

1. Which is the world's first country to ban all Vulture-Toxic Drugs known so far?

- A) Myanmar  
B) Bangladesh   
C) Bhutan  
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ Bangladesh has recently banned the painkiller ketoprofen used widely to treat the cattle. With this it became the first country to ban all the drugs known so far to be toxic to vultures. Over 10 years ago, the country banned the veterinary drug diclofenac.

2. Narayanasamy, who recently resigned, was the Chief Minister of which state/Union territory?

- A) Puducherry   
B) Andhra Pradesh  
C) Karnataka  
D) Ladakh



- ✓ After the Puducherry Chief Minister V Narayanasamy lost the confidence vote on the Legislative Assembly, the UT's Congress-DMK government collapsed. The Chief Minister tendered his resignation to the Lt Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, with only around four months remaining for completion of its tenure.

3. Karlapat wildlife sanctuary, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

- A) West Bengal  
B) Bihar  
C) Odisha   
D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ In the month of February, it was reported that six female elephants and a calf were found dead in the Karlapat wildlife sanctuary, Odisha. Recently, a three-member Central team found the decomposed carcass of an elephant calf near the wildlife sanctuary, making the number of elephant deaths in the sanctuary seven. It is said that the spread of haemorrhagic septicemia (HS) is the reason for the elephant deaths.

4. The 'Yudh Abhyas' is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

- A) Japan  
B) United States of America   
C) Sri Lanka  
D) France



- ✓ This year (2021), the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of India-USA joint military exercise - Yudh Abhyas held between February 8 and 21. This year's exercise was conducted at Indio-Pakistan border. The exercise aims to enhance cooperation between the two countries and will have a special focus on counter-terrorism operations.

5. Which state assembly played the National Anthem after almost 60 years?

- A) Sikkim  
B) Meghalaya  
C) Nagaland   
D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ The national anthem was played inside the Nagaland state assembly for the first time, almost 60 years after Nagaland attained statehood. Nagaland was accorded statehood on December 1, 1963, and it was the 16<sup>th</sup> state of the Indian Union.  
✓ Though playing the national anthem is not mandatory in state assemblies, the practice is usually followed in many states.

6. "Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society" is the theme of which special day, celebrated on February 21?

- A) International Languages Day  
B) International Press Day  
C) International Mother Language Day   
D) International Day of Literature

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- ✓ International Mother Language Day is celebrated every year on February 21. The theme for this year is "Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society".  
✓ In 1999, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) had declared 21<sup>st</sup> Feb as International Mother Language Day. It was on the same date, Bangladesh fought for their Bangla language, which transformed into a language-based national movement.

7. Which country reported the world's first case of bird flu strain H5N8 being transmitted to human beings?

- A) China  
B) Russia   
C) India  
D) Indonesia



- ✓ Russia has recently registered the first case of a strain of bird flu virus named A(H5N8) being passed to humans from birds. The country has reported the matter to the World Health Organization (WHO).  
✓ Recently, the outbreaks of the H5N8 strain were reported in several countries like Russia, Europe, China, the Middle East and North Africa, in recent months but only in poultry so far.

8. In which state / UT, Damage Control Simulator (DCS) for the Indian Navy is to be set up?

- A) Tamil Nadu  
B) Andaman & Nicobar Islands   
C) Odisha  
D) Lakshadweep



- ✓ A Damage Control Simulator (DCS) for the Indian Navy would be set up in Port Blair of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Commander in Chief of Andaman and Nicobar Command - Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande laid the foundation stone for the Damage Control Simulator. It would be established by Goa Shipyard Ltd.

9. When is the 'Central Excise Day' celebrated every year in India?

- A) February 22  
B) February 23  
C) February 24   
D) February 25



- ✓ The 'Central Excise Day' is celebrated every year in India on February 24. The day is celebrated to encourage the employees of excise department to perform their duties more efficiently.

- ✓ Various seminars, workshops and cultural events are organized all over the country, to mark the event. It is also observed to commemorate the Central Excise and Salt Act, which was enacted on February 24, 1944.

10. Which Asian country has recently appointed a Minister for Loneliness?

- A) Bhutan
- B) Pakistan
- C) Japan
- D) China



- ✓ The Government of Japan headed by Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga has recently appointed Tetsushi Sakamoto as the country's first ever Minister for Loneliness. This decision has been made to tackle the rise in suicide rates due to COVID-19 crisis. Also, the minister is responsible for managing the fall in birth rate in the country.
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