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1. With the commissioning of Wi-Fi at Hazaribagh Railway station, Jharkhand, Indian Railways successfully established Wi-Fi at ____ stations?

- A) 500
B) 1000
C) 2000
D) 6000 ☒



- ✓ With the commissioning of Wi-Fi at Hazaribagh Town, Jharkhand in Dhanbad Division of East Central Railway, Indian Railways commissioned Wi-Fi at 6,000 Railway stations, as on May 15. Indian Railways extended Wi-Fi facility for the first time in Mumbai Railway station in January 2016. Thereafter, it reached 5,000th Railway station, at Midanpore, West Bengal and reached.

2. When is the 'International Day of Living Together in Peace' observed by UN?

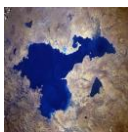
- A) May 10
B) May 12
C) May 16 ☒
D) May 18



- ✓ 'International Day of Living Together in Peace' is observed by the United Nations on May 16, every year. It is aimed to serve as a means of mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance and solidarity. The 2021 theme for the International Day of Peace is "Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world".

3. Lake Van, the largest soda or alkaline lake on Earth, is located in which country?

- A) Turkey ☒
B) Lebanon
C) Egypt
D) France



- ✓ The photograph of Lake Van located in Turkey won the Tournament Earth 2021 challenge of NASA. It is the largest soda or alkaline lake on Earth. The photograph was shot by astronaut Kate Rubins in September 2016, showing a part of one of the largest alkaline lakes in the world, with a pH of 10 and high salinity levels.

4. New species of skink was found from Western Ghats. What is a skink?

- A) Fish
B) Reptile ☒
C) Insect
D) Bird



- ✓ During the South Asian Reptile Red List Assessment organised by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), a team of researchers have discovered a new species, the Asian gracile skink. Named Subdoluseps nilgiriensis, after the Nilgiris region, the reptile has a tiny body of just about 7 cm and it is sandy brown in colour. This is only the third skink species discovered from India in the last millennium.

5. Okeanos Explorer, which is set for Deep-sea Exploration, is a part of the mission of which country?

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



- ✓ The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) ship Okeanos Explorer departed for a two-week expedition led by NOAA

Ocean Exploration. NOAA is an American scientific agency within the United States Department of Commerce.

- ✓ The new class of submersible robot called Orpheus, will showcase a system to identify scientific features on the seafloor. This Terrain-relative navigation was used in NASA's Mars 2020 Perseverance Mars rover, for the precision touch down on the Mars.

6. Tejaswin Shankar, who was making news recently, is associated with which sports?

- A) Table Tennis
B) Track and Field events ☒
C) Hockey
D) Badminton



- ✓ Indian high jumper Tejaswin Shankar has claimed a gold medal at the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Manhattan, USA. Tejaswin Shankar won the gold with a maximum high jump of 2.28 m. This was also Tejaswin's second successive gold at the event.

7. Andrea Meza, who was crowned Miss Universe, was from which country?

- A) Mexico ☒
B) Russia
C) Italy
D) Sweden



- ✓ The 26-year-old Miss Mexico Andrea Meza was crowned Miss Universe in Florida. The event returned to television this year, after it was cancelled in 2020 for the first time, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Andrea Meza finished first ahead of the Brazilian and Peruvian finalists. Another contestant Miss Myanmar used the stage time to draw attention to the military coup in her country.

8. Which state has launched "Mission Hausla" to help Covid-19 patients get oxygen, beds and plasma?

- A) Gujarat
B) Haryana
C) Uttarakhand ☒
D) Punjab



- ✓ The Uttarakhand Police has launched a drive called "Mission Hausla" to help people get oxygen, beds and plasma for COVID-19 patients. The Police department also informed about two toll-free numbers in all the districts for emergency contact. The Police personnel also engage in providing ration, medicines and getting ambulances to the needy and the elderly.

9. Which state, the first organic state in the country, celebrates its statehood day on May 16?

- A) Assam
B) Sikkim ☒
C) Manipur
D) Meghalaya



- ✓ Sikkim celebrates its statehood day on May 16. It marks the day in 1975 when Sikkim was made the 22nd state of India from being a monarchy earlier. Sikkim is the least populous and second smallest among the Indian states. It also became the first state in India to achieve complete organic agriculture production.

10. Which Indian airline has recently rebranded itself as 'Go First'?

- A) Indigo
- B) Spice Jet
- C) Go Air ☒
- D) Air India



- ✓ Mumbai-based Indian budget airline, GoAir has rebranded itself as 'Go First'. It is owned by the Indian business conglomerate Wadia Group and was founded in 2005. The airline has filed preliminary papers for an initial share sale worth Rs 3,600 crore. Once the shares get listed, Go Airlines (India) Ltd will be the third operational scheduled carrier after SpiceJet and IndiGo to trade in Indian stock exchanges.
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1. In order to curtail the price rise in pulses, which of the following steps has been recently initiated by the Government of India?

