



Union Defence Ministry has launched a new portal to issue No Objection Certificate (NOC) for power projects and Research Survey Exploration Exploitation (RSEE) activities in the Indian Territorial Waters and Exclusive Economic Zone.

The Ministry of Defence gives security clearances to various Private and Public Sector Undertakings for power, wind and solar projects in areas near defence installation. The new portal will allow applicants to submit their proposals online for seeking security clearance from the Ministry.

17. Kholongchhu is the first joint venture hydroelectric project between India and which country?

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- [A] Singapore
- [B] Bangladesh
- [C] Bhutan
- [D] Myanmar

Answer: Bhutan

Kholongchhu is the first joint venture hydroelectric project between India and Bhutan. A concession agreement for project was recently signed virtually.

This agreement will commence the construction and related works of the project, which is expected to be completed in the second half of 2025. The 600 MW project is located on the Kholongchhu river in eastern Bhutan. It will be implemented by Kholongchhu Hydro Energy Limited, a JV company formed between DGPC of Bhutan and Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN) of India.

18. When is the “International Day of the Tropics” celebrated every year?

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- [A] June 28
- [B] June 29
- [C] June 30
- [D] July 1

Answer: June 29

International Day of the Tropics is celebrated every year on 29 June. The United Nations General Assembly declared the day in the year 2016.

The International Day of the Tropics was designated to raise awareness to the specific challenges faced by tropical areas. June 29 was selected because on the same day in 2014, the inaugural State of the Tropics Report was launched by leading tropical research institutions.

19. Who has been named as ‘India’s Most Valuable Test Player of the 21st Century’ by Wisden? [edit](#)

- [A] Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- [B] Virat Kohli
- [C] Ravindra Jadeja
- [D] R Ashwin

Answer: Ravindra Jadeja

Wisden has named Ravindra Jadeja as ‘India’s Most Valuable Test Player of the 21st Century’. He is also named as the second most Valuable Test player in the world.

The list is topped by Sri Lanka’s legendary cricketer Muthiah Muralitharan. Wisden used CricViz, a detailed analysis tool in cricket to analyse performance of the players and award an ‘MVP rating’ to each player in world cricket. The 31-year old India’s spin-bowling all-rounder has scored an MVP rating of 97.3.

20. When is the “International Asteroid Day” celebrated across the world?