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# Important days

# 1.World Vegan Day: 01 November

**World Vegan Day: 01 November** 

First observed: 1994

By: vegan soceity



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# **Highlights:**

- •World Vegan Day is observed globally on 1st November every year. This day is celebrated to spread the benefits of veganism for humans, non-human animals, and the natural environment.
- •Vegan Day is an opportunity to promote the benefits of a vegan diet and veganism in general.
- •he day was established in **1994 by Louise Wallis**, then Chair of The Vegan Society in the United Kingdom, to commemorate the **50th anniversary** of the founding of the organisation

# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? World Vegan Day When?Nov 01

# **Vegan soceity**

CEO: Louise Davies HQ: Birmingham, UK

# **Recent News:**

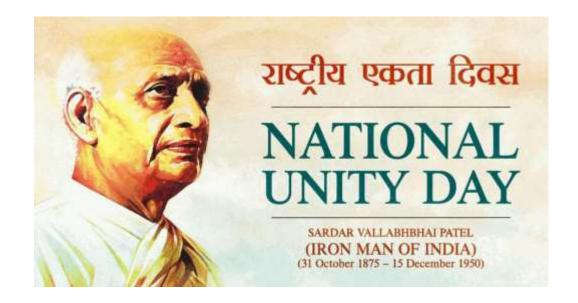
•World Thrift Day observed on 31st October

# 2. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day: 31st October

**National unity Day: 31 October** 

First observed: 2014

By: GOI



# **Highlights:**

- •In India, the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day is observed every year on October 31 since 2014, to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- •This year marks the **146th** anniversary of the great leader who played an instrumental role in India's struggle for independence, and later during the integration of the country.
- •He was the first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of independent India.
- •He played an important role in the integration of many Indian princely states to make an Indian federation.

# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? National Unity Day When?october 31

# **Recent News:**

•World Cities Day observed on 31st October

# Obituaries

# 3. Australian great Alan Davidson passes away at 92

Passed Away: Alan Davidson

Field: australian cricketer

**Born:** lisarow,autralia



# **Highlights:**

- •Australian legend Alan Davidson has passed away at the age of 92.
- •The bowling allrounder, who made his **Test debut against England** in 1953, represented Australia 44 times in the longest format.
- •The left-arm pacer had finished his career with a stunning average of 20.53, having picked up 186 wickets. His career-best figures of 7/93 came against India in 1959.
- •Davidson was a handy batsman, registering five vital half-centuries in his career, including the 80 he hit in the first ever tied Test match in 1960 against West Indies. In the same game, he had also picked up 11 wickets.

# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

Who? Alan Davidson

Field ? australian cricketer

Born? **Lisarow, australia** 

# **Recent News**

 Sri Lanka's first Test captain Bandula Warnapura passes away

# Appointments

# 4.Gol appoints Ashok Bhushan as NCLAT Chairperson

**Appointed**: Ashok Bhushan

as: NCLAT chairperson

Tenure: 4 yrs



# Highlights:

- •The Centre has appointed former Supreme Court Judge Justice Ashok Bhushan as the new Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), for a period of four years. He was the former Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.
- •Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar has been appointed as the new President of the quasi-judicial body, National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for five years.

# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? NCLAT chairperson who? Ashok Bhushan

#### **NCLAT**

HQ: new delhi

Chairman: ashok bhushan

### **Recent News**

 K V Kamath named as chairperson of NaBFID

# Banking

# 5.Kotak Mahindra Bank partnered NPCI to launch Rupay Credit Cards 'Veer'

# kotak Kotak Mahindra Bank



# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Rupay Credit Cards 'Veer'
By?KMBL

#### **KMBL**

CEO:uday kotak Hq:mumbai

# **Highlights:**

- •Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch Kotak credit cards on the RuPay network named 'Veer' for Indian armed forces i.e. the Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel.
- •the first credit card to be introduced by KMBL on the RuPay network is the 'Veer' credit card, exclusively for the armed forces.
- •The credit card is available in two variants as **Kotak RuPay Veer Platinum** and **Kotak RuPay Veer Select.** These contactless cards come with a zero joining fee and provide multiple exciting benefits to cardholders.

