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Operation Brahma

- The government of India has launched **Operation Brahma** to help the earthquake-hit victims in Myanmar. **A 7.7 magnitude quake** hit Myanmar on 28 March 2025, killing at least 1000 people. India, under its **Neighbourhood First policy and its policy** of being the first responder in providing **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** has launched Operation Brahma.



- **Two Indian Air Force C-130J aircraft carrying** relief material for the quake-hit Myanmar took off from Hindon Air Force Station, Uttar Pradesh. The plane carried the **first tranche of 15 tonnes of urgent humanitarian** aid landed at the Yangon airport of Myanmar.
- **A search-and-rescue team and a medical team** have also been sent to Myanmar. The relief package includes essential supplies such as tents, blankets, sleeping bags, crucial medical supplies, including paracetamol, antibiotics, syringes, gloves, and bandages etc.

SpaceX Launches Historic “Fram2” Mission

- **SpaceX launched “Fram2,” the first human spaceflight** to travel directly over Earth’s North and South Poles, on a privately funded mission. The mission includes groundbreaking experiments, such as **taking the first X-ray in space** and studying mushroom growth in microgravity.



- The crew consists of mission commander **Chun Wang** (China/Malta), vehicle commander Jannicke Mikkelsen (Norway), mission pilot Rabea Rogge (Germany), and mission specialist **Eric Philips** (Australia). Named after the 19th-century Norwegian exploration ship “Fram,” the mission aims to gather new data to advance long-term space exploration.

“Trade Watch Quarterly”

- The second edition of **Trade Watch Quarterly for Q2** of the financial year 2024-25 (July to September) was officially released in New Delhi by Dr Arvind Virmani, **Member of NITI Aayog**.
- Published by NITI Aayog, the report offers a comprehensive overview of India’s trade performance, analysing global demand-supply trends, sector-specific developments, and emerging opportunities in the international trade landscape.



- **During Q2 FY'25, India recorded a steady trade growth** of 5.67 per cent in the April–September 2024 period compared to the same timeframe in 2023. Notably, copper entered the top ten import categories, with a significant 28 per cent year-on-year surge, primarily driven by increased infrastructure demand. While export composition remained largely consistent with the previous quarter, electrical machinery and nuclear reactors showed notable year-on-year growth.



- **In contrast, mineral fuels and iron & steel experienced declines.** North America and the European Union accounted for nearly 40 per cent of India's exports, while Northeast and West Asia continued as major import partners. This edition

places special emphasis on the textile sector, a vital contributor to India's industrial output, employment generation, and export earnings.



- **India ranks among the top ten textile exporters globally**, holding a 4 per cent share in international trade. The country maintains a competitive edge in **natural fibre-based textiles**, with cotton and carpets representing about 70 per cent of its textile exports.

52 Years Of Project Tiger

- **India proudly commemorates 52 years of Project Tiger**, a pioneering initiative that transformed the landscape of wildlife conservation. On this day in 1973, the Government of **India launched Project Tiger to protect** the country's dwindling tiger population.



- With a legacy of resilience and determination, the project has played a crucial role in **increasing tiger populations and preserving their** natural habitats. Over five decades, the initiative has grown into one of the world's most successful wildlife conservation programs.
- **From just 1,411 tigers in 2006**, India's wild tiger population surged to **3,682 in 2022**, making it home to nearly 75 per cent of the world's wild tigers. The country now has **57 tiger reserves, covering** approximately 83,000 sq km of forest land.



- Tamil Nadu alone houses five **tiger reserves spread across 6,200 sq km**, sheltering **306 tigers**. A major milestone came when India achieved its target of doubling tiger numbers, four years ahead of schedule of '**St. The Petersburg Declaration on Tiger Conservation**' was held in Russia.
- In 2023, the country further cemented its leadership in conservation by launching the **International Big Cats Alliance to protect** big cats worldwide. The **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** is a statutory body of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, which plays a key role in the 'PROJECT TIGER'.
- '**As India celebrates 52 years of Project Tiger**, it stands as a global inspiration in wildlife conservation, proving that dedicated efforts can reverse species decline and create a thriving ecosystem for future generations

NITI NCAER States Economic Forum Portal

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will launch **NITI NCAER States Economic Forum portal** in New Delhi. NITI Aayog, in collaboration with the National Council of Applied Economic Research NCAER has developed the portal which is a comprehensive repository of data on social, economic and fiscal parameters, research reports, papers, and expert commentary on State Finances for a period of about 30 years from 1990-91 to 2022-23.



- The portal has four main components, State Reports, Data Repository, State Fiscal and Economic Dashboard and Research and Commentary. The portal will facilitate an **understanding of macro, fiscal, demographic and socio-economic** trends easily accessible data and user-friendly format and will also address the ongoing need for consolidated sectoral data in one place.

Cory Booker

- **U.S. Senator Cory Booker has made history**, delivering the longest continuous speech in Senate history, an **astonishing 25 hours and 5 minutes**. The New Jersey Democrat took the floor at 7 PM on Monday and spoke uninterrupted until after 8 PM the following day, calling attention to what he described as a crisis in American democracy under President Donald Trump.
- **Booker shattered the previous record of 24 hours and 18 minutes**, set in 1957 by segregationist Senator Strom Thurmond in a failed attempt to block the Civil Rights Act. **Unlike Thurmond, who fought against progress**, Booker used his

marathon speech to warn against the growing consolidation of power and rally support for democratic institutions.



