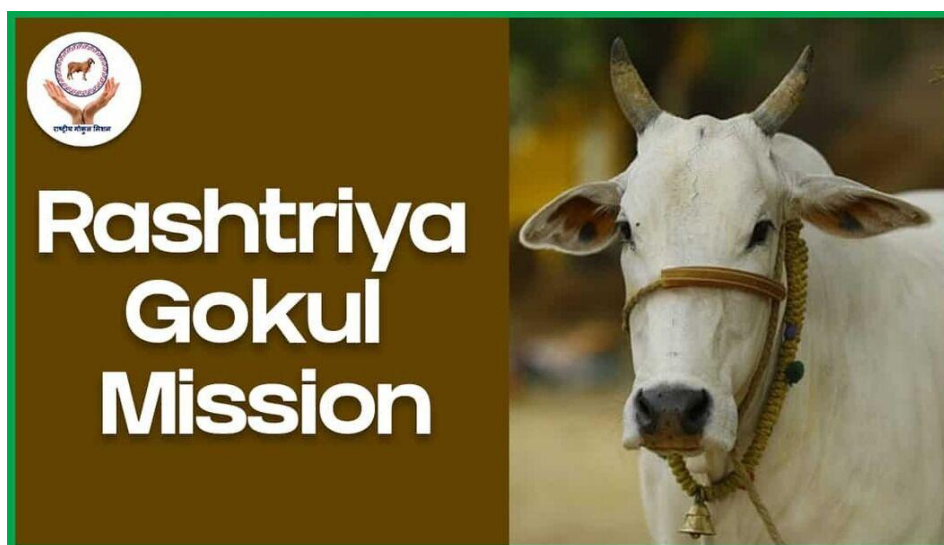
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India Becomes The World's Top Milk Producer

- India has emerged as the **top milk producer in the world**, with a current production of **239 million metric tons (MMT)**. Union Minister of Animal Husbandry and Dairying **Rajiv Ranjan Singh** announced in the Lok Sabha that India aims to increase **milk production to 300 MMT in the next five years**.



- This growth has been significantly driven by the **Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)**, **launched in 2014**. India's dairy sector has witnessed remarkable growth over the years, making it the **largest milk-producing country** in the world.
- The nation contributes more than **24% of global milk production**. The per capita milk consumption in **India is 471 grams per day**, significantly higher than the global average. Current Milk Production: 239 MMT
- Global Share: Over 24%
- **Target by 2030**: 300 MMT
- Growth in Milk Production (since 2014): 63.5%
- Contribution to GDP: 4.5%
- **Employment Generation**: 10 crore people, 75% of whom are women



- Impact of the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)
- The **Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)** was **introduced in 2014** to boost India's dairy industry. Under this initiative, several reforms and programs have been implemented to improve the quality and quantity of milk production.
- Objectives of RGM:
- **Conservation of Indigenous Breeds:** Development and conservation of native cattle breeds like Gir, Sahiwal, Red Sindhi, and Rathi.
- **Genetic Upgradation:** Use of high-genetic merit bulls to improve breed quality.
- **Artificial Insemination (AI):** Strengthening the breeding network and expanding AI services to farmers.
- **Dairy Infrastructure Development:** Encouraging modern milk processing units and cold storage facilities.
- **Farmer Welfare Programs:** Making dairy farming more profitable through government support.

India, China

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that India and China are trying to rebuild the ties **damaged by the Galwan Valley clashes of 2020**, as a tense relationship will not serve either side. Dr. Jaishankar said that differences should not become disputes and that competition should not become conflict.
- He made this remark while speaking on **India-China relations in a conversation** with **Dr. Kyung-wha Kang, President and Chief Executive Officer** of the Asia Society, in New Delhi.



- Dr. Jaishankar emphasized that since October last year, relations between the two countries have seen some improvement, with both nations working on various aspects of their ties.
- He said that **India and China do compete on many issues**, but because they compete doesn't mean that there should be a conflict between the two countries. He also pointed to foundational shift, with change in American position, rise of China.

India To Overtake Japan In 2025 And Germany In 2027

- According to **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** data, the Indian economy is likely to **overtake Japan in 2025 and Germany in 2027** to become the world's **third largest economy** after the United States of America and China.



- The positive report of the IMF comes after a **World Bank report** which suggested that India needs to grow at an **average annual growth rate of 7.8 percent** to achieve the target of Viksit Bharat or a developed country by 2047. The real gross domestic product (GDP) of India has doubled **from \$2.1 trillion in 2015 to \$4.3 trillion in 2025**.



- The growth rate of **India was 105 percent** which is the highest growth rate amongst the major economies. The growth rate of the United States during this period was **66 percent** and **China was 76 percent** during this period. While Japan whose **real GDP was 4.4 trillion in 2015** remained at **4.4 trillion in 2025**, showing a growth rate of 0 percent.

Sikkim's GI-Tagged Dalle Chilly

- **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** successfully facilitated the **first export of 15,000 kg of GI-tagged Dalle Chilly from Sikkim** to the Solomon Islands, marking a significant step in promoting India's northeastern agricultural products globally.



