

1. T-Fiber project, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which Indian state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Telangana ☒

[C] Tripura

[D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **T-Fiber, Telangana Fiber Grid Project is a state-wide project, which aims to establish optical fiber network and to provide high-speed broadband service in Telangana. Recently, the Telangana state government has declared the T-Fiber project a 'Vital Public Purpose Project'. This means, the project need not get permission from several state departments for implementation.**

2. Union Cabinet approved MoU between India and which country, for exchange of information in the electricity sector?

[A] France

[B] USA ☒

[C] UAE

[D] Germany



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding between India and United States for exchange of information in areas of mutual interest in the electricity sector. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), India and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), USA would join hands for this arrangement. The MoU will help to improve regulatory framework in power sector.**

3. What is the IUCN Status of black softshell turtles?

[A] Critically Endangered

[B] Extinct in the Wild ☒

[C] Least Concerned

[D] Vulnerable



- ✓ **22 hatchlings of black softshell turtles that were reared at a temple in Assam have been released into the wetlands of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve recently. These species of turtles are considered 'Extinct in the wild', as per the International Union for Conservation of Nature. A very few numbers of them are left in some temple ponds, mostly in Assam.**

4. What amount of financial assistance has been approved for sugarcane farmers of the country?

- [A] Rs.1000 Cr
- [B] Rs.2000 Cr
- [C] Rs.3000 Cr
- [D] Rs.3500 Cr ☒



- ✓ **The Prime Minister headed Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a financial assistance amounting Rs.3500 crore to sugarcane farmers of the country. The funds are to be credited directly into the bank accounts of the farmers. The decision is expected to benefit 5 crore sugarcane farmers and 5 lakh workers employed in the sugar mills.**

5. As of 2020, When was the most recent Spectrum auction held in India?

- [A] 2015
- [B] 2016 ☒
- [C] 2017
- [D] 2018



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister has recently approved the next round of auctioning of the telecommunication spectrum. A total of 2251.25 MHz is being offered for auction valued at Rs.3,92,332.70 crore. The most recent Spectrum auction in India was held in the year 2016, with the government raising Rs 65,789.12 crore in revenue.**

6. What new parameters have been incorporated into 2020 Human Development Index?

- [A] COVID Preparedness
- [B] CO₂ emission and Material footprint ☒
- [C] Monetary Policy and Inflation
- [D] Pandemic Preparedness and Vaccination



- ✓ **The Human Development Index for the year 2020 has been released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). As per the report, India has been ranked at 131 out of 189 countries. Last year, India was ranked at 130.**
- ✓ **HDI is measured with three parameters namely life expectancy, education and per capita income. This year's index has incorporated new parameters namely CO₂ emission and Material footprint and introduced Planetary pressures-adjusted Human Development Index (PHDI).**

7. Which animal has been sighted for the first time in Himalayan cold desert region?

- [A] Black Buck
- [B] Great Indian Bustard
- [C] Himalayan Serow ☒
- [D] Lion-tailed Macaque



- ✓ The Himalayan serow has been spotted for the first time in the Himalayan cold desert region, in Spiti, Himachal Pradesh. These are herbivores animals and are found between 2000 m and 4000 m altitude. They have an appearance similar to that of a goat, but with long ears. They have a habit of standing with fore legs stretched.

8. The Young Champions of the Earth prize is awarded by which organization?

- [A] UNEP ☒
- [B] UNESCO
- [C] UNFCCC
- [D] NASA



- ✓ The Young Champions of the Earth prize is given every year by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to seven scientists, entrepreneurs, engineers and activists, who have contributed ideas for sustainable environment change. Every prize awardee would receive a prize amount of \$10,000 as seed fund for development and incubation of their ideas.

9. The 'Swarnim Vijay Mashaal' has been lit by the Prime Minister of India to commemorate which historic event?

- [A] Indo-Pak War ☒
- [B] World War 2
- [C] Indian Independence
- [D] Indo-China War



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi lit the 'Swarnim Vijay Mashaal' at the National War Memorial in Delhi. This has kick started the 50th anniversary celebrations of the 1971 India-Pakistan war. In December 1971, the Indian Armed Forces won a battle against the Pakistan counterpart, which resulted n creation of a new nation called Bangladesh.

10. Robert Lewandowski, who won the FIFA Best Men's Player Award, is from which country?

- [A] Spain
- [B] Croatia
- [C] Poland ☒
- [D] Brazil



- ✓ **Captain of the Poland National Football Team, Robert Lewandowski won The FIFA Best Men's Player Award 2020. This Poland player beat the previous winners Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi, who were in the short-list. He was also named the 2019–20 UEFA Men's Player of the Year in October. English footballer Lucy Bronze won the Best Women's player award.**
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