

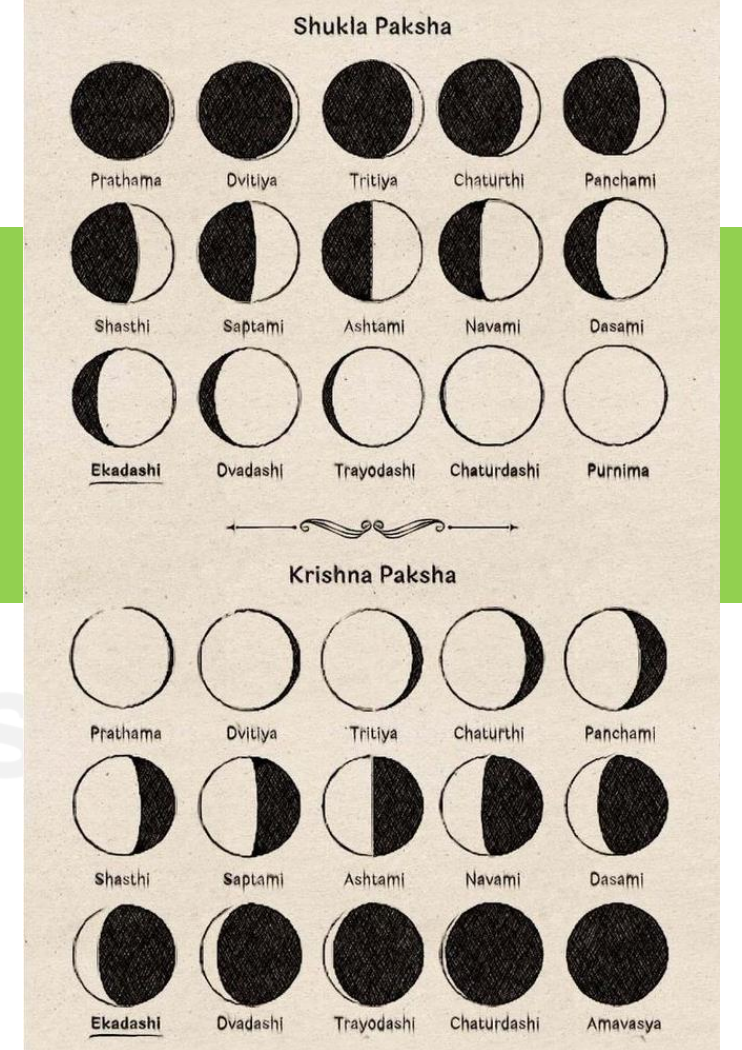
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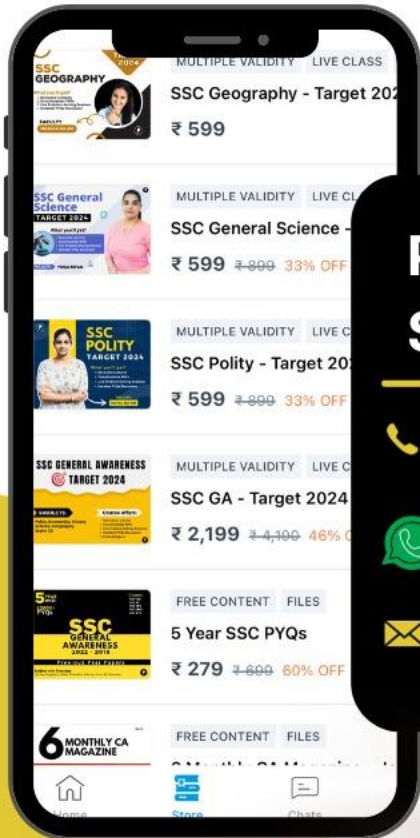
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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Recently, which cricket player has been banned from all cricket for a period of five years by the International Cricket Council (ICC)?