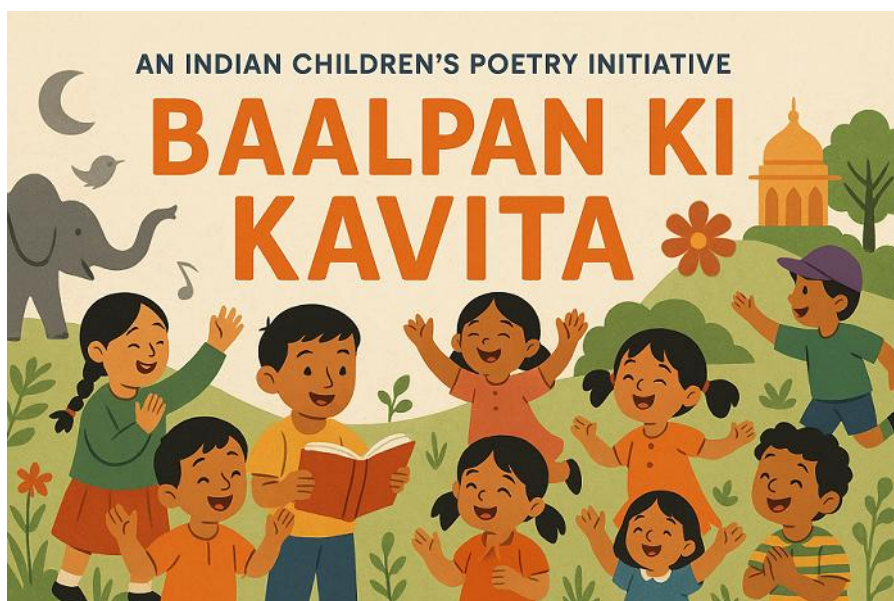
- Sourced from South Sikkim farmers and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) by Mevedir, the consignment fetched premium prices of Rs 250-300 per kg— compared to the usual Rs 180-200 per kg—highlighting the economic benefits of GI tagging and international trade for local producers.



- **Dalle Chilly**, also known as **Fire Ball Chilly** or **Dalle Khursani**, is renowned for its intense pungency, bright red color, and high nutritional value. Rich in vitamins A, C, and E, along with potassium, its **Scoville Heat Units (SHU)** range from 100,000 to 350,000, making it a sought-after spice for both culinary and medicinal applications.

“Baalpan Ki Kavita Initiative”

- **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** highlights the importance of Early Childhood Education, multilingualism, and using children’s native languages, inspiring the **Ministry of Education’s “Baalpan ki Kavita”** initiative to create a collection of nursery rhymes and poems in Indian languages and English, rooted in the Indian context.



- Launched by the **Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L)**, this initiative aims to enhance **foundational learning for young children by offering joyful, relatable rhymes and poems** in their mother tongue, helping them connect with their surroundings.



- **In partnership with MyGov, DoSE&L invites contributions of existing folk rhymes (with author credits) or original compositions for three age groups: Pre-primary (ages 3-6), Grade 1 (ages 6-7), and Grade 2 (ages 7-8), accepting entries in all Bhartiya Bhasha and English from March 26, 2025, to April 22, 2025.**

India Dismisses USCIRF Findings

- Ministry of External Affairs today said that the **United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** should be designated as an entity of concern. **Dismissing the findings of the recently released 2025 Annual Report** by USCIRF, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that USCIRF continues its pattern of **issuing biased and politically motivated assessments**. He made these

remarks after USCIRF, in its report, claimed that attacks against India's minorities rose in 2024.



- Mr Jaiswal said that **USCIRF's persistent attempts to misrepresent** isolated incidents and cast aspersions on India's vibrant multicultural society reflect a deliberate agenda **rather than a genuine concern for religious freedom**.
- He further underscored that India is home to 1.4 billion people who are **adherents to all religions known to mankind**. He added, however, that there is no expectation that **USCIRF will engage with the reality of India's pluralistic** framework or acknowledge the harmonious coexistence of its diverse communities. Mr Jaiswal also asserted that such efforts to undermine India's standing as a beacon of democracy and tolerance will not succeed.

‘Saugat-e-Modi’ Campaign

- **BJP Minority Morcha has launched the Saugat-e-Modi campaign**, aiming to distribute special kits to **32 lakh underprivileged Muslims** across the country ahead of Eid. The initiative seeks to ensure that poor Muslim families can celebrate the festival without any hardship.



- **National president of the BJP Minority Morcha, Jamal Siddiqui**, outlined the campaign's broader vision, stating that during the holy month of Ramadan and **upcoming occasions like Eid**, Good Friday, Easter, Vaisakhi, Nauruz and Indian New Year, the Minority Front will reach out to those in need through the Saugat-e-Modi campaign.
- He said that, as part of the campaign, **32 thousand Minority Morcha workers** will collaborate with 32 thousand mosques nationwide to reach the needy. Yesterday, BJP National General Secretary and incharge of Minority Morcha Dushyant Kumar Gautam distributed kits under the Saugat-e-Modi campaign in the presence of Mr Siddiqui at Hazrat Nizamuddin area in the national capital.

