

1. Where is the headquarters of the World Customs Organization (WCO) located?

- A) Rome  
B) Paris  
C) Brussels   
D) Berlin



- ✓ The International Customs Day is celebrated every year on January 26 across the world, led by the World Customs Organization (WCO). It is headquartered at Brussels, Belgium.
- ✓ It was earlier called as the Customs Cooperation Council. The Day has been celebrated since 1983. This year the theme is "Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal and Resilience for a sustainable supply chain"

2. National Non-communicable Disease Monitoring Survey (NNMS), which was released recently, was conducted during which year?

- A) 2019-20  
B) 2018-19  
C) 2017-18   
D) 2016-17



- ✓ The Union Health Ministry released the National Non-communicable Disease Monitoring Survey (NNMS). In the survey conducted during 2017-18, it was revealed that two in five adults in India have three or more risk factors for non-communicable diseases.
- ✓ The Health Minister also launched a framework on use of telemedicine for cancer, diabetes, heart diseases and stroke in India.

3. What is the name of the rare Martian Mineral, which has been recently discovered in Antarctic ice?

- A) Jarosite   
B) Carnotite  
C) Johannsenite  
D) Ilmenite



- ✓ As per the Science Magazine, Scientists have discovered a rare Martian Mineral named 'Jarosite' in the Antarctic ice. After boring more than a mile deep in the Antarctic region, the yellow-brown mineral which is rarely seen on Earth but found more on Mars was spotted.
- ✓ Mars is believed to be a dusty place and this discovery may be used to explain this theory.

4. What is the name of India's initiative to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to friendly countries?

- A) COVID Maitri  
B) Vaccine Maitri   
C) Helping Hands  
D) Friends in Need



- ✓ India is set to despatch 500,000 doses of Covishield vaccines to Sri Lanka as grant assistance under its "Vaccine Maitri" initiative.
- ✓ Under the initiative, India has already delivered nearly five million doses to seven countries in the neighbourhood including Maldives, Nepal, Mauritius among others. The Vaccine Maitri (Vaccine Friendship) initiative was launched on January 20.

5. Which Indian state is to play host to the 'International Conference on Gender Equality (ICGE-II)'?

- A) Tamil Nadu  
B) Kerala   
C) Karnataka  
D) Telangana



- ✓ The second edition of the International Conference on Gender Equality (ICGE-II) is to be hosted in February, 2021, at the Gender Park Campus, Kozhikode, Kerala. The Chief Minister is also set to inaugurate a Gender Park at Kozhikode. It was established in 2013 under the Department of Women and Child Development. It has partnerships with various global organisations like UN Women.

6. "Global Climate Litigation Report: 2020" has been released by which organisation?

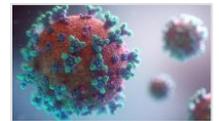
- A) UNEP   
B) UNESCO  
C) World Bank  
D) UNFCCC



- ✓ The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has recently released a report titled - Global Climate Litigation Report: 2020 - Status Review. The report provides an overview of climate change litigation and its trends globally.
- ✓ As per the report, the number of climate litigation cases around the world has almost doubled in the last three years.

7. Which country has launched "New Variant Assessment Platform"?

- A) USA  
B) UK   
C) China  
D) Brazil



- ✓ The United Kingdom (UK) has launched a New Variant Assessment Platform, which will be used to identify new variants COVID-19 viruses. It uses genomics expertise possessed by UK and has been dedicated for use by countries which does not have sufficient resources for identifying the new Covid virus strains.

8. In which country is Mount Merapi located?

- A) Japan  
B) South Korea  
C) Indonesia   
D) North Korea



- ✓ The Mount Merapi is located in Indonesia. It is an active volcano which is located in the border between Central Java and Yogyakarta. This volcano has erupted again recently. Indonesia is located on the "Ring of Fire" and hence has the greatest number of active volcanoes in the world.

9. The Environment Ministry recently released a National action plan for conservation of which species?

- A) Marine Turtle   
B) Great Indian Bustard  
C) Brahmaputra Dolphin  
D) Black Buck



- ✓ The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has recently released 'Marine Mega Fauna Stranding Guidelines' and 'National Marine Turtle Action Plan'.
- ✓ The documents contain framework for handling stranded animals on shore, entangled animals in the sea or boat, management actions for reducing threats to marine species and their habitats, rehabilitation of degraded habitats, among others.

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10. India launched the 'Year of Environment' with which friendly country?

- A) Nepal
- B) France
- C) Brazil
- D) Japan



- ✓ Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar launched the Indo-French year of Environment along with his French counterpart.
- ✓ India and France have environment projects being undertaken in Assam, Rajasthan and a project to be started in Jharkhand. The objective of this event is to strengthen Indo-French cooperation in sustainable development.