

1. What is the theme of the International Day of Human Fraternity 2021?

- A) A Pathway to the Future   
 B) Let's work together  
 C) Let's work for the Future  
 D) A Pathway to the Fraternity



- ✓ The International Day of Human Fraternity is observed every year by the United Nations on February 4. This year the theme is: A Pathway to the Future. In the year 2019, on the same day, the document entitled "Human fraternity for world peace and living together" was signed in 2019.

2. Indian-American Bhavya Lal has been appointed as the acting chief of staff of which organisation?

- A) NASA   
 B) SpaceX  
 C) Blue Sky  
 D) JAXA



- ✓ Indian-American Bhavya Lal has been appointed as the acting chief of staff of the US space agency, NASA. She was earlier serving as a member of the research staff at the Institute for Defence Analyses-Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI). She had served in several important positions related to space sector.

3. Who is the author of the book titled 'The Little Book of Encouragement'?

- A) Sachin Tendulkar  
 B) Dalai Lama   
 C) Malala Yousafzai  
 D) P V Sindu



- ✓ 'The Little Book of Encouragement' is a book authored by the Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama recently. The book includes quotes and words of wisdom to the people, to face the realities of the world posed by the pandemic. It also discusses how to combat extremism, polarity and climate change and his views on Tibet in his new book.

4. Which word is selected as the Oxford Hindi word of 2020?

- A) Aatmanirbharta   
 B) Nari Shakti  
 C) Samvidhaan  
 D) Aadhar



- ✓ The Oxford group has selected 'Aatmanirbharta' as the Oxford Hindi word of 2020. In Hindi language, it means self-reliance. Previous Hindi words of the year selected by Oxford are 'Aadhar' (2017), 'Nari Shakti' (2018) and 'Samvidhaan' (2019).

- ✓ Following the prime minister's address, there was a significant increase in the usage of 'aatmanirbharta' following the Prime minister's address.

5. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India?

- A) Siddhartha Mohanty   
 B) T C Suseel Kumar  
 C) Vipin Anand  
 D) Mukesh Gupta



- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Siddhartha Mohanty as the new Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India.

- ✓ He is currently serving as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of LIC Housing Finance. Siddhartha Mohanty has replaced TC Suseel Kumar, who retired on January 31, 2021. LIC has four Managing Directors and one Chairman.

6. India's first Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management has been set up in which Indian city?

- A) Cochin  
 B) Chennai   
 C) Visakhapatnam  
 D) Guwahati



- ✓ India's first Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management has been set up in Chennai. It aims to strengthen research for conservation and management of the wetlands. This has been set up as a part of the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management, Chennai. The Centre would also serve as a knowledge hub and facilitate exchanges between state wetland authorities.

7. The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) is an international non-governmental organisation based in which country?

- A) Italy  
 B) India   
 C) United States  
 D) France



- ✓ The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative is an independent and international non-governmental organisation which works towards the realisation of human rights in the Commonwealth countries.  
 ✓ The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative has recently issued a statement calling for the withdrawal of sedition cases file against journalists in India. It also sought the repealing of sedition and criminal defamation laws.

8. What is the theme of the 'World Wetlands Day 2021'?

- A) Wetlands for Us  
 B) Wetlands and Water   
 C) Wetlands and COVID-19  
 D) Save Wetlands



- ✓ World Wetlands Day is observed every year on 2<sup>nd</sup> February to create awareness on the importance of wetlands and its role played in the planet. This year, the theme of the World Wetlands Day is 'Wetlands and Water'. This year's theme highlights the importance of wetlands as a source of freshwater.

9. Defence Ministry has signed a deal to procure Tejas Light Combat Aircraft from which organisation?

- A) DRDO  
 B) HAL   
 C) L&T  
 D) GSRE Ltd



- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently inaugurated a new plant at the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru. It aims to double the production of the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft, India's indigenous fighter jet. The Defence Ministry also signed a Rs 48000 crore deal to procure 83 Tejas LCA from HAL. This is said to be the biggest indigenous defence procurement.

10. In which state, the Kailveli Lake is located?

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



- ✓ The Kailveli Lake is a coastal lake and a wet land, situated in Villupuram District of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The lake is near the Bay of Bengal and is the second-largest brackish water lake in Southern India after the lake Pulicat. The district administration has recently issued the 1<sup>st</sup> declaration under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, to declare the wetlands as a bird sanctuary.