

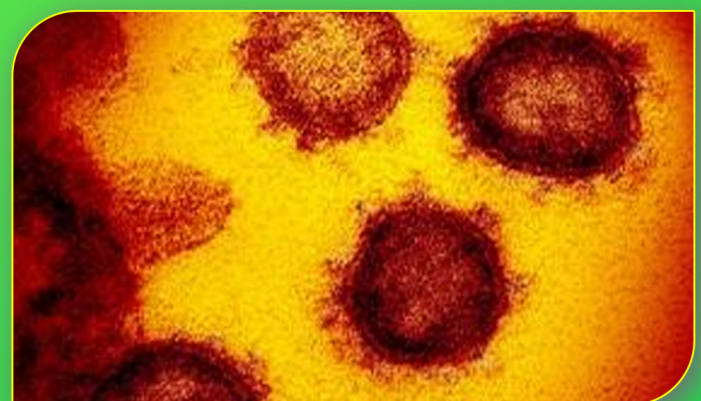
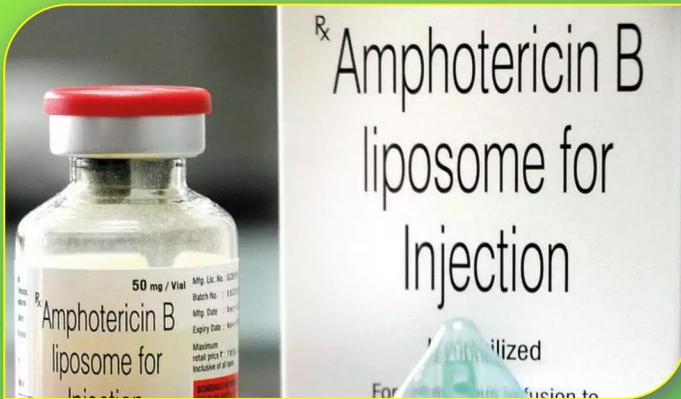
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1. Which is the third most populous country in the world, with the recently released population of 331,449,281?

- A) Indonesia  
B) Pakistan  
C) USA ☒  
D) Bangladesh



- ✓ The Census Bureau of the United States announced that the population of the US is 331,449,281. This is a 7.4% increase over the last decade. The population figures will be used by state legislatures or independent commissions to redraw the country's political maps.

2. Albert Pahimi Padacke has been named as the Interim Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Zimbabwe  
B) Chad ☒  
C) Philippines  
D) South Africa



- ✓ Chad's new military rulers have recently named Albert Pahimi Padacke, who was runner-up in the country's recent presidential election, as Prime minister of a transitional government. This move comes a week after President Idriss Deby's death during his visit to the troops fighting rebels. Subsequently, a military council seized power and have selected the Interim Prime Minister.

3. Which institution is to conduct 'Bank Customers' Satisfaction Survey' on bank mergers?

- A) NITI Aayog  
B) RBI ☒  
C) SEBI  
D) Finance Ministry



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to conduct a customer satisfaction survey to find out the impact of the recent mergers of public sector banks. The 'Bank Customers' Satisfaction Survey' will cover a total of 20,000 respondents from 21 states.
- ✓ As many as 22 questions would be asked to assess if the merger was positive from the point of customer services.

4. Which sports personality is leading the UNICEF Global Vaccination Initiative?

- A) Usain Bolt  
B) Cristiano Ronaldo  
C) David Beckham ☒  
D) Roger Federer



- ✓ Football star and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham is serving as the Vaccine Ambassador, to create awareness and confidence in the process of vaccination. He recently featured in a video released ahead of World Immunization Week.
- ✓ He has also founded '7 Fund for UNICEF' to encourage parents to vaccinate themselves and their children and protect them against diseases such as diphtheria, measles, and polio.

5. Lunglei town, which was hit by forest fires, is situated in which Indian state?

- A) Kerala  
B) Uttar Pradesh  
C) Tripura  
D) Mizoram ☒



- ✓ A massive forest fire has been raging in the hills near Lunglei town, which is situated in the state of Mizoram. The fire is reported to have spread to towns and villages of in and around Lunglei and Lawngtlai districts of the state. The state has deployed the firefighting team, who have taken assistance from the Assam Rifles, Border Security Force and IAF personnel to put off the fire.

6. Worker's Memorial Day is observed on which date?

- A) April 28 ☒  
B) April 29  
C) April 30  
D) May 01



- ✓ Workers' Memorial Day, takes place annually around the world on April 28, an international day of remembrance and action for workers killed, disabled, injured, or made unwell by their work. This year (2021) theme for the day is, "Health and Safety is a fundamental workers' right".

7. During the era of industrialisation, the workers of which country revolted against the exploitative industrialists, which led to the celebration of May Day?

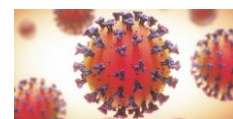
- A) United Kingdom  
B) United States ☒  
C) Germany  
D) Japan



- ✓ During the era of industrialisation, the labourers of the United States revolted together against the unjust labour system and the exploitative industrialists. They demanded for fair wages, breaks between the work and paid leaves. The revolt on May 1 1886 led to the celebration of May Day.
- ✓ May Day, also known as International Workers' Day is celebrated across the world on May 1. In India, the 1<sup>st</sup> May Day was celebrated on May 1, 1923, by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan in Chennai.

8. 'Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Leaving no Country Behind' is a report released by which organisations?

- A) IMF-UNICEF  
B) ADB-UNDP-UNESCAP ☒  
C) World Bank-UNDP  
D) IMF-ADB-UNICEF



- ✓ The 'Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Leaving no Country Behind' is a report jointly released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) along with UNDP and UNESCAP.
- ✓ As per the report, the richer countries in the Asia-Pacific region would recover quickly from the impact of the pandemic than the poorer countries. This difference is because of variation in degree of immunity, healthcare system and vaccine roll-out.

9. Which country is the world's largest military spender in 2020, as per the recent report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)?

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



- ✓ As per the recent report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the USA is the world's largest military spender in

2020. The top five spenders are the China, India, Russia and the United Kingdom, other than the USA. These 5 countries together accounted for 62% of global military expenditure. An increase of 2.6% in military spending was recorded in the year.

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10. Which is the smallest of all living rhinoceroses and the only Asian rhinoceros with two horns?

- A) Sumatran Rhino ☒
- B) Malaysian Rhino
- C) Assam Rhino
- D) Javan Rhino



- ✓ Sumatran rhinos are the smallest of the living rhinoceroses. They are the only Asian rhinoceros with two horns. They are characterised by their long hair and hence are known as the hairy rhinoceros. With just less than 100 individuals remaining, the Sumatran rhinoceros is one of the world's most endangered mammal species.
  - ✓ Recently, a study found that the remaining populations of the Sumatran rhinoceros display very low levels of inbreeding, which is a good sign for conservation.
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1. Which institution has released the "State of the Economy Report"?

- A) IMF
- B) World Bank
- C) Reserve Bank of India ☒
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The country's apex financial regulator the Reserve Bank of India has recently released the 'State of the Economy' report. In the report, RBI has stated that of COVID infections are not brought under immediate control, it would severely affect the supply chain and hence lead to inflationary pressures.

2. What is India's rank in Chandler Good Government Index?

- A) 14
- B) 49 ☒
- C) 100
- D) 150

49

- ✓ India has been ranked at 49<sup>th</sup> position in Chandler Good Government Index. Finland has topped the index. The index ranks 104 countries, under which each country is measured across over 50 open data points. It is based in seven pillars which are leadership and foresight; robust laws and policies; strong institutions; financial stewardship; attractive marketplace; global influence and reputation; and helping people rise.

3. Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das, who were in the news recently, are associated which sports?

- A) Boxing
- B) Wrestling
- C) Table Tennis
- D) Archery ☒



- ✓ India's lead Archery champions - Deepika Kumari and her husband Atanu Das have won Gold medals in at the recurve event of Archery World Cup Stage 1 women's and men's event. This is the first World Cup gold medal for the women's recurve team in the last seven years.
- ✓ Also, India's mixed team consisting of Atanu Das and Ankita have secure Bronze medal in the same tournament.

4. On which date, UN observes International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day?

- A) April 20
- B) April 26 ☒
- C) April 30
- D) May 1



- ✓ The Chernobyl nuclear disaster took place in the year 1986. Every year the United Nations observes April 26 as the International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day. This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nuclear disaster.
- ✓ This day is dedicated to raise awareness of regarding the risks of nuclear energy and the consequences of Chernobyl disaster.

5. Which organisation developed 'Crystal blade technology' for aero engines?

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



- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has developed single crystal blade technology. This has been developed for Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to be used for their helicopter development programme. 60 blades under the newly developed technology have been supplied to HAL.

6. Project DANTAK, which was seen in the news recently, is the flagship project of BRO, carried out in which country?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Nepal
- C) Bhutan ☒
- D) Myanmar



- ✓ Project DANTAK was established on April 24, 1961 under the leadership of the then Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru. It is one of the oldest projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), which was tasked to construct motorable roads in Bhutan.
- ✓ Recently, the Diamond Jubilee of the Project was commemorated in Bhutan, at the DANTAK Memorial.

7. 'Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health' is associated with which organisation?

- A) WTO
- B) ILO ☒
- C) IMF
- D) WCO



- ✓ The World Day for Safety and Health at Work was first practised in the year 2003 by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), as a part of its 'Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health'. Every year, April 28 is observed as the 'World Day for Safety and Health at Work', to focus on the importance and prevention of accidents and diseases at workplaces.

