

1. 'Bali Declaration' which was unveiled recently, aims to prevent illegal trade of which product?

- A) Gold
- B) Mercury ☒
- C) Wildlife
- D) Human Organs



- ✓ The Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-4) was held recently at Bali, Indonesia.
- ✓ It had been decided that 10 types of products contain mercury that can be phased out, while the use of four types of products with mercury should be reviewed at COP-5 in Geneva, Switzerland. 'Bali Declaration' was unveiled to prevent illegal mercury trade.

2. Jens Stoltenberg is the Secretary-General of which organisation?

- A) EU
- B) NATO ☒
- C) G20
- D) G7



- ✓ North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) extended the term of Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg by a year until September 30, 2023.
- ✓ At the NATO summit in Brussels, the US President Joe Biden and other NATO leaders agreed to extend Stoltenberg's term. He was a former Norwegian prime minister and was named NATO Secretary-General in 2014. His term was due to expire in September 2021.

3. Airports Authority of India (AAI), partnered with which institution to develop indigenous Air Traffic Management Systems?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) BEL ☒
- D) HAL



- ✓ Airports Authority of India (AAI), under its R & D initiative, has entered into an agreement with Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to jointly develop indigenous Air Traffic Management Systems. The Agreement was signed during 'Wings India 2022' in Hyderabad.

4. 'Prasthan' is an offshore security exercise, conducted by which Indian Armed Force?

- A) Indian Army
- B) Indian Navy ☒
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ 'Prasthan' is an offshore security exercise, conducted by the Indian Navy every six months. It includes participation from the Indian Air Force, Coast Guard, ONGC, Mumbai Port Trust, Customs, state fisheries department, Marine Police among others.
- ✓ This exercise aims to ensure offshore security and to integrate efforts of all maritime stakeholders involved in offshore defence.

5. Which Mutual fund House has filed for launching India's first Defence Fund?

- A) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- B) HDFC Mutual Fund ☒



C) SBI Mutual Fund

D) Canara Robeco Mutual Fund

- ✓ HDFC Mutual Fund filed a scheme information document (SID) with SEBI for India's first Defence Fund – HDFC Defence Fund.
- ✓ It is an open-ended equity scheme, which will invest in defence & allied sector companies.

6. Which Indian state was ranked third in terms of per capita income in the fiscal year 2021-22?

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



- ✓ According to the Economic Survey of Delhi 2021-22, Delhi ranked third in terms of per capita income behind Sikkim and Goa. As per the survey, Delhi's per capita income grew 16.81 per cent year-on-year to Rs 4,01,982 in fiscal 2021-22. The per capita income of Delhi was three times higher than the national average in 2021-22.

7. 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP) is supported by which global institution?

- A) International Monetary Fund
- B) World Bank ☒
- C) UNICEF
- D) World Economic Forum



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved USD 808 million (₹6,062.45 crore) for a new scheme 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP). The new scheme assisted by the World Bank is expected to commence in the financial year of 2022-23.
- ✓ It aims to improve access to market and credit of the MSMEs. It focuses on strengthening institutions and governance of the MSME programme, and support to market access and access to finance.

8. Which section of Railways has completed 100 per cent electrification across the zone?

- A) Konkan Railway ☒
- B) North East Frontier Railway
- C) East Coast Railway
- D) South Central Railway



- ✓ Konkan Railway has recently completed 100 per cent electrification across the zone and it has set new benchmarks for sustainable development.
- ✓ The Konkan Railway has completed the electrification work on its complete 741 km long route between Roha in Maharashtra and Thokur in Karnataka. The cost of this electrification project is Rs 1287 crore.

9. Kaziranga National Park is located along which Indian River?

- A) Ganga
- B) Yamuna
- C) Brahmaputra ☒
- D) Sutlej



- ✓ Kaziranga National Park is a protected area in Assam, spread along the Brahmaputra River. The National Park has successfully completed 14th Rhino Census in 2022. There was increase of 200 one-horned rhinoceros from the 2018 figures.

10. Which bank acquired the Indian consumer banking businesses of Citibank?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) Axis Bank ☒
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Yes Bank



- ✓ Indian private sector lender Axis Bank has acquired the Indian consumer banking businesses of US bank Citigroup. The sale includes businesses of credit cards, retail banking, wealth management and consumer loans for Rs 12,325 crore.
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