- a) Teddy Bishop
- b) Devon Thomas
- c) Joe Root
- d) Kane Williamson

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**India ranks 159th among 180
countries** in the World Press Freedom
Index 2024

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World Press Freedom Index 2024, India Ranked 159th

Out of 180 Countries/विश्व प्रेस स्वतंत्रता सूचकांक 2024, भारत 180 देशों में से 159वें स्थान पर

- An **annual report released by** the global media watchdog **Reporters Without Borders** (RSF for Reporters sans Frontières), RSF.
- It ranks 180 countries on the ability of journalists **to work and report freely and independently.**
- **Norway** topped the ranking, while **Denmark was on the second rank.**
- **Eritrea was at the bottom of the list, with Syria just ahead of it.**
- The **Maghreb and Middle East regions** performed the worst in terms of restrictions on press freedom by government forces.

India's Ranking:

- India's rank improved **from 161 in 2023 to 159 in 2024**, but this was because other countries had slipped in their rankings.
- **India's score** in the World Press Freedom Index **fell over the last year, from 36.62 to 31.28**
- India is ranked behind **Turkey, Pakistan and Sri Lanka**, which are ranked at positions **158, 152, and 150**, respectively.
- The press freedom questionnaire **covers five categories**: political context, legal framework, economic context, sociocultural context, and security.
- **Scores for India dropped (worsened) in all** except the security indicator.



**“PALESTINIAN JOURNALISTS
AWARDED WORLD PRESS FREEDOM
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Palestinian journalists covering Gaza awarded 2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

/यूनेस्को गिलमोर् कैनो पुरस्कार 2024 गाजा में फिलिस्तीन के पत्रकारों को प्रदान किया गया

- **Palestinian journalists covering Gaza** have been named as laureates of the **2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize**.
- **Created in 1997, the annual Prize honours** an outstanding contribution to the defence and/or promotion of **press freedom** anywhere in the world, **especially when this has been achieved in the face of danger**.
- It is named for Guillermo Cano Isaza, the Colombian journalist

UNESCO

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- With 194 Member States, it contributes to peace and security by leading **multilateral cooperation** on education, science, culture, communication and information.
- **Headquartered in Paris**
- **Director-General: Audrey Azoulay**

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India, Kenya to Discuss Cheetah Sourcing for Wildlife Sanctuary

/भारत, केन्या वन्यजीव अभयारण्य के लिए चीता सोर्सिंग पर चर्चा करेंगे

- INDIA is likely **to host a delegation of Kenyan officials later this month** to explore the possibility of sourcing cheetahs from Kenya for the next phase of Project Cheetah
- The **Gandhi Sagar wildlife sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh** was chosen as the **second site** for reintroduction of cheetahs last year.
- **Project Cheetah**, India's ambitious attempt to introduce African cheetahs in the wild in the country, was **launched in September 2022.**

- Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur district is home to **27 cheetahs** (13 adults and 14 cubs) translocated from **Namibia and South Africa**. **10 cheetahs have died** so far owing to illnesses and infections.
- As part of **Project Cheetah**, India plans to **introduce 8 to 14 cheetahs annually for five years**, subject to availability.

Reintroducing cheetahs



8 African cheetahs
3 males and 5 females
will arrive this week!

India had declared cheetahs extinct in **1952**

Sept 16  HOSEA KUTAKO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NAMIBIA

Boeing 747 "Jumbo Jet" (Modified)  JAIPUR

Helicopter  KUNO NATIONAL PARK, MADHYA PRADESH

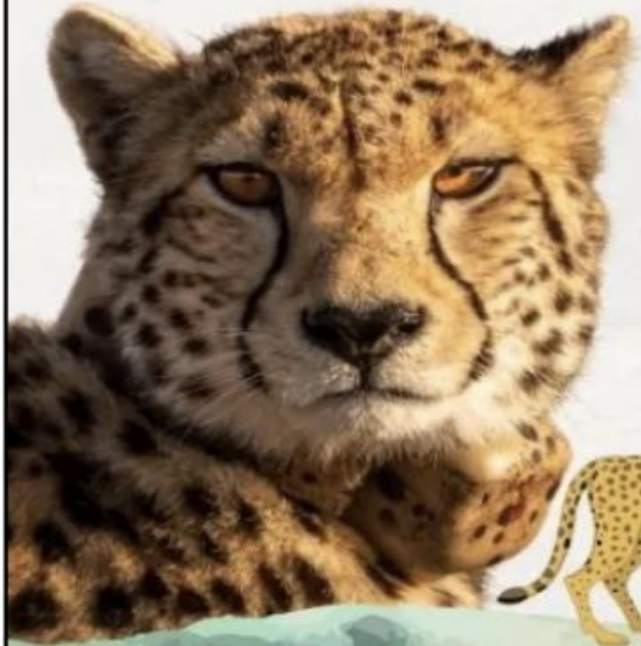
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CHEETAH FACTS:

