

1. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Longitudinal Ageing Study of India (LASI)' report?

- A) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ☒
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Ministry of MSME



- ❖ Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan released the India report on Longitudinal Ageing Study of India (LASI) Wave-1.
- ❖ LASI is a nation-wide survey of scientific investigation of the health, economic, and social factors and consequences of the ageing population in India. The report will be used as a basic framework for developing programmes in national and state-level.

2. How many wildlife species are under recovery programme for critically endangered species in India?

- A) 12
- B) 16
- C) 22 ☒
- D) 35



- ❖ The Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife (SC-NBWL) has recently approved the advisory for management of Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC) in the country.
- ❖ The Committee also approved the inclusion of Caracal, a wild cat found in some parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat, in the list of critically endangered species. At present, there are 22 wildlife species under recovery programme for critically endangered species.

3. 'Angamaly-Azhutha Sabari rail project', which was making news recently, is to be constructed in which state?

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



- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved to use funds from the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB), for the Angamaly-Azhutha Sabari rail project. The Railways will undertake the construction and maintenance of the project, while development of station will be through public-private partnership and a special purpose vehicle.
- ❖ The income will be shared between the State Government of Kerala and the Railways after deducting the expenses.

4. Which High Court recently ruled that advertisement of any article using the name of any God as illegal?

- A) Madras High Court
- B) Bombay High Court ☒
- C) Gujarat High Court
- D) Guwahati High Court



- ❖ The Aurangabad bench of the Bombay High Court has declared that advertisement of any article using the name of any God and claiming that it has supernatural qualities, is illegal.
- ❖ This practice falls under the Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and other Inhuman, Evil and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act. A petition was filed to prevent advertisements that promote the sale of articles like Hanuman Chalisa Yantra, Lakshmi Yantra, Meru Ring etc.

5. Which institution is to conduct the National Cow Science Examination?

- A) PeTA
- B) Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog ☒
- C) National Animal Welfare Institute
- D) Blue Cross



- ❖ Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog (RKA) is set to conduct a national level Cow Science Exam, to educate students on the importance of cows. Called as the 'Kamdhenu Gau Vigyan Prachar Prasara Examination', it will be held annually across the country. RKA is a government body set up for cow welfare under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

6. DRDO is to establish Biodigester Mk-II Technology in which state's metro rail network?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Maharashtra ☒
- C) Karnataka
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ❖ State-owned research agency, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is to install its eco-friendly bio-digester units across the network operated by Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation (MAHA-METRO).
- ❖ DRDO will provide technical support to implement advanced bio-digester Mk-II technology for treating the human waste in the metro rail network.

7. UJALA and SLNP schemes, which has completed six years, is implemented by which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B) Ministry of Power ☒
- C) Ministry of Rural Development
- D) Ministry of Communications



- ❖ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi launched the Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) and Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) in 2015.
- ❖ The two programmes are being implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under the Ministry of Power. Under the schemes, EESL distributed LED bulbs and LED street lights across the country, to save energy.

8. Which is the first Urban Cooperative Bank in India, to be converted into a Small Finance Bank?

- A) Ahmedabad Mercantile Co-operative Bank
- B) Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank ☒
- C) Goa Urban Co-operative Bank
- D) Andhra Pradesh Mahesh Co-operative Urban Bank



- ❖ Uttar Pradesh-based Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank (SMCB) has received a license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as a Small Finance Bank (SFB).
- ❖ With this, SMCB became the first Urban Cooperative Bank (UCB) in the country to make a transition to a Small Finance Bank, under the voluntary transition scheme. The Shivalik Small Finance Bank is set to commence business by April 2021.

9. Which two states are the first to complete three out of four citizen-centric reforms directed by the Finance Ministry?

- A) Tamil Nadu & Kerala
- B) Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh & Andhra Pradesh
- D) Kerala & Karnataka



- ❖ Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh have become the first states to complete three out of four citizen-centric reforms directed by the Ministry of Finance.
- ❖ The two states completed the One Nation, One Ration Card reforms, Ease of Doing Business reforms, and Urban Local Bodies reforms. Hence, the Ministry is to provide an additional financial assistance of Rs 1,004 crore for Capital Expenditure.

10. Which state launched 'Kisan Kalyan Mission' to promote the income of farmers?

- A) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ❖ The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath launched Kisan Kalyan Mission, to promote the income of farmers. The scheme aims to double the income of the farmers in Uttar Pradesh by 2022.
- ❖ The Chief Minister also ensured that the development schemes for farmers will be launched in 825 localities across the state.