- A) Decrease local production of pulses
- B) Impose stock holding limits on pulses
- C) Permit free import of pulses ☒
- D) Incentivize pulses export



- ✓ In order to curb the price of pulses from further moving up, the Government of India has permitted for free import of tur, urad and moong pulses. These pulses have been placed in the non-restricted list of imports, since their prices were on the higher side in the recent past.

2. Which state has proposed to control microfinance, by way of a state legislation?

- A) Assam ☒
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Kerala



- ✓ The state Government of Assam has enacted "The Assam Microfinance Institutions (Regulation of Moneylending) Act, 2020", through which it proposes to control microfinance and related institutions. Under this act, micro finance institutions require separate registrations for working in a selected village or city. In this regard, the Reserve Bank of India has expressed firm reservations and has stated that implementation of the Act would lead to dual regulation of the microfinance market.

3. Which organizations have stated that "Long working hours" have resulted in 7.45 lakh deaths per year around the globe?

- A) WB and IMF
- B) WHO and ILO ☒
- C) UNICEF and UNESCO
- D) UN and UNCTAD



- ✓ In a joint research publication by the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization, published in the Environment International journal, it is stated that Long working hours have killed close to 7.45 lakh people across the globe. Of them 3.98 lakh people died from stroke and 3.47 lakh died from heart disease. Also, it is found that work related disease burden is found to be more prominent in men.

4. Which state has targeted to bring one million hectares under the Direct Seeding of Rice, due to anticipated shortage of migrant labour?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Punjab ☒
- D) Assam



- ✓ The Government of Punjab has targeted to bring one million hectares of farm land under Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR) technique, during this cropping year. Under this method, seeds are directly drilled into the field by a tractor-powered machine. This target has been envisioned, in anticipation of a huge shortfall in migrant labour due to COVID 19 second wave pandemic in the nation.

5. Which financial institution has provided a sum of Rs 1,236 crore to Assam for Rural Connectivity Projects?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development ☒



- ✓ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has extended financial assistance to the Government of Assam to the tune of Rs 1,236 crore in order to boost its rural connectivity. These funds have been lent by NABARD to the state out of its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) during the financial year 2020-21.

6. Which organization is developing the JUICE spacecraft?

- A) ISRO
- B) NASA
- C) ESA ☒
- D) CASA



- ✓ The European Space Agency (ESA), in association with Airbus Defence and Space is developing the "The Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE)". It is an interplanetary spacecraft which has a mission to study three of Jupiter's moons, namely – Ganymede, Callisto, and Europa. The mission is set to be launched in June 2022. After an 88-month journey, the spacecraft would reach Jupiter in October 2029.

7. Cranes have been observed to return to which country, after a period of 300 years?

- A) India
- B) Ireland ☒
- C) USA
- D) Australia



- ✓ Wildlife experts have observed that common cranes have returned to Ireland for shelter and breeding, after a period of 300 years. This is believed to be a sign that our environment is improving. The breeding location is kept confidential to protect the cranes from unlawful hands.

8. With reference to biology, CD4 count is related to the diagnosis of which disease?

- A) COVID
- B) AIDS ☒
- C) Tuberculosis
- D) Typhoid



- ✓ In biology, CD4 is a glycoprotein found on the surface of immune cells. When a CD4 count is lower than 200 cell/mm³, a person will receive a diagnosis of AIDS. Each year, May 18 is celebrated as World AIDS vaccine day to acknowledge the efforts of thousands of scientists and health professionals, who are working on finding a vaccine against Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

9. Mongolian Kanjur is an important religious text of which religion?

- A) Sikhism
- B) Buddhism ☒
- C) Jainism
- D) Hinduism



- ✓ Mongolian Kanjur, the Buddhist text in 108 volumes is considered to be the most important religious text in Mongolia. A meeting of the Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (IC) Prahlad Singh Patel with the Mongolian Minister of Culture was held in virtual mode. Ministry of Culture is to complete reprinting of 100 sets of sacred Mongolian Kanjur by next year to distribute in the main Buddhist centers in Mongolia.
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10. India's first Agriculture export facilitation centre has been set up in which city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Pune ☒
- C) Chennai
- D) Cochin



- ✓ The Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture (MCCIA) has partnered with NABARD to launch India's first Agriculture export facilitation centre (AEFC) in Pune. It aims to boost agricultural exports from the region and adhere to global standards. It will also serve as the capacity-building platform for agri-food exports.
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1. Which Indian-American has been appointed as the White House Senior adviser?

- A) Swati Mohan
B) Neera Tanden ☒
C) Vivek Murthy
D) M Rangaswami



- ✓ The U.S administration has announced that Indian-American Neera Tanden is set to join the White House as a senior adviser to President Joe Biden. She had withdrawn her nomination to lead the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) amid bipartisan criticism. Tanden serves as president and CEO of CAP and has served as the CEO of the Center for American Progress Action Fund.