- **Oldest** of the big cat species
- Ancestors can be traced back about **8.5 million years**
- Number of cheetahs just **under 7,500** individuals globally



- IUCN's Red List recognises cheetahs as **"vulnerable"** species
- The Asiatic cheetah and the Northwest African cheetah are **critically endangered**
- Cheetahs have **lost 90%** of their global habitat
- They now live in 9% of its historic range



Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is situated in **northwestern Madhya Pradesh**, with one of its boundaries running along the border of Rajasthan.
- The sanctuary was **notified in 1974**
- **River Chambal flows through** the sanctuary, dividing it into two parts.



India's first ever bomber UAV unveiled in Bengaluru



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Indigenous bomber unmanned aircraft developed by Bengaluru firm/बेंगलुरु की फर्म द्वारा विकसित स्वदेशी बमवर्षक मानवरहित विमान

- **Flying Wedge Defence**, a city based defence and aerospace technology firm unveiled the **FWD-200B unmanned aircraft**.
- The firm claimed that it is **India's first indigenous bomber unmanned aircraft**.
- The FWD-200B has a **payload capacity of 100 kgs** and is classified as a **MALE Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle** (Medium-altitude Long-endurance)

- The Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) consists of **optical surveillance payloads** and is **integrated with missile-like weapons for precision air strikes.**
- With a max speed of 200 kts/370 kmph, it has an **endurance capacity of 12-20 hours.**
- “The **FWD-200B** can carry a **maximum takeoff weight of 498 Kgs** in addition to this, it holds a ground control station (GCS) range of **200 kms.**



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Uttarakhand launches India's 1st 'astro-tourism' campaign for people to witness the universe unfold

Aiming at global spotlight, 'Nakshatra Sabha' will begin in June.

