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'Saksham', which was seen in the news recently, is an Offshore Patrol Vessel of which armed force?

[A] Indian Navy

[B] Indian Army

[C] Indian Coast Guard

[D] Indian Air Force

Notes: The Indian Coast Guard (ICR) has commissioned ICGS 'Saksham', the fifth Coast Guard Ship in the series of 105 M-Class offshore patrol vessels. ICGS Saksham is the fifth and last Offshore Patrol Vessel designed and developed by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for Coast Guard. The vessel uses totally indigenous steering gear and gearbox, which was being imported earlier.

N Biren Singh was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which Indian state?

[A] Goa

[B] Manipur

[C] Punjab

[D] Chhattisgarh

Notes: N Biren Singh was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Manipur for the second consecutive term. The oath of office was administered by Manipur Governor La Ganesan. In the recently held Assembly polls, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won an absolute majority by winning 32 seats in the 60-member House.

When is the 'World Poetry Day' observed every year?

[A] March 18

[B] March 21

[C] March 23

[D] March 25

Notes: The 'World Poetry Day' is observed every year on March 21. The day was first started by UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) at its 30th General Conference in Paris in the year 1999. The World Poetry Day aims to support linguistic diversity through poetic expression and increase the opportunity for endangered languages to be heard.

The 'National AIDS and STD control programme' comes under which category of scheme?

[A] Core Scheme

[B] Central Sector Scheme

[C] Centrally Sponsored Scheme

[D] Core of the Core Scheme

Notes: The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the National AIDS and STD control programme from April 1 to March 31, 2026. It is a Central Sector Scheme fully funded by the Government of India. The phase-V of the programme has been extended with an outlay of Rs 15471.94 crore. The National AIDS response was initiated by the Government of India in 1992.

Which Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) seeks to ensure safe water and sanitation for all by 2030?

[A] First

[B] Third

[C] Sixth

[D] Eighth

Notes: World Water Day is observed on March 22 to raise awareness about the importance of water and sensitise people to conserve water. The focus of World Water Day is to aid the achievement of United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal' (SDG) 6, which is to ensure safe water and sanitation for all by 2030. The theme of World Water Day this year is "Groundwater, making the invisible visible".

What is the theme for the World Water Day 2022?

A) Groundwater, Making the Invisible Visible

B) Valuing Water

C) Water and Climate Change

D) Leaving No One Behind

Which organization has organised the massive military drill 'Cold Response 2022' in Norway?

(a) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

(b) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

(c) Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

(d) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

The Joint Military Exercise 'LAMITIYE-2022' is which edition of the biennial training event?

A) 7th

B) 9th

C) 11th

D) 10th

Lakshya Sen lost to which player to settle for silver in men's singles final of the 2022 Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships?

A) Lin Dan

B) Kento Momota

C) Viktor Axelsen

D) Chen Long

National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC) has signed an MoU with which IIT for 'Drone-Based Mineral Exploration' on a virtual platform?

(a) IIT Bombay

(b) IIT Dharwad

(c) IIT Guwahati

(d) IIT Kharagpur

Who among the following has won 19th Asian 100 UP Billiards Championship 2022 in Doha, Qatar?

(a) Mark Selby

(b) Pankaj Advani

(c) Vidya Pillai

(d) Ronnie O'Sullivan

Who has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2022 at the Bahrain International Circuit?

- (a) Charles Leclerc
- (b) Sebastian Vettel
- (c) Max Verstappen
- (d) Valtteri Bottas

Which player has been felicitated with the Sportstar of the Year (Male) award at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards?

- A) Neeraj Chopra
- B) Bajrang Punia
- C) Sumit Antil
- D) Harbhajan Singh

Which institution has set up a new interdisciplinary water management and policy centre called 'AquaMAP' to solve water problems in India?

- A) IIT Kanpur
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Bombay
- D) IIT Delhi

35th edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela has been recently inaugurated in which of the following state?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Haryana

Who has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)?

- (a) Nitin Paranjpe
- (b) Rajesh Gopinathan
- (c) N Ganapathy Subramaniam
- (d) KN Raghavan

Jay Shah has been re-appointed as the President of Asian Cricket Council (ACC) for a period of 1 year. Where is the headquarters of ACC?

- (a) New Delhi, India
- (b) Islamabad, Pakistan
- (c) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- (d) Colombo, Sri Lanka

Who among the following has been awarded with the prestigious 'Sports Icon' award at the Maldives Sports Awards 2022?

- (a) Yuvraj Singh
- (b) Suresh Raina
- (c) Sachin Tendulkar
- (d) Virat Kohli

Which country is hosting the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC)?

- A) Japan
- B) Nepal
- C) South Korea
- D) India**

Which player has won the Sportstar of the Year (Female) award at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards?

- A) Avani Lekhara
- B) Savita
- C) Mirabai Chanu**
- D) Lovlina Borgohain

Indian Army is participating in the Joint Military Exercise 'LAMITIYE-2022' with which country?

- A) Dominican Republic
- B) Seychelles**
- C) Mauritius
- D) Madagascar

How many MLAs were sworn in as Cabinet Ministers of Uttarakhand on March 23, 2022?

- a) 8**
- b) 11
- c) 10
- d) 7

Eight MLAs were sworn in as Cabinet Ministers on March 23, 2022. The swearing-in took place alongside the oath-taking ceremony of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The 8 Cabinet Ministers include Satpal Maharaj, Premchand Aggarwal, Ganesh Joshi, Dhan Singh Rawat, Subodh Uniyal, Rekha Arya, Chandan Ram Das and Saurabh Bahuguna.

