

1. As per the recent publication of ZSI, which region of India is home to as many as 428 species?

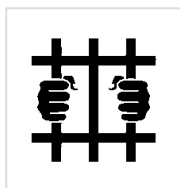
- A) Western Ghats
- B) Sunderbans ☒
- C) Deccan Plateau
- D) Himalayan Region



- ❖ As per a recent publication of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) named "Birds of the Sundarban Biosphere Reserve", the region is home to 428 species of birds.
- ❖ The Indian Sunderbans one of the largest mangrove forests in the world, also comprises of the Sunderban Tiger Reserve. Some birds like Masked Finfoot and Buffy fish owl are found only in the Sunderbans.

2. Which Indian State/UT launched a new initiative named 'Jail Tourism'?

- A) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- B) Maharashtra ☒
- C) Gujarat
- D) West Bengal



- ❖ The Maharashtra government is launching a new initiative named Jail Tourism in the state. As a part of the programme, jails where many freedom fighters were jailed will be developed as Tourism sites.
- ❖ From January 26, 2021 the state has launched the programme starting with the 150-year-old Yerawada Jail. It will also include Nagpur, Thane, and Ratnagiri Jails.

3. The 'Union Budget' Mobile application has been developed by which institution?

- A) National Informatics Centre ☒
- B) Indian Computer Emergency Response Team
- C) Department of Telecommunications
- D) National Technical Research Organisation



- ❖ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has recently launched the 'Union Budget Mobile' ahead of the Union Budget 2021. As this year's budget will be completely paperless, the mobile application will enable members of the parliament and general public, to access budget documents.
- ❖ It has been developed by the National Informatics Centre under the guidance of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Finance Ministry.

4. The 'Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons' was approved by the UN General Assembly in which year?

- A) 2000
- B) 2003
- C) 2012
- D) 2017 ☒

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- ❖ The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was approved by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017. Recently, this first treaty came into force and in response, India announced that it does not support the treaty. None of the nine countries said to possess nuclear weapons and the NATO alliance supported the treaty.

5. Which Union Ministry has launched an e-magazine named 'Shauryawaan'?

- A) Ministry of Defense ☒
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of External Affairs
- D) Ministry of Tribal Affairs



- ❖ Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched a revamped website, which provides information about gallantry awards in India and their recipients.
- ❖ The portal has all the important information, which will be available throughout the day. The Minister also launched an e-magazine named 'Shauryawaan' and a gallantry award quiz competition.

6. Which Indian state has launched the new M-Sand Policy-2020?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Rajasthan ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra



- ❖ Rajasthan state has launched the new M-Sand Policy-2020 recently. The state Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said the state government aims to meet the quantity of sand needed for construction work in the state. This would encourage the production of manufactured sand or M-sand and reduce the dependence on traditional sand.

7. Which country hosted online international Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS Online)?

- A) Sweden
- B) Netherlands ☒
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Australia



- ❖ The Netherlands government played host to an online international Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS Online) on 25 January 2021, under the leadership of Prime Minister Mark Rutte.
- ❖ It aims to help the countries build a climate-resilient ecosystem back after the pandemic. Indian Prime Minister participated in the virtual conference and addressed the members.

8. Which Union Ministry organises the 'Bharat Parv' event every year on the occasion of Republic Day Celebrations?

- A) Ministry of Defense
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of External Affairs
- D) Ministry of Tourism ☒



- ❖ Union Ministry of Tourism organises 'Bharat Parv' every year, on the occasion of Republic Day Celebrations from 26th to 31st of January.
- ❖ Since 2016, the event has been conducted near the Red Fort, New Delhi. The event aims to showcase the rich cultural diversity of the country. States and UTs will display their tourism destinations, cuisine, handicraft and unique features.

9. Which Union Ministry proposed a 19000 Crore- 'National Mission on Edible Oil'?

- A) Ministry of Food Processing
- B) Ministry of Agriculture ☒
- C) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ❖ The Union Agriculture Ministry has proposed a Rs 19,000 crore National mission on edible oil for approval in the upcoming budget.
- ❖ The mission seeks a five-year plan to achieve self-sufficiency in cooking oil production along with cutting its import. India spends almost Rs 75,000 crore annually in importing edible oil which will also promote local production and cut its cost.

10. Which Indian Economist has been chosen to be a part of UN high-level advisory board on socio-economic challenges in post-COVID-19 world?

- A) Arundhati Roy
- B) Amartya Sen
- C) Jayati Ghosh ☒
- D) Raguram Rajan



- ❖ India's economist Jayati Ghosh has been chosen to be a part of UN high-level advisory board on socio-economic challenges in post-COVID-19 world.
- ❖ The board would make recommendations to UN Secretary-General for making response to the future, especially after the post COVID era. Ms. Jayati Ghosh is presently a professor of economics at University of Massachusetts.