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**National and International News**

<p><b>International Yoga Day 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Prime Minister of India is leading the celebrations of the <b>10th International Day of Yoga</b> at <b>Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC)</b> in <b>Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About International Yoga Day 2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Date Observed:</b> June 21</li> <li><b>Theme for 2024:</b> Yoga for Self and Society</li> <li><b>Theme for 2023:</b> Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — One Earth One Family</li> <li><b>UN Resolution:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed on December 11, 2014, during the <b>69th session of the General Assembly</b>.</li> <li>Proclaimed June 21 as International Day of Yoga.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>First Yoga Day Celebrations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held in <b>2015</b> at <b>Raj Path</b> in New Delhi.</li> <li>Attended by Prime Minister Modi and other dignitaries.</li> <li><b>Achieved two Guinness World Records:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Largest yoga session with 35,985 participants.</li> <li>Largest number of participating nationalities (84).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Yoga:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An <b>ancient physical, mental, and spiritual practice that originated in India</b>.</li> <li>The word '<b>yoga</b>' derived from <b>Sanskrit</b>, meaning to join or unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Chenab Bridge</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Railways conducts trial run on world's highest arch rail bridge</b> in J&amp;K.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Chenab Bridge:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Location:</b> The Chenab Bridge is situated in the <b>Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, India</b>.</li> <li><b>River Spanned:</b> It spans the <b>Chenab River</b>.</li> <li><b>Significance:</b> It is the <b>world's highest railway bridge</b>, standing at a height of <b>359 meters (1,178 feet)</b> above the river bed.</li> <li><b>Design:</b> The bridge follows an <b>arch design</b>, which provides strength and stability, especially important for its high-altitude location.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> The Chenab Bridge is part of the <b>Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project</b>, aimed at improving connectivity to the Kashmir Valley.</li> </ul>
<b>World Refugee Day</b>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Refugee Day</b> is annually celebrated globally on June 20th.</li> </ul> <p><b>About World Refugee Day:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dedication:</b> To the millions forced to escape their homes due to war, persecution, or natural catastrophes.</li> <li>• <b>Theme 2024:</b> For a World Where Refugees Are Welcomed</li> <li>• <b>History:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>First Celebration:</b> June 20, 2001</li> <li>○ <b>Commemoration:</b> 50th anniversary of the <b>1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees</b></li> <li>○ <b>Earlier Recognition:</b> Known as <b>Africa Refugee Day</b></li> <li>○ <b>Official Declaration:</b> In December 2000, the <b>United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)</b> declared it an International Day for Refugees.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Delos Island</b>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Delos Island:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Location:</b> Delos is a small island situated in the Aegean Sea, part of the Cyclades archipelago in Greece.</li> <li>• <b>Historical Significance:</b> It is considered the birthplace of <b>Apollo and Artemis</b>, according to Greek mythology.</li> <li>• <b>UNESCO World Heritage Site:</b> The island was inscribed on the <b>UNESCO World Heritage List in 1990</b> due to its extensive archaeological remains and its significance in ancient Greek history.</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainable Development Report 2024</b>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recently released <b>Sustainable Development Report 2024</b> states that the world is significantly off track on most of the sustainable development targets agreed upon in 2015.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Sustainable Development Report 2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Publisher:</b> The <b>Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)</b> and <b>Bertelsmann Stiftung</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> To assess and rank the progress of countries towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</li> <li>• <b>Coverage:</b> Includes data from <b>193 UN member states</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Key Indicators:</b> The report evaluates progress on <b>17 SDGs</b></li> </ul>



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