2. UN Global Road Safety Week (UNGRSW) is a biennial global road safety campaign hosted in which month?

- A) April
B) May ☒
C) June
D) July



- ✓ UN Global Road Safety Week (UNGRSW) is a biennial global road safety campaign hosted by WHO in the month of May. The theme for the 6th UNGRSW, which is to be held 17-23 May 2021, is Streets for Life #Love30. It calls for 30 km/h default speed limits to be imposed wherever people live, walk and play in all parts of the world.

3. Which state has launched the wellness programme 'AYUSH Ghar Dwar' for COVID-19 patients?

- A) Uttarakhand
B) Himachal Pradesh ☒
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ In Himachal Pradesh, AYUSH Department launched a state-wide wellness programme 'AYUSH Ghar Dwar' for COVID-19 patients. The initiative aims to provide a holistic healthcare through AYUSH. It is expected to reach around 30,000 COVID patients who are currently on home isolation and hospitalized in institutions.

4. SPOT, which was making news recently, is a technology developed for which purpose?

- A) Space Exploration Project
B) Testing Coronavirus ☒
C) Checking Nutrition values
D) Computer Programming Language



- ✓ Researchers from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign have developed a new technology called Scalable and Portable Testing-SPOT. It can be used as a coronavirus test to get accurate results from a saliva sample in less than 30 minutes. It does not require the complicated process of heating and cooling each sample to get results. SPOT also can detect multiple genes per sample and it can detect as little as one viral particle per 1-microliter drop of fluid.

5. Which institution releases the 'State of the Economy' report?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) Reserve Bank of India ☒
C) Department of Economic Affairs
D) Asian Development Bank



- ✓ India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India releases the 'State of the Economy' report along with its monthly bulletin. As per the recent report for the month of April, it said that the impact of the second wave on the real economy appears limited so far in comparison with the first wave. It also highlighted the highest collection of GST in April 2021.

6. What is the name of the tele counselling service provided by the Government for psychological support to children to address Covid related issues?

- A) SWAMITVA
B) SURAKSHA
C) SAMVEDNA ☒
D) SAMASTHA



- ✓ The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has been providing Tele Counselling to children through the SAMVEDNA service, through a network of qualified medical professionals / Doctors. SAMVEDNA stands for "Sensitizing Action on Mental Health Vulnerability through Emotional Development and Necessary Acceptance". It is a tele counselling service for psychological support to children to address their stress and fear regarding COVID.

7. What is the name of Social Justice Ministry's scheme to provide emotional support to elderly citizens of the country?

- A) ElderLine ☒
B) OldAge
C) HelpAge
D) Helping Hands



- ✓ In order to address the problems of elders in the context of the ongoing COVID pandemic, the Ministry of Social Justice has started state wise call centres in major states under the ELDERLINE project.
✓ The facility is already made operational in 5 major States of UP, MP, Rajasthan, TN and Karnataka. In Telangana, this facility has been working for more than a year. These call centres can be reached by toll free number 14567. All elders may be advised to use this facility. The ELDERLINE is a facility operationalised with the assistance of Tata Trusts and NSE foundation.

8. When the International Museum Day celebrated every year?

- A) May 16
B) May 18 ☒
C) May 20
D) May 22



- ✓ The International Museum Day is observed every year on May 18 to raise awareness of the fact that, "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples". The 2021 theme is "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine".

9. What is the objective of Vande Tripura, a recent initiative of the state of Tripura?

- A) COVID Awareness
B) Tele-Education ☒
C) Tourism Revival
D) Support to Farmers



- ✓ Tripura recently launched Vande Tripura, a 24x7 dedicated educational channel to offer lessons on the school syllabus.

- ✓ The channel initially has started with recorded lessons. It would shift to live classes, discussions on different academic topics, various information relating to the education department from June 1.
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10. Who is Shahid Jameel, who has been in news recently?

- A) Virologist ☒
B) Politician
C) Sportsperson
D) Agriculturalist



- ✓ Mr. Shahid Jameel, the eminent virologist who was the head of "Indian SARS-COV-2 Genomics Consortia (INSACOG)" – an advisory group to the Indian Government, has stepped down from the post and has tendered his resignation. He has not stated any reason for this decision. INSACOG is a group of 10 laboratories in India which has been tasked with combating evolving variants of the coronavirus.
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1. Which country has stated that it would distribute 80 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to the needy countries?

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



- ✓ The US President Joe Biden has stated that the USA would share 80 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines to the needy countries in the following weeks. This announcement has come in the backdrop of lower demand for vaccines in the USA and increased demand globally. The 80 million doses will include 20 million doses manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson.