8. Indo-German project 'Pyrasol', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Reduce Carbon Emission
- B) Urban Waste Management ☒
- C) Eradication of Malaria
- D) Improve Nutrition in Women



- ✓ Indo-German project 'Pyrasol' was launched to transform urban organic waste into biochar and energy in smart cities. It was awarded to CSIR-CLRI by the Indo-German Science & Technology Centre.
- ✓ It aims for joint processing of Fibrous Organic Waste and Sewage Sludge of Indian smart cities into Biochar. The foundation stone of the Integrated Solar Dryer and Pyrolysis pilot was recently laid at CSIR-CLRI, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

9. What is the main objective of the Crypto Climate Accord, an alliance of crypto firms?

- A) Eliminate GHG Emissions ☒
- B) Investment in Climate Change Projects
- C) Using Block-Chain for Climate change Projects
- D) Awareness Generation on Cryptocurrencies



- ✓ An alliance of cryptocurrency firms and organisations have announced the Crypto Climate Accord (CCA). It is an industry-driven agreement in which the firms vow to switch to renewable energy sources by 2025 and go completely eliminate greenhouse gas emissions by 2040.

- ✓ CCA is led by three non-profit groups: The Rocky Mountain Institute; the Alliance for Innovative Regulation; and Energy Web Foundation.

10. What is the first indigenous vaccine name for fish is?

- A) Nodavac-R ☒
- B) Fishaxin-R
- C) Fishyvac-R
- D) Newvac-R



- ✓ The Central Institute of Brackish Aquaculture located in Chennai has developed an indigenous vaccine for Viral Nervous Necrosis. The name of the vaccine is Nodavac-R.
- ✓ The disease is caused by the Betanodavirus. It mostly affects teleost fish. More than forty species are affected by this virus and most of them are marine species. This virus transmits through passive diffusion and contact. The disease mostly occurs in juveniles. However, it also affects the adults.

1. On which date, Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated in India?

- A) April 25  
B) April 28  
C) April 30 ☒  
D) May 02



- ✓ Ayushman Bharat Diwas is to be celebrated across the country on April 30. The Ayushman Bharat programme seeks to provide easily available and affordable medical facilities in the remote parts of the country. The Scheme has the benefits cover of 5 lakh rupees per family per year.

2. According to the Government of National Capital Territory (GNCT) of Delhi Amendment Act 2021, the 'Government of Delhi' means .....

- A) Chief Minister of Delhi  
B) Cabinet Ministers of Delhi  
C) Prime Minister of India  
D) Lieutenant Governor of Delhi ☒



- ✓ The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021 has come into force in the national capital. According to the amended legislation, the "government" in Delhi means the "Lieutenant Governor".
- ✓ The elected representatives of the UT will have to seek the opinion of the Lieutenant Governor before taking any executive decision.

3. Two new species of damselflies that were discovered recently (Euphaea thosegharensis and Euphaea pseudodispar) are endemic to which region of India?

- A) Peninsular  
B) Sundarbans  
C) Western Ghats ☒  
D) Himalayas



- ✓ Researchers in India have discovered two new species of damselflies, named Euphaea thosegharensis and Euphaea pseudodispar in Satara district of Maharashtra. These damsels are commonly called as Torrent Darts and are endemic to the Western Ghats. These are large insects which belong to the genus Euphaea.

4. Which international institution has released the report "Developing Asia's Economic Outlook"?

- A) World Bank  
B) New Development Bank  
C) Asian Development Bank ☒  
D) International Monetary Fund



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank has recently released a report titled Developing Asia's Economic Outlook. As per the report, Asia's economy shrank by 0.2% in 2020. Although recovery has commenced in Asia, the recovery is registered at different speeds. Also, average inflation in the region is forecast to fall from 2.8% in 2020 to 2.3% in 2021.

5. Union Cabinet approved the signing of an agreement, between India and which country / countries for preventing Customs offences?

- A) Australia  
B) USA and Japan  
C) UK and Northern Ireland ☒  
D) Brazil and South Korea



- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the signing of an agreement between India and the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, for sharing information and preventing Customs offences.
- ✓ The proposed agreement is expected to facilitate trade and ensure faster customs clearance between the three countries.

6. Yanbu port, which was making news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Afghanistan  
B) Saudi Arabia ☒  
C) Sudan  
D) Chad



- ✓ Yanbu is a port city on the Red Sea coast of western part of the Saudi Arabia. Recently, a remotely piloted boat packed with explosives has been found by the kingdom near the port of Yanbu in the Red Sea. Saudi Arabia claimed to have intercepted and destroyed the attack boat, which caused a blast.

7. 'World Tuna Day' is observed on May 3, 2020. Tuna belongs to which species?

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



- ✓ 'World Tuna Day' is observed on May 3, 2020 across the world. Tuna belongs to the species of fish, which is rich in Omega-3. As the fish contains high nutritional values including minerals, proteins and vitamin B12, it is threatened by an overwhelming demand. In December 2016, the United Nations General Assembly voted to officially observe the World Tuna Day on May 3, 2020.

8. Immunisation Agenda, proposed by WHO and their partners (UNICEF and GAVI) aims to save 50 million lives by .....

- A) 2022  
B) 2025  
C) 2030 ☒  
D) 2040



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) and its partners namely UN children's agency and the vaccine alliance Gavi, have set a new global vaccination strategy- Immunisation Agenda 2030 (IA2030). It aims to save 50 million lives within the year 2030, with 75% of the children in poor countries. This strategy calls for boost in vaccination drives against measles and other diseases prevailing worldwide.

9. Which body approves the appointment of Finance Secretary of India?

- A) Supreme Court of India  
B) Appointments committee of the Cabinet ☒  
C) Finance Ministry  
D) Lok Sabha



- ✓ The Appointments committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of present Expenditure Secretary TV Somanathan as the Finance Secretary of Government of India. An order by the Personnel Ministry has been issued in this regard. He is a 1987-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre.

10. Which organisation has released the 'Global Forest Goals Report 2021'?

- A) WWF
- B) UN ECOSOC ☒
- C) UNEP
- D) UNDP



- ✓ The Global Forest Goals Report 2021 was prepared by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations. The report provides an overview of progress towards achieving the six Global Forest Goals and their 26 associated targets as mentioned in the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2030. The first Global Forest Goal provides for increasing forest area by three per cent by 2030.
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1. Operation Samudra Setu-II has been launched by?

- A) Indian Army
- B) Indian Air Force
- C) Indian Navy ☒
- D) Indo-Tibetan Border Police



- ✓ The Indian Navy has launched the Operation Samudra Setu-II, under which Indian Naval warships would ship liquid oxygen filled cryogenic containers from foreign nations. As a part of the operation, two naval ships INS Kolkata and INS Talwar have been deployed to bring oxygen from Bahrain to Mumbai.

2. Vaishali S Hiwase, has been appointed as the first woman officer of which Central Armed Police Force?

- A) BRO ☒
- B) ITBP
- C) CAPF
- D) CRPF



- ✓ The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has appointed Vaishali S Hiwase as the first woman officer to command a Road Construction Company (RCC). The officer would command the company, to provide connectivity in a high-altitude area along the India-China border. She is a M Tech graduate and has already carried out a demanding tenure in Kargil.

3. PM Jan Arogya Yojana was launched in line with which Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)?

- A) SDG 1
- B) SDG 3 ☒
- C) SDG 5
- D) SDG 10



- ✓ Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 states "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages". The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana is a key component of Ayushman Bharat Yojna and was launched in 2018.
- ✓ Being the largest health scheme in the world, it aims to provide a health cover of ₹5 lakh per family per year to over 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families. April 30 is celebrated as Ayushman Bharat Diwas.

4. Which institute has demonstrated the conversion of Nitrogen Generator into Oxygen Generator?

- A) IISc Bangalore
- B) IIT Bombay ☒
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IIT Guwahati



- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B), has set up a demonstration unit to convert nitrogen generators, into oxygen generators by modifying the existing nitrogen plant set up. The oxygen generated by this plant at IIT-B lab was tested and found to be 93-96% pure and at 3.5 atmospheric pressure.

5. Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute (CFMTTI) is located in which state?

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



- ✓ The Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute, Budni is a premier institute under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. It is located in the state of Madhya Pradesh. Recently, the first-ever electric tractor in the country has been tested at the institute. This new electric tractor will be more environmentally friendly than other types of tractors.

6. Which is the first Small Finance Bank formed from a cooperative bank in India?

- A) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- B) Jana Small Finance Bank
- C) Bandhan Small Finance Bank
- D) Shivalik Small Finance Bank ☒



- ✓ Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd. was granted an in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India, for transition into a small finance bank in 2020. It is the first cooperative bank to be converted into a small finance bank, under the transition scheme. Shivalik Small Finance Bank Ltd. has commenced operations as a small finance bank with effect from April 26.

7. Which Indian state Government is to launch a Cleanliness Drive named 'CLAP'?

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



- ✓ The state government of Andhra Pradesh is set to launch CLAP (Clean Andhra Pradesh) Jagananna Swachha Sankalpam programme. The scheme is expected to be launched in the month of July. 100 days sanitation drive to keep the villages clean will start from May 1.
- ✓ The state has also planning for better sewage water treatment and solid waste management.

8. Chota Char Dham, a famous Hindu pilgrimage circuit, is located in which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Uttarakhand ☒
- C) Bihar
- D) Odisha



- ✓ The Chota Char Dham is an important Hindu pilgrimage circuit located in the Indian Himalayas, in the Garhwal region of the state of Uttarakhand. The circuit consists of four sites: Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath. The Uttarakhand government has suspended the Char Dham Yatra, which was scheduled to begin in May. Only priests will perform the rituals inside the shrines.

9. Which Indian insurance company has featured in the top 10 list of most valuable insurance brands globally?

- A) UIIC
- B) LIC ☒
- C) NIA
- D) NICL



- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has become the third strongest and the tenth most valuable insurance brand globally. According to a report by Brand Finance Insurance 100 2021, LIC's brand value increased by almost 7 per cent to \$8.65 billion.



