

1. What is the new limit of transaction made using contactless card, as per the recent statement of the RBI?

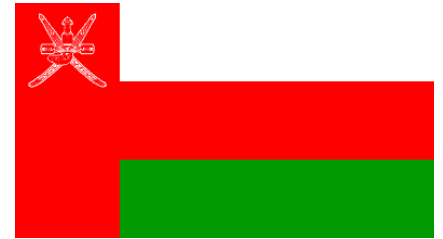
- [A] Rs 1000
- [B] Rs 2000
- [C] Rs 3000
- [D] Rs 5000 ☒



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to increase the limit for contactless card transactions to Rs 5,000 from Rs 2,000 per transaction from January 1, 2021.**
- ✓ **This announcement was part of the RBI's Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies, announced during the RBI's bi-monetary policy announcement. The limit for e-mandates for recurring transactions using cards and UPI is also raised to Rs 5000.**

2. Which country has announced to establish 'Friendship Association' with India, to strengthen its ties?

- [A] Saudi Arabia
- [B] Oman ☒
- [C] Brazil
- [D] United Kingdom



- ✓ **During the India–Oman virtual dialogue recently held; Oman announced to establish Oman–India Friendship Association. This is the first such initiative in West Asia led by the Foreign Ministry. In December 2019, India and Oman signed a Maritime Transport Agreement during the visit of Foreign Minister Jaishankar to the country.**

3. Which is the headquarters of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)?

- [A] Vienna ☒
- [B] Geneva
- [C] Rome
- [D] Washington D C



- ✓ **The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) is one of the commissions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), headquartered at Vienna, Austria.**

- ✓ Recently, during a reconvened session of CND, 53 member states voted for removing Cannabis from Schedule IV of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, where it was listed with deadly & addictive drugs. 27 members including India, voted for removing Cannabis from the convention.

**4. DCOAS (Strategy) is the new post to be created in which Indian Armed Force?**

- [A] Indian Army ☒
- [B] Indian Navy
- [C] Indian Air Force
- [D] Indian Coastal Guard



- ✓ The Union Government has announced the post of a Deputy Chief of the Army Staff, or DCOAS, (Strategy), to bring about structural reforms in the army. The proposal for creating this post was initiated before two years. The DCOAS would oversee the work of the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) and the Director General Military Intelligence (DGMI), who would otherwise report to the Vice Chief of Army Staff.

**5. Lesser florican birds, tagged in which Indian state, has flown to Telangana recently?**

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Gujarat ☒
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Odisha



- ✓ One of the two lesser florican birds that was tagged by the Gujarat forest department has flown all the way to the state of Telangana. The bird was tagged at the Blackbuck National Park (BBNP), Velavadar, in Bhavnagar. This has confirmed a research finding that lesser florican birds migrate to peninsular India from the western part of India after their breeding season.

**6. Where is the National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) located?**

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Nainital
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Pune ☒



- ✓ The National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) is located in the city of Pune. The present building of NIN is called the "Bapu Bhavan".

- ✓ Gandhiji performed many Naturopathy experiments and organised various national and International activities while staying here. The Ministry of Ayush has proposed to name the upcoming new campus of National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune as "Nisarg Gram".

7. Parkash Singh Badal was the former Chief Minister of which state?

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Punjab ☒
- [C] Uttarakhand
- [D] Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Parkash Singh Badal, who is the former Chief Minister of Punjab and a leader of Shiromani Akali Dal party has returned Padma Vibhushan award back to the Government. He has returned the award to show his protest against Agriculture reforms brought by the Centre. He was honoured with the prestigious award in the year 2015.

8. As per the recent study by the Zoological Survey of India, which type of squirrel is on the verge of extinction?

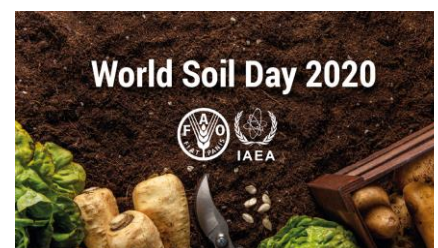
- [A] Malayan Giant Squirrel ☒
- [B] Flying Squirrel
- [C] Indian Giant Squirrel
- [D] Green Bush Squirrel



- ✓ In the first-of-its-kind study by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the Malayan Giant Squirrel is at the verge of extinction.
- ✓ It has projected that the numbers of the Malayan Giant Squirrel could decline by 90 per cent in India by 2050. If steps are not taken by the Govt., the species could become extinct in the country.

9. What is the theme of the 'World Soil day 2020'?

- [A] Keep Soil Alive, Protect Soil Biodiversity ☒
- [B] Life of Soil
- [C] Soil and Nature
- [D] Conserve Soil to Conserve World



- ✓ Every year December 5 is celebrated as World Soil Day across the world since 2014, to create awareness about the importance of healthy soil and sustainable management of soil resources.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) campaign, the theme of World Soil day 2020 is "Keep soil alive, protect soil biodiversity". International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) recommended it in 2002 recommended to celebrate this day in 2002.

**10.** Mamit district, which topped the NITI Aayog's October rankings of aspirational districts, is in which state?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Sikkim
- [C] Mizoram ☒
- [D] Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Mamit district of the state of Mizoram has topped the rankings of aspirational districts by Niti Aayog for October. Banka of Bihar and Dhenkanal of Odisha have been placed at the second and third positions, respectively. NITI Aayog assesses the incremental progress made by over 112 aspirational districts across six developmental areas.
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