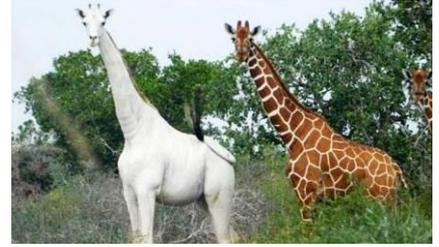


1. The only known white giraffe, which was seen in news, is found in which country?

- [A] Brazil
 [B] Peru
 [C] Kenya
 [D] Australia



- ✓ The only known white giraffe, which was seen in the news, is found in Kenya. The giraffe has been fitted with a GPS tracking device to help protect it from poachers. Leucism, a genetic trait causes the white color in animals.
- ✓ The single male giraffe is in a dangerous state at the risk of poaching. The GPS tracking device, which is attached to one of the giraffe's horns, will alert wildlife rangers about its location.

2. Which country has pledged to ban sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030?

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



- ✓ United Kingdom has recently pledged to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans from 2030. This deadline is five years earlier than previously pledged by Britain. Earlier, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced "Green revolution", to cut emissions to net-zero by 2050. Last year, Britain became the first G7 country to set a net-zero emission target by 2050.

3. Hindon Airport, which was seen in news recently, is located in which state?

- [A] Gujarat
 [B] Uttar Pradesh
 [C] Maharashtra
 [D] Bihar



- ✓ The first direct flight operations from Kalaburagi, Karnataka to Hindon Airport, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh were flagged off under the RCS-UDAN scheme.
- ✓ Under the 'Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik' scheme, 295 routes and 53 airports including 5 heliports and 2 Water Aerodromes have been operationalized till date. Star Air airline was awarded this airline route last year.

4. Vijayanagara has been created as the 31st district of which Indian state?

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



- ✓ **The Karnataka Cabinet has recently approved the formation of Vijayanagara district as the 31st district of the State. The new district would be carved out from the existing Ballari district. It is named after the Vijayanagara empire, which ruled from this region.**

5. Which regional organisation has adopted a new counter-terrorism strategy?

- [A] SAARC
- [B] ASEAN
- [C] BRICS
- [D] G-77



- ✓ **The regional organisation comprising of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, BRICS has recently adopted a new counter-terrorism strategy. During the virtual annual summit of BRICS held recently, the BRICS countries reaffirmed their commitment to counter international terrorism and its financing. Russia hosted the virtual summit.**

6. World Health Organisation has launched global strategy to eradicate which disease by 2050?

- [A] Tuberculosis
- [B] Cervical cancer
- [C] Measles
- [D] Polio



- ✓ **The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently launched a global strategy to eradicate cervical cancer by 2050. The strategy aims to reduce over 40% of new cases and 5 million related deaths by 2050 through vaccination, screening and treatment.**
- ✓ **The annual number of new cases of cervical cancer is expected to increase from 5.7 lakh to 7 lakhs between 2018 and 2030, without additional action.**

7. Which Union Minister of India is to be honoured with Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award?

- [A] Nirmala Sitharaman
 [B] Ramesh Pokriyal 'Nishank'
 [C] Piyush Goyal
 [D] Harsh Vardhan



- ✓ **Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will be conferred with the Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award.**
- ✓ **The Minister had earlier received various awards for governance and literature. He holds an honorary doctoral degree in the field of literature and has also penned over 75 books. Vatayan International Awards are presented to poets & artists by the Vatayan-UK organization in London.**

8. Operation 'Calypso', which was seen in news recently, is associated with which field?

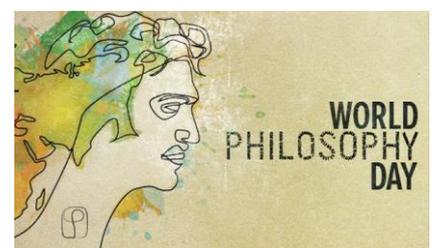
- [A] Drug Smuggling
 [B] Money Laundering
 [C] Child Trafficking
 [D] Tax Evasion



- ✓ **The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has recently cracked an international drug smuggling racket under the operation codenamed as 'Calypso'. It was carried out in Mumbai and Udaipur, Rajasthan for three days. More than half a kg of cocaine couriered from Trinidad & Tobago to Mumbai was seized by DRI. Four persons involved in the drug smuggling were also arrested.**

9. When is World Philosophy Day observed by UNESCO every year?

- [A] 3rd Thursday of November
 [B] 3rd Thursday of October
 [C] 3rd Saturday of November
 [D] 3rd Saturday of October



- ✓ **World Philosophy Day was introduced by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO in 2002. The UNESCO General Conference proclaimed that World Philosophy Day would be celebrated on every third Thursday of November, in 2005. This year, the observance calls all countries to focus on the philosophical reflections of the current pandemic.**

10. What is the name of the challenge launched to prevent hazardous cleaning of Sewers and Septic Tanks?

- [A] Safaimitra Suraksha
- [B] Pradhan Mantri Safaimitra
- [C] Safe Safaimitra
- [D] Swachh Bharat Safaimitra



- ✓ **Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri has recently launched the Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge, to ensure no life of any sewer or septic tank cleaner is lost due to 'hazardous' cleaning. The campaign is launched on the occasion of World Toilet Day, in 243 cities across the country. In the virtual event, representative of the 243 cities pledged to mechanize all sewer and septic tank cleaning operations by 30th April 2021.**
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