

1. May 8-9 is observed as the of Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the which war?

- A) First World War
 B) Second World War
 C) Indo-China War
 D) French revolutionary wars



- ✓ In 2004, the UN General Assembly declared 8-9 May as a time of remembrance and reconciliation for those who lost their lives during the Second World War. UNGA conducts solemn meeting with its member countries, to pay tribute to all victims of the war. US describes the war as "one of the most epic struggles for freedom and liberation in history," with 40 million civilians and 20 million soldiers dead.

2. Which country is set to create "a line of separation" at the Mt Everest summit to tackle Covid-19 infection?

- A) Nepal
 B) China
 C) India
 D) Bangladesh



- ✓ China has recently announced that is set to create "a line of separation" at the Mt Everest summit. This is expected to prevent climbers from the Chinese side from being infected by those climbing the summit from Nepal. Earlier, a number of Covid-19 cases were diagnosed among those climbing the mountain from Nepal.

3. Bucharest Nine (B9) is a group of nine countries from which international bloc?

- A) G20
 B) European Union
 C) NATO
 D) Commonwealth



- ✓ Nine countries—Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia established a platform for political consultation and cooperation within NATO. Named as Bucharest Nine, or B9, it is also regarded as the "voice of the Eastern Flank" in the NATO alliance. Recently, in the B9 summit, US President Joseph R Biden addressed the countries in virtual format.

4. Which multilateral institution has launched an Asia Pacific Tax Hub, for better tax coordination among its members?

- A) AIIB
 B) ADB
 C) World Bank
 D) IMF



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has launched an Asia Pacific Tax Hub. This will create an open platform to improve knowledge sharing, and strengthen coordination on tax policy among ADB, its members, and development partners.
- ✓ The hub will mobilise regional and international resources to strengthen domestic resource mobilization and international tax cooperation in ADB's developing member countries.

5. Who is commonly referred to as 'Iron Lady' in Kerala politics?

- A) K R Gouri
 B) Ramya Haridas
 C) M Kamalam
 D) P Sathidevi



- ✓ Legendary Communist leader Smt. K.R. Gouri of Kerala passed away recently due to age related ailments. She was 102-year-old.
- ✓ She is often referred to as the 'Iron Lady' in Kerala politics and was a member of the world's first democratically elected Communist government cabinet led by Communist legend E M S Nampoothiripad in 1957.

6. Which organisation has released the "Renewable Energy Market Update 2021"?

- A) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd
 B) International Energy Agency
 C) National Thermal Power Corporation
 D) French Development Authority



- ✓ The report titled "Renewable Energy Market Update 2021" has been recently released by the International Energy Agency (IEA). The report gives a forecast on new global renewable power capacity additions for 2021 and 2022.
- ✓ The IEA is an intergovernmental organisation headquartered at Paris, France. It was formed in 1974, under the framework of OECD.

7. Who has been named the COP26 People's Advocate?

- A) Sir David Attenborough
 B) David Malpass
 C) Dr Kristalina Georgieva
 D) Christine Lagarde



- ✓ Conservationist, Broadcaster and historian Sir David Attenborough has been named as the People's Advocate for the COP 26 of UN climate change summit to be held under the UK Presidency, in partnership with Italy. The summit is to be held this year in Glasgow. He has been assigned the task to highlight the actions decision makers will need to take ahead of and at COP26 and to integrate all the climate related agendas of the participating nations.

8. As per the Income Tax Act, what is the maximum limit to which money can be transferred in cash?

- A) Rs 2 lakh
 B) Rs 5 lakh
 C) Rs 10 lakh
 D) Rs 50 lakh



- ✓ The Central government has relaxed income tax norms for the Covid hospitals, nursing home and Covid care centres for receiving cash of ₹2 lakh or above from the patients. The Ministry of Finance issued notification announcing relaxation in Section 269ST of the Income Tax Act. The exemption for cash payment receipt is for the period of 1st April 2021 to 31st May 2021.

9. Who has been named as the CEO of the proposed 'bad' bank - NARCL?

- A) Padmakumar M Nair
 B) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
 C) S C Garg



D) K Subramaniam

- ✓ Padmakumar M Nair of State Bank of India (SBI) will be the Chief executive officer of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL). NARCL, also called as the 'bad' bank, is expected to be operational in June 2021. It is a proposed entity for taking over bad loans of lenders, predominantly public sector banks.

10. Which state recently conducted Monkey Census using the mobile application designed by the Wildlife Institute of India?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Haryana
- C) Rajasthan
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Haryana conducted a three-day Monkey Census as a part of a larger Wildlife Census for Haryana-2021. Over 600 people throughout Haryana participated in Monkey Census and documented approximately 6,000 monkeys on a mobile application by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) titled 'Wildlife Census Haryana'.