Bellatrix Aerospace Partners With Astroscale Japan

- **Bellatrix Aerospace, a Bengaluru-based space mobility company**, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Astroscale Japan to collaborate on active debris removal, satellite servicing, and sustainable in-orbit mobility.
- This partnership aims to enhance **space sustainability and ensure a cleaner** orbital environment. The partnership focuses on active debris removal, satellite

servicing, and sustainable in-orbit mobility solutions. Bellatrix Aerospace, An emerging Indian space company recognized for its innovative propulsion technologies and space mobility solutions.



- **Astroscale Japan** , A leader in space debris mitigation, providing scalable services like life extension, in-situ space situational awareness, and end-of-life disposal.



- **Astroscale has demonstrated its capabilities** through ELSA-d and ADRAS-J missions, collaborating with JAXA, ESA, U.S. Space Force, UK Space Agency, and Eutelsat OneWeb. **Bellatrix's Achievements** : Successfully completed three space missions in the past year, qualifying Green Propulsion and Hall-Effect Thruster technology.

Asian Wrestling Championship 2025

- **Indian wrestlers continued** their good run on the second day of the **Senior Asian Wrestling Championship 2025**, with **Nitesh clinching the second bronze medal** for the country in Amman, Jordan, yesterday. Nitesh showcased remarkable skill and determination **in the Greco-Roman category** as he added another bronze medal to the one that **Sunil Kumar had won in the men's 87kg**. In the bronze medal match, Nitesh handed Amanberdi Agamammedov of Turkmenistan a dominant 9-0 defeat.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Rashtriya Gokul Mission Launched In

- A. 2012
- B. 2014
- C. 2018
- D. 2020

ANSWER: B

2. What Is Another Name For Dalle Chilly

- A. Ghost Pepper
- B. Naga Morich
- C. Fire Ball Chilly
- D. Jalapeño

ANSWER: C

3. Dalle Chilly Got GI Tag Found In Which State

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

ANSWER: C

4. By Which Year Does The IMF Predict India Will Surpass Germany

- A. 2027
- B. 2025
- C. 2030
- D. 2026

ANSWER: A

5. By What Percentage Has The Value Of Defence Production Increased Since 2014-15

- A. 150%
- B. 160%
- C. 174%
- D. 180%

ANSWER: C

6. Where Was The 614th Meeting Of The Central Board Of Directors Of The Reserve Bank Of India Held

- A. Thiruvananthapuram
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Guwahati

ANSWER: A

7. What Is Primary Focus Of India- Singapore Green And Digital Shipping Corridor

- A. Military Cooperation
- B. Maritime Digitalisation And Decarbonisation
- C. Tourism Development
- D. Space Research

ANSWER: B

8. Which Department Has Launched The “Baalpan Ki Kavita” Initiative

- A. University Grants Commission (UGC)
- B. National Testing Agency (NTA)
- C. Department of School Education & Literacy
- D. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

ANSWER: C

9. Who Has Been Elected As A Bureau Member Of United World Wrestling (UWW)- Asia

- A. Sanjay Singh
- B. Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh
- C. Anita Sheoran
- D. Vinesh Phogat

ANSWER: A

10. On Which Date Is The International Day Of Solidarity With Detained And Missing Staff Members Observed Annually

- A. March 25
- B. March 10
- C. March 15
- D. March 20

ANSWER: A

11. Which State Government Has Adopted Transplantation Of Human Organs And Tissues Act In March 2025

- A. Telangana
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Odisha
- D. Haryana

ANSWER: A

12. Nagarajunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: C

13. Hakki Pikki Tribe Is Primarily Found In Which State

- A. Bihar
- B. Karnataka
- C. Odisha
- D. Assam

ANSWER: B

14. Which State Is The Host Of ISTAF Sepak Takraw 2025 World Cup

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

ANSWER: C

15. Which Institution Has Launched Samarthyaa: National Competition On Corporate Rescue Strategies 2025

- A. Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs
- B. National Institute of Corporate Governance
- C. National Academy of Legal Studies and Research
- D. National Law University Delhi

ANSWER: A

16. Shigmo Festival Is Mainly Celebrated In Which State

- A. Goa
- B. Kerala
- C. Odisha
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: A

17. What Is The Primary Objective Of The Euclid Space Telescope

- A. Search for exoplanets
- B. To study dark energy and dark matter
- C. To study the rings of Saturn
- D. Study the Sun

ANSWER: B

18. Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS) Was Launched In Which Year

- A. 2015
- B. 2017
- C. 2019
- D. 2020

ANSWER: A

19. Bagad Rath Yatra Festival Is Recently Celebrated In Which State

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: C

20. Who Among The Following Is Said To Have Hatched The Delhi Conspiracy 1912

- A. Rasbehari Bose
- B. Bhai Paramanand
- C. Sachindranath Sanyal
- D. Sohan Lal Pathak

ANSWER: A