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18th National Scout Guide Jamboree

The **Bharat Scouts & Guides** (voluntary organisation) are hosting the **18th National Jamboree at Rajasthan** from 4th January to 10th January, 2023 with the theme of **“Progress with Peace”**. The **1st National Jamboree was hosted by Andhra Pradesh in 1953-54.**

The **Jamboree is a national level gathering of the Scouts and Guides** conducted **once in 4 years** or to mark special occasions. The Jamboree gives the Scouts and Guides an opportunity to **interact with the youth from different states of India and from abroad.**

About 35000 Scouts, Guides and Adult Leaders of the Organization from different corners of the country and **[South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation \(SAARC\)](#) countries are participating in this Mega Event.**

Japan: The World's Grayest Society

The Japanese government **plans to increase financial incentives for families who opt to move out of Tokyo** as the government attempts to reverse decades of **[demographic decline](#)**, economic migration and the lure of the world's biggest metropolis.

The government will extend to families up to **1 million yen per child.** The **figure is more than triple the ¥300,000 on offer under an existing scheme in place since 2019.** Those that take the money **must embrace the provincial life for a minimum of five years** or refund the state. The plan also has some other conditions that would need to be fulfilled strictly in order to avail and keep full benefits.

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Wildlife Conservation Bond

In 2022, the **[World Bank](#)** has **priced the world's first wildlife bond, raising USD 150 million that will be partly used for the conservation of black rhinos in [South Africa.](#)**

The **[Wildlife Conservation](#)** Bond is a **first-of-its-kind, outcome-based, financial instrument that channels investments to achieve conservation** outcomes measured in this case by an increase in black rhino populations. The program **could be expanded to protect other wildlife species.**

There **are five rhino species globally** (white and black rhinos in Africa, and the greater one-horned, Javan, and Sumatran), **with most of the animals in South Africa and almost all of them are white rhinos** as the number of black rhinos is decreasing day by day.

Read More: [Rhinos](#)

World Braille Day

Since 2019, World Braille Day **is observed on the 4th January every year**. The aim is to raise **awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication** in the full realization of [human rights](#) for blind and partially sighted people.

Braille (named after its inventor in 19th century France, Louis Braille) is a **tactile representation of alphabetic and numerical symbols using six dots** to represent each letter and number, and even musical, mathematical and scientific symbols. Braille is used by blind and partially sighted people **to read the same books and periodicals as those printed in a visual font**.

Braille is essential in the context of education, freedom of expression and opinion, as well as social inclusion, as per the [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(2006\)](#).

Read More: [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)

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