

1. Which state has awarded 25,000 land pattas to refugee population of the state?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Meghalaya
- [C] Assam
- [D] West Bengal



- ✓ A number of welfare schemes for the refugee and the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) population have been announced by the state Government of West Bengal. One among them is providing land pattas to refugee colonies. The state has decided to give a total 1,25,000 land pattas to the refugees, of which 25,000 pattas were given by the Chief Minister recently.

2. What is "Pinaka Mk-1", that is seen in news recently?

- [A] Mars Rover
- [B] Geo Stationary Satellite
- [C] Missile System
- [D] Regional Navigation System



- ✓ Enhanced PINAKA rocket, developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been successfully flight tested from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The design and development have been carried out by Pune based DRDO laboratories. Enhanced version of the Pinaka rocket would replace the existing Pinaka Mk-I rockets.

3. Which social media platform has received approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), to enter UPI market?

- [A] Telegram
- [B] WhatsApp
- [C] WeChat
- [D] Facebook Messenger



- ✓ WhatsApp has received the National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) approval to enter Unified Payment Interface (UPI) in phased manner. WhatsApp, owned by Facebook has over 400 million users in India. The UPI payments service is expected to be launched to 2 crore WhatsApp users initially.

4. In which country, a 500-meter-high coral reef has been discovered for the first time in 120 years?

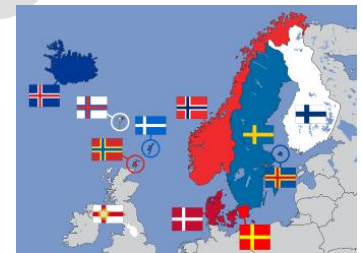
- [A] India  
 [B] Australia   
 [C] Japan  
 [D] Brazil



- ✓ As per the Schmidt Ocean Institute, its research vessel 'Falkor' has discovered a massive coral reef in Great Barrier Reef in Australia. The research vessel has been undertaking a 12-month exploration mission of the ocean surrounding Australia. The 500-meter-high reef has been discovered for the first time in 120 years. 'SuBastian', the underwater robot of the institute is deployed to explore the new reef.

5. How many countries are associated with the Nordic-Baltic co-operation framework?

- [A] Five  
 [B] Eight   
 [C] Twelve  
 [D] Fifteen



- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar recently virtually addressed the first India –Nordic –Baltic Conclave. The Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8) co-operation framework includes eight countries namely Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, and Sweden.

6. Which state has recently become a part of the "Padhna Likhna Abhiyan" programme?

- [A] Karnataka  
 [B] Bihar  
 [C] Kerala   
 [D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Kerala has recently become a part of the "Padhna Likhna Abhiyan" programme and is ready to receive the central funds for literacy programmes, after ten years. Padhna Likhna Abhiyan is the reading and writing campaign launched by the Central Government. IT aims to achieve the goal of complete literacy in the country by 2030.

7. Which country has successfully sent 13 satellites from a single rocket?

- [A] United States of America  
[B] China   
[C] Russia  
[D] Israel



- ✓ **China has successfully sent 13 satellites from the single rocket named Long March-6 carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre. It includes ten satellites from Argentina. This launch was also the 351<sup>st</sup> by the Long March rocket series. China has also planned to launch ninety earth observation satellites.**

8. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of commission on Delhi air quality management?

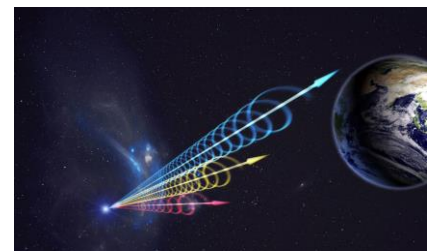
- [A] A K Sikri  
[B] N K Singh  
[C] M M Kuty   
[D] V K Paul



- ✓ **According to the recent order by the Personnel Ministry, former Chief Secretary of Delhi M M Kuty has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas. Several technical experts from IIT-Delhi, IMD and the Environment Ministry have also been appointed as the full-time members of the commission.**

9. The Space Research organisation of which country has spotted Radio burst for the first time in Milky Way?

- [A] United States of America   
[B] China  
[C] Russia  
[D] India



- ✓ **The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has recently reported that it has recently observed a mix of X-ray and radio signals that were never observed before in the Milky Way. It also announced that the first fast radio burst (FRB) was also observed within the galaxy. The detection of the phenomenon called FRB was recently published in the journal 'Nature'.**

**10. When is the 'International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict' observed?**

[A] November 4

[B] November 6

[C] November 8

[D] November 10



- ✓ **'International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict' is observed every year on November 6. The UN General Assembly declared the observance of this day, in the year 2001. As per the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), at least 40 percent of all internal conflicts are linked to the exploitation of natural resources.**
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