

1. Which Ministry hosted the 40th Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (ISEA)?

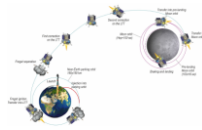
- A) Ministry of Shipping
- B) Ministry of Earth Sciences ☒
- C) Ministry of External Affairs
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Earth Sciences has hosted the 40th Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (40-ISEA). The expedition has successfully returned to Cape Town on April 10, 2021.
- ✓ The team returned after completing a journey of about 12 thousand nautical miles in just 94 days. The 40-ISEA was onboard the chartered ice-class vessel 'MV Vasily Golovnin'. This achievement concludes four successful decades of India's scientific endeavour in Antarctica.

2. 'Luna 25' is the name of the Lunar Mission of which country?

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



- ✓ Russia has unveiled a new series of space Lunar missions. The first of those missions, named as "Luna 25", is scheduled to launch this October. The country had a 45-year drought of moon landings.
- ✓ The lander has been designed to study the ice permanently frozen below the moon's surface. The scientists will also evaluate the dangers posed by sharp fragments of lunar dust.

3. "Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures" is the theme of which special day celebrated on April 18?

- A) World Culture Day
- B) World Heritage Day ☒
- C) World Archaeology Day
- D) World Tourism Day



- ✓ Every year April 18 is celebrated as World Heritage Day or the International Day for Monuments and Sites. This year, the theme of the World Heritage Day is "Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures".
- ✓ In India, Tourism and Culture Minister has inaugurated the first-ever online exhibition on Ramayana. The online exhibition showcases 49 miniature paintings collections of National Museum, New Delhi.

4. Table Mountain National Park, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Australia
- B) South Africa ☒
- C) New Zealand
- D) Philippines



- ✓ A massive fire, which has been burning along the Table Mountain National Park, South Africa, is said to be damaging buildings. Around 200 firefighters along with four helicopters have been dispatched to put off the massive blaze. Mostert's Mill, a historic windmill near the University of Cape Town built around 1796, has also been damaged by the fire.

5. Which country launched its first ever mega food park project in India, at Fanidhar, Gujarat?

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



- ✓ Italy has recently launched its first ever mega food park project in India involving food processing facilities. The pilot project "The Mega Food Park" was launched in virtual mode.
- ✓ A Letter of Intent was signed between the ICE Office in Mumbai and Fanidhar Mega Food Park, Gujarat.

6. Tehri lake, on whose bank an Adventure Sports Institute has been opened, is in which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Uttarakhand ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat and Union Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated a water sports and adventure institute on the bank of the Tehri lake. The institute will be run by the Indo Tibetan Border Police and has been built at a cost of Rs 20 crore.
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7. Israel has signed its biggest ever Defence procurement Deal with which country recently?

- A) USA
- B) China
- C) Germany
- D) Greece ☒



- ✓ Israel and Greece have signed their biggest ever defence procurement deal.
- ✓ It includes a USD 1.65 bn contract for establishment and operation of a training centre for the Hellenic Air Force by Israeli defence contractor. This deal is expected to strengthen political and economic ties between the countries. The Air Forces of the two countries also launched a joint exercise.

8. Vera Gedroits, who featured in Google Doodle recently, is the first female military surgeon of which country?

- A) Germany
- B) Russia ☒
- C) Italy
- D) France



- ✓ Google celebrated the 151st birthday of Dr. Vera Gedroits, a Russian surgeon, professor, poet, and author. She is also regarded as the country's first female military surgeon and one of the world's first female professors of surgery. Dr. Gedroits volunteered as a surgeon during the Russo-Japanese War in 1904.

9. What is the name of the condition in which the human body is deprived of adequate oxygen supply at the tissue level?

- A) Myoxia
- B) Hypoxia ☒
- C) Hyperoxia
- D) Typoxia



- ✓ Hypoxia is a condition in which the human body is deprived of adequate oxygen supply at the tissue level. This condition gets repeated in a COVID-19 patient due to the virus infection.
- ✓ Amid a massive shortage of oxygen cylinders in the country due to raise in coronavirus cases, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed SpO₂ (Blood Oxygen Saturation)

supplemental oxygen delivery system. It saves a person from sinking into a state of Hypoxia.

10. India signed a MoU with which country on 'Cities combating plastic entering the marine environment'?

- A) Finland
- B) Germany ☒
- C) Switzerland
- D) France



- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India and GIZ GmbH India on behalf of the German Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety signed an agreement on Technical Cooperation titled 'Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment'.
- ✓ The project's outcomes are completely in line with the objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban focusing on sustainable solid waste management and the target to phase out single use plastic by 2022.