

1. Which is the third most populous country in the world, with the recently released population of 331,449,281?

- A) Indonesia  
B) Pakistan  
C) USA   
D) Bangladesh



- ✓ The Census Bureau of the United States announced that the population of the US is 331,449,281. This is a 7.4% increase over the last decade. The population figures will be used by state legislatures or independent commissions to redraw the country's political maps.

2. Albert Pahimi Padacke has been named as the Interim Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Zimbabwe  
B) Chad   
C) Philippines  
D) South Africa



- ✓ Chad's new military rulers have recently named Albert Pahimi Padacke, who was runner-up in the country's recent presidential election, as Prime minister of a transitional government. This move comes a week after President Idriss Deby's death during his visit to the troops fighting rebels. Subsequently, a military council seized power and have selected the Interim Prime Minister.

3. Which institution is to conduct 'Bank Customers' Satisfaction Survey' on bank mergers?

- A) NITI Aayog  
B) RBI   
C) SEBI  
D) Finance Ministry



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to conduct a customer satisfaction survey to find out the impact of the recent mergers of public sector banks. The 'Bank Customers' Satisfaction Survey' will cover a total of 20,000 respondents from 21 states.  
✓ As many as 22 questions would be asked to assess if the merger was positive from the point of customer services.

4. Which sports personality is leading the UNICEF Global Vaccination Initiative?

- A) Usain Bolt  
B) Cristiano Ronaldo  
C) David Beckham   
D) Roger Federer



- ✓ Football star and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham is serving as the Vaccine Ambassador, to create awareness and confidence in the process of vaccination. He recently featured in a video released ahead of World Immunization Week.  
✓ He has also founded '7 Fund for UNICEF' to encourage parents to vaccinate themselves and their children and protect them against diseases such as diphtheria, measles, and polio.

5. Lunglei town, which was hit by forest fires, is situated in which Indian state?

- A) Kerala  
B) Uttar Pradesh  
C) Tripura  
D) Mizoram



- ✓ A massive forest fire has been raging in the hills near Lunglei town, which is situated in the state of Mizoram. The fire is reported to have spread to towns and villages of in and around Lunglei and Lawngtlai districts of the state. The state has deployed the firefighting team, who have taken assistance from the Assam Rifles, Border Security Force and IAF personnel to put off the fire.

6. Worker's Memorial Day is observed on which date?

- A) April 28   
B) April 29  
C) April 30  
D) May 01



- ✓ Workers' Memorial Day, takes place annually around the world on April 28, an international day of remembrance and action for workers killed, disabled, injured, or made unwell by their work. This year (2021) theme for the day is, "Health and Safety is a fundamental workers' right".

7. During the era of industrialisation, the workers of which country revolted against the exploitative industrialists, which led to the celebration of May Day?

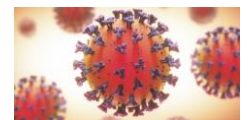
- A) United Kingdom  
B) United States   
C) Germany  
D) Japan



- ✓ During the era of industrialisation, the labourers of the United States revolted together against the unjust labour system and the exploitative industrialists. They demanded for fair wages, breaks between the work and paid leaves. The revolt on May 1 1886 led to the celebration of May Day.  
✓ May Day, also known as International Workers' Day is celebrated across the world on May 1. In India, the 1<sup>st</sup> May Day was celebrated on May 1, 1923, by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan in Chennai.

8. 'Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Leaving no Country Behind' is a report released by which organisations?

- A) IMF-UNICEF  
B) ADB-UNDP-UNESCAP   
C) World Bank-UNDP  
D) IMF-ADB-UNICEF



- ✓ The 'Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Leaving no Country Behind' is a report jointly released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) along with UNDP and UNESCAP.  
✓ As per the report, the richer countries in the Asia-Pacific region would recover quickly from the impact of the pandemic than the poorer countries. This difference is because of variation in degree of immunity, healthcare system and vaccine roll-out.

9. Which country is the world's largest military spender in 2020, as per the recent report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)?

- A) China  
B) Russia  
C) USA   
D) India



- ✓ As per the recent report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the USA is the world's largest military spender in

2020. The top five spenders are the China, India, Russia and the United Kingdom, other than the USA. These 5 countries together accounted for 62% of global military expenditure. An increase of 2.6% in military spending was recorded in the year.

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10. Which is the smallest of all living rhinoceroses and the only Asian rhinoceros with two horns?

- A) Sumatran Rhino
- B) Malaysian Rhino
- C) Assam Rhino
- D) Javan Rhino



- ✓ Sumatran rhinos are the smallest of the living rhinoceroses. They are the only Asian rhinoceros with two horns. They are characterised by their long hair and hence are known as the hairy rhinoceros. With just less than 100 individuals remaining, the Sumatran rhinoceros is one of the world's most endangered mammal species.
  - ✓ Recently, a study found that the remaining populations of the Sumatran rhinoceros display very low levels of inbreeding, which is a good sign for conservation.
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