How old was Bhagat Singh when he attained martyrdom?

- a) 23 years**
- b) 25 years
- c) 27 years
- d) 30 years

Bhagat Singh was just 23 years old when he was hanged to death by the British in Lahore Jail on March 23, 1931 along with two other freedom fighters Rajguru and Sukhdev.

Who among the following has announcement retirement from Tennis at 25 years?

- a) Karolína Plíšková
- b) Simona Halep
- c) Maria Sakkari
- d) Ashleigh Barty**

World number one Ashleigh Barty shocked the world on March 23, 2022 by announcing early retirement from tennis at the age of 25 years. She dropped the big announcement just weeks after she became the first Australian to win Australian Open in 44 years. Ashleigh Barty is a three-time Grand Slam singles champion and reigning Wimbledon and Australian Open champion.

When is Martyrs' Day observed?

- a) March 21st
- b) March 22nd
- c) March 23rd**
- d) March 24th

Martyrs' Day is observed every year on March 23rd to remember the three valiant Indian freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru, who were hanged to death on this day in 1931 by the Britishers.

Which team currently tops the ICC Women's World Cup 2022 Points Table?

- a) India
- b) England
- c) Australia**
- d) South Africa

Australia is ranked at the top of the ICC Women's World Cup 2022 Points Table, maintaining its unbeaten streak, followed by South Africa at second position with just one loss in five matches. India jumped to the third place pushing West Indies to the fourth position after its thumping win over Bangladesh by 110 runs.

India is ranked at which position on the ICC Women's World Cup 2022 Points Table?

- a) 4th
- b) 3rd**
- c) 2nd
- d) 5th

India climbed to third position and pushed West Indies to the fourth place on the Women's World Cup 2022 Points Table after its thumping victory against Bangladesh. With the win, India has kept its semifinal hopes alive. India can qualify for the ICC Women's World Cup semi-final if they win their last group-stage match against South Africa at the Hagley Oval, Christchurch on March 27, 2022.

When will 94th Academy Awards be telecasted in India?

- a) March 28th**
- b) March 29th
- c) March 30th
- d) April 1st

The 94th Academy Awards will be telecasted live in India early morning at 5.30am in March 28, 2022. It will be aired live on Star Movies and Star World. The Oscars 2022 will witness the power-packed performances by an 'all-star band' including Travis Barker, Sheila E., pianist Robert Glasper, and Adam Blackstone, evening's music dire.

When will Pushkar Singh Dhami take oath as Uttarakhand Chief Minister?

- a) March 23rd**
- b) March 25th
- c) March 27th
- d) March 28th

Uttarakhand CM-designate Pushkar Singh Dhami will take oath as the state's new Chief Minister on March 23, 2022. The swearing-in ceremony will take place at 3.30 pm at Parade Ground in Dehradun. This comes after Dhami was elected as the leader of the BJP Legislative Party in Uttarakhand on March 21st, ending all speculations regarding the next Uttarakhand CM.

Which state has declared a public holiday on March 23rd?

- a) Punjab
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Goa

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann has declared a public holiday on March 23rd on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas. Punjab State Assembly also passed a resolution to install statues of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and Babasaheb Ambedkar in the Assembly. Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day is commemorated on 23 March every year to pay homage to freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar, who were hanged to death by the British on this day in 1931.

When is World Water Day observed?

- a) March 19th
- b) March 20th
- c) March 21st
- d) March 22nd

World Water Day 2022 is observed every year on March 22 to create awareness regarding the importance of freshwater. The United Nations began observing World Water Day since 1993. The main focus of World Water Day is to enable the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

The World Water Day 2022 theme focusses on which among the following freshwater sources?

- a) Glaciers
- b) Reservoirs
- c) Lakes
- d) Groundwater

The World Water Day 2022 Theme is "Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible". The groundwater is the largest source of fresh and usable water in the world. It meets the domestic, agricultural and industrial water needs in many parts of the world that lack adequate surface water supplies.

Which is the happiest country in the world, as per World Happiness Report 2022?

- a) Denmark
- b) Finland
- c) Switzerland
- d) Sweden

Finland has been ranked as the happiest country in the world for the 5th time in a row in the World Happiness Report 2022. The report is based on two key ideas, the first being happiness or life evaluation that is measured through opinion surveys and the second being identifying the key elements that determine well-being and the life evaluation across countries. Finland has been identified as the happiest country in the world, followed by Denmark at second position and Iceland at third position.

Which city has imposed Section 144 till April 21 to maintain law and order in the view of 'The Kashmir Files' screening?

- a) Alwar
- b) Kota
- c) Guna
- d) Roorkee

Kota administration has enforced Section 144 from March 22 till April 21 to maintain law and order in the city in the view of screening of the film 'The Kashmir Files'. This means that no crowd gathering will be allowed to watch the movie. The decision was announced by Kota district collector in a notification.

When is Bihar Diwas observed?

- a) March 22nd
- b) March 23rd
- c) March 24th
- d) March 25th

Bihar Diwas is celebrated every year on March 22 to mark the formation of the state of Bihar. It was on March 23, 1912, the Britishers carved out the state from Bengal. Bihar Diwas is celebrated as a public holiday in the state. The 2022 theme of the day is 'Jal, Jeevan, Hariyali', signifying the prosperity in the state which is also rich in its cultural heritage.