Shirley Botchwey

- **Shirley Botchwey will assume office as the 7th Secretary-General of the Commonwealth.** With this, she will become the first woman from Africa to hold this office. **Ms. Botchwey has 20 years of leadership** experience in diplomacy, international relations, governance, and public service.



- She previously served as **Ghana's Minister for Foreign Affairs** and Regional Integration from January 2017 to January 2024 and was also a member of **Ghana's National Security Council.**

- The **Secretary-General** is nominated by Commonwealth leaders and can serve a maximum of two terms of four years each. The **Commonwealth Secretary-General** is responsible for promoting and protecting the Commonwealth's values, representing the Commonwealth publicly and the management of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary for Leopard safari

- Punjab government will develop the **Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary** as a leopard safari destination to promote eco-tourism in the state.
- Punjab Government will develop the **wildlife sanctuary in the Sri Anandpur Sahib as the state's first wildlife sanctuary** of the state where the tourist will view the wildlife in its natural habitat.
- The state government has **allocated Rs 10 crore for the Nangal project** in its 2025-26 budget to develop the tourist infrastructure in the region.
- The Jhajjar- Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary was declared a protected sanctuary by the Punjab government in 1998 under the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

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About Punjab

- **Capital** – Chandigarh
- **Chief Minister** – Bhagwant Mann
- **Governor** – Banwarilal Purohit

Indian Equestrian Niharika Singhania

- In a remarkable display of **skill and dedication**, young Indian equestrian player **Niharika Singhania** has clinched first position in the prestigious Azelhof CSI Lier equestrian **competition held in Belgium**.
- Competing against international participants, **Niharika demonstrated exceptional talent and composure** to bring home gold. Niharika participated in the Two Phases special event, riding on Hotese Charboniere. She finished the event with 40.72 and 40.34 penalty points



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EXAMS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Name Of The Operation Launched By The Indian Government To Help Earthquake-hit Victims In Myanmar

- A. Operation Sahay
- B. Operation Brahma
- C. Operation Raksha
- D. Operation Uddhar

ANSWER: B

2. Which Wildlife Sanctuary In Punjab Is Being Developed As A Leopard Safari Destination

- A. Harike Wildlife Sanctuary
- B. Jhajjar- Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary
- C. Bir Bhadson Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary

ANSWER: B

3. Which Organization Has Recently Published The Second Edition Of “Trade Watch Quarterly” For Q2 FY 2024-25

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)

ANSWER: C

4. Which Organization Has Organized National Conference On Environment 2025

- A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B. National Green Tribunal
- C. Supreme Court of India
- D. Indian Environmental Society

ANSWER: B

5. Name Of The SpaceX Mission That Launched The First Human Spaceflight Directly Over Earth’s Polar Regions

- A. Fram2
- B. Polaris Dawn
- C. Inspiration4
- D. Crew-10

ANSWER: A

6. Who Has Inaugurated Techkriti 2025, Asia’s Largest Intercollegiate Technical And Entrepreneurial Festival

- A. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
- B. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
- C. Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan
- D. IIT Kanpur Director Prof. Manindra Agrawal

ANSWER: C

7. Who Has Been Confirmed As The Director Of U.S. National Institutes Of Health

- A. Jay Bhattacharya
- B. Sanjay Gupta
- C. Anthony Fauci
- D. Ashish Jha

ANSWER: A

8. Who Has Been Elected As The New Chairman Of The Indian Banks' Association

- A. Atul Kumar Goel
- B. Swarup Kumar Saha
- C. CS Setty
- D. A Maninekhalai

ANSWER: C

9. First Indian To Qualify For The Final Eight Of A WTT Star Contender Event

- A. Sharath Kamal
- B. Manav Thakkar
- C. Harmeet Desai
- D. Krittwika Roy

ANSWER: B

10. Who Has Won 2025 Tashkent Open Agzamov Memorial Title In Tashkent, Uzbekistan

- A. R Praggnanandhaa
- B. Arjun Erigaisi
- C. Nihal Sarin
- D. Vidit Gujrathi

ANSWER: C

11. Where Will The Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025 Be Hosted

- A. Rajgir
- B. Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Kolkata

ANSWER: A

12. GAIL (India) Ltd Has Signed A Five-year LNG Supply Agreement With Which Company

- A. ADNOC Gas
- B. Vitol Asia
- C. Qatar Energy Trading
- D. ExxonMobil

ANSWER: C

13. On Which Date Is World Theatre Day Celebrated Annually

- A. March 25
- B. March 27
- C. April 1
- D. March 30

ANSWER: B

14. What Position Did India Secure As A Tea Exporter In The World In 2024

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth

ANSWER: B

15. In Which Indian State Did The Armed Forces Conduct The Tri-service Exercise Prachand Prahar

- A. Assam
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Nagaland
- D. Manipur

ANSWER: B

16. Where Was India's First Nano Electronics Roadshow Inaugurated

- A. IISc Bengaluru
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IIT Delhi

ANSWER: A

17. In Which Country Was The Lanka India Business Association Officially Launched To Enhance Economic Collaboration With India

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

18. Which Country Was Known As Gold Coast In Past

- A. Burkina Faso
- B. Togo
- C. Ghana
- D. Mali

ANSWER: C

19. Term Rose Revolution Refers To The Change Of Power In Which Among The Following Countries

- A. Croatia
- B. Syria
- C. Georgia
- D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: C

20. Which Among Following Date In History Is Known As D-day, A Date Also Known As Of Operation Neptune And Operation Overlord

- A. 3 March 1943
- B. 6 March 1943
- C. 6 June 1944
- D. 6 June 1945

ANSWER: C