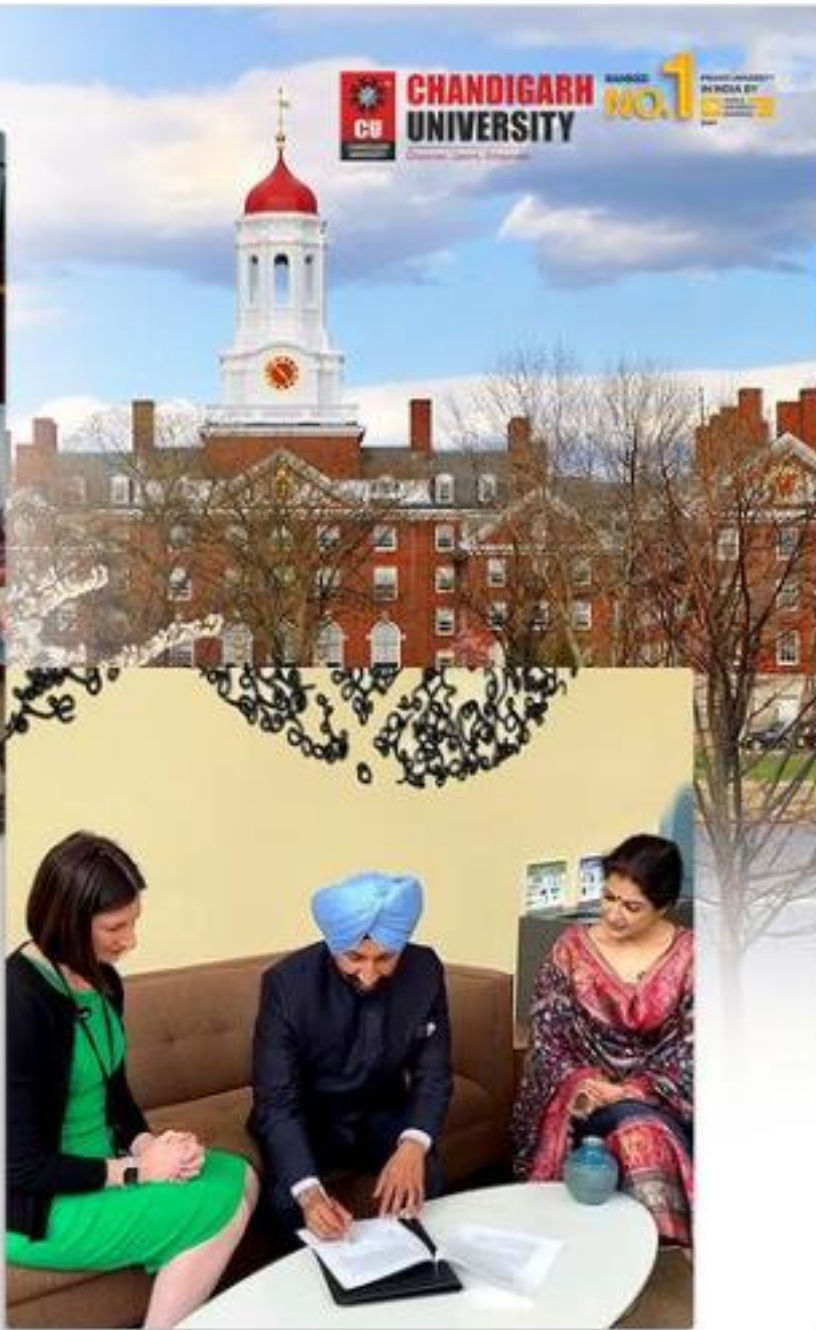
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Uttarakhand Tourism Announced India's First Astro Tourism Campaign Named 'Nakshatra Sabha' / उत्तराखंड पर्यटन ने भारत के पहले खगोल पर्यटन अभियान की घोषणा की जिसका नाम 'नक्षत्र सभा' रखा गया

- The **Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board** has joined hands **with Starscapes**, a leading **astro-tourism company**, to introduce **Nakshatra Sabha**, a new initiative to provide a comprehensive **Astro Tourism experience to people**.
- The campaign will offer a **range of activities, including stargazing, special solar observations, astrophotography contests, camping under the stars**, and more.

- Scheduled to **kick off in early June at George Everest in Mussoorie**, Nakshatra Sabha will continue **until mid-2025**, featuring a series of immersive events **at various locations across Uttarakhand**.
- These events will explore potential night sky sites in districts such as **Uttarkashi, Pithoragarh, Nainital, and Chamoli**, along with **seminars and webinars led by experts in the field**.

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Chandigarh University becomes
INDIA'S FIRST UNIVERSITY
 to sign MoU with



**Harvard Business
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for Online MBA Program

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Chandigarh University becomes India's first to start Harvard program/चंडीगढ़ विश्वविद्यालय हार्वर्ड

कार्यक्रम शुरू करने वाला भारत का पहला विश्वविद्यालय बन गया

- **Chandigarh University signs MoU with Harvard to offer a Harvard University collaborative business management program**, aligning with India's New Education Policy for international academic partnerships.
- Under the collaboration, Chandigarh University students will be **taught by the faculty of Harvard University's Business School for a semester** under this online MBA programme.
- Chandigarh University's students to be graded with Harvard University students, get placements at top global firms
- CU Chancellor - Satnam Singh Sandhu

PRO-CHINA JEREMIAH MANELE BECOMES NEW SOLOMON ISLANDS PM



Solomon Islands elected Jeremiah Manele as new Prime Minister/सोलोमन द्वीप समूह ने जेरेमिया मानेले को नया प्रधान मंत्री चुना

