

1. Experts from which state have identified native grasses and trees to improve elephant habitats?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Kerala
 C) Karnataka
 D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ A group of experts from the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) and its Forest College and Research Institute (FC&RI) has undertaken a project to identify native grasses and trees, suitable for elephants. This project aims to standardise mass multiplication techniques.
- ✓ Earlier this year, the Forest Department set up the eight-member team, which recently submitted a report after identifying 29 native grass species and 14 fodder tree species that are eatable for elephants and other herbivores. The team have started a nursery to grow these species.

2. In which Olympics, International Olympic Committee made provisions for flagbearers from both genders at the opening ceremony?

- A) Tokyo 2020
 B) Rio De Janeiro 2016
 C) London 2012
 D) Beijing 2008



- ✓ The International Olympic Committee, for the first time, had made provisions for flagbearers from both genders at the opening ceremony only last year. This will be made effect from the Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- ✓ Indian Boxer M.C. Mary Kom and men's hockey team skipper Manpreet Singh will be flagbearers for India at the opening ceremony of Tokyo Olympics. Wrestler Bajrang Punia will be the flagbearer at the closing ceremony on August 8.

3. What is the expansion of ONDC, a recent project initiated by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)?

- A) Open Network for Digital Commerce
 B) Outsourced for Digital Commerce
 C) Open Network for Development Commerce
 D) Output Network for Development Commerce



- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recently appointed an advisory committee for its Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) project. It aims to promote Open networks developed in open-source methodology.
- ✓ This can also make e-commerce processes open source. National Health Authority CEO RS Sharma and Infosys non-executive chairman Nandan Nilekani are appointed in this council.

4. Haribhanga mangoes, which were making news, are grown in which country?

- A) USA
 B) Bangladesh
 C) China
 D) India



- ✓ The Haribhanga mango variety is grown in Bangladesh, especially in the Rangpur district. Recently, the Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has sent 2,600 kg mangoes as gift for PM Modi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The consignment of the famous 'Haribhanga' mangoes was sent across the land border via the Benapole checkpoint. This is also dubbed as 'Mango Diplomacy'.

5. What is the maximum fine, to be imposed by the Department of Telecommunications, for fraud messages with fake headers?

- A) Rs.10000
 B) Rs.5000
 C) Rs.2500
 D) Rs.1000



- ✓ The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) will impose a fine of up to Rs 10,000 per violation of commercial SMS senders who send fraudulent SMS with fake headers.
- ✓ Apart from the fine of Rs 1000 to Rs 10000 per violation, the DoT will also undertake permanent suspension of the sending mobile number or sender ID, depending on the number of violations.

6. Which country releases the Trafficking in Persons report, annually?

- A) USA
 B) Sweden
 C) Norway
 D) Australia



- ✓ The Trafficking in Persons report is an annual study released by the U.S. State Department. As per the report, the pandemic caused an increase in vulnerability to human trafficking and damaged existing anti-traffic efforts.
- ✓ The U.S. has also determined that governments of twelve countries, including China, had a policy of trafficking in the reporting period.

7. As of 2021, which actor holds the record of receiving most Filmfare Awards for Best Actor?

- A) Dilip Kumar
 B) Rajinikanth
 C) Vijay
 D) Ajith



- ✓ Legendary actor Dilip Kumar died recently at the age of 98. He holds the record of receiving most Filmfare Award for Best Actor, by winning the award for 8 times.
- ✓ He had won various awards during his 5-decade journey in Cinema, including Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1994, Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2015) and Pakistan's Nishan-e-Imtiaz (1998). He was nominated as the Member of Parliament in Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra in 2000-2006.

8. Which institution released the report titled "The Hunger Virus Multiplies"?

- A) World Bank
 B) UNICEF
 C) Oxfam
 D) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



- ✓ Oxfam has recently released a new report titled "The Hunger Virus Multiplies". As per the report, eleven people die every minute of hunger. The report also found that the number of those facing famine-like conditions globally has increased by six times over the past year. It highlighted that famine outpaces COVID-19, which kills about seven people per minute.

9. Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2021 is associated with which country?

- A) India
- B) Pakistan
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Kuwait



- ✓ Pakistan passed the Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2021, which aims to protect women, children, the elderly and other vulnerable groups from domestic violence.
- ✓ The bill states that any act of domestic violence will be punishable with imprisonment of a maximum period of three years and not less than six months, along with fines up to Rs 1 lakh. It was also passed by the Senate and awaiting presidential assent.

10. Who has been appointed as the first Union Minister of the new 'Ministry of Cooperation'?

- A) Kiren Rijiju
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Anurag Thakur
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman



- ✓ Union Minister Amit Shah, has been appointed as the first Union Minister of the newly-set up Ministry of Cooperation along with his current Home Affairs portfolio. The setting up of the Ministry of Cooperation was aimed at providing more focus to the cooperative movement in the country.
- ✓ "Sahkar se samridhi" (Prosperity from cooperation) is its vision statement, according to a release from the Cabinet Secretariat. This ministry will provide a separate administrative, legal, and policy framework to strengthen the cooperative movement in the country.