

1. Which organisation released the 'Forest Governance by Indigenous and Tribal Peoples' report?

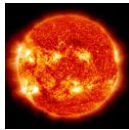
- A) World Bank
- B) Food & Agriculture Organization ☒
- C) United Nations
- D) Asian Development Bank



- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) released the 'Forest Governance by Indigenous and Tribal Peoples' report recently. As per the report, deforestation rates in Latin America and the Caribbean are significantly lower in Indigenous and Tribal territories. The report was jointly released by Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC).

2. 'CACTus and CIISCO' are the software launched by the Department of Science and Technology, associated with which field?

- A) Solar Mission ☒
- B) Sustainable Agriculture
- C) Himalayan Ecosystem
- D) Water Mission



- ✓ The Department of Science and Technology announced that Scientists have developed a new technique to track the huge bubbles of gas, which are ejected from the Sun. This new technique will be used in India's first solar mission Aditya-L1. A software named Computer Aided CME Tracking Software (CACTus) and CMEs Identification in Inner Solar Corona (CIISCO) algorithm have been developed.

3. Which country has released the world's first animal vaccine against the novel coronavirus?

- A) China
- B) Russia ☒
- C) USA
- D) Israel



- ✓ The world's first animal vaccine against the novel coronavirus has been registered in Russia. It has been as 'Carnivac-Cov'. As per the country's agriculture safety watchdog Rosselkhoznadzor, the immunity lasts for six months after the vaccination. The use of this vaccine is expected to prevent the development of virus mutations.

4. The 'Muktijoddha Scholarship scheme' is provided to the students of which country, by the Government of India?

- A) Nepal
- B) Bangladesh ☒
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Myanmar



- ✓ The Government of India has announced scholarships to 2000 descendants of the Liberation War fighters of Bangladesh under its new Muktijoddha Scholarship scheme, which was announced in 2017.
- ✓ The scheme aims to benefit 10,000 students from Bangladesh over a period of five years. This year, 1000 students each from the Higher Secondary and Undergraduate categories have been given as scholarship directly in their account.

5. 'La Pérouse' is a Defence Exercise to be conducted by which country?

- A) Italy
- B) Israel
- C) France ☒
- D) UAE



- ✓ France is set to conduct the joint naval exercise, La Pérouse, in the Bay of Bengal from April 5 to 7. India is set to join its Quad partners – Australia, Japan, and the United States in the exercise.
- ✓ Two French Navy ships will be joined by ships from India, Australia, Japan, and the US. India and France will also hold the bilateral naval exercise, Varuna later this month.

6. Which country has created a world record for Fastest Road construction?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) India ☒
- D) UAE



- ✓ Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that India holds the world record for fastest road construction.
- ✓ India has entered Guinness World Records by building a 2.5 km 4-lane concrete road within 24 hours. It also built 25-km bitumen Solapur-Bijapur road within 24 hours. A record construction of 37 km per day was achieved in financial year 2020-21.

7. Which bank has partnered with Japan's JBIC to extend loans to Japanese automobile manufacturers in India?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) State Bank of India ☒
- C) Canara Bank
- D) ICICI Bank



- ✓ India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) announced that it has signed a loan agreement of up to USD 1 billion with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). JBIC is wholly owned by the Government of Japan.
- ✓ This loan intends to promote smooth flow of funds for the business operations of Japanese automobile manufacturers in India. SBI had signed a similar deal with JBIC in October last year. The beneficiaries include suppliers, dealers and the end users.

8. Which telescope captured the M 87 black hole with its magnetic fields?

- A) Hubble
- B) Event Horizon Telescope ☒
- C) Giant Magellan Telescope
- D) Thirty Meter Telescope



- ✓ Recently, a new view of the black hole has been released by astronomers working with the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT).
- ✓ In this view, the astronomers have mapped the magnetic fields close to the hole. The event horizon telescope first revealed the images of black hole, in the year 2018, which is located in the galaxy M87 at a distance of 55 million light-years.

9. Which Ministry has amended the rules pertaining to location of thermal power plants near cities and national capital region?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Power
- C) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ☒



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has amended the rules pertaining to location of thermal power plants within 10 km of major cities with more than 10 lakh population and the National Capital Region.
- ✓ As per the amended rules, certain emission norms have been mandated to be adhered by the thermal power plants latest by the end of 2022.

10. Which state has amended its provisions in Legislative Assembly to maintain the decorum of the house?

- A) Bihar
- B) Haryana ☒
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Madhya Pradesh



GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

- ✓ Haryana has recently amended several provisions under its Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly of the state. The new provisions include mandating presence of at least two ministers and preventing the members from tearing off documents in the House in protest. This is expected to maintain the decorum of the house.