

Winmeen Current Affairs

1. Notre Dame, sometimes seen in news, is located in which country?

- [A] Italy
- [B] United Kingdom
- [C] France
- [D] Germany

- ✓ UN cultural experts have recently offered to help in rebuilding the iconic structure of the famed Notre Dame cathedral in Paris.
- ✓ The cathedral is a universal symbol and the centre of France and its devastation has left people across nations shocked. UNESCO World Heritage Centre Director Mechtild Rossler said that the Cathedral is part of the World Heritage site officially known as "Paris, Banks of the Seine", inscribed on the World Heritage List, in 1991'.
- ✓ The Notre Dame represents a historically, architecturally, and spiritually, outstanding universal heritage.
- ✓ It is also a monument of literary heritage. The cathedral, where construction began in the 1160s extending for more than a century, is considered to be the finest example of the French Gothic style of architecture, with its groundbreaking use of rib vaults and buttresses, stained glass rosettes and sculpted ornaments.

2. The historic Mujibnagar day has recently celebrated in which of the following countries?

- [A] Myanmar
- [B] Bangladesh
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Sri Lanka

- ✓ In Bangladesh, the historic Mujibnagar has recently celebrated on April 17, 2019. The day marks the oath taking ceremony of Bangladesh's first government in 1971 at Baidyanathtala in Meherpur.
- ✓ On this day in 1971, senior leaders of the liberation movement of Bangladesh had assembled at Baidyanathtala to form the provisional government of independent Bangladesh.

- ✓ Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was declared the President in absentia as he was arrested and flown to Pakistan after the Pakistan military crackdown on the then 'East Pakistan' on the night of March 25, 1971.
- ✓ The day is being observed by political parties and social and cultural organisations through various programs across Bangladesh.

3. Which IIT has found a new method to detect breast and ovarian cancer?

- [A] IIT Kanpur
- [B] IIT Bombay
- [C] IIT Roorkee
- [D] IIT Delhi

- ✓ Researchers at the IIT Roorkee have identified a new method to detect two of the worst forms of cancer in women – breast and ovarian cancer.
- ✓ The research published in the journal, 'FASEB Bioadvances' details the use of whole saliva as a body fluid for early detection of breast and ovarian cancers, as opposed to the traditional method of using blood samples.
- ✓ The research team, led by Professor Kiran Ambatipudi from the institute's biotechnology department, identified certain proteins present in the saliva which act as potential biomarkers indicative of breast and ovarian cancer metastasis.

4. ICC has partnered with which UN organisation to organise #OneDayforChildren at the Men's Cricket World Cup 2019?

- [A] UNIDO
- [B] UNICEF
- [C] FAO
- [D] UNESCO

- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket for Good CC has partnered with UNICEF to organise #OneDayforChildren campaign at the Men's Cricket World Cup 2019.
- ✓ Former England batsman and #OneDay4Children ambassador Nasser Hussain along with all-rounder Chris Woakes launched the tournament-wide campaign focused on bringing the world of cricket

together as one team to help build a better world for every child.

- ✓ There will be #OneDay4Children activity throughout all 48 matches of the event, peaking with a day of celebration during the England v India game on 30 June at Edgbaston.
- ✓ The money raised will support UNICEF's work in cricket playing nations to help children learn to play and be healthy.
- ✓ The tournament will run from 30 May to 14 July. The semi-finals will be played at Old Trafford in Manchester and Edgbaston in Birmingham on 9 and 11 July respectively, while Lord's will host the final on 14 July. The 10 teams in the tournament will play against each other in a single-league format, with the top four sides after 45 matches to qualify for the two semi-finals.

5. The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 has started in which of the following cities?

[A] Greater Noida

[B] Pune

[C] Shimla

[D] Kanpur

- ✓ The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 began at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida on April 16.
- ✓ It covers sectors with maximum thrust and growth potential in home decor, furnishing, furniture, flooring and textiles.
- ✓ About 500 companies in permanent marts will be exhibiting their collection under these categories. The 3-day exhibition has been organized by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts.

6. Indo-Pacific Wing, which is in news recently, has set up by which of the following union ministries?

[A] Ministry of External Affairs

[B] Ministry of AYUSH

[C] Ministry of Culture

[D] Ministry of Earth Sciences

- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has set up an Indo-Pacific division in the foreign office to integrate the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), ASEAN region and the Quad.

- ✓ The new division is a brainchild of foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale and is intended to give a coherent architecture to the Indo-Pacific policy.
- ✓ It is a big step by the Government and it is expected to give thrust to the Indo-Pacific centred policymaking. The Indo-Pacific Wing is currently headed by joint secretary Vikram Doraiswami.

7. The Human Exploration Rover Challenge 2019 has recently conducted by which of the following space agencies?

[A] Roscosmos

[B] JAXA

[C] ISRO

[D] NASA

- ✓ Three Indian student teams won awards in NASA's 25th edition of Human Exploration Rover Challenge 2019 at the US Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama on April 12-13.
- ✓ The team from KIET Group of Institutions in Ghaziabad won the "AIAA Neil Armstrong Best Design Award" in the college/university division. The Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management and Engineering from Mumbai won the "Frank Joe Sexton Memorial Pit Crew Award" in the college/university division.
- ✓ Lovely Professional University from Phagwara, Punjab, won the STEM Engagement Award. Nearly 100 teams took part in the competition, hailing from 23 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, as well as a record number of countries, including Bangladesh, Germany, India, Mexico, Morocco and Peru.
- ✓ The competition challenges high school and college teams to design, build and test human-powered roving vehicles inspired by the Apollo lunar missions and future exploration missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond.

8. What is the theme of the 2019 World Haemophilia Day (WHD)?

[A] Outreach and Identification

[B] Treatment for All, The Vision of All

[C] Sharing Knowledge Makes Us Stronger

[D] Hear their voices

- ✓ The World Haemophilia Day (WHD) is observed every year on April 17 to increase awareness of haemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.
- ✓ The 2019 theme 'Outreach and Identification', encourages people to meet and connect with other people who have had similar experiences, and what it is like. It will be observed with the slogan – 'Reaching Out: The First Step to Care'.
- ✓ Haemophilia is an inherited genetic disorder that impairs the body's ability to form clots. This condition is dangerous as it can cause excessive loss of blood in case of injuries, easy bruising, and also bleeding between joints and in the brain. Haemophilia can only be managed but does not have a cure.

9. Which Indian institution has launched a 5G Lab for banking and financial sector?

- [A] IRDA
- [B] SIDBI
- [C] RBI
- [D] NHB

- ✓ The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), an arm of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has launched a 5G Use Cases Lab for banking and financial sector.
- ✓ The use of 5G will change a range of technologies and applications including point of sale machines in the banking sector which were now using 2G .
- ✓ The 5G lab will develop and domesticate 5G use cases and set up a research and development experience platform for banking and financial services.
- ✓ It will also collaborate with various stakeholders including banks, government and financial institutions for 5G promotion and absorption of best practices.

10. Dr SK Shivakumar, who passed away recently, was the renowned scientist in which field?

- [A] Biology
- [B] Space
- [C] Chemical
- [D] Mathematics

- ✓ Dr SK Shivakumar, the renowned space scientist and former Indian Space Research Organisation Satellite

Center (ISAC) director, has passed away in Bengaluru on April 14, 2019.

- ✓ He was part of the team that developed the telemetry system for Chandrayaan-I - India's first lunar exploration mission.
- ✓ A native of Mysuru, he was responsible for designing deep space communications equipment. He was involved in the development of the 32-metre dish antenna that can communicate with satellites millions of miles away.