- ✓ There are 5 Chinese Insurance companies in the top 10 with Ping An Insurance at the top place.
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10. Which space agency has recently launched a new batch of 60 Starlink internet satellites into orbit?

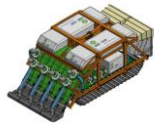
- A) NASA  
B) JAXA  
C) SpaceX ☒  
D) Blue Origin



- ✓ Elon Musk-owned SpaceX recently launched a new batch of 60 Starlink internet satellites into orbit onboard its Falcon 9 rocket. Marking the company's 10th launch of the year, the flagship Falcon 9 rocket blasted off from Space Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. It successfully landed at sea, for the seventh time.
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1. What is Patania II, which was seen in the news recently, for being stranded on the Pacific Ocean floor?

- A) Container Ship
- B) Submarine
- C) Mining Robot ☒
- D) Satellite module



- ✓ A seabed mining robot, which was being tested on the Pacific Ocean floor at a depth of more than 4 km has become detached. Patania II is a 25-tonne mining robot prototype, which was being tested by Global Sea Mineral Resources (GSR), the deep-sea exploratory division of the famous dredging company DEME Group. The robot was meant to collect the nodules rich in cobalt and other battery metals found on the seabed.

2. Which state has been permitted by the Civil Aviation Ministry to use drones for experimental delivery of vaccines?

- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka
- C) Telangana ☒
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Civil Aviation Ministry has permitted the Telangana government to use drones for experimental delivery of vaccines. This exemption will be valid for a period of one year or until further orders.
- ✓ In the month of April, the Ministry had permitted the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to conduct a feasibility study on using drones to deliver COVID-19 vaccine.

3. Which institution has unveiled a collaborative project titled "Sustainable Livelihoods for Tribal Households in India"?

- A) APEDA
- B) MPEDA
- C) TRIFED ☒
- D) NABARD

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- ✓ TRIFED is the nodal agency working for the empowerment of tribal people, under the aegis of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. TRIFED has entered into a collaborative project titled "Sustainable Livelihoods for Tribal Households in India". The LINK Fund, a foundation which aims to eradicate poverty and mitigate the effects of climate change, is also joining hands with TRIFED for this project.

4. Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays is an honour conferred by which country?

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



- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B), has set up a demonstration unit to convert nitrogen generators, into oxygen generators by modifying the existing nitrogen plant set up. The oxygen generated by this plant at IIT-B lab was tested and found to be 93-96% pure and at 3.5 atmospheric pressure.

5. When is the World Press Freedom Day observed every year?

- A) May 3 ☒
- B) May 4
- C) May 5
- D) May 6



- ✓ Every year, 3<sup>rd</sup> May is observed as World Press Freedom Day by the United Nations. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared this day to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and to lay emphasis on the right to freedom of expression. A resolution in this regard was passed by the UN in the year 1993. The theme for the year 2021 is "Information as a Public Good".

6. Indian Army has inaugurated the First Green Solar Energy harnessing plant in which state?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Sikkim ☒
- C) Nagaland
- D) Telangana



- ✓ Indian Army inaugurated the First Green Solar Energy harnessing plant of 56 KVA in North Sikkim, at an altitude of 16000 ft. The project, which uses Vanadium based battery technology, was completed in collaboration with IIT Mumbai. India has fixed a target of producing 175 GW of renewable energy by 2022.

7. The SDRF contribution is released in two equal instalments to the states, as per the recommendation of .....?

- A) Planning Commission
- B) ☒
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Supreme Court of India



- ✓ The Finance Ministry has recently released in advance the first instalment worth Rs 8,873.6 crore of the state disaster response fund (SDRF) for the current fiscal, to the states.
- ✓ SDRF contribution is released in two equal instalments to the states, as per the recommendation of the Finance Commission. Normally, the first instalment of SDRF is released in the month of June. Around half of the amount released, can be used by the states for COVID-19 containment measures.

8. Litani river and Qaraoun lake, which were making the news recently, are located in which country?

- A) Laos
- B) Lebanon ☒
- C) Iran
- D) Israel



- ✓ The Litani River is an important water resource located in Lebanon. It rises Beqaa Valley and gets into the Mediterranean Sea. Recently, tonnes of dead fish have washed up on the banks of the Qaraoun lake on Lebanon's Litani river.
- ✓ Environmental Activists have been warning of water pollution caused by sewage and waste, near the lake for several years.

9. Which type of mummy was discovered for the first time in the Warsaw Mummy Project?

- A) Amputee Mummy
- B) Pregnant Mummy ☒
- C) Transgender Mummy
- D) Newborn Mummy



- ✓ Researchers have discovered the world's first-known pregnant mummy, in the Warsaw Mummy Project. The mummy, which is said to be dating from the first century in Egypt, has been found inside the coffin belonging to a male priest. The mummy was donated to the University of Warsaw in Poland in 1826.

- ✓ This discovery helps the researchers to gather first hand evidence of prenatal health in ancient times.

10. What is "MACS 1407", which is seen in the news recently?

- A) COVID vaccine
- B) Soybean variety ☒
- C) New planet
- D) Anti-tank missile



- ✓ Scientists of Agharkar Research Institute (ARI), Pune in collaboration with Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) have developed a new high-yielding and pest-resistant variety of soybean named MACS 1407. This seed is suited for cultivation in North Eastern states and in states like West Bengal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

1. Rushikulya river, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Odisha ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The Rushikulya river mouth, located in the state of Odisha is considered as the second-biggest rookery of Olive Ridley Turtles in India after Gahirmatha. This year, the annual mass nesting of millions of Olive Ridley sea turtles near the Rushikulya river mouth is likely to be missed, as the time for nesting process is set to be over. In March 2020, over 3 lakh turtles nested in the same place.

2. World Tuna Day is observed on May 2 every year. Which SDG calls for sustainable use of Oceans and marine resources?

- A) SDG 7
- B) SDG 9
- C) SDG 11
- D) SDG 14 ☒



- ✓ Tuna and tuna-like species is a significant source of food, due to their nutritional properties, in both developed and developing countries. Their meat is rich in Omega-3 and it also contains minerals, proteins, and vitamin B12. In 2016, the United Nations General Assembly declared to officially observe World Tuna Day on May 2 every year.
- ✓ Sustainable Development Goal 14 aims to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources – applies to the global tuna market.

3. Crimson Solar Project, is a mega solar energy project, is to be set up in which country?

- A) UAE
- B) Russia
- C) Germany
- D) USA ☒



- ✓ The USA Government has approved a major solar energy project in the California desert that would be capable of powering nearly 90,000 homes. The USD-550 million Crimson Solar Project will be set up on 2,000 acres of federal land at California. It is being developed by Canadian Solar unit Recurrent Energy. This step aims to fight climate change, create jobs and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

4. The Democratic Republic of Congo has declared the end of outbreak of which disease?

- A) Smallpox
- B) Ebola ☒
- C) Malaria
- D) Encephalitis



- ✓ The Democratic Republic of Congo declared the end of Ebola outbreak, which infected 12 people in the eastern province and killed six of them. The country contained the outbreak using Merck's (MRK.N) Ebola vaccine. The virus can remain in certain body fluids, including semen, of a patient who has recovered from the disease.

5. What is "Dhruv Mk - III MR"?

- A) ICAR's new rice variety
- B) Advanced Light Helicopter ☒
- C) Surface to Surface Missile
- D) Pulse Doppler Radar

- ✓ Dhruv Mk - III MR is an Advanced Light Helicopter designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bengaluru.
- ✓ The helicopter has been tested and it has successfully demonstrated deck operations on board an Indian Coast Guard Ship, off the coast of Chennai. The helicopter has been developed to be deployed by the Indian Coast Guard.

6. What is the new rate of IGST applicable to Import of Oxygen Concentrators for personal use?

- A) 5%
- B) 10%
- C) 12% ☒
- D) 18%



- ✓ The Government of India has brought down the IGST for import of Oxygen Concentrators for personal use from the present 28% slab to 12%. This would be applicable till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This rare reduction comes in the wake of a sudden surge in the demand for oxygen, used for COVID infected patients.

7. Article 164 of the Indian constitution deals with .....

- A) President of India
- B) Provisions of Minister of State Government ☒
- C) Division of Powers between Centre and state
- D) Appointment of Chief Justice of Supreme Court



- ✓ The Article 164 of the Indian constitution deals with the Provisions of the Minister of a state.
- ✓ It stated that the Chief Minister of a state shall be appointed by the Governor and the other Ministers of the state shall be appointed by the Governor in consultation with the Chief Minister. It also states that a Minister, who is not an MLA for six consecutive months, ceases to be a Minister, after the expiry of 6 months.

8. Who has been appointed as the Acting Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?

- A) S A Bobde
- B) A K Sikri
- C) P K Mishra
- D) P C Pant ☒



- ✓ Justice (retired) Prafulla Chandra Pant, who is a member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), has been appointed its Acting Chairperson with effect from April 25 2021. Prior to his appointment as NHRC member, he was a Judge of the Supreme Court from 2014 to 2017. He had also held the position of Chief Justice of the High Court of Meghalaya from 2013 to 2014.

9. What is the name of the operation launched by the Indian Armed Force, to tackle COVID-19 pandemic?

- A) Operation Bharat
- B) Operation AatmaNirbhar
- C) Operation CO-JEET ☒
- D) Operation CO-WIN



- ✓ The Indian armed forces have launched operation "CO-JEET" to support anti-COVID-19 efforts of the country. It aims to strengthen medical infrastructure and oxygen supply chains and to ensure mental wellbeing of people. The personnel of the Army, the Air Force and the Navy have been engaged to help restore oxygen supply chains, set up COVID beds and provide help to the administration.



