

1. Hayabusa2, which was making news recently, is a spacecraft of which country?

- [A] Israel
[B] Japan ☒
[C] United Kingdom
[D] France



- ✓ Japan's spacecraft named 'Hayabusa2' is approaching the Earth after a year-long journey from an asteroid Ryugu, about 300 million kilometers from earth. As per the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, the spacecraft will bring soil samples and data that could provide clues to the origins of the solar system and life on Earth. The agency would drop the capsule containing the samples, in southern Australia.

2. Which state received the best State award for Organ donation by the Health Ministry, for the sixth consecutive year?

- [A] Tamil Nadu ☒
[B] Andhra Pradesh
[C] Kerala
[D] Karnataka



- ✓ Every year, November 27th is observed as Indian organ donation day by the Government of India. This year marks the 11th Organ Donation Day event. Tamil Nadu received the 'Best State award' for organ donation, by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This is the sixth consecutive year of the state receiving the award.

3. As per the recent statement of the WHO, which country recorded the highest reduction in Malaria cases, in South-East Asia?

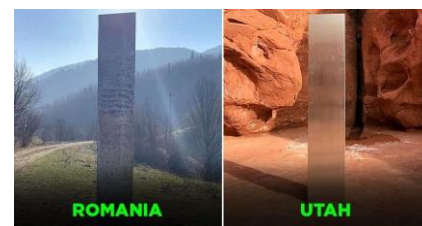
- [A] India ☒
[B] Bangladesh
[C] Pakistan
[D] Myanmar



- ✓ As per the recent statement, India recorded the highest reduction in Malaria cases, in the South-East Asian region. As per the 'World Malaria Report 2020', India reduced the number of cases from 20 million in 2000 to about 5.6 million in 2019. India also recorded a reduction in the number of deaths from malaria. Globally there were 229 malaria cases in 2019.

4. Petrodava Dacian Fortress is a famous archaeological landmark, located in which country?

- [A] France
- [B] Romania ☒
- [C] Bulgaria
- [D] Chile



- ✓ The Petrodava Dacian Fortress is the oldest historical monument located in Piatra Neamt city, Romania. The fort was built around 82 BC and AD 106 by the Dacian people in ancient Europe. Days after the first mysterious metal monolith disappeared in a remote, uninhabited desert in Utah, USA, a second similar structure has been spotted in Romania, a few metres away from the fortress. The monolith which disappeared and appeared again was a triangular, shiny pillar.

5. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is to finance a USD 132.8 million loan to improve the power distribution in which state?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Assam
- [C] Meghalaya ☒
- [D] Odisha



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India has recently signed a USD132.8 million loan to modernize the distribution network and improve the quality of power supplied in Meghalaya. This project supports the state government's initiative "24x7 Power for All" initiative. This will also help the state reduce its high technical and commercial losses. Meghalaya has achieved 100 per cent electrification while there were incidents of frequent power interruptions.

6. 'Gurupurab' is the celebration of birth anniversary of which Sikh Guru?

- [A] Guru Nanak ☒
- [B] Guru Gobind Singh
- [C] Guru Tegh Bahadur
- [D] Guru Arjan



- ✓ The birth anniversary of the first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak is celebrated as the Guru Nanak Dev Gurpurab, commonly called as 'Gurupurab'. On this occasion, a book titled 'Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Government's Special Relationship with Sikhs' was launched.

- ✓ It is published by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and was released in English, Hindi and Punjabi languages with the messages of Guru Nanak.

7. Which state has launched an outreach programme called 'Duare Sarkar'?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] West Bengal ☒
- [C] Chhattisgarh
- [D] Jharkhand



- ✓ West Bengal state government has recently launched a massive outreach programme named "Duare Sarkar" or "Government at your doorstep".
- ✓ Under the programme, people can avail the benefit of over 11 schemes of the state including Kanyashree, Khadya Sathi and Sikshashree. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had announced to set up 'Duare Sarkar' camps in the state for redressing grievances of people.

8. International Day of Persons with Disabilities was celebrated on December 3 under which theme?

- [A] Empowering persons with disabilities
- [B] Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 World ☒
- [C] Ensuring inclusiveness and equality
- [D] Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all



- ✓ The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed every year on December 3 to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.
- ✓ The annual observance of the Day was proclaimed in 1992, by a United Nations General Assembly resolution. The 2020 theme is "Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 World".

9. Who has been appointed as the Ambassador for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Breakthrough Initiative?

[A] A R Rahman ☒

[B] Rajinikanth

[C] Kamalhasan

[D] G V Prakash



- ✓ Music Composer AR Rahman was appointed as the Ambassador for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Breakthrough India 2020–21. This initiative is supported by Netflix.

10. A new species of dwarf gecko named "*Cnemaspis avasabinae*", the smallest known Indian Gekkonid has been discovered in which state in Eastern Ghats?

[A] Tami Nadu

[B] Andhra Pradesh ☒

[C] Karnataka

[D] Odisha



- ✓ A team of researchers has discovered a new species of dwarf gecko named "*Cnemaspis avasabinae*", This is identified as the smallest known Indian Gekkonid from the Eastern Ghats.
- ✓ *Cnemaspis avasabinae* is the 12 species discovered outside the Western Ghats and the first species from the Velikonda Range, Andhra Pradesh. The new species has been given a common name "Sabin's Nellore dwarf gecko". The paper about the discovery "A new species of South Asian *Cnemaspis* (Squamata: Gekkonidae) from the Eastern Ghats, India" was published in Zootaxa.
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