

1. Which is the top state of India in production of Coal?

- A) Jharkhand
 B) Chhattisgarh
 C) Odisha
 D) Telangana



- ✓ As per the provisional statistics of 2020–21 of the Coal Ministry, India's total coal production registered a decline of 2.02 per cent to 716.084 million tonnes during 2020–21. Of the total production, 671.297 MT was non-coking coal and 44.787 MT was coking coal. Chhattisgarh registered highest coal production of 158.409 MT, followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. Jharkhand was the top producer of coking coal.

2. NEOWISE, which got for two-year mission extension, is the telescope of which space agency?

- A) ISRO
 B) NASA
 C) Roscosmos
 D) JAXA



- ✓ NASA's Near-Earth Object Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (NEOWISE) was recently given a two-year mission extension.
 ✓ It is a near-Earth object (NEO) hunting space telescope, which searches for asteroids and comets – including objects that could pose a hazard to Earth. The telescope has provided an estimate of the size of over 1,850 near-Earth objects.

3. Which country has recently become 15th nation to be part of the world's largest weapons project, Joint Strike Fighter program?

- A) South Africa
 B) Netherlands
 C) Switzerland
 D) Germany



- ✓ F-35 Lightning II is a next generation fighter jet developed by the US-based Lockheed Martin. This stealth multirole aircraft is capable of conducting airstrikes, reconnaissance missions and air-to-air combats. Its development was funded by the US and several of its NATO allies.
 ✓ Switzerland has ordered these fighter jets, making it the 15th nation to be part of the world's largest weapons project, Joint Strike Fighter program.

4. Which is the largest milk producing country in the world?

- A) India
 B) United States
 C) China
 D) Denmark



- ✓ India is the largest producer of milk globally, with an estimated production of 208 million tonnes in FY2021.

5. Virachey National Park, that was recently making news, is located in which country?

- A) Thailand
 B) Malaysia
 C) Cambodia
 D) Singapore



- ✓ Virachey National Park is one of the two Cambodian ASEAN Heritage Parks located at the northeastern part of the country and spanning across more than 3,000 square kilometres. It overlaps Ratanakiri and Stung Treng Provinces.
 ✓ Illegal logging is a major concern in this national forest since the 2000s, leading to a vast expanse of forest being degraded at an exponential scale. However, this situation has improved over the recent years. The rare sighting of giant muntjac in the recent months is the outcome of this progress.

6. Valmiki National Park, which was seen in the news recently, is the only National Park of which state?

- A) Karnataka
 B) Uttar Pradesh
 C) Bihar
 D) Maharashtra



- ✓ Valmiki National Park and Tiger Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary is located at the India–Nepal border in Bihar, on the bank of river Gandak. It is the only National Park in the state of Bihar.
 ✓ The Authorities of the Bihar's Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) have identified 150 vultures in different ranges of the protected area. A proposed plan for vulture conservation is sent to the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (IDWH).

7. What is the name of the tropical storm that has hit Cuba recently?

- A) Elsa
 B) Bill
 C) Danny
 D) Erin



- ✓ Tropical storm Elsa recently hit Cuba. It subsequently exited Cuba, east of the city of Havana, towards Florida. Cuba faced heavy rains due to the storm, causing light flooding in the capital in lower lying coastal areas.

8. Which Ministry launched 'Ayurveda dataset on Clinical Trials Registry– India CTRI Portal'?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 B) Ministry of AYUSH
 C) Ministry of Science and Technology
 D) Ministry of Electronics and IT



- ✓ Union AYUSH Ministry recently launched Ayurveda dataset on The Clinical Trials Registry– India CTRI Portal. The Ayurveda Dataset of CTRI has been jointly developed by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of AYUSH. Union AYUSH Minister also launched four more portals namely AMAR, SAHI, e-MEDHA and RMIS.

9. Which country hosted the CoWIN Global Conclave?

- A) USA
 B) India
 C) Canada
 D) Australia



- ✓ India recently hosted the CoWIN Global Conclave. Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the virtual conclave. As per the CEO of the National Health Authority (NHA), Dr RS Sharma, about 50 countries have shown interest in adopting CoWIN.

- ✓ India is set to provide the open-source version of the platform to the interested countries. CoWIN is a digital platform, developed by India, to efficiently run its vaccination drive.
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10. Which country hosted the 7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) in 2021?

- A) India
- B) France
- C) South Africa
- D) Australia



- ✓ The French Navy hosted the 7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS). It was concluded at Réunion island, a French department in the Indian Ocean. Indian Ocean Naval Symposium is a biennial event, which was conceived by the Indian navy in 2008. IONS includes 24 member nations that touch or lie within the Indian Ocean Region and 8 observer nations.
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