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National and International News

<p>International Yoga Day 2024</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>About International Yoga Day 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held in 2015 at Raj Path in New Delhi. Attended by Prime Minister Modi and other dignitaries. Achieved two Guinness World Records: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest yoga session with 35,985 participants. Largest number of participating nationalities (84). Yoga: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>Chenab Bridge</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Railways conducts trial run on world's highest arch rail bridge in J&K. <p>About Chenab Bridge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
World Refugee Day	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World Refugee Day is annually celebrated globally on June 20th. <p>About World Refugee Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Celebration: June 20, 2001 ○ Commemoration: 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees ○ Earlier Recognition: Known as Africa Refugee Day ○ Official Declaration: In December 2000, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared it an International Day for Refugees.
Delos Island	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. <p>About Delos Island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
Sustainable Development Report 2024	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The recently released Sustainable Development Report 2024 states that the world is significantly off track on most of the sustainable development targets agreed upon in 2015. <p>About Sustainable Development Report 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Publisher: The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and Bertelsmann Stiftung. ● Purpose: To assess and rank the progress of countries towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals



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(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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