

1. Tso Kar Wetland Complex, which was declared a Ramsar site, is located in which Indian state/UT?

[A] Punjab

[B] Ladakh ☒

[C] West Bengal

[D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Tso Kar Wetland Complex located in Ladakh has been declared as India's 42nd Ramsar site i.e as wetland of international importance. This is the highest number of such sites in South Asia. The high-altitude wetland complex Changthang region is of two connected lakes, the freshwater Startsapuk Tso and the hypersaline Tso Kar, in Ladakh.

2. Veteran writer and conservationist Sugathakumari, who recently passed away, was from which state?

[A] Kerala ☒

[B] Andhra Pradesh

[C] Karnataka

[D] Maharashtra



- ✓ Renowned Malayalam poet, conservationist and women's rights activist Sugathakumari (86) has passed away recently. She has released 15 collections of much-acclaimed poems. Sugathakumari was also the first chairperson of the Kerala State Women Commission and led the launch of Kudumbashree Missions. She had received various awards including the Padma Shri, the Saraswati Samman among others.

3. India's largest hockey stadium is planned to be setup in which state?

[A] Punjab

[B] Odisha ☒

[C] West Bengal

[D] Karnataka



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that India's biggest hockey stadium is to be built in the city of Rourkela in the state. The upcoming facility is likely to host matches of men's Hockey World Cup in 2023. The stadium with a 20000-seat capacity, will be constructed in the Biju Patnaik University of Technology campus.

4. The Gender Park, which was seen in the news recently, is an autonomous body of which Indian state?

[A] Arunachal Pradesh

[B] Assam

[C] Mizoram

[D] Kerala ☒



- ✓ **The Gender Park is an autonomous body under the Kerala state government, organises various projects and programmes on gender equality in the state. Recently, the agency announced that it is set to partner with UN Women to promote women empowerment and function as a South Asia hub for gender equality, in association with the New Delhi based UN Women Multi-Country Office.**

5. Which is the first private sector Defence company to be granted Green channel status?

[A] TATA Group

[B] L&T Defense ☒

[C] Kalyani Group

[D] SSS Defense



- ✓ **The Defence Ministry has recently granted 'Green channel status' to L&T Defence, which became the first private sector defence company to be granted this status. If a company is granted this status, it would have several benefits. The Green Channel Policy was introduced in 2017 by the Defence Ministry, as part of the 'Make in India' initiative.**

6. India's first hot air balloon wildlife safari has been launched in which state?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Madhya Pradesh ☒

[C] Gujarat

[D] Maharashtra



- ✓ **India's first hot air balloon wildlife safari in a tiger reserve has been launched in the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve. The Tiger Reserve is situated in the state of Madhya Pradesh. Under the programme, people can watch tigers, leopards, Indian sloth bear and other wild animals from a height, in restricted buffer areas.**

7. Which Indian player has been appointed as the Chief selector of the national men's cricket team?

- [A] Harbhajan Singh
- [B] V V S Laxman
- [C] Chetan Sharma ☒
- [D] Mohammad Kaif



- ✓ **Former India pacer Chetan Sharma has been appointed Chief selector of the national men's cricket team. The Cricket Advisory Committee also selected two more members to the All-India Senior Selection Committee. The CAC will review the candidates after one year and make recommendations to the BCCI.**

8. PRADAN portal, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which organisation?

- [A] DRDO
- [B] ISRO ☒
- [C] UPSC
- [D] UGC



- ✓ **The Indian Space Research Organisation announced that it has released the first set of data from the Chandrayaan-2 mission, for the general public. India's second mission to the moon was launched on July 22, 2019 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota. The data has been released through the 'PRADAN' portal hosted by Indian Space Science Data Centre (ISSDC), the nodal centre of data archive for ISRO missions.**

9. Which Indian state has recently launched 'Fasal rahat yojana' and 'Pasudhan yojana'?

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Jharkhand ☒
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ **The Jharkhand government in its recent cabinet meeting has decided to waive all agriculture and farm loans up to Rs 50,000. The Cabinet also approved 'Fasal rahat yojana' to provide relief to the farmers who have faced crop loss and 'Pasudhan yojana' to improve income of the families involved in cattle farming.**

10. The fighter jets of India and which other country is to organise an exercise named 'SKYROS'?

[A] Israel

[B] France ☒

[C] Russia

[D] Australia



- ✓ **The Rafale fighter jets of India and France are set to carry out wargames named 'SKYROS' in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The exercise is to be organised in the third week of January next year. This would be the first major wargame of the Indian Air Force involving the Rafale fighters which were inducted into the service in August 2020.**
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