

1. 'Tulip Festival' is an annual festival conducted in which Indian city?

- A) Shimla
- B) Srinagar ☒
- C) Chandigarh
- D) Guwahati



- ✓ Asia's largest tulip garden, with over one million tulips, has been opened to the public in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar. The Tulip Garden has been cultivated over months for the upcoming Tulip Festival.
- ✓ The Tulip Festival in Srinagar annually attracts tourists from all over the world at the beginning of spring.

2. Sanjhi Art, which was seen in the news recently, is practised in which state?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ Lok Sabha Member and Actor Hema Malini asked the government if it has any plan to encourage artists from Mathura-Vrindavan involved in Sanjhi art. Sanjhi art is a unique craft form that features exquisite designs and picture motifs, cut into paper.
- ✓ Originated in Mathura in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, Sanjhi painting is also practised in Vrindavan.

3. When is the 'International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery' observed?

- A) March.23
- B) March.25 ☒
- C) March.27
- D) March.29



- ✓ The 'International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery' is observed every year on March 25. The theme of the day in 2022 is "Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism".

4. PACER Initiative, which was seen in the news recently, is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Earth Science ☒
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Defence
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ The Polar Science and Cryosphere Research (PACER) scheme is implemented through National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ✓ It comprises of the Antarctic program, Indian Arctic program, Southern Ocean program and Cryosphere and Climate program. The scheme is organising 41st Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica. PACER scheme has recently been approved for continuation during 2021-2026.

5. Which Indian state/UT topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Gujarat ☒
- D) Telangana



- ✓ NITI Aayog, in partnership with the Institute of Competitiveness, released the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021. As per the report, most of the Coastal States of India are the best performers, and Gujarat was the top-performer.
- ✓ The EPI ranks states and UTs on 4 main pillars namely 'Policy; Business Ecosystem; Export Ecosystem; Export Performance' and 11 sub-pillars.

6. 'Le Corbusier's Edict' which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which Indian city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Chandigarh ☒
- D) Puducherry



- ✓ The Punjab Government made a resolution to install three statues in the Assembly Building of Capitol Complex, Chandigarh. It was opposed by Heritage Experts of the city. The 'Edict of Chandigarh' is a rule book prescribed by Le Corbusier, the planner of Chandigarh. Other than statues, the Edict also specifies a complete ban on noise and commercial structures at the Sukhna Lake.

7. Sariska Tiger Reserve, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

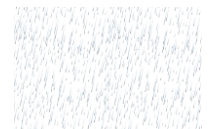
- A) Bihar
- B) Rajasthan ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Kerala



- ✓ A massive fire has recently broken out in the Sariska Tiger Reserve, located in Alwar district, in the state of Rajasthan. Air Force helicopters equipped with water sprays are battling the fire, as the 8-10 sq km area in the Akbarpur range has been affected. Sariska Tiger Reserve has a total of 27 tigers.

8. 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' campaign was first launched in which year?

- A) 2015
- B) 2017
- C) 2021 ☒
- D) 2022



- ✓ The President of India Ram Nath Kovind, presented the third National Water Awards and launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign 2022 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Government of India in 2019 launched the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan' and in the same year 'Jal Jeevan Mission' was also launched. On 22nd March in 2021, on 'World Water Day', the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' campaign was launched, to urge citizens to conserve water.

9. The 'Great Wall of India' and the second-longest wall of the world is located in which state/UT?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Rajasthan ☒
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ 'Kumbhalgarh' also known as the Great Wall of India is a fort on the range of Aravalli Hills near Udaipur of Rajasthan state. It is the second-longest wall of the world after the Great Wall of China.
- ✓ The formation of Rajasthan on March 30 is celebrated as 'Rajasthan Diwas'. On 30 March 1949, the princely states of Jodhpur, Jaipur,

Jaisalmer and Bikaner merged to form the 'Greater Rajasthan Union'.
2022 marks 73 years of Rajasthan Diwas.

10. What is the name of the portal, in which central sector and centrally sponsored schemes are on-boarded to ensure Direct Benefit Transfer?

- A) DBT Bharat Portal ☒
- B) Atmanirbhar DBT Portal
- C) Pradhan Mantri DBT Portal
- D) Amrit Kaal DBT Portal



- ✓ As many as 313 central sector and centrally sponsored schemes from 53 ministries have been onboarded on the DBT Bharat Portal. The Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) programme was launched to bring transparency through the transfer of subsidies to the beneficiaries through their bank accounts.
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