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“Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses”

- In a major push towards agricultural self-reliance, the Union Cabinet on October 1, 2025, approved a six-year programme titled the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses.
- spanning from 2025-26 to 2030-31, the initiative comes with a significant financial outlay of ₹11,440 crore, aiming to boost domestic pulses production to 350 lakh tonnes, reduce import dependency, and secure income for nearly 2 crore farmers.
- Despite being the world's largest producer and consumer of pulses, India still relies on imports to meet about 15–20% of its demand.
- **Mission Objectives and Targets**
- Expand area under pulses to 310 lakh hectares
- Increase yield to 1,130 kg/ha
- Achieve production of 350 lakh tonnes
- Reach around 2 crore farmers through targeted interventions
- India is the largest producer, consumer, and importer of pulses in the world.
- Major pulse crops: Tur (Arhar), Urad (Black Gram), Masoor (Lentil), Moong (Green Gram), Chana (Gram).
- ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) was established in 1929, headquartered in New Delhi.
- NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation) was founded in 1958.
- CACP (Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices) recommends MSPs for 22 crops including pulses.



Gaj Rakshak App

- Authorities at the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh are turning to technology to address the growing challenge of human-elephant conflict.
- Developed in collaboration with the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department, the Wildlife Conservation Trust, and Kalpvag Company, the app is expected to transform elephant conservation and protection measures in the region.
- The Gaj Rakshak App provides real-time location data on elephants, including their movement and behaviour.
- It sends timely alerts via SMS, push notifications, voice calls, and sirens if elephants approach villages, helping prevent human-elephant conflict.
- Equipped with offline functionality, the app ensures connectivity even in remote areas.
- Elephant monitors can upload photos, update locations, and specify whether elephants are roaming solo or in herds.
- Information is instantly shared with app users within a 10 km radius of the elephant's location.



100 Years of RSS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a special commemorative postage stamp and coin to mark the centenary celebrations of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). The event honoured the 100-year journey of the organisation, founded in 1925 in Nagpur by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar.
- **Founded:** 1925, Nagpur, by Keshav Baliram Hedgewar.
- **Nature:** Volunteer-based organisation focusing on discipline, cultural awareness, and national service.
- **Vision:** Rooted in Dharma, with an aim of achieving Sarvangeena Unnati (all-round development) of India.
- **Contributions of RSS**
- **Education:** Setting up schools and cultural centres.
- **Health & Welfare:** Running social service and medical initiatives.
- **Disaster Relief:** Providing rehabilitation during floods, earthquakes, and cyclones.
- **Youth, Women, and Farmers:** Empowerment programmes and grassroots mobilisation.
- **Community Strengthening:** Promoting local participation and national unity.



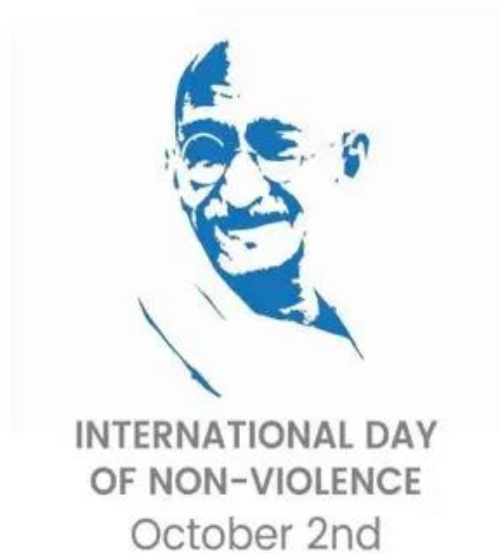
Major General G. Srinivas Takes Charge as Commandant of CDM

- Major General G. Srinivas has officially assumed charge as the Commandant of the **College of Defence Management (CDM), Secunderabad**. He takes over from Lt General Harsh Chhibber, who has been promoted to the position of Director General Information Systems.
- The College of Defence Management (CDM), located in Secunderabad, is a premier tri-services institution under the Integrated Defence Staff.
- It provides advanced management training to senior officers of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. CDM plays a crucial role in grooming officers to deal with the complexities of modern warfare, strategic leadership, and resource optimization.



International Day of Non-Violence

- International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October to mark the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi who had played an important role in India's Independence.
- On 15 June 2007, the General Assembly adopted a resolution establishing the International Day of Non-Violence to spread the message of non-violence including education and public awareness.



German Unity Day

- German Unity Day is celebrated on 3 October every year to mark the anniversary of the nation's unification. On 3 October 1990, the Federal Republic

of Germany and the Democratic Republic of Germany were united as one single federal Germany.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the financial outlay of the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses programme?

- A. ₹10,000 crore
- B. ₹11,440 crore
- C. ₹12,500 crore
- D. ₹9,800 crore

ANSWER: B

2. The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses aims to achieve how much domestic pulses production by 2030-31?

- A. 300 lakh tonnes
- B. 320 lakh tonnes
- C. 350 lakh tonnes
- D. 400 lakh tonnes

ANSWER: C

3. The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses will benefit nearly how many farmers?

- A. 1 crore
- B. 1.5 crore
- C. 2 crore
- D. 2.5 crore

ANSWER: C

4. German Unity Day is celebrated every year on which date?

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

ANSWER: B

5. In which year did Germany achieve unification, celebrated as German Unity Day?

- A. 1989
- B. 1990
- C. 1991
- D. 1992

ANSWER: B

6. The International Day of Non-Violence is observed to mark the birth anniversary of which leader?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- D. Subhas Chandra Bose

ANSWER: B

7. The UNGA adopted the resolution to observe the International Day of Non-Violence in which year?

- A. 2005
- B. 2006
- C. 2007
- D. 2008

ANSWER: C

8. Which app has been launched to address human-elephant conflict in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve?

- A. Elephant Watch App
- B. Gaj Suraksha App
- C. Gaj Rakshak App
- D. Hathi Raksha App

ANSWER: C

9. Who released a commemorative postage stamp and coin to mark 100 years of the RSS?

- A. President Droupadi Murmu
- B. Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- C. Home Minister Amit Shah
- D. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

ANSWER: B

10. Major Gen G. Srinivas recently assumed charge as the Commandant of which premier defence institution?

- A. National Defence Academy (NDA)
- B. Defence Services Staff College (DSSC)
- C. College of Defence Management (CDM)
- D. Indian Military Academy (IMA)

ANSWER: C