2. Which treatment has been dropped from the list of COVID-19 treatments in India?

- A) Convalescent Plasma therapy ☒
- B) Vaccination
- C) Oxygen Therapy
- D) Hydrodilatation



- ✓ Convalescent plasma therapy has been dropped from the list of COVID-19 treatments by the Government of India. This decision has been made by the national Covid task force, since the experiments with the treatment have been found to be ineffective in treating COVID infection.

3. What is the "New Big 5 project" which is in news recently?

- A) Metro Rail Project
- B) Wildlife Photography Project ☒
- C) Vaccination Project
- D) Satellite Project



- ✓ The "New Big 5 project" is an international initiative involving more than 250 photographers, conservationists and wildlife charities across the globe to photograph five animals. The project aims to frame these five animals across the world instead of poaching it. These animals are elephant, polar bear, gorilla, tiger and lion. Two animals from the Kaziranga National Park have made it into the list. But, the legendary one horn rhino is out of the list.

4. Which basketball legend has been inducted posthumously into the Basketball Hall of Fame?

- A) Wilt Chamberlain
- B) Tom Heinsohn
- C) Kobe Bryant ☒
- D) John Havlicek



- ✓ Basketball Legend Kobe Bryant was inducted posthumously into the Basketball Hall of Fame in a ceremony that was delayed around nine months due to the coronavirus pandemic. There was an exhibit, called Kobe: Basketball Life, a video tribute, iconic pictures, vintage jerseys, shoes and basketballs, the playing of Bryant's Oscar award-winning film, Dear Basketball. In 2020, Bryant, along with his daughter Gianna and seven others, died in a helicopter crash in California.

5. Who is the first India descent player to win the Mixed Martial Artist (MMA) world championship?

- A) Arjan Bhullar ☒
- B) Giant Zanjeer
- C) Guru Raaj
- D) Dilsher Shanky



- ✓ Mixed Martial Artist (MMA) Arjan Bhullar made history as he became the first fighter of India descent to win a world title in the sport. Bhullar registered a second-round technical knockout (TKO) win over five-time heavyweight champion Brandon Vera to clinch the title of the Singapore-based One Championship tournament.

6. Ki Rajanarayanan, who recently passed away, was an award-winning writer of which language?

- A) Tamil ☒
- B) Malayalam
- C) Telugu
- D) Kannada



- ✓ Veteran Tamil writer and Sahitya Akademi winner Ki Rajanarayanan popularly known as Ki Ra, passed away due to age related illness at the age of 98. Since his first short story was published in 1958, the writer had an expansive literary career. Known as the pioneer of 'Karisal Literature', he won the Sahitya Akademi award in 1991 for the novel 'Gopallapurathu Makkal'. 'Karisal bhoomi' is the hot and dry land of southern Tamil Nadu.

7. Ministry, on the recommendation of the Ministry, released Rs 8,923.8 crore to 25 states for providing grant to rural local bodies?

- A) Panchayati Raj, Finance ☒
- B) Finance, Panchayati Raj
- C) Home Affairs, Rural Development
- D) Finance, Rural Development



- ✓ The Union Finance Ministry, on the recommendation of the Panchayati Raj Ministry, released Rs 8,923.8 crore to 25 states for providing grant to rural local bodies. The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance released the first installment of the Basic (Untied) Grants. It may be utilized among other things for various prevention and mitigation measures needed to combat the Covid pandemic

8. The Darwin Arch, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Ecuador ☒
- B) Spain
- C) Italy
- D) UK



- ✓ Darwin's Arch is a rock formation south-east of Darwin Island in the Galápagos archipelago, Ecuador. The structure has recently collapsed due to natural erosion. At present, only two rocky pillars are left at the northernmost island of the Pacific Ocean archipelago. Darwin's Arch is made of natural stone that would have been part of Darwin Island. This site is considered one of the best places to dive and observe sharks and other aquatic species.

9. Which country hosted the Paris Summit, which agreed on a plan to help Africa to tackle Covid pandemic?

- A) UK
- B) Australia
- C) France ☒
- D) Russia



- ✓ French President Emmanuel Macron hosted the Paris summit for African, European and financial leaders. They agreed on a plan to help Africa overcome the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic, called the 'New Deal for Africa and by Africa'. French president calls

for waiving of COVID vaccine patents so that Africa could begin to produce its own vaccines. The leaders have also urged WHO, WTP and Medicines Patent Pool to remove all constraints in terms of intellectual property.

10. Which state has been ranked first in setting up Health and Wellness Centres under Ayushman Bharat Program in 2020–21?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka ☒
- C) Kerala
- D) Odisha



- ✓ Karnataka has been ranked first in establishing Health and Wellness Centres under Ayushman Bharat Program in 2020–21. While the Centre had set a target of establishing 2,263 centres, the State has upgraded 3,300 centres till March 31, to provide comprehensive primary health care in rural areas.

