

1. What is the full form of ADFOSC?

- A) Aries-Devasthal Faint Object Spectrograph & Camera ☒
 B) Aries-Devasthal Faint Object Scanning Camera
 C) Aries-Devasthal Faded Object Scanning Camera
 D) None of the above



- ✓ ADFOSC or Aries-Devasthal Faint Object Spectrograph & Camera is a low-cost optical spectrograph that was designed and developed by the scientists of ARIES, Nainital.
 ✓ This spectrograph will help the Devasthal Optical telescope use event faint light to locate distant quasars, galaxies, etc.

2. Which organisation has released the report named 'World Report on Hearing'?

- A) WHO ☒
 B) FAO
 C) IMF
 D) ADB



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) released the first World Report on Hearing recently. It was launched ahead of World Hearing Day on March 3. As per the report, nearly 2.5 billion people worldwide, which is almost 1 in 4 people, will be living with some degree of hearing loss by 2050. The report also warns that at least 700 million of these people will require access to hearing care and rehabilitation services.

3. Which state is to conduct its first survey of the social and educational conditions of people from backward classes?

- A) Haryana
 B) Odisha ☒
 C) Madhya Pradesh
 D) Maharashtra



- ✓ The Odisha government is set to begin its first state survey of the social and educational conditions of people from backward classes. In the state there are nearly 209 communities identified as socially and educationally backward classes (SEBCs). The classes comprise around 54 percent of the state's population. A proposal by the Odisha State Commission for Backward Classes (OSCBC) was approved in this regard.

4. Which publishing company was named as the 'Champion Publisher of the Year 2020', by WAN IFRA?

- A) The Hindu ☒
 B) Express Publications
 C) Daily Thanthi
 D) None of the above



- ✓ The Hindu Group won two golds and two silvers at WAN IFRA's South Asian Digital Media Awards. The World Association of News Publishers or WAN-IFRA, is a global organisation of the world's press.
 ✓ The company was named as the 'Champion Publisher of the Year'. The Hindu #KeepTheHabit campaign won a gold in 'Best Native Advertising / Branded Content Campaign'. Sportstar's website won a gold in 'Best in Lifestyle, Sports, Entertainment Website or Mobile Services'.

5. UNGA has declared 2023 as which special year, based on the resolution led by India?

- A) International Year of Millets ☒
 B) International Year of Egg
 C) International Year of Milk



D) International Year of Rice

- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has unanimously declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. The unanimously adopted resolution was sponsored by India and supported by over 70 nations. The co-sponsors of the declaration include Bangladesh, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Russia and Senegal, and all Member States of the UN.

6. The Simlipal biosphere reserve is located in which Indian state?

- A) Odisha ☒
 B) Uttarakhand
 C) Rajasthan
 D) Goa



- ✓ Simlipal biosphere reserve comprises of the Simlipal national park cum tiger reserve along with its adjoining areas. It is located in the eastern end of the Eastern Ghats, in Odisha. The name 'Simlipal' is derived from 'Simul' meaning silk cotton tree. Recently, there was a wildfire in the National Park and is raging for nearly a week.

7. Which city emerged as the best city according to the "Ease of Living Index-2020", in the million-plus population category?

- A) Pune
 B) Chandigarh
 C) Chennai
 D) Bengaluru ☒



- ✓ Bengaluru emerged as the best city according to the "Ease of Living Index-2020", released by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. The rankings were announced for cities for which the assessment exercise was conducted in the year 2020. It is noteworthy that Chennai ranks fourth and Coimbatore seventh from Tamil Nadu in this list.
 ✓ Around 111 cities participated in the assessment exercise. Shimla topped the category of cities with population of less than million.

8. Bao dhaan is a variety of rice cultivated in which Indian state?

- A) West Bengal
 B) Assam ☒
 C) Odisha
 D) Karnataka



- ✓ 'Bao dhaan' is a variety of red rice that is rich in iron. It is cultivated in the alluvial soil in the Brahmaputra Valley in Assam. Recently, the first consignment of 'red rice' was flagged off to the United States of America (USA). The unique feature of the rice is that it is grown without the use of any chemical fertilizer.

9. According to recently published Municipal Performance Index, which city ranked 1st in the category of million-plus cities?

- A) Indore ☒
 B) Lucknow
 C) Surat
 D) Bhopal



- ✓ The Central govt recently published the Municipal Performance Index (MPI). In this index, Indore was ranked first in the category of Million-plus cities. It is followed by Surat and Bhopal. While in the 'less-than-million category', New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has been ranked first and is followed by Tirupati and Gandhinagar.

10. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day is celebrated on which date?

- A) March 05
- B) March 08
- C) March 10 ☒
- D) March 11



- ✓ The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day is celebrated every year on March 10. On this day, in 1969, the CISF was set up under an act of the Parliament of India with a strength of 2,800.
- ✓ It is directly under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and its headquarters are at New Delhi.

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