10. Padma river, the main distributary of the Ganges, flows in which country?

- A) Nepal
- B) Bangladesh ☒
- C) China
- D) Myanmar



- ✓ Padma river is main distributary of the Ganges, which forms the western boundary between India and Bangladesh before it enters Bangladesh. Recently, a ferryboat with over 30 passengers overturned after hitting a sand-laden cargo vessel in the Padma River. At least 26 people dead in the accident occurred at the old Kanthalbari ferry terminal of Bangladesh.
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1. 'Significant Economic Presence (SEP) principle', is a concept used to levy which category of tax?

- A) Income Tax
- B) GST
- C) Digital Tax ☒
- D) Customs Duty



- ✓ Significant Economic Presence (SEP) principle was introduced in the Finance Bill 2018-19. It widened the scope of 'business connection' to include download of data or software, if aggregate payments from such transactions exceed a prescribed amount, or a prescribed number of users. India recently notified a revenue threshold of Rs 2 crore and a limit of 300,000 users for non-resident technology firms such as Google, Facebook, to pay tax in India.

2. India announced a USD 1.4 billion of private-sector trade and investment, with which country?

- A) US
- B) UK ☒
- C) Russia
- D) Brazil



- ✓ India and UK announced 1 billion pounds (USD1.4 billion) of private-sector trade and investment. It also includes a 240 million pounds investment by the Serum Institute of India. The Serum Institute, in collaboration with Codagenix, has begun early-stage trials of a one-dose nasal vaccine against Covid-19. Trade between the India and UK accounts for about 23 billion pounds annually.

3. What is the limit of FDI permitted in the Road and Highways Sector in India?

- A) 10%
- B) 20%
- C) 50%
- D) 100% ☒

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- ✓ In India, 100% FDI has been allowed for roads and highways sector allowed under the automatic route. Recently, Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry has set a target of road construction worth Rs 15 lakh crores in next two years. The Ministry also aims to achieve the target of 40 kilometres per day of highways construction, in the current year.

4. Which institution approves the emergency use of vaccines around the world, using the Emergency Use Listing (EUL)?

- A) FAO
- B) WHO ☒
- C) UNICEF
- D) CDC



- ✓ The World Health Organisation, through its Emergency Use Listing (EUL) procedure, allows countries to use their own regulatory approval processes to import and administer the vaccine. It also enables UNICEF and Health Organizations to procure the vaccine for distribution to needy countries. WHO has recently given the approval for emergency use of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine.

5. As per OECD, which country stood as the top destination for FDI in 2020?

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



- ✓ The OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) has reported that FDI globally has plunged to a 15 year low in the year 2020 and has dropped by 38% compared to previous years. Among the nations, China has emerged as the leading FDI destination in 2020 and has overtaken the USA in this regard.

6. A new species of duck-billed dinosaur, *Yamatosaurus izanagii* has been discovered in which country?

- A) China
- B) Greece
- C) Japan ☒
- D) Indonesia



- ✓ A team of palaeontologists has identified a new species of hadrosaur or duck-billed dinosaur, *Yamatosaurus izanagii*, on one of the southern islands of Japan. This discovery suggests new information about hadrosaur migration that the animals migrated from Asia to North America. It also highlights that the giant creatures evolved from walking upright to walking on all four limbs.

7. Which country's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released the 'New Climate Normals'?

- A) US ☒
- B) Russia
- C) China
- D) France



- ✓ The United States' National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has released the new climate normal. The data reveal that weather across the US is getting warmer. NOAA releases the climate normals every 10 years and they reflect the data from the past 30 years. The recently released data set comprises of the average temperature, precipitation and rainfall from 1991 to 2020.

8. INS Kolkata arrived Port Shuwaikh, to bring Liquid Medical Oxygen and medical supplies, from which country?

- A) UAE
- B) Kuwait ☒
- C) Oman
- D) Israel



- ✓ As a part of the Operation Samudra Setu II, INS Kolkata arrived Port Shuwaikh, Kuwait and will bring Liquid Medical Oxygen and medical supplies from Kuwait. Earlier the ship had boarded 200 bottles of oxygen and 43 oxygen concentrators from Doha, Qatar. Indian Navy has deployed seven Indian Naval ships for shipment of liquid medical oxygen from friendly countries.

9. Who is the longest-serving female Chief Minister of any Indian state, as of May 2021?

- A) J Jayalalitha
- B) Mamata Banerjee
- C) Mayavati
- D) Sheila Dikshit ☒



- ✓ Mamata Banerjee was sworn as Bengal Chief Minister for the third time. She has been the Chief Minister of the state since 2011. Veteran leader Sheila Dikshit is the longest-serving Chief Minister of Delhi, as well as the longest-serving female chief minister of any Indian state. She served for a period of 15 years since 1998.

10. What is 'Mayflower 400', which was making news recently?

- A) Mining Robot
- B) Artificial Intelligence Ship ☒
- C) Solar Probe
- D) Vaccine Delivering Robot



- ✓ 'Mayflower 400' is the world's first Artificial intelligent ship. This ship is covered in solar panels and will study marine pollution and analyse plastic present in water and track aquatic mammals. Hundreds of individuals from different countries such as India, United States and Switzerland, were involved in the making of this ship.
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1. Nehru Zoological Park, where Asiatic Lions were tested Covid positive, is situated in which state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Telangana ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) Rajasthan



- ✓ Eight Asiatic lions at Hyderabad's Nehru Zoological Park have tested positive for Covid-19. This is the first case of lions or any other animals testing positive for the coronavirus infection in an Indian zoo.
- ✓ The samples were tested by Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and the RT-PCR tests turned out to be positive for COVID-19. However, there is no factual evidence that animals can transmit the disease to humans.

2. A white-toothed shrew species has been discovered for the first time in a volcanic island- Narcondam Island, located in which state?

- A) Andaman & Nicobar Islands ☒
- B) West Bengal
- C) Odisha
- D) Nagaland



- ✓ Scientists have discovered a new species of insectivorous mammal, a white-toothed shrew, from Narcondam Island of the Andaman and Nicobar group of islands. Shrews are small and mouse-like mammals with insects as the primary diet. This is the first discovery of a shrew from this volcanic island (Narcondam Island) and it increases the number of White-toothed shrew species in India from 11 to 12.

3. Which body permits Telecommunication companies to conduct trials for 5G technology in India?

- A) Department of Science and Technology
- B) Department of Telecommunications ☒
- C) TRAI
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Government of India's Department of Telecommunications (DoT), has permitted telecommunication companies to conduct trials for 5G technology in India. These companies would conduct trials in rural, semi-urban and urban regions for a period of six month, which includes a 2 months' time for procurement and setting up of equipment.

4. The first supply of UCO-based Biodiesel blended Diesel was flagged off recently. What is UCO?

- A) Unused Cooking Oil
- B) Used Cooking Oil ☒
- C) Unutilized Cooking Oil
- D) None of the Above



- ✓ The First supply of UCO (Used Cooking Oil) based Biodiesel blended Diesel was flagged off recently from Indian Oil's Tikrikalan Terminal, New Delhi. The flagging off ceremony was presided over by Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. Earlier in 2019, petroleum and health ministries had initiated Expressions of Interest for "Procurement of Biodiesel produced from Used Cooking Oil". IOCL has received 51KL of UCO-Biodiesel till March 2021.

5. GINA, a WHO collaborative organisation, is associated with which disease?

- A) Anaemia
- B) Asthma ☒
- C) Tuberculosis
- D) Cancer



- ✓ World Asthma Day (WAD) is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma, (GINA). It is a World Health Organization collaborative organization founded in 1993.
- ✓ Every year World Asthma Day is organised on May 5, every year, to raise awareness of Asthma worldwide. This year's World Asthma Day theme is "Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions". WHO estimates that over 339 million people had Asthma globally.

6. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Firefighters' Day is observed recently?

- A) May 04 ☒
- B) May 05
- C) May 06
- D) May 07



- ✓ The International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed every year on May 4 to recognize and honour the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that our communities and environment are as safe as possible. It was instituted after a proposal was emailed out across the world on January 4, 1999 due to the deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a bushfire in Australia.

7. Raniganj coalfield, the first field where the East India Company began coal mining, is located in which state?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Odisha
- C) West Bengal ☒
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The East India Company exploited the Raniganj coalfield along the western bank of Damodar River, West Bengal, thereby starting the Coal mining in India in 1774. Every year, Coal Miners Day is observed on May 4 in solidarity with the miners working in coal fields.

8. The International No diet day is observed on which date?

- A) May 04
- B) May 06 ☒
- C) May 08
- D) May 10



- ✓ The International No Diet Day is observed every year on May 6 to promote a healthy life style and to raise awareness of the potential dangers of dieting and the unlikelihood of success. Its symbol is a light blue ribbon.

9. Satyajit ray, the legendary film maker and author, was from which state?

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



- ✓ Satyajit Ray was an Indian film maker, author, lyricist, magazine editor, illustrator and music composer. He belonged to West Bengal



and was recipient of Padma Bhushan in 1965, Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1985, and the Bharat Ratna.

- ✓ To commemorate his achievement, Union information and broadcasting ministry has announced that it will organize year long centenary celebrations of the filmmaker in India and abroad.

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10. Which organization has released the "Estimates of Global e-commerce Report 2019"?

- A) IMF
- B) ADB
- C) UNCTAD ☒
- D) WTO



- ✓ The "Estimates of Global E Commerce Report 2019" has been released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which is headquartered at Geneva, Switzerland. The report has noted that, due to COVID restrictions, there was a dramatic rise in in e-commerce and online retail sales.
  - ✓ The report further stated that The United States, followed by Japan and China, continues to dominate the overall e-commerce market in the globe.
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1. Pigeon pea, Black Matpe and Greengram are examples of which type of major crop?