1. Which state has launched 'Amrit Vahini' App and 'Chatboat' App, to provide information about Covid pandemic in the state?

- A) Bihar
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Jharkhand ☒
D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren recently launched the 'Amrit Vahini' App and a 'Chatboat' App. Though 'Amrit Vahini' App or website one can get all information about the availability of hospital beds and book bed online. Through Chatboat, one may get all information related to coronavirus, like the medicines prescribed for it, recommended diet, or free consultation with doctors.

2. Haiyang 2D is the new earth observation satellite launched by which country?

- A) South Korea
B) Iran
C) China ☒
D) Israel



- ✓ China successfully sent a new ocean-monitoring satellite Haiyang-2D (HY-2D) into orbit, on board the Long March-4B rocket. This satellite will form a constellation with the HY-2B and HY-2C satellites to build an all-weather and round-the-clock dynamic ocean environment monitoring system. China is creating such a system which would provide early warning on marine disasters.

3. 'Dermatology assist' is an AI powered tool to detect skin disease, introduced by which company?

- A) Google ☒
B) Apple
C) Samsung
D) Microsoft



- ✓ During the Google's I/O developer conference, the company introduced AI-powered dermatology assist tool, which can detect skin diseases using smartphone cameras. The tool is a web-based application that the company would launch as a pilot later this year. It enables the user understand the issues related to skin, hair and nails.

4. LaMDA (Language Model for Dialogue Applications) is an AI-driven technique being introduced by which company?

- A) Google ☒
B) Apple
C) Samsung
D) Microsoft



- ✓ Google has recently introduced its latest AI-driven technique, that will allow people to have conversations on various topics, open-endedly. Named as LaMDA ("Language Model for Dialogue Applications"), it is a machine learning technique that enables a conversational interaction between itself and users. This is said to be the next step to chatbots which are limited to pre-fixed responses.

5. Which is the first state to reimburse GST on Covid-related donations?

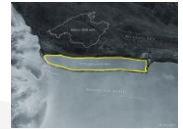
- A) Andhra Pradesh ☒
B) Haryana
C) Rajasthan
D) Punjab



- ✓ Haryana became the first state in the country to reimburse Goods and services tax (GST) paid on Covid-related donations made to the state and state-run organisations. Haryana will reimburse GST already paid on such Covid-19 related items, subject to conditions.
- ✓ This move, which will be applicable till June 30, is aimed at encouraging efforts by corporations, NGOs and individuals and facilitate donations of oxygen concentrators, Covid-19 vaccines, Remdesivir injections, etc.

6. With reference to Environmental Science, what is A-76, which was seen in news recently?

- A) Frog
B) Iceberg ☒
C) Moss
D) Fungus



- ✓ As per the recent data from the European Space Agency, the Iceberg A-76 broke from the western side of the Ronne Ice Shelf in Antarctica is now floating on the Weddell Sea. This is said to be the largest iceberg in the world as it measures around 170 kilometers long and 25 kilometers wide. The Antarctica ice sheet is warming faster than the rest of the planet, causing melting of snow, ice covers and the retreat of glaciers, around the Weddell Sea.

7. Government raises subsidy on DAP fertiliser by 140%. What does DAP stand for?

- A) Diammonium Phosphate ☒
B) Dialuminium Phosphate
C) Dichloride Pottasium
D) Dihydroxyacetone phosphate



- ✓ The Central Government announced to hike the fertiliser subsidy to Rs 1,200 per bag of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP). This decision has been taken in a high-level meeting on the issue of fertiliser prices after taking into account of the rising prices of phosphoric acid, ammonia etc internationally.

8. Satpura Tiger Reserve, which has been added to the tentative list of UNESCO's world heritage sites, is located in which Indian state?

- A) Maharashtra
B) Madhya Pradesh ☒
C) Odisha
D) West Bengal



- ✓ The Archaeological Survey of India have submitted six Indian sites to the tentative list of UNESCO's world heritage sites, as per the recent announcement of Culture Ministry. The six sites are namely Satpura Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh, Iconic riverfront of the historic city of Varanasi, Megalithic site of Hire Benkal in Karnataka, Maratha Military Architecture in Maharashtra, Bhedaghat-Lamettaghat in Narmada Valley- Jabalpur, and temples of Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu).

9. What is 'Coviself', that was recently approved by ICMR?

- A) COVID Medicine
B) COVID Self-test kit ☒
C) Home Use Oxygen Cylinder
D) Oxygen Concentrator



- ✓ French President Emmanuel Macron hosted the Paris summit for African, European and financial leaders. They agreed on a plan to help The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has approved the self-

use Rapid Antigen Test for Covid-19 developed by Mylab Discovery Solutions. The test has been developed in India and is named as CoviSelf. Symptomatic individuals and immediate contacts of confirmed cases can use this self-use, as per ICMR guidelines. ICMR also warned that those who are symptomatic and test negative by RAT should get tested by RTPCR.