#### **RECENT NEWS**

•Kotak Mahindra Bank tied up with IndiGo to launch 'Ka-ching' Credit Card

# 6. Federal Bank and Aditya Birla Health Insurance enter bancassurance partnership





# **Highlights:**

- •Federal Bank and Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited (ABHICL) have announced their bancassurance partnership.
- •Through this partnership, Federal Bank will be able to provide their customers innovative health insurance solutions offered by ABHICL.
- •Consumers can avail benefits of various retail and group affinity products through the Bank's various distribution channels.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Partnered with aditya birla HI
By ? Federal bank

#### **Federal bank**

CEO: Shyam Srinivasan;

Hq: aluva,kerala Aditya birla HI

CEO: Mayank Bathwal

#### **RECENT NEWS**

•Federal Bank partners OneCard for mobile-first credit card

# Ranking

# 7. Public Affairs Index 2021: Kerala topped in governance performance



### **Toppers among small states**

Sikkim (1.617) Meghalaya (1.144) Mizoram (1.123)

#### **Toppers among Union Territories**

Puducherry (1.182) Jammu and Kashmir (0.705) Chandigarh (0.628)

# Highlights:

- •According to the 6th edition of the Public Affairs Index (PAI 2021) report by the Public Affairs Centre (PAC), a Bengaluru- based non-profit think tank, the top three slots have been taken by Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana among 18 large states.
- •Public Affairs Index (PAI 2021) ranks the states and Union Territories based on three pillars of equity, growth and sustainability along with 5 themes, 14 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 43 indicators.

# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Public Affairs Index by? Public Affairs Centre Top? kerala

#### **PAC**

Chairman: A Ravindra Hq: bengaluru

#### **RECENT NEWS**

"Karnataka tops State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2020

# Defence

# 8.Indian Navy receives first destroyer of Project 15B



# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Project 15B Class Destroyer By? MDL

# Highlights:

- •MAZAGON DOCK Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) has delivered the first ship of the Project 15B Class Destroyer Visakhapatnam to the Indian Navy.
- •The vessel is constructed using indigenous steel and is among the largest destroyers constructed in India with an overall length of 164 meters and a displacement of over 7,500 tonnes.
- •It is armed with supersonic surface-to-surface Brahmos missiles and Barak-8 long range surface-to-air Missiles.

#### **Recent News**

•Indigenously-built ICGS 'Sarthak' dedicated to the Nation

# Meeting

# 9.Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue commences



# Highlights:

- •Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2021 is being organized as a three-day online event on 27, 28 and 29 October 2021 addressed by rajnath singh.
- •IPRD 2021 will focus on the theme 'Evolution in Maritime Strategy during the 21st Century: Imperatives, Challenges and Way Ahead'. It will focus on eight specific sub-themes.
- •Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) is the apex international annual conference of the Indian Navy. It was first conducted in 2018.
- •IPRD aims to review both opportunities and challenges that arise within the Indo-Pacific.

# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue By? DRDO& IAF

#### **Defence minister**

Rajnath singh
Cons: lucknow,UP

#### **Recent News**

•PM Modi participates 18th ASEAN-India summit virtually 10.13th Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of

**BRICS** 



#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? 13th Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices of BRICS host? india

# Highlights:

- •The 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Countries was held in virtual format under the Chairship of India.
- •Dr. G. P. Samanta, Chief Statistician of India and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) chaired the meeting.
- •The theme of meeting was "NSOs efforts in monitoring Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" wherein speakers from BRICS NSOs highlighted efforts taken so far as well as future plan in terms of data and methodologies in monitoring of SDGs.