- A) Kharif ☒
- B) Rabi
- C) Zaid
- D) None of the above



- ✓ The crops that are sown in the rainy season are called kharif crops in India. They are also known as the summer or monsoon crop. Kharif crops are usually sown with the beginning of the first rains in July, during the south-west monsoon season.
- ✓ Tur/arhar (pigeon pea), urad (black matpe) and moong (green gram) are the major pulses in this season. The Ministry of Agriculture has recently formulated a special Kharif strategy to attain self-sufficiency in the production of pulses.

2. As per the Climate Action Tracker analysis, what would be the rise in global temperature by 2100?

- A) 0.5%
- B) 1.5%
- C) 2.4% ☒
- D) 3.0%

# 2.4%

- ✓ The Climate Action Tracker analysis said that the world will warm by 2.4C by the year 2100. This is only 0.2C less than the temperature without global action. But the estimate is much higher than the 1.5C goal agreed under the Paris Agreement on climate change, signed in 2016. Its report also suggested that the 1.5C target is still possible, but it requires action from major nations.

3. Which organisation is associated with waiving intellectual property protection for COVID-19 vaccines?

- A) WHO
- B) UNICEF
- C) WTO ☒
- D) FAO



- ✓ Several countries have approached the World Trade Organization (WTO) regarding the waiver of intellectual property (IP) protection for Covid-19 vaccines. Recently, the United States announced support for waiving IP protection for COVID-19 vaccines. US will pursue negotiations on the waiver at the WTO. All 164 WTO members must agree on the draft, and any one member can veto it.

4. DDoS attack, which was making news recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Defence
- B) Cyber security ☒
- C) Maritime Exercise
- D) Psychology



- ✓ A Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack is an attempt to make an online service unavailable by overwhelming it with traffic from multiple sources. A massive DDoS attack affected the websites of over 200 organisations across Belgium, including government, parliament, universities and research institutes.
- ✓ The DDoS attack started on 4 May and targeted Belnet, the government-funded ISP provider for the country's educational institutions and government services.

5. NASA's Parker Solar Probe detected a natural radio signal in the atmosphere of which planet?

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



- ✓ NASA's Parker Solar Probe detected a natural radio signal, while flying through the upper atmosphere of Venus. This was the first direct measurement of the atmosphere of Venus in nearly 30 years. This recent glimpse looks very different from the past portrayal of the planet. The upper atmosphere of Venus undergoes a lot of changes and hence is different from the Earth.

6. The CCEA approved the strategic disinvestment of which bank, owned by the Government of India and LIC?

- A) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- B) IDBI Bank ☒
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment along with transfer of management control in IDBI Bank. However, the extent of shareholding to be divested by the Government of India and LIC shall be decided at the time of the transaction in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

7. Who was Manas Bihari Verma?

- A) Politician
- B) Aeronautical Scientist ☒
- C) Social Activist
- D) Doctor



- ✓ Manas Bihari Verma – a reputed aeronautical scientist and Padma Shri Awardee died recently of suffering a massive heart attack. He was 78 years old. He has been the man behind the country's first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas' and has closely worked with former president Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam.

8. "Road Map 2030", which was in the news recently, has been adopted by India with which country?

- A) China
- B) USA
- C) UK ☒
- D) Japan



- ✓ India and UK have jointly adopted 'Roadmap 2030', during a virtual bilateral between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and British counterpart Boris Johnson. The two leaders pledged to elevate this road map into a comprehensive strategic partnership. An Enhanced Trade Partnership was also announced by the two leaders along with an intent to form a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

9. Which state provided work to the highest number of people in MGNREGA during FY21?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) West Bengal ☒
- C) Bihar
- D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ West Bengal provided work to 11.8 million people through MGNREGA in FY21, which is the highest in the country. It utilised around Rs 10,403.13 crore for implementing the scheme and stands third in spending the funds after only to Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Around 27.3 million households demanded work under MGNREGA in April 2021.

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10. Which organization has produced the "The Global Report on Food Crises 2020"?

- A) UNCTAD
- B) UNEP
- C) UNWTO
- D) GNAFC ☒



- ✓ "The Global Report on Food Crises 2020" has been released recently, which is produced by the Global Network against Food Crises. It is an international alliance working to address the root causes of extreme hunger.
- ✓ The report analyses the factors which contribute to food crises across the globe, and explains how COVID pandemic could worsen the crisis.

1. Channel Islands are an archipelago in the English Channel, located between which two countries?

- A) France and the UK ☒
- B) France and Italy
- C) France and Canada
- D) Italy and Germany



- ✓ Channel Islands are an archipelago in the English Channel, located between France and the UK, 22 kilometres from the coast of Normandy, France. They include two Crown dependencies: The Bailiwick of Jersey and the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
- ✓ They recognise Queen Elizabeth II as their head of state and the UK is responsible for the defence and international relations of the islands. Recently, 60 French fishing boats made a blockade in the Jersey islands, which followed a deployment of two Royal Navy vessels from the UK.

2. The Supreme Court has recently struck down the Housing Industry Regulation Act of which state, as unconstitutional?

- A) Kerala
- B) West Bengal ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Supreme Court has struck down West Bengal's Housing Industry Regulation Act (HIRA) 2017, saying it was 'unconstitutional' as it is in direct conflict with the Centre's Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA). As per the verdict, Sections 88 and 89 of the RERA did not implicitly permit the states to create their own legislation creating a parallel regime.

3. Giant wood moth, the heaviest moth in the world, are typically found in which country?

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



- ✓ Giant wood moth is the heaviest moth in the world, with the wingspan of about 23 cm. Their scientific name is 'Endoxyla cinerea' and they belong to the family of Cossidae. The moth is typically found in Australia and New Zealand.
- ✓ A giant moth with a wingspan measuring up to 25cm has been recently found at a Queensland school in Australia. They have an extremely short life cycle with only a few days. They die after mating and laying eggs.

4. Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?

- A) UK
- B) Uganda ☒
- C) Nigeria
- D) Iran



- ✓ The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) is a rebel group which operates in African countries including northern Uganda, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- ✓ Recently in a landmark judgment, the international criminal court has sentenced a former militia leader from Uganda and commander in the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), to 25 years in prison after he was found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

5. Which institution releases the monthly 'Food Price Index'?

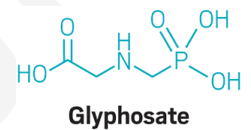
- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Finance Ministry
- C) FAO ☒
- D) Asian Development Bank



- ✓ The United Nations food agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization releases the Food price index, which measures monthly changes for a basket of cereals, oilseeds, dairy products, meat and sugar. In the recent food price index, World food prices increased for an 11th consecutive month in April at 120.9 points.
- ✓ This is also the highest level of the index since May 2014. The rise in the main indices was led by the price rise of Sugar, as per the United Nations food agency.

6. What is 'Glyphosate', which was recently banned by Telangana Government?

- A) Herbicide ☒
- B) Fertilizer
- C) Pesticide
- D) Fungicide



- ✓ Glyphosate is an herbicide, which used to kill weeds, especially used in cotton farms and to kill annual broadleaf weeds and grasses that compete with crops. The Telangana Government has imposed a total ban on glyphosate, a controversial herbicide, as the chemical's rampant use, especially in cotton, is polluting soil and causing health hazards to human beings.

7. Which technology company has created a 2-nanometer chip, the smallest and most powerful microchip?

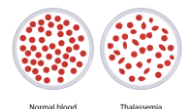
- A) Qualcomm
- B) IBM ☒
- C) AMD
- D) Samsung



- ✓ IBM announced that it has created a 2-nanometer chip, which is the smallest and most powerful microchip ever developed. At present, most of the computer chips powering devices use 10-nanometer or 7-nanometer process technology.
- ✓ Some companies have introduced 5-nanometer chips. The lower the number, more advanced is the processor.

8. What is the name of the blood disorder, which involves lesser haemoglobin and red blood cells?

- A) Anemia
- B) Thalassemia ☒
- C) Leukaemia
- D) Haemophilia



- ✓ Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder characterised by less oxygen-carrying protein- haemoglobin and less red blood cells in the body than normal. May 8 is observed as World Thalassemia Day every year. The day commemorates the struggles of the patients suffering from this genetic disorder.
- ✓ This year's theme for the day is "Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassemia Community".



9. What is the theme of the 2021 International Nurses Day?

- A) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Safe Motherhood
- B) Nurses A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human Right
- C) Nurses: Working with The Poor; Against Poverty
- D) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A vision for future healthcare ☒



- ✓ The World Nurses Day is celebrated every year across the world on May 12 to mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.
- ✓ The day is also mark to recognize the strong commitment and dedication that nurse's display in the practice of their profession.

10. Which day is celebrated in India on May 11, to mark the achievement of its nuclear tests made at Pokhran in 1998?

- A) National Nuclear Power Day
- B) National Technology Day ☒
- C) National Nuclear Weapon Day
- D) Pokhran Day



- ✓ May 11 is celebrated as National Technology Day in India every year, to mark the day on which India conducted its nuclear tests at Pokhran, Rajasthan in the year 1998. India conducted its 1st nuclear test, code named "Smiling Buddha" in 1974. In 1998, under the code name Operation Shakti, the next nuclear mission was carried out.
- ✓ Dr APJ Abdul Kalam led the scientific team which carried out the nuclear weapon tests on May 11. At present, India is among eight countries in the world that own a nuclear weapons program.