10. Dahanu Gholvad Sapota is a Geographical Indication (GI) certified product from which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Maharashtra ☒
- C) Kerala
- D) Odisha



- ✓ A consignment of Dahanu Gholvad Sapota, a Geographical Indication (GI) certified product from Palghar district of Maharashtra was shipped to the United Kingdom. The fruit is known for its sweet and unique taste and it is believed that the unique taste is derived from calcium rich soil of Gholvad village. In the Palghar district, around 5000 hectares of land is under sapota plantation.
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1. Which Union Ministry is set to give a financial assistance to transgender persons through DBT?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- C) Ministry of Law and Justice
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ The Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry is set to provide a one-time financial assistance of Rs 1,500 to transgender persons. After the beneficiaries register with the National Institute of Social Defence, the immediate assistance would be given to the Trans gender persons through direct benefit transfer.

2. Under which scheme, the Central government approves to set up AIIMS institutes?

- A) PM Jan Arogya Yojana
- B) PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana ☒
- C) PM Vaya Vandana Yojana
- D) PM Matru Vandana Yojana



- ✓ The Central government has approved setting up 22 new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) so far under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).
- ✓ The Union Health Ministry announced that under the 22 institutes so far, six AIIMS at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur and Rishikesh are already fully functional and in another seven AIIMS, OPD facility and MBBS classes have started.

3. As of May 2021, how many countries are members of the Open Skies Treaty?

- A) 4
- B) 14
- C) 24
- D) 34 ☒

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- ✓ Under the terms of the Open Skies Treaty, 34 members can conduct unarmed observation flights over each other's territories to collect data. Russia's parliament has recently voted to withdraw from the Open Skies Treaty, which was signed in 1992 and came into force in 2002. Last year, US former President Trump administration said the U.S. would leave the accord.

4. Amphotericin B, which was making news recently, is a drug used to treat which disease?

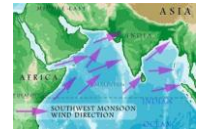
- A) Dengue
- B) Pneumonia
- C) COVID-19
- D) Mucormycosis ☒



- ✓ The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has cleared applications from five pharmaceutical companies to manufacture Amphotericin B. It is an anti-fungal drug, used to treat Mucormycosis or black fungus. The central government has declared mucormycosis as a notifiable disease under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act. Several states are also witnessing increasing cases affected by Black fungus.

5. The principal rainy season for the Indian subcontinent, June to September, is referred to as which season?

- A) South-west Monsoon ☒
- B) North-east Monsoon
- C) Rainy Season
- D) Autumn Season



- ✓ The principal rainy season for the Indian subcontinent, June to September, is referred to as the 'Southwest Monsoon' period. The India Meteorological Department announced that the Southwest Monsoon has arrived over the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which is an indication that it will reach the mainland soon.

6. Which state leads in sweet potato production across India?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Odisha ☒
- D) Karnataka



- ✓ Odisha state leads in production of sweet potatoes across the country. Recently a group of farmers has successfully grown purple sweet potatoes in summer, which is a winter crop harvested in September and March. According to the Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI), purple sweet potatoes have a high anthocyanin content of 90 milligrams per hundred grams.

7. DIPCOVAN, is an antibody detection-based kit developed by which organisation?

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



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an antibody detection-based kit, named the DIPCOVAN. It stands for 'DIPAS-VDx COVID 19 IgG Antibody Microwell ELISA'. The kit can be used for sero-surveillance for detecting the presence of Covid antibodies amongst the people. The kit can detect spike as well as nucleocapsid (S&N) proteins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

8. What is the theme for World Bee Day 2021?

- A) Bee hives Matter
- B) Bees and Nature
- C) Conserve the Bee Habitat
- D) Bee engaged - Build Back Better for Bees ☒



- ✓ Every year, the World Bee Day is celebrated across the world on 20th May, by the United Nations. This day aims to raise awareness among the people on the role played by the pollinator. This year's theme for the World Bee Day is "Bee engaged - Build Back Better for Bees".

9. Where is the 2021 G7 Health Ministers' Meeting scheduled to be held?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) MIT
- C) Oxford University ☒
- D) Anna University



- ✓ The 2021 G7 Health Ministers' Meeting scheduled to be held at Oxford University on June 3 and 4. It aims to bring the world leaders on a common platform to agree on life-saving actions. Issues like global

health security, clinical trials of vaccines etc are expected to be discussed in this forum. India has been invited as a guest, to join virtually in the event.

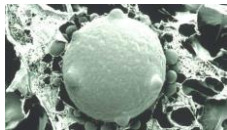
10. What is the new infection diagnosed in India, which is caused due to low immunity and is more adverse than black fungus?

