

1. 'Kunming Declaration', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?

- A) China
 B) Japan
 C) USA
 D) South Korea



- ✓ China has recently submitted a "zero draft" of the 'Kunming Declaration' to the United Nations. The declaration includes the key Chinese Communist Party concept of "ecological civilisation". The document also calls on parties to focus biodiversity protection in decision-making and recognise the importance of conservation in protecting human health. The COP 15 biodiversity talks are due to take place in October 2021.

2. BH-series, which was making news recently, is associated with which sector?

- A) Textile
 B) Automobile
 C) Artificial Intelligence
 D) Financial Inclusion



- ✓ Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has introduced a new registration mark for new vehicles named "Bharat series (BH-series)".
 ✓ A vehicle bearing this registration mark shall not require the assignment of a new registration mark when the owner of the vehicle shifts from one State to another. This new registration has been announced to facilitate seamless transfer of vehicles and to cater to vehicle owners who frequently shift their bases in India.

3. BRICS Nations have recently opposed the Carbon border tax, proposed by which association?

- A) EU
 B) NATO
 C) OPEC
 D) G20



- ✓ BRICS Nations namely Brazil, Russia, China, and South Africa, have joined India in opposing the Carbon border tax, proposed by the European Union's (EU). The 27-member EU recently decided to levy a border tax on the import of carbon-intensive goods, which will be enforced from 2026 onwards. India along with other BRICS participants have objected to the proposal in the New Delhi statement of the five-nation group.

4. Which year is to be celebrated as the International Year of Millets under the leadership of India?

- A) 2022
 B) 2023
 C) 2024
 D) 2025



- ✓ The union minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar launched the National Food and Nutrition Campaign for the farmers. The Campaign is organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The Budget for Agriculture has been increased to ₹1.23 lakh crore, this year. 2023 will be celebrated as the International Year of Millets under the leadership of India.

5. Mudumalai and Anamalai Tiger Reserve, which received the global elite tag for best tiger conservation practices, are located in which districts?

- A) Nilgiri & Coimbatore
 B) Nilgiri & Tiruppur
 C) Tiruppur & Erode
 D) Tenkasi & Theni



- ✓ Anamalai Tiger Reserve located at Pollachi near Coimbatore, one of the largest landscapes in the south of Palghat Gap with 4000 sq km of protected area, and the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the Nilgiris, a bio-diversity hotspot of the Western Ghats has now earned a global elite tag in tiger conservation. They are located in Tamil Nadu. It is the Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CATS) status, a conservation tool for best practices and standards to manage tigers.
 ✓ Only 14 reserves made the cut including Parambikulam in Kerala, Bandipur in Karnataka, and Manas, Kaziranga and Orang in Assam, for the accreditation exercise by India's National Tiger Conservation Authority under CATS. Well-known reserves like Corbett, Ranthambore and Bandhavgarh did not get the tag.

6. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Germany?

- A) Manpreet Vohra
 B) Ajay Bisaria
 C) Harish Parvathaneni
 D) Jawed Ashraf



- ✓ Harish Parvathaneni, an Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1990 batch, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Germany. He is presently serving as an additional secretary in the MEA's headquarters in Delhi.

7. Which date is observed as Women's Equality Day?

- A) August 26
 B) August 27
 C) August 28
 D) August 29



- ✓ United States is commemorating the 101st year of Women's Equality Day. On August 26, the day is largely commemorated in the United States to honour American women gaining the constitutional right to vote. The United States Congress established August 26 as "Women's Equality Day" in 1971, and it was approved in 1973.
 ✓ Women's Equality Day draws attention to women's ongoing struggles towards gaining full equality.

8. How many gold medals did India win at the World Archery Youth Championships?

- A) One
 B) Two
 C) Three
 D) Four



- ✓ India has won 3 gold medals in Archery Championships. The Indian contingent won 15 medals at the World Archery Youth Championships. The 2021 World Archery Youth Championships was held in Wroclaw in Poland. Out of the 15 medals, India has won three gold medals in the compound cadet women's and men's and mixed team events.
 ✓ The women's team defeated Turkey 228-216 in the final match to win a gold medal.

9. What is India's rank in the global coronavirus innovation rankings for countries?

- A) 20
- B) 32
- C) 42
- D) 62

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- ✓ India fell six spots to the 32nd place in the global coronavirus innovation rankings for countries, as per a report prepared by StartupBlink in association with Health Innovation Exchange, UNAIDS. The report features the top-ranked 40 countries and 100 cities in the world based on innovative solutions developed to face the pandemic.
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10. 'AREAS' is an initiative associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Power
- B) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ The Association of Renewable Energy of States (AREAS) is an initiative of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). It was formed as a Society in the year 2014 by MNRE. The Association of Renewable Energy of States (AREAS) recently celebrated its 7th Foundation Day.
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