

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has brought which bank covered under Article 371F, under its regulatory purview?

- A) Punjab National Bank
B) HDFC Bank
C) State Bank of Sikkim
D) Indian Bank



- ✓ State Bank of Sikkim was established in 1968, five years before Sikkim acceded to the Indian Union. The state-owned bank provides treasury operations for the state government of Sikkim. Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has brought the State Bank of Sikkim under its regulatory purview. Though the bank will be regulated on par with other banks, the bank's ownership structure will not change.

2. Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram celebrate their Statehood day on which date?

- A) February 15
B) February 20
C) February 25
D) February 28



- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram received their statehood on February 20, 1987, following the 53rd Amendment of the Indian Constitution in 1986. On 20th January 1972, the North East Frontier Agency was renamed as Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh and on 20th February 1987 statehood was granted to Arunachal Pradesh. Mizoram was also a Union Territory from 1972 to 1987 before achieving statehood.

3. Which is the most trafficked mammal in the world?

- A) Blue Whale
B) Pangolin
C) Bat
D) Platypus



- ✓ Pangolins are the most trafficked mammals in the world. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) classified all eight species of pangolin as "threatened".
✓ The World Pangolin Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of February, to raise awareness on their importance. This year, it has been celebrated on Feb.20. Pangolins are considered as the pest controllers in the ecosystem.

4. "Atal Paryavaran Bhavan" has been inaugurated in which UT?

- A) Puducherry
B) Ladakh
C) Lakshadweep
D) Delhi



- ✓ The Union Minister for Forests, Environment, Climate Change Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated Lakshadweep forest department's headquarters as 'Atal Paryavaran Bhavan'. He stated that as per NITI Aayog's scheme for three islands of India, many permits have been issued for different tourism projects in Lakshadweep that are aimed at growth and increase employment opportunities in the island.

5. Who is the new Chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)?

- A) Porika Naik Balram
B) Vijay Sampla
C) Arun Halder
D) Anju Bala



- ✓ Vijay Sampla, former Union Minister recently took charge as the chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), after being appointed by the President of India. He served as the Union Minister of state for Social Justice and Empowerment from 2014 to 2019. Ram Shankar Katheria was earlier the head of NCSC.

6. 'Rashtra Pratham – 82 varshon ki Swarnim Gatha' which was released recently, is a book narrating which armed force?

- A) CRPF
B) ITBP
C) Indian Coast Guard
D) SSB



- ✓ Home Minister Amit Shah released a book narrating the history of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
✓ Titled as the 'Rashtra Pratham – 82 Varshon Ki Swarnim Gatha', it includes thorough-researched articles on the journey, challenges and successes of CRPF, since 1939, the year of its raising.

7. Which state has passed an ordinance giving co-ownership rights to women in husband's ancestral property?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala
C) Uttarakhand
D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ In a landmark move, the state government of Uttarakhand has passed an ordinance, which gives co-ownership rights to women in their husband's ancestral property. This ordinance amends the Uttarakhand Zamindari abolition and land reforms act.

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

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



- ✓ 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.

9. Which is the first country to have captured and released the audio from Mars?

- A) United Arab Emirates
B) United States of America
C) United Kingdom
D) India



- ✓ The US space agency NASA released the first audio from Mars, captured by the Perseverance rover. The audio sounded like a faint crackling recording of a gust of wind in the red planet.

- ✓ Though a microphone did not work during the rover's descent to the surface, it could capture audio after it landed on Mars. NASA also released the first video of the landing of the rover.

10. What is the theme of the 'National Science Day' 2021?

A) Children in Science

B) Youth in Science

C) Future of STI: Impacts on Education, Skills, and Work

D) Artificial Intelligence in Science



- ✓ National Science Day is celebrated across the country on February 28 each year, to commemorate the discovery of the great Indian physician C V Raman – the Raman's effect. Raman had received the Nobel Prize for the effect, which he discovered in 1928.
 - ✓ This year (2021), the theme of the National Science Day is, "Future of STI: Impacts on Education, Skills, and Work".
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