

1. Which country is building the world's first Platypus Sanctuary?

- A) India  
B) Sri Lanka  
C) Pakistan  
D) Australia ☒



- ✓ The New South Wales State government and the Taronga Conservation Society of Australia announced that they are building the world's first Platypus Sanctuary. This first-of-its kind refugee centre aims to promote breeding and rehabilitation of the duck-billed mammal, which has been facing extinction due to climate change. The facility is to be created in a zoo which is over 390 km from Sydney.

2. What is the theme of World Hearing Day 2021?

- A) Hearing care for All ☒  
B) Save Hearing  
C) Care for hearing  
D) Hearing care



- ✓ World Hearing Day is observed on 3 March to raise awareness about the measures that can be taken to prevent hearing loss. It is a campaign held each year by Office of Prevention of Blindness and Deafness of the World Health Organization (WHO). The theme of the campaign for 2021 is Hearing Care for All.

3. The International Waste Pickers' Day is observed on which date?

- A) March 1 ☒  
B) March 2  
C) March 3  
D) March 4



- ✓ International Waste Pickers' Day is observed on March 1 to mark the Colombian massacre that led to the brutal death of 11 workers. This day seeks to give voice and recognition to waste pickers/recyclers across the world.

4. What is the theme of World Wildlife Day 2021?

- A) Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet ☒  
B) For people, For planet, For ecosystem  
C) Forests – Pillars for people and planet  
D) None of the above



- ✓ World Wildlife Day is observed on March 3 across the world to celebrate wildlife and create awareness about the adverse impact of human activities and climate change on the wildlife.  
✓ This year, it is being celebrated under the theme- Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet.

5. What is the full form of NADMP?

- A) National Agriculture Disaster Management Plan ☒  
B) Ninth Agriculture Disaster Management Plan  
C) New Agriculture Disaster Management Plan  
D) Ninth Agriculture Disaster Mitigation Planning



- ✓ National Agriculture Disaster Management Plan (NADMP) seeks to guide the Union Agriculture Ministry in ensuring timely response to natural disasters like drought, floods and sudden crisis like COVID-19 pandemic.  
✓ It identifies 34 hazards posing threats to the agriculture sector. These include heat waves, earthquakes, animal attacks, desertification, agricultural fires, cyclones and overdependence on chemicals.

6. Which strategy has recently been launched with the objective of revamping the Indian maritime sector?

- A) Maritime India Vision 2030 ☒  
B) Maritime India Vision 2032  
C) Maritime India Vision 2035  
D) Maritime India Vision 2040



- ✓ Maritime India Vision 2030 is a 10-year strategy with the objective of revamping the Indian maritime sector. It seeks to attract Rs.3 lakh crore investment and generate employment for 20 lakh individuals. The plan also seeks to augment the annual revenue potential worth Rs.20,000 crore from major ports.

7. Which herb is being cultivated in Jammu as part of the Aroma Mission?

- A) Lavender ☒  
B) Parsley  
C) Mint  
D) Basil



- ✓ Lavender is being cultivated in Jammu as part of the Aroma Mission that was launched in 2016. Lavender is an aromatic herb with medicinal properties. It is a commercially important crop cultivated mainly for production of essential oils. Each litre of lavender essential oil is sold for INR 10,000.

8. What is the full form of ICLED?

- A) Inter-band cascade light emitting device ☒  
B) Interior-based cascade light emitting diode  
C) Intern link- band inter-band cascade light emitting  
D) None of the above



- ✓ ICLED or inter-band cascade light emitting device is a new type of high-powered light emitting diode that are used in quantitative analysis of several chemicals. It emits light in the mid IR wavelength regions. It was recently used to develop low-cost sensors to detect methane emission with high accuracy.

9. Which rare species of native Australian bee was recently spotted along the east coast of Australia?

- A) *Pharohylaeus lactiferous* ☒  
B) *Apis dorsata*  
C) *Apis florea*  
D) *Apis cerana indica*



- ✓ *Pharohylaeus lactiferous* is a rare species of native Australian bee that was recently spotted along the east coast of Australia. It was last spotted a century ago in 1923 in Queensland and only 6 individuals have ever been found. The invertebrate is threatened by wildfires, land fragmentation and climate change.

10. India's largest ground-based optical telescope has been installed in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand ☒  
B) Goa  
C) Karnataka  
D) Punjab



- ✓ The telescope is the product of an Indo-Belgian collaborative effort, assisted by the Russian Academy of Sciences, that was kicked off in 2007. It is going to be operated by the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), an autonomous research body under the Department of Science and Technology.