

1. The Union Cabinet has approved the export of which missile system of India?

- A) Akash ☒
- B) Nag
- C) Amogha
- D) Prithvi



- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recently approved to the sale of Akash surface-to-air missile systems to friendly foreign countries. A high-powered panel for quicker approval to export of the military equipment was also set up, with Defence minister, External affairs minister and the National security adviser.
- ❖ Indian Government has earlier set a target of achieving defence exports worth USD 5 billion by 2024.

2. Which type of Ethanol is made from sources like molasses, sugarcane, sugar beet, sorghum and edible oil seeds?

- A) 1G Ethanol ☒
- B) 2G Ethanol
- C) 3G Ethanol
- D) Clean Ethanol



- ❖ The Union Cabinet has recently approved a modified scheme to enhance ethanol distillation capacity in the country, to produce 1st Generation (1G) ethanol.
- ❖ 1G Ethanol is produced from edible seeds, molasses, sugarcane, sugar beet, sorghum among others. While 2G biofuels use non-edible oilseeds, used cooking oil, agriculture residue, the 3G biofuels use industrial waste, municipal solid waste.

3. Which application has been launched by the External Affairs Ministry to connect with Indian diaspora?

- A) Bharat Connect
- B) Global Pravasi Rishta ☒
- C) Hindustan Hamara
- D) Bharat Communicate



- ❖ The External Affairs Ministry has recently launched the Global Pravasi Rishta portal and application to connect with the Indian diaspora across the world.
- ❖ The application and portal aim to create a three-way communication between the External Affairs Ministry, Indian missions and the diaspora, who are around 3.12-crore. While the app will be used by the diaspora, the portal will be used by the missions.

4. Leaf-Nosed Bat, which was seen in the news recently, is typically found in which state?

- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka ☒
- C) Bihar
- D) West Bengal



- ❖ The Kolar Leaf-Nosed Bat, which is usually found in only two caves in the Hanumanahalli village in Kolar district of Karnataka.
- ❖ Recently, the bat became extinct in one of the two caves. In response, the Karnataka Forest Department, along with the Bat Conservation India Trust (BCIT), are undertaking measures to save the remaining bats.

5. National Pension System (NPS) is managed by which organisation?

- A) IRDAI
- B) PFRDA
- C) Finance Ministry
- D) RBI ☒



- ❖ The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has announced that subscribers can now use online mode also to exit from the National Pension System.
- ❖ The National Pension System (NPS) was implemented with effect from the 1st January, 2004. It was extended to all citizens of the country from 2009 on a voluntary basis. PFRDA regulates the National pension system (NPS) as well as the pension sector.

6. Dzukou Valley, which recorded a massive wild-fire, is located on which border?

- A) Manipur-Nagaland ☒
- B) Assam-Manipur
- C) Manipur-Sikkim
- D) Assam-Meghalaya



- ❖ A wildfire has recently started in the Dzukou Valley, a popular trekking destination located on the Manipur-Nagaland border. It is said to have started three days ago from the Nagaland.
- ❖ The Indian Air Force has deployed an Mi-17V5 helicopter to put off the massive wildfire in Dzukou Valley.

7. Avian influenza (Bird flu) has been found in crows in which Indian state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Rajasthan ☒
- C) Punjab
- D) Gujarat



- ❖ In the Jhalawar District of Rajasthan, 50 crows had died of Avian influenza (Bird flu) recently. In response, a curfew was imposed surrounding the area. While, death of crows has also been reported from the city of Jodhpur.
- ❖ The administration ordered to sanitise the affected area and send the samples to the National High Security Animal Disease Laboratory (NHSADL), Bhopal.

8. Which financial institution has launched "Digital Payments Index (DPI)"?

- A) SBI
- B) RBI ☒
- C) IRDAI
- D) SEBI



- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has developed the Digital Payments Index (DPI), to record the expansion of digitisation of payments across the country. The index has been constructed with March 2018 as the base period.
- ❖ As per the RBI, the DPI for March 2019 and March 2020 stand at 153.47 and 207.84 respectively. The index includes 5 parameters.

9. Which sportsperson has been awarded knighthood in the UK Honours list?

- A) Viswanathan Anand
- B) Rafael Nadal
- C) Lewis Hamilton ☒
- D) Valentino Rossi



- ❖ British Racing Driver Lewis Hamilton has been knighted in the traditional New Year Honours list of the United Kingdom. The list recognises outstanding achievements in various fields including business, sport and politics among others.

10. India's highest meteorological centre has been inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Sikkim
- C) Ladakh ☒
- D) Jammu-Kashmir



- ❖ Union Earth Sciences Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has recently inaugurated the country's highest meteorological centre in the Union Territory of Ladakh. The centre located above 3500 metres, would provide localised weather forecasts and early warning for Leh and Kargil districts of the Union Territory as well as various tourist places.