A) Dark Fungus

B) Grey Fungus

C) Red Fungus

D) White Fungus ☒



- ✓ India has reported cases of White Fungus infections, which is caused due to low immunity or if people come in contact with bodies containing these fungi. Affected patients are diagnosed Covid negative, but the fungal infection can be detected only by a CT scan. The fungus affects lungs, nails, skin, stomach, kidney etc.
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1. What is the name of the campaign launched by India and UNICEF to engage young people address Covid crisis?

- A) COVID Warrior
- B) Young Warrior ☒
- C) COVID Champion
- D) Tackle the Crisis



- ✓ The Ministry of Youth Affairs, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and its partner organisation YuWaah, as well their partners, has launched a pan-India campaign called #YoungWarrior. It aims to engage young people across the country to address the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. The campaign includes training in tools to detect misinformation; encourage registration for vaccination and mental health support etc.

2. Sunderlal Bahuguna, who passed away recently, was a famous

- A) Sports person
- B) Environmentalist ☒
- C) Businessperson
- D) Economist



- ✓ Veteran environmentalist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Sunderlal Bahuguna, recently passed away at the age of 94. He was regarded as the pioneer of the Chipko movement which was a Gandhian form of protest against deforestation by locals in the Himalayan region. The first action of the movement took place in April 1973 in a village in Uttarakhand.

3. Which country played host to the meeting of BRICS Astronomy Working Group (BAWG), held in May 2021?

- A) India ☒
- B) Russia
- C) South Africa
- D) Brazil



- ✓ India hosted the seventh meeting of BRICS Astronomy Working Group (BAWG) on online mode from May 19 and 20. In the BAWG meeting, the participants agreed to develop a flagship project in this area. The Working Group also recommended networking of telescopes in member countries and creating a regional data network.

4. When is the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development celebrated every year?

- A) May 21 ☒
- B) May 22
- C) May 23
- D) May 24



- ✓ The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed every year on May 21 to bridge the gap between different cultures. The day is an opportunity to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony. This day was created as a result of the destruction of the Buddha statues of Bamiyan in Afghanistan in 2001.

5. What is the theme of the 'International Day for Biological Diversity, 2021'?

- A) We're part of the solution ☒
- B) Our solutions are in Nature
- C) Strategic Plan on Biodiversity
- D) Ecosystem Restoration Ahead



- ✓ The International Day for Biological Diversity is observed every year on 22nd May to increase under standing and awareness about biodiversity issues on a global scale. The 2021 theme for International Day for Biological Diversity is "We're part of the solution".

6. Which year has marked the first official observance of the International Tea Day?

- A) 1948
- B) 2017
- C) 2020 ☒
- D) 2021



- ✓ The 1st Observance of the International Tea Day under the theme "Harnessing benefits for all from field to cup" was held on 21 May 2020. The Day brings together the countries where tea cultivation is an important source of jobs and incomes.
- ✓ Last year, the United Nations General Assembly has designated May 21 as International Tea Day on the basis of the proposal moved by India at the FAO Intergovernmental Group.

7. O. P. Bhardwaj, who passed away recently, was the First Dronacharya awardee Coach of which sports?

- A) Table Tennis
- B) Boxing ☒
- C) Weight Lifting
- D) Tennis



- ✓ O P Bhardwaj, India's first Dronacharya awardee coach in boxing, passed away at the age of 82. The veteran coach won the Dronacharya Award in 1985. Bhardwaj was India's national boxing coach from 1968 to 1989 and also served as a national selector. Under his coaching stint, India boxers won medals at the Asian Games, the Commonwealth Games and the South Asian Games.

8. SITA, the passenger service system provider of which Indian airlines, faced a massive cyberattack recently?

- A) IndiGo
- B) Go First
- C) SpiceJet
- D) Air India ☒



- ✓ Air India's passenger service system provider SITA faced a massive cyberattack recently, leading to leak of the personal data of a certain number of passengers. SITA is based at Geneva, Switzerland. Data of 4.5 million passengers across the world has been registered between August 11, 2011, and February 3, 2021, has been affected due to the cyberattack on SITA.

9. Geraneia mountain range, which was making news recently for massive forest-fires, is located in which country?

- A) Italy
- B) France
- C) Greece ☒
- D) Philippines



- ✓ One of the biggest forest fires has hit Greece, in the Geraneia mountain range. Over two hundred of firefighters have battled the forest fire west of Greece's capital Athens. Greece has been facing violent forest fires every summer, which is fanned by dry weather, strong winds and high temperatures.
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10. Global Health Summit has been co-hosted by which country and the European Commission?

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



- ✓ The Global Health Summit was co-hosted by the European Commission and Italy as part of its G20 presidency. The Rome Declaration was released at the end of the Summit, which reaffirmed leaders' support for the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator.
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1. India's National Sports Awards includes how many sports awards presented by the President of India?