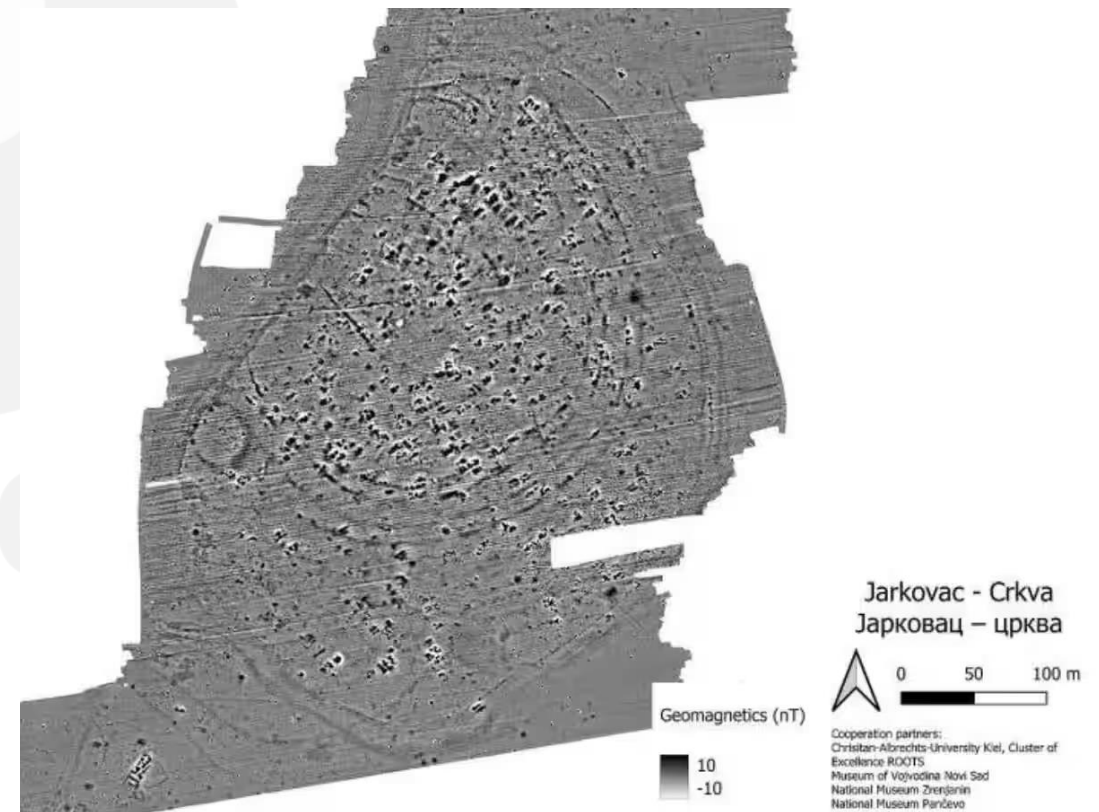
- Former **Foreign Minister Jeremiah Manele** has been elected as the new prime minister of **Solomon Islands**
- Manele pledged to continue China-friendly foreign policy
- **Solomon Islands is a country** consisting of 6 major islands and over 900 smaller islands in **Melanesia, part of Oceania**, to the northeast of Australia.
- Capital: Honiara.



Archaeologists uncover 7000-year-old Prehistoric Settlement in Serbia

पुरातत्वविदों ने सर्बिया में 7000 साल पुरानी प्रागैतिहासिक बस्ती का पता लगाया

- Archaeologists have recently discovered a 7000-year-old pre-historic settlement **near the Tamiš River in northeastern Serbia.**
- The settlement is believed to date back to the **late Neolithic period** and spans roughly 11-13 hectares



- Serbia, a **landlocked country in Southeast Europe.**
- The **capital city is Belgrade.**
- currency is the Serbian dinar



George Lucas, Meryl Streep & Studio Ghibli set to receive Cannes honorary Palme D'Or

- Hollywood actress Meryl Streep is set to be honored with a **special Palme d'Or** at the Cannes Film Festival's opening ceremony on May 14



- In a first ever, the upcoming Cannes Film Festival will give an Honorary Palme d'Or for a group – **Studio Ghibli -- well known for its brilliant animation cinema.**
- The **Japanese studio** house has made movies as Spirited Away, My Neighbour Totoro and The Boy and the Heron (which won an Oscar this year).
- **Director Hayao Miyazaki** is one of the founders
- **Star Wars' creator George Lucas** will also get the Honorary Palme.





