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World Day of War Orphans

- World Day of War Orphans is observed every year on January 6 to draw attention to the suffering of children who lose one or both parents due to wars and armed conflicts. The day focuses on their emotional trauma, lack of care, and the urgent need for protection, rehabilitation, and social support.
- 1945: Post-World War II efforts highlighted the plight of war-affected children globally.
- Founding Objective: SOS Enfants en Détresses emphasized the urgent need to protect and rehabilitate children orphaned by conflict.



India's Largest Inland Rainbow Trout Farm

- India's fisheries sector marked a major technological milestone with the launch of a large-scale trout farming project in Telangana. Traditionally limited to cold Himalayan regions, trout cultivation has now been successfully adapted to a warm inland climate.

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh inaugurated the country's largest integrated inland Rainbow Trout farm in Telangana. The facility, located in Ranga Reddy district, showcases advanced aquaculture engineering that enables cold-water fish farming in warm regions.
- The integrated inland farm has been established by startup Smart Green Aquaculture with an estimated investment of **₹50 crore**.
- It is designed to rear Rainbow Trout, a cold water species, in the warm climate of the Deccan Plateau.
- Rainbow Trout is a high-value, protein rich fish with strong demand in domestic and international markets.
- Trout farming contributes to nutritional security, employment generation, and export earnings.
- Integrating technology with aquaculture supports sustainable water use, improves productivity, and helps India move toward modern, climate-resilient fisheries.



Rare Eastern Imperial Eagle Spotted

- A rare migratory bird of prey, the Eastern Imperial Eagle, has been spotted at **Mudumalai Tiger Reserve** during the 2025–26 winter season. Wildlife experts say the sighting confirms Mudumalai's growing role as an important winter refuge for long-distance migratory raptors visiting the Indian subcontinent.

- The Eastern Imperial Eagle, a rare winter migrant to India, was sighted at Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. This confirms the reserve's importance as a critical habitat for migratory birds of prey.
- **Rare Raptor Sighting in the Nilgiris**
- A pair of Eastern Imperial Eagles was recorded at Mudumalai by wildlife photographer Murali Moorthy.
- One image also showed the eagle alongside an endangered Egyptian vulture, making the sighting ecologically significant.
- The species breeds in Central and Western Asia and migrates south during winter, occasionally reaching India.
- The Eastern Imperial Eagle is a top predator that helps control rodent and small mammal populations.
- Its presence indicates a healthy ecosystem.
- The species prefers forest-steppe landscapes and open hunting grounds.
- Habitat loss, disturbance, and declining prey threaten its global population.
- Type: Large bird of prey
- Scientific Name: *Aquila heliaca*
- Family: Accipitridae
- Subfamily: Aquilinae



1000 Years of Somnath's Resilience

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday commemorated 1,000 years since the first attack on the Somnath Temple in 1026 AD, describing the iconic shrine as a timeless symbol of India's civilisational resilience and unbreakable spirit.
- Sharing an Op-Ed on the occasion, the Prime Minister said Somnath's legacy goes beyond a temple, reflecting the courage and faith of generations who safeguarded India's culture and civilisation despite repeated assaults.
- In the Op-Ed, the Prime Minister highlighted Somnath's spiritual and civilisational significance as the first of the 12 Jyotirlings mentioned in the Dwadasha Jyotirling Stotram.
- Located at Prabhas Patan on Gujarat's western coast, the temple has long been a centre of faith, culture and maritime prosperity.
- The Prime Minister recalled that Sardar Patel resolved to rebuild the temple after visiting Somnath in 1947, a vision realised in 1951 when the restored temple was inaugurated in the presence of then President Dr. Rajendra Prasad.



Madras High Court upholds lighting of Karthigai Deepam

- The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court upheld the order permitting the lighting of the Karthigai Deepam at the Deepathoon stone pillar atop Thirupparankundram Hill.
- Ruling that the act formed part of the Subramaniya Swamy Temple's religious freedom and could not be blocked by executive prohibitory orders or administrative objections.

- “Lighting of the Karthigai Deepam is an essential religious practice of the temple,” the Bench said, adding that “the state has no authority to interdict such practice by invoking prohibitory orders, when the land on which the practice is sought to be performed does not belong to the objector”.
- On the competing claims raised by the **Tamil Nadu Waqf Board** – that the Deepathoon lay within Dargah land and could only be accessed through it – the Bench declined to give a final finding but clarified that such questions could not be settled in writ proceedings.
- “Issues of title, easement and right of passage are matters for a properly instituted civil suit,” the court held, stressing that “the present proceedings are concerned only with the legality of the direction to light the Deepam.”



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Day of War Orphans is observed every year on which date?

- A. January 5
- B. January 6
- C. January 10
- D. February 1

Answer: B. January 6

2. The primary purpose of World Day of War Orphans is to highlight:

- A. Child labour issues
- B. Education of refugee children
- C. Suffering of children orphaned due to wars
- D. Rights of displaced adults

Answer: C. Suffering of children orphaned due to wars

3. Which organisation emphasized the need to protect and rehabilitate children orphaned by conflict?

- A. UNICEF
- B. Red Cross
- C. Save the Children
- D. SOS Enfants en Détresses

Answer: D. SOS Enfants en Détresses

4. India's largest integrated inland Rainbow Trout farm has been inaugurated in which state?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Telangana
- D. Karnataka

Answer: C. Telangana

5. The largest inland Rainbow Trout farm in India is located in which district of Telangana?

- A. Medchal
- B. Ranga Reddy
- C. Warangal
- D. Nizamabad

Answer: B. Ranga Reddy

6. Which species of fish is being reared at India's largest inland trout farm despite the warm climate?

- A. Rohu
- B. Catla
- C. Atlantic Salmon
- D. Rainbow Trout

Answer: D. Rainbow Trout

7. The Eastern Imperial Eagle belongs to which family?

- A. Falconidae
- B. Strigidae
- C. Accipitridae
- D. Anatidae

Answer: C. Accipitridae

8. The scientific name of the Eastern Imperial Eagle is:

- A. *Aquila chrysaetos*
- B. *Aquila heliaca*
- C. *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
- D. *Milvus migrans*

Answer: B. *Aquila heliaca*

9. Somnath Temple is regarded as spiritually significant because it is:

- A. The largest Shiva temple in India
- B. The oldest temple in Gujarat
- C. One of the four Char Dhams
- D. The first of the 12 Jyotirlingas

Answer: D. The first of the 12 Jyotirlingas

10. The Madras High Court ruled that lighting of the Karthigai Deepam is:

- A. A cultural festival only
- B. Subject to executive prohibitory orders
- C. An essential religious practice
- D. Dependent on Waqf Board approval

Answer: C. An essential religious practice