1. RBI is set to conduct a special long-term repo operation of Rs 10,000 crore for which type of banks?

- A) Cooperative Banks
- B) Regional Rural Banks
- C) Small Finance Banks ☒
- D) Payment Banks



- ✓ The Reserve Bank is to conduct the first auction for special long-term repo operations (SLTRO) of Rs 10,000 crore for Small Finance Banks (SFBs), at the repo rate, one auction each month. This will provide fresh lending of up to Rs 10 lakh per borrower and will support small business units, micro and small industries, and other unorganised sector entities. The facility will be available till October 31, 2021.

2. WHO approves emergency use of Sinopharm vaccine, developed by which country?

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



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) finally granted the conditional approval to Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use. The Sinopharm vaccine, developed by China, was already authorised by 45 countries.
- ✓ China has approved five of its vaccines for emergency use and it is using Sinopharm and Sinovac vaccines for domestic use and export.

3. Kabasura Kudineer, which was included in Ministry of Ayush distribution campaign, is a great medicine from which system of medicine?

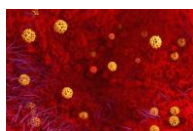
- A) Ayurveda
- B) Siddha ☒
- C) Homeopathy
- D) Unani



- ✓ Ministry of Ayush is launching a massive nationwide campaign to distribute poly herbal Ayurvedic drug AYUSH 64 and Siddha drug Kabasura Kudineer, to benefit COVID patients, who are in home isolation. Kabasura Kudineer, a Siddha medicine was also subjected to clinical trials for studying the efficacy in Covid-19 patients by Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) under Ministry of Ayush.

4. Which country has classified the Indian COVID variant as Variant of Concern (VOC)?

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



- ✓ Health authorities in England has elevated one subtype of the Indian variant from under investigation category to a Variant of Concern (VOC). This step has been taken following a rise in the number of cases in the UK and evidence of community transmission. The original India variant officially known as B.1.617 was first detected in October, and the variant B.1.617.2 is found to have more transmission capacity.

5. What is 'California condor', which was seen in the news recently?

- A) Museum
- B) Art form
- C) Bird Species ☒
- D) Cryptocurrency



- ✓ The California condor is a vulture species belonging to 'New World' vulture species. It is the largest North American land bird. The bird is said to have become extinct in the wild in 1987. Recently, a flock of over 15 endangered California condors has reportedly descended on a house in the city of Tehachapi in California.

6. Climate & Clean Air Coalition, in association with which organisation has launched the Global Methane Assessment report?

- A) UNFCCC
- B) UNCTAD
- C) UNEP ☒
- D) UNDP



- ✓ Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) in association with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has launched a report named "Global Methane Assessment". The assessment report brings out the benefits of cutting methane emissions especially from the fossil fuel industry and its impacts of global warming.

7. "ID-Art app" has been launched by which organisation?

- A) RBI
- B) CBDT
- C) CBIC
- D) Interpol ☒



- ✓ Interpol has launched a mobile app named "ID-Art app". This app would help identify stolen cultural property, reduce illicit trafficking, and increase the chances of recovering stolen works and artefacts. This has been designed to be used by law enforcement agencies across the globe to get access to the Interpol's database of stolen works of art. It can also be accessed by the general public.

8. European Investment Bank has entered into a pact with which Indian Bank, for climate focused equity financing?

- A) Bank of Baroda
- B) State Bank of India ☒
- C) Punjab National Bank
- D) HDFC Bank



- ✓ The European Investment Bank has entered into a pact with State Bank of India, for equity financing Indian small businesses which are focusses on climate change and sustainability. The pact has been signed for a value of Euro 100 million. The two banks have created a new fund named "NEEV FUND II" to implement this pact.

9. What is 'XcodeGhost', which was making news recently?

- A) Cryptocurrency
- B) Malware ☒
- C) Launch Vehicle
- D) COVID Variant



- ✓ "XcodeGhost" is a malware, which is claimed for injecting malware into several iPhone and iPad apps that were subsequently uploaded to the App Store. It was originally found in 2015.
  - ✓ Recently, more than 128 million iOS users were allegedly affected by the "XcodeGhost" malware. 55% of the affected users are in China while 18 million of them are in the U.S.
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10. What is the theme of 2021 World Red Cross Red Crescent Day?

- A) Everywhere for everyone
- B) Memorable smiles from around the world
- C) Get Together for the purpose of Humanity
- D) Together we are unstoppable ☒



- ✓ The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed every year on May 8 to recognize the extraordinary contribution and incredible achievements of the stalwarts and volunteers around the world for helping the people in need anytime, anywhere.
  - ✓ The day also marks the birth anniversary Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of International Committee of the Red Cross and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize. The 2021 theme "Together we are unstoppable".
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1. Which institution released the 'Dost For Life' mobile application for mental well-being?

- A) AICTE  
B) NTA  
C) CBSE ☒  
D) UGC



- ✓ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has recently launched a new application for psycho-social wellness of students. The new app will help the class 9-12 students and parents from CBSE-affiliated schools. Live counselling sessions will be conducted free of cost, thrice a week by trained counsellors. Earlier, there was a practice of counselling through toll-free number.

2. '3<sup>rd</sup> Arctic Science Ministerial' was jointly organised by which two countries?

- A) Germany and France  
B) Iceland and Japan ☒  
C) Italy and France  
D) Japan and India



- ✓ India has recently participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3), the international platform for discussing research and cooperation in the Arctic region. The first two meetings—ASM1 and ASM2, were held in the USA in 2016 and Germany in 2018, respectively.  
✓ ASM3, jointly organised by Iceland and Japan, is the first Ministerial meeting being held in Asia. India enjoys 'Observer' status in the Arctic Council with twelve other countries.

3. Alexander Zverev and Aryna Sabalenka are the winners of which Masters 100 tournament?

- A) Miami Open  
B) Madrid Open ☒  
C) Italian Open  
D) Shanghai Masters



- ✓ German Tennis player Alexander Zverev defeated Italian Matteo Berrettini to claim his fourth Masters 1000 crown and second Madrid Open title. The player has been in the top 10 since July 2017 and he was also the US Open runner-up last year. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarusian tennis player has won her 10<sup>th</sup> career title at the Mutua Madrid Open. She defeated the World No.1 Ashleigh Barty.

4. What is the theme of 'National Technology Day' 2021?

- A) Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future ☒  
B) Restart and Recycle  
C) Atmanirbhar Vigyan  
D) Science and Technology for Atmanirbhar India



- ✓ National Technology Day is celebrated on May 11 every year to commemorate the technological advancements made by the country.  
✓ The theme this year is "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future". The day was first observed on May 11, 1999, as on the same date in 1998, India successfully conducted three nuclear tests at Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan. On 11<sup>th</sup> May 1998, India also tested its first indigenous aircraft Hansa-3 and Trishul.

5. A new species *Ampelorhiza heteroxylon*, that was recently found, belongs to which category?

- A) Insect  
B) Plant ☒  
C) Aquatic Animal  
D) Land Animal



- ✓ Researchers have found an 18.5-million-year-old fossil in Panama. It is said to be the oldest reliable species of a climbing plant. The new species is named as '*Ampelorhiza heteroxylon*', belonging to the climbing vine known as a liana from the soapberry family.  
✓ This discovery is expected to shed more light on the evolution of climbing plants.

6. Which is the only aircraft carrier being operated in India?

- A) INS Virat  
B) INS Vikramaditya ☒  
C) INS Vikrant  
D) INS Vishal



- ✓ India's only aircraft carrier is INS Vikramaditya, a modified Kiev-class 44,500-tonne aircraft carrier and the flagship of the Indian Navy. The aircraft recently reported a minor fire at its home port, Karwar in Karnataka. India bought the aircraft carrier from Russia and it joined the naval fleet seven years ago. The Indian Navy operates MiG-29K maritime fighters from the deck of this aircraft carrier.

7. Long March 5B, whose debris landed in the Indian Ocean, is the launch vehicle of which country?

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



- ✓ The debris of China's biggest rocket landed in the Indian Ocean, after most of its components destroyed during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. The Long March 5B rocket, launched the main module of China's next space station, Tiangong, in April. There were speculations for long days about where would the debris hit on the Earth. Last year, pieces from the first Long March 5B fell on Ivory Coast.

8. The report titled "Conflict and Conservation" is released by which organisation?

- A) IUCN ☒  
B) UNFCCC  
C) IMF  
D) WHO



- ✓ "Conflict and Conservation" is a report which is released by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).  
✓ In the report, IUCN explores the intricate relationships between nature and conflict and suggests policies aimed towards peace building and conservation. IUCN is an international organisation, working for the conservation and sustainability of nature and resources. It is headquartered at Gland, Switzerland.

9. When is the International Nurses Day observed every year?

- A) May 10  
B) May 11  
C) May 12 ☒  
D) May 13



- ✓ The International Nurses Day is observed on May 12 every year. On the same day in 1820, the famous social reformer and nurse Florence

Nightingale was born. She was an English statistician and a social reformer who founded the key pillars of modern nursing.

- ✓ The ICN (International Council of Nurses) observes the International Nurses Day. International Council of Nurses is a federation of more than 130 national nurses' associations.

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10. Which Indian city won the 32<sup>nd</sup> rank in the Global Prime Residential Index?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Bengaluru



- ✓ London-based property consultant Knight Frank released the Global Prime Residential Index. As per the index, New Delhi and Mumbai are ranked in 32<sup>nd</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> positions respectively.
- ✓ The Prime Global Cities Index is a valuation-based index, which tracked the movement in prime residential prices in local currency across more than 45 cities. Globally, Chinese city Shenzhen ranked first with 18.9% annual change for the period Q1 2020 – Q1 2021.



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 it 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.

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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'.

1. World Athletics Day is observed on which date?

- A) May 7 ☒
- B) May 8
- C) May 9
- D) May 10



- ✓ The World Athletics Day is observed every year on May 7 to popularize sports among the youth, to promote athletics as the primary sport in schools and institutions and to encourage and introduce new talent and youngsters in the field of athletics.

