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National & International News

International Yoga Day 2024	When the the manual
	 Why in the news? The Prime Minister of India is leading the celebrations of the 10th International Day of Yoga at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar.
	About International Yoga Day 2024: Date Observed: June 21 Theme for 2024: Yoga for Self and Society Theme for 2023: Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — One Earth One Family UN Resolution: Passed on December 11, 2014, during the 69th session of the General Assembly. Proclaimed June 21 as International Day of Yoga. First Yoga Day Celebrations: Held in 2015 at Raj Path in New Delhi. Attended by Prime Minister Modi and other dignitaries. Achieved two Guinness World Records: Largest yoga session with 35,985 participants. The largest number of participating nationalities (84). Yoga: An ancient physical, mental, and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' derived from Sanskrit, meaning to join or unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness.
Chenab Bridge	 Why in the news? Railways conduct a trial run on the world's highest arch rail bridge in J&K. About Chenab Bridge: Location: The Chenab Bridge is situated in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, India. River Spanned: It spans the Chenab River. Significance: It is the world's highest railway bridge, standing at a height of 359 meters (1,178 feet) above the river bed.

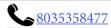


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 Design: The bridge follows an arch design, which provides strength and stability, especially important for its high-altitude location. Purpose: The Chenab Bridge is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project, aimed at improving connectivity to the Kashmir Valley.
Why in the news? • World Refugee Day is annually celebrated globally on June 20th.
 About World Refugee Day: Dedication: To the millions forced to escape their homes due to war, persecution, or natural catastrophes. Theme 2024: For a World Where Refugees Are Welcomed History:
Why in the news? • A remarkable ancient site on the tiny Greek island of Delos is "doomed to disappear" within decades due to rising sea levels and geological processes.
 About Delos Island: Location: Delos is a small island situated in the Aegean Sea, part of the Cyclades archipelago in Greece. Historical Significance: It is considered the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, according to Greek mythology. UNESCO World Heritage Site: The island was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1990 due to its extensive archaeological remains and its significance in ancient Greek history.
Why in the news? • The recently released Sustainable Development Report 2024 states that the world needs to catch up on most of the sustainable development targets agreed upon in 2015.





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About Sustainable Development Report 2024:

- Publisher: The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and Bertelsmann Stiftung.
- Purpose: To assess and rank countries' progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Coverage: Includes data from 193 UN member states.
- Key Indicators: The report evaluates progress on 17 SDGs using indicators such as poverty reduction, education, health, and environmental sustainability.
- **Top Performers**: Finland, Sweden, and Denmark
- The Sustainable Development Report (SDR) introduces new FABLE (Food, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Land, and Energy) pathways to promote sustainable food and land systems.

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