

1. Aspergillosis, which was making news recently, is a ..... disease?

- A) Viral  
B) Bacteria  
C) Fungi   
D) None of the above



- ✓ Aspergillosis is an infection, allergic reaction, or fungal growth caused by the Aspergillus fungus. Recently, after a sharp rise in black and white fungus cases in India, cases of aspergillosis infections have been reported. Those with weakened immune systems or lung diseases, which is common in COVID-19 patients, are said to be at high risk of infection.

2. Which state launched the Chief Minister's Sishu Sewa Scheme?

- A) Uttar Pradesh  
B) Assam   
C) Bihar  
D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ The Assam government has recently announced Chief Minister's Sishu Sewa Scheme for the welfare of those children who lost parents due to COVID-19. Monthly scholarship of Rs. 3,500 per month would be given to those children who lost their parents but have their extended family members. Free residential educational facilities would be provided to children who don't have extended family members.

3. Which state has introduced India's 1<sup>st</sup> city sewage surveillance system?

- A) Tamil Nadu  
B) Karnataka   
C) Maharashtra  
D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The state government of Karnataka has introduced a city sewage surveillance system in Bangalore. This is aimed to track coronavirus at an early stage. This effort of Karnataka is supported by USAID (United States Agency for International Development) and COVIDactionCollab (CAC). CAC is supporting the state by providing training to sanitation workers in collecting samples and analysing them in labs.

4. Tasneem Aslam from Kerala has received the Golden Visa in the exceptional student category, to which country?

- A) USA  
B) UAE   
C) Japan  
D) Australia



- ✓ Tasneem Aslam, an Indian student belonging to Kerala has received United Arab Emirates (UAE) 10-year Golden Visa under the exceptional student category.  
✓ The student is permitted to stay in the UAE till the year 2031. This visa is one of the most coveted documents, which is given to prominent global personalities for merit and academic credentials.

5. "Sea snot" which is in the news, has been reported to accumulate in the coast of which country?

- A) India  
B) Singapore  
C) Turkey   
D) Japan



- ✓ Marine mucilage or "sea snot" is reported to have accumulated along the coast of Turkey. The sea snot is a thick jelly-like layer of slime which is formed by the population explosion of microscopic plants called phytoplankton. Some Researchers believe that the increase in sea surface temperature due to climate change, has led to this effect while few others see over-fishing as the root cause.

6. Which state has launched the portal named "Akanksha"?

- A) Karnataka   
B) Odisha  
C) Madhya Pradesh  
D) Haryana



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Karnataka B S Yediyurappa has launched a portal named Akanksha, which would provide details on all the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities in Karnataka.  
✓ This comprehensive portal would help the state Government officials, corporates and donors. It seeks to improve transparency in utilisation of CSR funds by the Government.

7. Which country has introduced a new legislation named as EAGLE Act?

- A) USA   
B) UAE  
C) UK  
D) Syria



- ✓ A bill named "Ensuring American Global Leadership and Engagement" or EAGLE Act has been moved in the USA's legislative body. This bill is seen as a counter to the policy challenges posed by China. The bill seeks for increased investment to promote US manufacturing, trade and seeks for increased US intervention to Taiwan and Hong Kong.

8. What is the name of the undersea power cable project between Germany and Norway?

- A) GermanLink  
B) NordLink   
C) NorwayLink  
D) GeNorLink



- ✓ Germany and Norway have opened the operations of a 623-kilometer undersea power cable between the two countries. This project is called the NordLink and is aimed to exchange green energy between the two countries. The project has cost more than \$2.2 billion and is seen as a major initiative to shift to green energy.

9. As a COVID-19 distress mitigating measure, PSBs in India announced to provide unsecured loans to individuals up to which amount?

- A) Rs 1 lakh  
B) Rs 2 lakh  
C) Rs 5 lakh   
D) Rs 25 lakh



- ✓ As a measure to mitigate the distress caused due to COVID 19 pandemic, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in India have announced to provide financial assistance to individuals in the form of unsecured loans up to a limit of Rs 5 lakh. This is a part of the three new loan products introduced by the PSBs to provide financial support to vaccine manufacturers, hospitals/dispensaries, pathology labs etc.

10. Offshore patrol vessel "Sajag" has been commissioned to which armed force?

- A) Indian Coast Guard
- B) Indian Navy
- C) Indian Army
- D) CRPF



- ✓ Offshore patrol vessel ICG Sajag has been commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard, by the National Security Advisor to India (NSA) Ajit Doval. The ship was commissioned by NSA virtually. This vessel is constructed by the Goa Shipyard Limited exclusively for the Coast Guard. At present, the Indian Coast Guard has 160 ships and 62 aircraft in its fleet.
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