2. The birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore has celebrated on which date in India?

- A) May 7 ☒
- B) May 8
- C) May 9
- D) May 10



- ✓ The birth anniversary of Asia's first Nobel laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore has celebrated on May 7, 2021. His songs are known as Rabindra Sangeet. Tagore has composed the national anthems of both India and Bangladesh. Tagore's own English translations of his collection of Bengali poems Gitanjali fetched him the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913. Tagore's works were widely translated into English, Dutch, German, Spanish, and other European languages.

3. What is the theme of 2021 International Day of Families?

- A) Families and inclusive societies
- B) Families and new technologies ☒
- C) Families and Climate Action
- D) Families, healthy lives and sustainable future



- ✓ The International Day of Families is observed every year on May 15 across the world to promote awareness of issues relating to families and increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic progression that affects families. The 2021 theme "Families and new technologies".

4. What is the theme of the 2021 World Asthma Day?

- A) Better Air Better Breathing
- B) Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions ☒
- C) Understanding Asthma
- D) Stop for Asthma



- ✓ The World Asthma Day is celebrated every year on first Tuesday of May to increase awareness about asthma and aims to improve the lives of people with asthma across the world. Asthma is a chronic disease of the lungs which causes breathing problems.
- ✓ Asthma usually appears through symptoms like coughing, tightness in the chest, breathlessness. The 2020 World Asthma Day is observed on 4<sup>th</sup> of May with theme "Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions". Asthma is one of the major non-communicable diseases and it is also the most common chronic disease in children. Regular exercise can help reduce asthma symptoms.

5. What is the theme of the 2021 edition of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day?

- A) Women and Girls in ICT
- B) Bridging the standardization gap
- C) Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All
- D) Accelerating Digital Transformation in challenging times ☒



- ✓ The World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed across the globe every year on May 17 to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other Information and Communication Technologies can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.
- ✓ The 2021 theme is "Accelerating Digital Transformation in challenging times". The day also marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union.

6. What is the theme of the 2021 edition of World Hypertension Day?

- A) Awareness of high blood pressure
- B) Know your numbers
- C) Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer ☒
- D) Healthy diet, healthy blood pressure



- ✓ The World Hypertension Day is observed every year on May 17 to spread awareness about the disease that the World Health Organisation calls a "silent killer" and "global public health issue". The 2021 theme is "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer".

7. 'Jezero' Crater, whose images have been captured recently, is a crater in which astronomical body?

- A) Moon
- B) Sun
- C) Mars ☒
- D) Venus



- ✓ NASA's Perseverance rover has recently started to study the floor structure of the ancient crater- Jezero Crater. The rover has started focusing its science instruments on rocks laying on the floor of the crater. A camera named 'WATSON' at the end of the rover's robotic arm has taken detailed shots of the rocks. The rover is also documenting the historic flights of the rotorcraft of Ingenuity.

8. What is the outlay of the PLI Scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage?

- A) Rs 8,100 cr
- B) Rs 18,100 cr ☒
- C) Rs 48,100 cr
- D) Rs 78,100 cr



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a ₹18,100 crore production-linked incentive scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage. The prime objective is to set up 50 GWh manufacturing capacity for advance chemistry cell batteries. This is expected to accelerate switching to electric vehicles to curb pollution and reduce oil imports.

9. Al-Aqsa Mosque, which was making news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Israel ☒
- B) Italy
- C) Vatican City
- D) UAE



- ✓ The Al-Aqsa Mosque, located in the city of Jerusalem, Israel, is the third holiest site in Islam. The mosque is said to be built on top of the Temple Mount. Over 300 Palestinians were injured when Israeli armed forces stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque.

- ✓ In retaliation, Hamas, the Islamist militant group that runs Gaza, fired rockets. Israelis then launched an airstrike on Gaza, killing at least 21 Palestinians.

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10. Which organisation releases the 'World Economic Situation and Prospects' report?

- A) World Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) United Nations ☒
- D) Asian Development Bank



- ✓ The United Nations has recently released the update of the 'World Economic Situation and Prospects' report. As per the update, the UN has raised India's growth forecast to 7.5 percent for the year 2021, which is a 0.2 per cent increase from its projection in January. It also predicted that India's GDP would grow by 10.1 percent in 2022.

1. Which Indian state has launched 'Mission Oxygen' plan, to increase daily production of Oxygen up to 3000 mt?

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



- ✓ Under its 'Mission Oxygen', also coined as Swayampurna Maharashtra, the state aims to increase daily production of Oxygen up to 3,000 metric tonnes. The state also has a short-term goal of 2300 MT to be achieved in the next six months. It aims to encourage the private sector to generate liquid medical oxygen.

2. Which space probe has detected humming sound in interstellar space?

- A) Voyager 1 ☒  
B) Insight  
C) Ingenuity  
D) Reconnaissance Orbiter



- ✓ The Voyager 1 probe of NASA, has detected humming sound in space, which is said to be caused by gas in interstellar space. The plasma wave system of the probe had made this observation. The Voyager 1 probe was launched by NASA in the year 1977, to study the outer Solar System.

3. KVK of which state has for the first time introduced Hydrogel capsules, for soil conservation?

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



- ✓ The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in Palakkad of Kerala state, had for the first time introduced Hydrogel capsules, a year ago. This is made out of biodegradable starch gel, which holds water up to 400 times its weight. The gel releases water in the soil and helps to retain soil moisture. The capsule, developed by ICAR, has become very popular now in the state and the KVK has registered a sale of around 3-4 lakh capsules.

4. Which country has proposed to introduce a new Voter's Law, in which voters are required to prove their identities?

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



- ✓ The Government of the United Kingdom, has proposed to introduce a new law this year, which mandates voters to prove their identities at the time of casting their votes. Presently, voters need to only give their name and address to be able to vote. The UK Government has proposed the new law to curb voter frauds. But this move is also seen as a threat to the country's democracy.

5. As per the World Bank's Migration and Development Brief, which country registered the highest remittance inflow in 2020?

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



- ✓ As per the World Bank's Migration and Development Brief, India registered the highest remittance inflow in 2020 at USD 83 billion. It had a drop of just 0.2 percent from the previous year. India is followed by China, which received USD59.5 billion in remittances in 2020 against USD68.3 billion the previous year. Remittances outflow from India in 2020 was USD7 billion, against USD7.5 billion in 2019.

6. Which country hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> BRICS Employment Working Group Meeting?

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



- ✓ India has assumed BRICS Presidency this year and hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> BRICS Employment Working Group Meeting in New Delhi. Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Labour and Employment chaired the Working Group Meeting.  
✓ The prime agenda for the discussions were Promoting Social Security Agreements amongst BRICS Nations, Formalization of labour markets, Participation of women in labour force and Gig and platform workers.

7. Dr Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, an expert of Indian descent, was recently conferred with which prize?

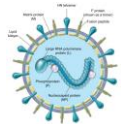
- A) Global Teacher Award  
B) International Booker Prize  
C) World Food Prize ☒  
D) Chern Medal



- ✓ Dr Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, a global nutrition expert of Indian descent has won the prestigious 2021 World Food Prize. The veteran's research on small native fish species led to the development of nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquaculture and food systems.

8. HPIVs are the leading cause of which type of illness in children?

- A) Respiratory illness ☒  
B) Neurological illness  
C) Digestive illness  
D) Mental disorder



- ✓ Human parainfluenza viruses (HPIVs), are the leading cause of childhood respiratory infections. They are responsible for 30% to 40% of illnesses like pneumonia. They also affect the elderly and those with compromised immune systems.  
✓ Recently, researchers engineered a short chunk of protein, or peptide, that can prevent the attachment of human parainfluenza viruses to cells.

9. 'Heartbeat Act', which was making news recently, is associate with which field?

- A) Anti-Racism  
B) Termination of Pregnancy ☒  
C) Euthanasia  
D) Autism



- ✓ 'Heartbeat bill' is a controversial legislation in the United States which makes abortions illegal as soon as the fetal heartbeat can be detected.  
✓ Under the proposed Texas Heartbeat Act, abortions would be prohibited once a fetal heartbeat is detected, which can be as early



as six weeks into pregnancy. It allows anyone to sue providers and others who violate the guidelines.

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10. Which Indian has been conferred with the Whitley Award 2021?

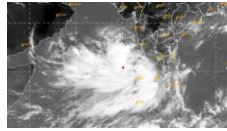
- A) Nuklu Phom ☒
- B) Akshay Kumar
- C) Mary Kom
- D) Suzana D'Souza



- ✓ Nuklu Phom, a Church worker from Nagaland has been conferred with the Whitley Award 2021, which is also called as the "Green Oscar Award". He is the only India to be conferred with this award, which is given annually by Whitley Fund for Nature, in recognition of people who conserve nature at the grassroots level.
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1. Which country has coined the name "Tauktae" for the cyclone in Arabian Sea?

- A) India  
B) Sri Lanka  
C) Myanmar ☒  
D) Pakistan



- ✓ As per the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), a low-pressure area which was formed in the Arabian Sea, would evolve into a cyclonic storm and has been given the name "Tauktae". This name has been coined by Myanmar. This cyclone in Arabia Sea is likely to bring heavy rains in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and south Konkan region.

2. As per the report on environmentally vulnerable cities by Verisk Maplecroft, how many cities among the top 100 are located in Asia?