#### **Recent News**

•PM Narendra Modi chaired 13th BRICS Summit

# Awards

# 11.Delhi Metro conferred with 'Award for Excellence in Urban

**Transport'** 



# Highlights:

- •The **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)** has been conferred with the prestigious 'Award for Excellence in Urban Transport' by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- •The award was given under the category 'Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction'.
- •Dr. Mangu Singh, MD, DMRC received the award from Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, at the 14th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2021 in Delhi.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? 'Award for Excellence in Urban Transport' to? DMRC

# Housing and urban affairs minister

Hardeep singh puri Cons: amritsar, punjab

#### **Recent News**

Parambikulam TigerConservation Foundationwins Earth Heroes Awards2021

# National

# 12.CBSE launches Veer Gatha project in schools



# Highlights:

- •CBSE launches Veer Gatha project in schools to raise awareness on Gallantry Awards.
- •Schools affiliated to the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** have been asked to prepare projects and engage in activities based on the Gallantry Award winners.
- •The Veer Gatha project aims to raise awareness about the brave acts and sacrifices of the Gallantry Award winners among school students.
- •The Veer Gatha project is being conducted from October 21- November 20. The projects can be interdisciplinary & in various formats such as poems, essays, etc.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Veer Gatha project by? CBSE

#### **CBSE**

**Chairman: MANOJ AHUJA** 

HQ: new delhi

#### **Recent News**

•Niti Aayog tie-up with ISRO,CBSE launch 'Space Challenge' for school students

# 13.IRCTC & Truecaller partnered to reduce fraud in the railways



# Highlights:

- •The Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) has partnered with Truecaller India to provide passengers with greater trust in communication. This partnership aims to reduce fraud in the railways.
- •Under this partnership, the integrated National Railways Helpline 139 has been verified by Truecaller Business Identity solutions.
- •This partnership aims to assure the passengers that critical communications such as booking details and PNR status are delivered only by IRCTC.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Partner with truecaller india by? IRCTC

#### **IRCTC**

New Delhi;

CMD :Rajni Hasija

### **Recent News**

•Indian Railways to dissolve IRSDC after Centre's recommendation

# 14.ADB approves \$250 million loan for India's NICDP



# Highlights:

- •The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 250 million (about Rs 1,875 crore) loan to support India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP). This is the first subprogram of the programmatic USD 500 million loans to develop 11 industrial corridors spanning 17 states.
- •NICDP aims to develop world-class industrial nodes that are supported by efficient urban agglomerations and multimodal connectivity, including international gateways like ports and airports and inclusive, climate-resilient, and sustainable infrastructure.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? \$250 mn loan to NICDP by? ADB

#### **ADB**

HQ: Mandaluyong, Philippines

Pres: Masatsugu Asakawa

#### **Recent News**

•ADB Sign \$251 Million Loan For Flood Management In Chennai

# State

# 15.Odisha announces 100% tax exemption on electric vehicles



# Highlights:

- the Odisha cabinet approved the Electric Vehicle policy; the Odisha government has announced a 100 percent exemption on taxes and registration fees on battery-operated electric vehicles in accordance with the Odisha Electric Vehicle Policy, 2021.
- •The government's tax exemption move is intended at encouraging more and more people to go for battery-operated vehicles to reduce carbon emissions from petrol and diesel-operated vehicles.

# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? 100% tax exemption on electric vehicles by? odisha

#### **Odisha**

Capital: Bhubaneswar

Gov: Ganeshi Lal

CM: Naveen Patnaik

# **Recent News**

•Odisha ropes in Unicef, CPR for sanitation facilities in villages around urban areas

16. Madhya Pradesh govt announces scheme to provide free residential

plots to families



# **Highlights**

- •The Madhya Pradesh government has announced a scheme to provide free plots of land to families who don't own one, so that they can lead a dignified life, an official said on Friday. Under the Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-adhikar Yojna, the state government will provide plots to families that don't have land to build their own homes
- •The scheme has been started to provide residential plots to the eligible families on Abadi land in each Gram Panchayat.
- •A family must consist of a couple and their unmarried children, and families who are residents of a particular village will be eligible under the scheme.

# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? 'Paryavaran Saathi'' scheme by? New delhi

#### **Madhya Pradesh**

Capital: Bhopal;

Gov: Mangubhai C. Patel; CM: Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

#### **RECENT NEWS**

•MP Govt announced Implementation of "Mukhyamantri Ration Aapke Dwar Yojana"

# Sports

# 17. Afghanistan batter Asghar Afghan to retire from all formats after Namibia match



### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Retire from all forms of cricket who? Asghar afghan

# Highlights:

- •Senior Afghanistan batter Asghar Afghan will retire from all formats of the game after his side's T20 World Cup Super 12 match against Namibia.
- •The right-handed batsman has played in six Tests, 114 ODIs and 74 T20Is after making debut in 2009. He has scored 440 runs at an average of 44 in Tests, 2424 runs in ODIs at an average of 24.73 and 1351 runs in T20Is at an average of 21.79

# **Recent News**

- •World Cup winner england's Fran Wilson announces retirement
- •Netherlands great Ryan Ten Doeschate retires from international cricket

18. Kashmiri teen brings gold for India in World Kickboxing

Championship



# **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? World Kickboxing Championship who? Tajamul islam

# Highlights:

- Tajamul Islam,13, is the first Kashmiri girl to have represented India and won the gold medal in the under-14 age category in World Kickboxing Championship held at Cairo in Egypt.
- •She was born in Tarkpora, a remote village in north Kashmir's Bandipora district, 56km from Srinagar.

#### **Recent News**

Divya Deshmukh becomesIndia's 21st Woman GrandMaster

# 19. Kerala to host senior women's national football championship



# Highlights:

- •The All India Football Federation (AIFF) approved Kerala as the venue for the senior women's national championship to be held from November 25 to December 9.
- •The committee also complimented the Kerala state government for their unprecedented support for the development of Indian football,

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? senior women's national championship host?kerala

#### **AIFF**

Pres: Praful Patel

Hq: New Delhi

# **Recent News**

•FIFA Ranking 2021: India ranked 106th

# **Organisation / Bank:**

# **Vegan soceity**

CEO: Louise Davies HQ: Birmingham, UK

#### **NCLAT**

HQ: new delhi

Chairman: ashok bhushan

#### **KMBL**

CEO:uday kotak

Hq:mumbai

#### Federa bank

CEO: Shyam Srinivasan;

Hq: aluva,kerala

Aditya birla HI

**CEO: Mayank Bathwal** 

#### **PAC**

Chairman: A Ravindra

Hq: bengaluru

#### **CBSE**

**Chairman: MANOJ AHUJA** 

HQ: new delhi

#### **IRCTC**

New Delhi;

CMD :Rajni Hasija

#### **ADB**

HQ: Mandaluyong, Philippines

Pres: Masatsugu Asakawa

#### **AIFF**

Pres: Praful Patel

Hq: New Delhi

# Country/cap:

# **Madhya Pradesh**

Capital: Bhopal;

Gov: Mangubhai C. Patel; CM: Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

#### **Odisha**

Capital: Bhubaneswar

Gov: Ganeshi Lal

CM: Naveen Patnaik

# minis\cons

**Defence minister** 

Rajnath singh

Cons: lucknow, UP

Housing and urban affairs minister

Hardeep singh puri

Cons: amritsar, punjab

1. Indian actor Puneeth Rajkumar dies aged 46: born???

# chennai

2. RBI Imposes \_\_\_\_\_ Penalty On Nainital Bank For Violating Norms

#### ₹ 56 Lakh

3. \_\_\_\_\_ & IAF jointly flight test indigenous Long-range Bomb successfully

#### **DRDO**

4. Jitendra Singh launches India's unique manned ocean mission\_\_\_\_\_

## Samudrayan

5. CM launches 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' scheme

#### **Tamil nadu**

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