

1. Abdulla Shahid, who has been elected as the next president of the United Nations General Assembly, belongs to which country?

- A) Maldives   
 B) Iran  
 C) Pakistan  
 D) Saudi Arabia



- ✓ Abdulla Shahid, who is currently the Foreign Minister of Maldives, has been elected as the next president of the United Nations General Assembly. This is the first time the Maldives is to occupy the office of the President of the UNGA. The 76<sup>th</sup> UNGA session (2021-22) was the turn of the Asia-Pacific group.

2. A. cooperensis has been identified recently, as the biggest dinosaur of which country/ region?

- A) Russia  
 B) Australia   
 C) Africa  
 D) Antarctica



- ✓ The Australotitan cooperensis has been recently identified as the biggest dinosaur of Australia. This was announced after its bones were first uncovered. This is a part of the titanosaur family that lived about 100 million years ago. It is estimated to had a height of 5-6.5 metres and a length of 25-30 metres. Based on the limb size comparisons, this new titanosaur is estimated to be in the top five largest in the world.

3. 'Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan' is an initiative of which institution?

- A) AIIMS  
 B) NITI Aayog   
 C) ICMR  
 D) IMA



- ✓ NITI Aayog launched the Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan, in association with Piramal Foundation. The campaign is part of a special initiative- Aspirational Districts Collaborative. It aims to provide home-care support to asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic Covid-19 patients in 112 aspirational districts.

4. Which Indian footballer has surpassed Lionel Messi in international goals?

- A) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu  
 B) Sunil Chhetri   
 C) Mohammad Yasir  
 D) Amrinder Singh



- ✓ Indian football star Sunil Chhetri has surpassed Lionel Messi in international goals taking his total to 74 goals for India. He has recently scored both goals in India's 2-0 win over Bangladesh at Doha. Chhetri moved past Messi's 72 goals, in a qualifying match for the 2022 FIFA World Cup and 2023 AFC Asian Cup. Portugal player Cristiano Ronaldo tops the international list with 103 goals.

5. India's first CAR-T cell therapy, which was done recently, is used in treatment of which ailment?

- A) Tuberculosis  
 B) Cancer   
 C) COVID  
 D) AIDS



- ✓ The Centre has approved Rs 19.15 crore for conducting a first-in-human phase-1/2 clinical trial of the CAR-T cells. India's first CAR-T cell therapy was done at the Bone Marrow Transplant unit at ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai. The Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy is a type of gene therapy, used in cancer treatment, especially in patients suffering from acute lymphocytic leukemia.

6. What is the IUCN Red List Category of the North Atlantic right whale, which was making news recently?

- A) Vulnerable  
 B) Endangered  
 C) Critically Endangered   
 D) Extinct in the Wild



- ✓ As per a recent study, the younger generation of North Atlantic right whales are about three feet shorter than whales were 20 years ago. Entanglements with fishing gear, collisions with ships and climate change moving their food supply north are said to be the reasons for this phenomenon. The whales are being classified as 'Critically endangered' by IUCN.

7. Jangi Thopan Powari hydroelectricity project (JTP HEP) is the proposed project over which river?

- A) Ganges  
 B) Sutlej   
 C) Indus  
 D) Yamuna



- ✓ Residents of Himachal Pradesh have been protesting against the proposed 804 MW Jangi Thopan Powari hydroelectricity project (JTP HEP). This is a proposed project over the Sutlej River. The run-of-the-river (ROR) project involves construction of a concrete gravity dam across river Sutlej and underground powerhouse on the right bank.

8. Mount Eko Dumbing, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand  
 B) Sikkim  
 C) Arunachal Pradesh   
 D) Himachal Pradesh

- ✓ Recently, a team of wildlife enthusiasts have sighted two species of monal birds on Mount Eko Dumbing at 4,173 metres above mean sea level. It is located in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Himalayan monal (Lophophorus impejanus) is widely distributed from Afghanistan to northeast India, the Sclater's (Lophophorus sclateri) monal is found in China and Myanmar.

9. The minimum support prices (MSP) of paddy, sesame, tur and urad were hiked recently. These are ..... crops.

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



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved an increase in minimum support prices (MSP) for various kharif crops or the summer-sown crops for marketing season 2021-22. MSP of paddy was hiked by ₹72 to ₹1,940 per quintal for 2021-22 crop year from ₹1,868 per quintal last year.

- ✓ The highest absolute increase in MSP over the previous year is recommended for sesame (₹452 per quintal) followed by tur and urad

(₹300 per quintal each).

10. As per the QS World Rankings 2022, which Indian institution is ranked as the world's top research university?

- A) IIT Chennai
- B) IIT Mumbai
- C) IIT Bengaluru
- D) IISc, Bengaluru



- ✓ The Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World Rankings 2022, which is an annual publication of university rankings has been recently published.
- ✓ As per the release, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru has secured the position of the "world's top research university". This institution has achieved a score of 100/100 under the metric Citations Per Faculty (CPF) assessment.