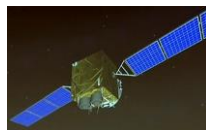
- A) 2  
B) 19  
C) 56  
D) 99 ☒



- ✓ Business risk analysts Verisk Maplecroft has recently released a report on the cities which are most vulnerable to environmental hazards. As per the report, among the top 100 vulnerable cities, 99 are located in Asia. Jakarta has topped the list and Delhi has been ranked at No.2. More than 400 large cities across the globe with a total population of 1.5 billion are at "high" or "extreme" risk, as per the report.

3. Two classified Yaogan satellites have been launched by which country?

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



- ✓ China has recently launched two classified Yaogan satellites from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in South West China. These satellites were carried by Changse 2C rocket. The satellites are said to be put for use in electromagnetic environmental surveys and other related technical tests.

4. Which state has launched the "Mahtari Dular Yojna" scheme?

- A) Uttarakhand  
B) Uttar Pradesh  
C) Chhattisgarh ☒  
D) Odisha



- ✓ The state Government of Chhattisgarh has launched the scheme named "Chhattisgarh Mahtari Dular Yojna". Under this scheme, the state would bear the education expenses of the children who have lost parents to COVID-19. A stipend of Rs.500 per month will be paid to such children who are studying in Classes 1 to 8 and Rs.1000 per month for Classes 9 to 12. This scheme is applicable for children studying in both Government and Private schools.

5. A bank mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act is known as?

- A) Co-operative Bank  
B) Small Finance Bank  
C) Scheduled Commercial Bank ☒  
D) Foreign Bank operating in India

- ✓ A bank mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act is known as 'Scheduled Commercial Bank'. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has excluded Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act after it was merged with DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL) last year.

6. Which institution has set up a dedicated portal – CovAid, to track aid coming from individual organisations?

- A) Supreme Court of India  
B) ICMR  
C) Give India Foundation  
D) NITI Aayog ☒



- ✓ The NITI Aayog has set up a dedicated portal named 'CovAid', to track all aid coming via missions or by individual organisations, with a detailed SOP (standard operating procedure). At present, there are three channels for receiving aid – government to government, routed via the Ministry of External Affairs to the Health Ministry; Private to government, through COVAID portal and donations through states, NGOs and CSO.

7. Kundoli Proposed Reserve Forest, where 18 elephants have recent died, is situated in which state?

- A) Karnataka  
B) Himachal Pradesh  
C) Assam ☒  
D) Kerala



- ✓ On the night of May 12, as many as 18 elephants died in the Bamuni hillock in the Kundoli Proposed Reserve Forest under the Kathiatoli range, Assam. Initial findings from the post mortem indicate that the reason for the death was a lightning strike. The samples have been sent to laboratories for further microbiological and toxicological examination.

8. What is the theme of the International Day of Families 2021?

- A) Families during COVID  
B) Families and New Technologies ☒  
C) Family during Quarantine  
D) Social Distancing for Families



- ✓ In 1993, the UN General Assembly declared that 15 May of every year should be observed as The International Day of Families. The theme of this year's observance is 'Families and New Technologies'. It focuses on the impacts of new technologies on the well-being of families.

9. Malerkotla has been announced as the new district of which state?

- A) Punjab ☒  
B) Karnataka  
C) Rajasthan  
D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh announced Malerkotla as the state's new district. After a long-pending demand of the people, Malerkotla is named as the 23rd district of the state. Malerkotla is a Muslim majority town and it was a part of Sangrur district. At the time of the country's Independence Punjab had 13 districts.

10. Which is the first Indian state to pass 'Agri-Tourism policy'?

- A) Punjab
- B) Maharashtra ☒
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Maharashtra cabinet approved an Agro-tourism policy aimed at empowering farmers, in September 2020. It aims to provide market for agriculture produce, encourage agriculture allied business, and provide employment opportunities to women and youth in rural areas. Every year World Agri-Tourism Day is celebrated on May 16. This year, Government of Maharashtra, Agri-Tourism Development Corporation is to organise International Conference on Agri-Tourism.
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1. "Woman Sitting Near a Window" is a famous painting of which artist?

- A) Pablo Picasso ☒  
 B) Leonardo da Vinci  
 C) Vincent van Gogh  
 D) Salvador Dalí



- ✓ Pablo Picasso's famous "Woman Sitting Near a Window (Marie-Therese)" painting was sold for USD 103.4 million at Christie's in New York. This is the first time in two years that a work has broken the USD 100 million mark. The painting, completed in 1932, was originally estimated to be sold USD 55 million. Five works by Picasso have now crossed the threshold of USD 100 million.

2. KP Sharma Oli, has been reappointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

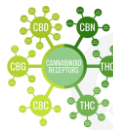
- A) Bangladesh  
 B) Myanmar  
 C) Nepal ☒  
 D) Bhutan



- ✓ Nepal's Prime Minister, KP Sharma Oli has formed a minority government after opposition parties failed to form a coalition. He has become the Prime Minister for the third time. The 43rd PM had earlier lost a vote of confidence in Parliament. President Bidya Devi Bhandari appointed Mr Oli as Prime Minister, as he is the leader of the largest party in Parliament. He is the Parliamentary leader of Communist Party of Nepal- Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML).

3. Which is the first country to ban all synthetic cannabinoids?

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



- ✓ The Chinese government has announced that all synthetic cannabinoids will be included in the list of banned drugs. Synthetic cannabinoids come under the category of manufactured chemicals that target the same receptors in the brain as the natural cannabinoids in marijuana. The authorities announced a ban on 18 other psychoactive substances.

4. "Tianwen-1", which has successfully landed on Mars, was launched by which country?

- A) USA  
 B) UAE  
 C) North Korea  
 D) China ☒



- ✓ The Chinese spacecraft named Tianwen-1 has successfully landed on the Mars planet. This makes China the second country after the USA to land its rover on the red planet. The landing has been confirmed by the China National Space Administration (CNSA) and has stated that the spacecraft has landed on Utopia Planitia which is a large plain in the northern hemisphere of Mars.

5. Which government scheme aims to improve the income of farming households by providing them with Rs.6000 per year directly to their bank accounts?

- A) PM FBY  
 B) PM KISAN ☒  
 C) PM JJBY  
 D) PM JDY



- ✓ The Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN) was launched to augment income of farming households in India, by providing them with an amount of Rs.6000/- per year in three instalments of Rs.2000/- each. Recently, the Government of India has released the 8th instalment of ₹2,000 to each farmer since the launch of the scheme, which were directed to the farmers of West Bengal.

6. Which of the following cyclones have formed in the Arabian Sea, in the past?

- A) Vardah  
 B) Fani  
 C) Gaja  
 D) Nilofar ☒



- ✓ Nilofar is a very severe and intensified cyclone, which was formed in the year 2014 in Arabian Sea. Winds reached a maximum speed of close to 250 kmph, during the formation of the cyclone. Recently, Cyclone Tauktae has formed in the Arabian sea, which is expected to become a very severe storm and is expected to cross the coast of Gujarat.

7. As per the research by Aalto University, which condition would lead to fall in global food production by 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the present levels?

- A) Greenhouse Gas emission ☒  
 B) US/EU Protectionism  
 C) USA China Trade War  
 D) El Nino



- ✓ As per a recent research by Aalto University, the global food production would fall by more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the present production levels in future, if there exists out-of-control growth of greenhouse gas emissions in the world. The research report has been published in the prestigious journal "One Earth" and presents a detailed analysis on the relationship between food production and greenhouse gases.

8. The anniversary of the first successful operation of Laser in 1960 by Theodore Maiman is observed as which international day?

- A) International Laser Day  
 B) International Light Day ☒  
 C) International Physics Day  
 D) International Engineering Day



- ✓ The International Day of Light is celebrated on 16 May each year, the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman. The message of the International Day of Light 2021 is "Trust Science". The Day is a global initiative to provide a platform for the appreciation of light and the role it plays in diverse fields.

9. Professor MS Narasimhan, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?

- A) Physics  
 B) Mathematics ☒  
 C) Textile Design  
 D) Architecture



- ✓ Famous mathematician Professor MS Narasimhan has recently passed away at the age of 88. He was known for the Narasimhan-Seshadri theorem, propounded along with another mathematician C. S. Seshadri and both were elected as Fellows of the Royal Society,

London. He was the only Indian to receive the King Faisal International Prize in the field of science.

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10. Which tennis player has clinched the Italian Open tennis tournament?

- A) Roger Federer
- B) Rafael Nadal ☒
- C) Novak Djokovic
- D) Andy Murray



- ✓ Spanish Tennis veteran Rafael Nadal beat ace player Novak Djokovic to clinch the Italian Open title, for a record 10<sup>th</sup> time. In the women's final, reigning French Open champion Iga Swiatek defeated Karolina Pliskova 6-0 6-0, to clinch the title.
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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?

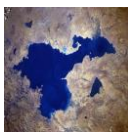
- A) May 10  
B) May 12  
C) May 16 ☒  
D) May 18



- ✓ '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/mm<sup>3</sup>, 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?

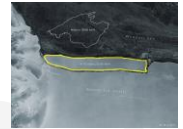
- A) Andhra Pradesh ☒  
B) Haryana  
C) Rajasthan  
D) Punjab



- ✓ 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-Lametaghat 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.

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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 ☒

34

- ✓ 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?

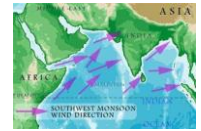
- A) Dengue
- B) Pneumonia
- C) COVID-19
- D) Mucormycosis ☒



- ✓ 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.

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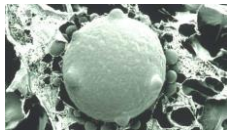
10. What is the new infection diagnosed in India, which is caused due to low immunity and is more adverse than black fungus?

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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?

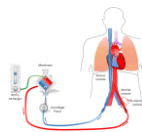
- A) Mercury
- B) Mars
- C) Earth
- D) Jupiter ☒



- ✓ "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.

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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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