- A) Four
- B) Six ☒
- C) Eight
- D) Ten



- ✓ The National Sports Awards is the collective name given to the six sports awards MAKA Trophy; Arjuna Award; Dronacharya Award; Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna; Dhyan Chand Award and Protsahan Puruskar. They are being awarded by the President of India to outstanding sportspersons of India, since 1956-57. The Sports Ministry has recently invited applications for the national sports awards.

2. "Clyde's Spot", which was making news recently, is a place located in which planet?

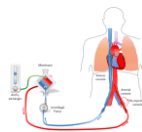
- A) Mercury
- B) Mars
- C) Earth
- D) Jupiter ☒



- ✓ "Clyde's Spot" was discovered on Jupiter in 2020 by an amateur astronomer. It appeared as an oval-shaped feature near the planet's famous "Great Red Spot." NASA's Juno spacecraft, which is orbiting the Jupiter has revealed a photo of the spot in April 2021. In the recent photo taken during the craft's 33rd close pass over Jupiter's clouds, that oval structure looks more like a swirling, chaotic blob.

3. What is the expansion of ECMO, used in the Covid-19 treatment?

- A) Echocardiogram Output
- B) Extracorporeal membrane oxygen ☒
- C) Electrophysiology Output
- D) Endocrine membrane Oxygen



- ✓ In extreme cases of COVID-19, doctors choose to apply ECMO or Extracorporeal membrane oxygen for critically ill patients.
- ✓ When oxygen support fails and when patients are not able to respond to interventions like mechanical ventilation, doctors may choose to apply ECMO, which acts as an artificial heart and pair of artificial lungs outside the body.

4. Where is Kuno National Park situated in India?

- A) Madhya Pradesh ☒
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Kerala



- ✓ Cheetah, the world's fastest land animal which was declared extinct in India in 1952, after the country's last spotted cheetah died in Chhattisgarh in 1947. The animal is expected to be re-introduced into the country in November this year at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) prepared a cheetah re-introduction project a few years ago.

5. What is the name of the Ex-Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, who recently passed away?

- A) Shanti Pahadia
- B) Srikumar Banerjee ☒
- C) Dibang Tatak
- D) Ram Sarup Lugani



- ✓ Former Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Srikumar Banerjee has recently passed away. He also served as the director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). Dr Banerjee had received the Padma Shri in 2005 and the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award in 1989 for his significant service in the field of science.

6. Shaji NM, also called as 'Tuber Man' of Kerala has been presented with which award recently?

- A) India Biodiversity Award 2021 ☒
- B) Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR award
- C) Krishi Vigyan Protshahan Puraskar
- D) Haritha Keerthi Award



- ✓ Shaji NM, also called as 'Tuber Man' of Kerala has been presented with the India Biodiversity Award 2021, in the individual category of 'Conservation of Domesticated Species'. He has collected as many as 200 tuber crops by travelling to tribal areas and forests and conserves them in his farms. He has received State awards seven times for his outstanding efforts and he also received the Plant Genome Savior Reward 2015.

7. What is the theme of the 'International Day for Biological Diversity, 2021'?

- A) We're part of the solution ☒
- B) Our solutions are in Nature
- C) Pandemic Management
- D) Ecosystem Restoration Ahead



- ✓ The International Day for Biological Diversity is observed every year on 22nd May to increase understanding and awareness about biodiversity issues on a global scale. The 2021 theme for International Day for Biological Diversity is "We're part of the solution".

8. Yuan Longping, regarded as the "Father of hybrid rice", was a famous agricultural scientist from which country?

- A) Japan
- B) China ☒
- C) South Korea
- D) Vietnam



- ✓ Yuan Longping, the Chinese agricultural scientist, regarded as the "father of hybrid rice", has recently passed away at the age of 91. He was known for developing the first hybrid rice varieties in the 1970s. In 2004, he was honoured with the World Food Prize for his achievement in developing the genetic materials and technologies essential for breeding high-yielding hybrid rice varieties.

9. What is the name of the first named Atlantic storm of 2021?

- A) Bella
- B) Harry
- C) Ana ☒
- D) Daav



- ✓ The first named Atlantic storm of the season, Ana is expected to drift northeast over the Atlantic Ocean after bringing rain to Bermuda. As per the National Hurricane Center in Miami says Subtropical Storm Ana was located about 435 kilometers northeast of Bermuda.
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10. What is the name of the child-birth injury, which is being observed as an international day on May 23?

- A) Obstetric fistula ☒
B) Intrauterine Hypoxia
C) Meconium Aspiration Syndrome
D) Placenta Previa



- ✓ Obstetric fistula is one of the most serious and tragic childbirth injuries. It is a hole between the birth canal and bladder or rectum, and is caused by prolonged or obstructed labour without access to timely, medical treatment. The theme for this year is "Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now!"
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