

1. Satkosia Tiger Reserve, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

- A) West Bengal
B) Odisha
C) Uttarakhand
D) Bihar



- ✓ Paradoxurus hermaphrodites, the common palm civet has been spotted in Odisha after 129 years, in the Satkosia Tiger Reserve (STR). It is also called as the Asian palm civet, found in southern and south-eastern Asia. It is a small mammal belonging to the family Viverridae. Their long body is covered with coarse hair, which is usually grey in colour.

2. Which institution released a report titled 'Suffering in Silence', to highlight the plight of Niger during Covid-19?

- A) World Bank
B) UNICEF
C) IMF
D) UNHCR



- ✓ UNICEF has recently released a report titled 'Suffering in Silence', to highlight the plight of Niger during Covid-19. As per the report, more than 2.1 million children need humanitarian help in the country. In 2021, 3.8 million people will need humanitarian assistance in Niger. In addition to the armed conflict, displacement, floods, diseases and malnutrition, Niger has also been affected by the impacts of Covid-19 recently.

3. Cambridge-1, which was making news recently, is the supercomputer of which country?

- A) UK
B) Russia
C) USA
D) Japan



- ✓ The UK's most powerful supercomputer, named Cambridge-1 is operational now. It is expected to make the process of preventing, diagnosing and treating disease faster and cheaper.
✓ It is a \$100m investment by US-based computing company Nvidia. Cambridge-1 can integrate different datasets. It collaborates with various pharma companies and start-ups for data.

4. Indian biologists have identified a new plant species named 'Bryum bhartiensis', in which continent?

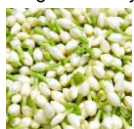
- A) Africa
B) Antarctica
C) Asia
D) Europe



- ✓ Indian biologists have identified a species of moss during an expedition to Antarctica in 2017. This has been published in an international journal recently. The biologists, based in the Central University of Punjab, have named the species as Bryum bhartiensis. Bharati is the name of one of India's Antarctic research stations. The most astonishing fact is how the moss survives in the landscape of rock and ice.

5. GI-certified jasmine flowers, which were making recently, belong to which state?

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



- ✓ Geographical Indications (GI) certified Madurai jasmine and other traditional flowers such as button rose, lily, chamanthi, and marigold

were exported to the US and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Tamil Nadu.

- ✓ As per the Commerce & Industry Ministry, this export initiative generated employment for 130 women workers. The flowers sourced from places near Madurai are processed in APEDA registered centre.

6. Nihal Sarin, who was seen in the news recently, is associated with sports?

- A) Tennis
B) Table Tennis
C) Chess
D) Swimming



- ✓ 16-year-old Indian Grandmaster Nihal Sarin recently became champion in the Masters' section of the Serbia Open Chess Championship in Belgrade.
✓ This is the second consecutive tournament victory for Nihal Sarin after he claimed the title in Silver Lake Open tournament. Sarin became a Grandmaster in 2018 at the age of 14. In this tournament, he won six games and drew three, to remain unbeaten.

7. Bhalia variety of wheat, which is a GI tagged product, belongs to which state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Gujarat
C) Assam
D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ The Bhalia variety of wheat, which has a high protein content and a peculiar sweet in taste was awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in the year 2011. This is grown across the Bhal region of Gujarat. Recently, the Government of India has commenced the exports of Bhalia variety of wheat to Kenya and Sri Lanka from Gujarat.

8. The world's tallest sandcastle has been built in which country?

- A) Denmark
B) Scotland
C) France
D) Norway



- ✓ In the seaside town of Blokhus - Denmark, the world's tallest sandcastle has been built. The castle is more than 20 metres in height and has been built using nearly 5,000 tonnes of sand. This is 3 metres taller than one built in Germany in 2019, which was previously the tallest sand castle to be built on earth.

9. Where is the National Forensic Science University located in India?

- A) Ahmedabad
B) Mumbai
C) Mysuru
D) Chennai



- ✓ National Forensic Science University, erstwhile known as 'Gujarat Forensic Science University' is dedicated to forensic and investigative science. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the newly built Center of Excellence for Research & Analysis of Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances of the National Forensic Science University in Ahmedabad. Virtual training on Investigation of Crimes Against Women was also inaugurated.

10. The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) issued framework to set up ITFS Platform. What does ITFS stand for?

- A) Indian Trade Finance Services
- B) International Trade Finance Services
- C) Indian Trade Finance Secretariat
- D) International Trade Finance Secretariat



- ✓ International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) was set up to develop and regulate the financial products, financial services and financial institutions in the International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs). IFSCA has issued a framework for setting up and operating International Trade Finance Services Platform (ITFS).
- ✓ This will help the Exporters and Importers to avail various types of trade finance facilities for their international trade transactions.