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ICC MEN'S T20 CRICKET WORLD CUP 2024



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ICC T20 World Cup 2024: Amul to sponsor USA's cricket team/ ICC T20 विश्व कप 2024: अमूल यूएसए की क्रिकेट टीम को प्रायोजित करेगा

- Amul is set to **sponsor the USA and South Africa** in the upcoming T20 World Cup in June
- Amul was **associated with the South Africa team** in the **2019 ODI** series and **2023 ICC Cricket World Cup**
- Amul has a history of sponsoring cricket teams, with **the Netherlands, South Africa, and Afghanistan** among their previous beneficiaries.
- As co-hosts of this major ICC event, the **USA will make its debut appearance** in this global championship.
- **Managing Director of Amul - Jayen Mehta**

Mumbai City FC regain the Indian Super League crown over Mohun Bagan SG/मुंबई सिटी ने मोहन बागान एसजी पर जोरदार जीत के साथ ताज हासिल किया



- **Mumbai City FC** beat Mohun Bagan Super Giant at the Salt Lake Stadium to emerge as the **Indian Super League (ISL) 2023-24 Cup Winners** at the final in **Kolkata**.

ISL 2023-24 Season Awards

- Golden Glove – Phurba Lachenpa (Mumbai City FC)
- Golden Boot – Dimitrios Diamantakos (Kerala Blasters FC)
- Player of the League – Dimitrios Petratos (Mohun Bagan Super Giant)

About Indian Super League (ISL):

- It is a professional football league in India.
- The league was officially founded in 2013.
- It operates on a franchise system
- The league was established through a partnership between the All India Football Federation (AIFF), Reliance Industries, and Star Sports.
- ISL is recognized by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and global governing body FIFA



Athletics: India's Tejaswin Shankar clinches victory in the men's High Jump event at the USATF Festival in Tucson, Arizona, USA.



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Tejaswin Shankar Clinches Gold In High Jump

At USATF Festival/यूएसएटीएफ महोत्सव में तेजस्विन शंकर ने ऊंची कूद में स्वर्ण पदक जीता

- India's Tejaswin Shankar clinched **victory the men's High Jump event at the USATF Throws Festival in Tucson, Arizona, USA.**
- The National record holder Tejaswin secured the top spot at **the World Athletics Continental Tour – Silver event.**

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REVISION QUESTIONS

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Consider the following statements regarding World Press Freedom Index 2024

1. India's rank improved from 171 in 2023 to 159 in 2024
2. India's score dropped in all categories of the press freedom questionnaire except the security indicator.
3. Which of the above given statement/s is/are correct?
 - a. Only 1
 - b. Only 2
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: b

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What is the name of India's first Astro Tourism campaign announced by Uttarakhand Tourism?

उत्तराखंड पर्यटन द्वारा घोषित भारत के पहले खगोल पर्यटन अभियान का नाम क्या है?

- a) Starlight Trek
- b) Nakshatra Sabha
- c) Astro Adventures
- d) Cosmic Journey

Ans: b

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Which university became India's first to start a Harvard program for Master of Business Administration (MBA)?

कौन सा विश्वविद्यालय मास्टर ऑफ बिजनेस एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन (एमबीए) के लिए हार्वर्ड कार्यक्रम शुरू करने वाला भारत का पहला विश्वविद्यालय बन गया?

- a) Delhi University
- b) Mumbai University
- c) Chandigarh University
- d) Bangalore University

Ans: c

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Which wildlife sanctuary is chosen as the second site for the reintroduction of cheetahs in India?

चीतों के पुनरुत्पादन के लिए दूसरे स्थान के रूप में किस वन्यजीव अभयारण्य को चुना गया है?

- a) Jim Corbett National Park
- b) Ranthambore National Park
- c) Bandhavgarh National Park
- d) Gandhi Sagar wildlife sanctuary

Ans: d

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Who developed India's first indigenous bomber unmanned aircraft, the FWD-200B?

भारत का पहला स्वदेशी बमवर्षक मानव रहित विमान, FWD-200B किसने विकसित किया?

- a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- b) Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- c) Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)
- d) Flying Wedge Defence

Ans: d

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with the praises of people, nor be saddened
by their condemnation.*

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