

1. Which Union Ministry has launched a unified portal for 'Gobardhan' scheme?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs  
 B) Ministry of Power  
 C) Ministry of Jal Shakti   
 D) Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ The Union Jal Shakti Ministry has recently launched a unified portal on the 'Gobardhan' scheme. The portal aims to monitor the progress made under the scheme. The 'Gobardhan' scheme was launched by the Government of India to manage cattle and biodegradable waste and also help enhance farmers' income. It is being implemented under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen-Phase 2.

2. 'Pragyan Bharati' and 'Bhasha Gourab' are the recent initiatives of which Indian state?

- A) Uttarakhand  
 B) Assam   
 C) Telangana  
 D) Odisha



- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal recently launched two schemes named 'Pragyan Bharati' and 'Bhasha Gourab'.  
 ✓ Under Pragyan Bharati scheme, funds are provided to college students for purchasing text books while under the Bhasha Gourab scheme, the state government provides financial assistance to 21 Sahitya Sabhas (literary bodies).

3. Which country hosted the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) Defence Ministers' Conclave in February 2021?

- A) Sri Lanka  
 B) India   
 C) Bangladesh  
 D) Maldives



- ✓ India hosted the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) Defence Ministers' Conclave on February 4, 2021 on the side-lines of Aero India 2021 event.  
 ✓ The broad theme of the conclave is 'Enhanced Peace, Security and Cooperation in the Indian Ocean'. During the conclave, India announced that it is ready to supply missile systems, LCA and other weapons systems to the countries in Indian Ocean Region.

4. What is the classification of Fishing Cat, as per IUCN Red list?

- A) Least Concern  
 B) Endangered  
 C) Vulnerable   
 D) Extinct



- ✓ Fishing Cat is a special cat species that is found in wetland and mangrove ecosystems.  
 ✓ The cat species is classified as 'Vulnerable' as per IUCN Red list. A team named Fishing Cat Conservation Alliance has been formed that comprise of conservationists, researchers and enthusiasts across the world working to conserve and protect Fishing Cat species.

5. Which technology entrepreneur has been appointed to the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)?

- A) Rajni Bector  
 B) Rattan Lal  
 C) Sridhar Vembu   
 D) Ali Manikfan



- ✓ The founder of the Indian multinational Software company Zoho, Sridhar Vembu has been appointed to the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB).  
 ✓ The board is led by National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval. Other new members are former ISRO Chairman K Radhakrishnan, academic member Anshuman Tripathy and former ambassador Arun K Singh.

6. Praveen Sinha has been appointed as the Acting Chief of which Indian organisation?

- A) Intelligence Bureau  
 B) Central Vigilance Commission  
 C) Central Bureau of Investigation   
 D) Election Commission of India



- ✓ The Additional Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Praveen Sinha has been appointed as the acting chief of CBI.  
 ✓ After Rishi Kumar Shukla who retired recently, the acting Chief has been appointed till a decision on a New Director is taken. This is the third time in last five years that an interim chief will head CBI.

7. India's first thunderstorm research testbed is to be set up in which state/UT?

- A) Tamil Nadu  
 B) Odisha   
 C) West Bengal  
 D) Maharashtra



- ✓ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has announced that the country's first thunderstorm research testbed is to be set up in Balasore, Odisha.  
 ✓ The testbed will be established in a collaboration between the Ministry of Earth Sciences, IMD, DRDO and ISRO. It aims to reduce human fatalities and loss of property due to lightning strikes.

8. Which global digital payment company has announced to shut down its payment operations in India?

- A) PayPal   
 B) Capital One  
 C) American Express  
 D) AeroPay



- ✓ American digital payments major, PayPal Inc. announced that it will shut down its payment operations in the country.  
 ✓ PayPal, which was offering its payment gateway to Indian brands and online merchants, will shut down its domestic payment services in India, from April 1. It was also providing international remittance services for small and medium enterprises.

9. 'KAPILA' programme, which was making news recently, is associated with which sector?

- A) Science  
 B) Politics  
 C) Business  
 D) Intellectual Property Rights



- ✓ In October 2020, the Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' virtually launched the 'KAPILA' Kalam Program for Intellectual Property Literacy and Awareness campaign.  
 ✓ Under the programme students of higher educational institutions will get information about the system of application process for

patenting their invention. It aims to create awareness about the Intellectual Property Rights.

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10. India recently participated in the first meeting of Joint Working Group in the field of Renewable Energy, with which country?

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) Bahrain
- C) France
- D) Japan



- ✓ The first meeting of the Joint Working Group in the field of Renewable Energy between India and the Kingdom of Bahrain was held recently in virtual format.
  - ✓ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Bahrain in July 2018, for promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of Renewable Energy. The meeting focussed on enhanced cooperation in the field of solar, wind and clean hydrogen.
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