

1. What is Arjun Mk1A, which was seen in the news recently, with reference to Indian Defence?

- A) Anti-tank Guided Missile  
 B) Main Battle Tank   
 C) Fighter jets  
 D) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over the Arjun Main Battle Tank Mk-1A to the Indian Army, at a function held at Chennai. The battle tank has been indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by the DRDO's Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (CVRDE), Chennai.

2. Prime Minister dedicated the Rs 6000-crore petrochemical complex of BPCL in which state

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated Bharat Petroleum's Propylene Derivatives petrochemical complex at Kochi Refinery.  
 ✓ The Rs 6,000 crore worth Propylene Derivative Petrochemical Project (PDPP) will produce Acrylic Acid, Oxo-Alcohol and Acrylates, which are mainly imported in India. He also inaugurated the Ro-Ro vessels of Inland Waterways Authority in Kochi, Kerala

3. Grand Anicut Canal system, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ Grand Anicut Canal, also called as 'Kallanai' is said to be the oldest water regulating structure in the world, constructed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D by the Chola King Karikal Cholan.  
 ✓ Recently, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the extension, renovation and modernization of the Grand Anicut Canal System. The project is to be taken up at a cost of Rs 2,640 crores.

4. Olympus Mons, which was making news recently, is the largest ..... in the solar system?

- A) Volcano   
 B) Crater  
 C) Asteroid  
 D) Lake



- ✓ Olympus Mons is the largest volcano in the solar system present in the planet of Mars. It is a large shield volcano, which is over two times the height of Mount Everest above sea level.  
 ✓ The UAE's "Hope" Mars probe sent back its first image of Mars, after the spacecraft successfully entered the planet's orbit. The probe recently captured the Olympus Mons volcano, taken from an altitude of 24,700 kilometres above the Martian surface.

5. Bayern Munich, which won the final of the FIFA Club World Cup in Qatar, is the football club of which country?

- A) United Kingdom  
 B) Germany   
 C) France  
 D) Italy



- ✓ Germany based professional football club Bayern Munich beat Mexico's Tigres UANL in the final of the FIFA Club World Cup in Qatar. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> title won by the club in less than nine months. Benjamin Pavard of the German team scored the only goal of the final match in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute.

6. Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme has been launched by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development  
 B) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship   
 C) Ministry of Labor & Employment  
 D) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare



- ✓ The Union Ministry for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship programme. This nation-wide programme has been launched in partnership with nine Indian Institutes of Management across India.  
 ✓ It has been launched under the SANKALP (Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) scheme.

7. As per a recent report, start-ups founded in which Indian city is more than in San Francisco, in the past five years?

- A) Pune  
 B) New Delhi  
 C) Bengaluru   
 D) Chennai

**Bengaluru**

- ✓ As per the recent report released by Tracxn, a company which tracks investments and financials, the number of start-ups founded in Bengaluru has been higher than in San Francisco, United States in the past five years. In 2015, 3,080 firms were founded in the Indian city, as against 2,040 companies in San Francisco.  
 ✓ Similarly, in 2020, 805 firms were founded in Bengaluru, whereas the US city's count was 619. Bengaluru has around 13,000 active start-ups, at present.

8. Which Indian state has launched the 'Maa' scheme, to provide meal at Rs 5 to the poor people?

- A) Tamil Nadu  
 B) Kerala  
 C) West Bengal   
 D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has virtually launched the 'Maa' scheme under which the state government would provide meal at Rs 5 to poor people. A platter of food including vegetable and egg curry is to be provided at Rs 5.

9. Who has been awarded with the Sanctuary Nature Foundation's "Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award 2020"?

- A) Theodore Baskaran   
 B) Sundarajan  
 C) Azhagar Ramanujam  
 D) Anuradha Ramanan



Theodore Baskaran, a leading Writer, historian, naturalist, and activist has been awarded with the Sanctuary Nature Foundation's "Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award 2020". This award has been conferred upon him for his dedicated works in wildlife conservation and for his writings in Tamil - English regarding the same.

10. Sigur plateau, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ A group of six black storks (*Ciconia nigra*), were spotted recently in the Sigur plateau in the Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu. The species is classified by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in the "Least Concern" category. The sighting of the black stork in this region is considered to be extremely rare.
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