

1. From which State, a rare orchid species has been found for the first time in India?

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



- ✓ A rare orchid species -- *Cephalanthera erecta* var. *oblanceolata* -- has been found for the first time in India in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district at an altitude of 1870 metres. A research paper on the new addition to Indian flora has been published in *Nelumbo*, the six-monthly journal of BSI and volumes listing the orchid species of India will soon be updated.

2. With which organization, Universal Service Obligation Fund has partnered for high-speed internet access to North Eastern States?

- A) BSNL
 B) MTNL
 C) Airtel
 D) Vi



- ✓ For making available high quality and high-speed internet access to the States of North Eastern Region of the country, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has signed an Agreement with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited for hiring of 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet Connectivity to Agartala from Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company Limited BSCCL Bangladesh through Cox Bazar and Kuakata.
- ✓ Under the Agreement, USOF will provide financial support to BSNL for a period of three years for hiring the International Bandwidth. The availability of high-speed internet access will help the citizens in accessing various e-services such as e-governance, e-education, e-health, e-commerce, e-banking, etc.

3. Which country has commenced anti-submarine drills in the South China Sea?

- A) Japan
 B) China
 C) Singapore
 D) Indonesia



- ✓ Japan's Maritime Self-defense Force has commenced anti-submarine drills in the South China Sea, as per the recent statement from the Japanese Defence Ministry. The exercise deployed three vessels including a helicopter aircraft carrier and a submarine.
- ✓ The entire South China Sea is claimed by China, which has established military outposts on artificial islands. The United States has been accusing China of militarising the South China Sea.

4. Recently, which state has launched COVID Affected Livelihood Support Scheme to provide assistance to those who had been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

- A) Manipur
 B) Puducherry
 C) Maharashtra
 D) Odisha



- ✓ Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has launched COVID-19 Affected Livelihood Support Scheme to provide assistance to those who had been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the State.
- ✓ The distribution of a total amount of Rs 1.56 crore to 6,276 beneficiaries of the scheme at the rate of Rs 2500 per beneficiary marked the launch function.

5. What is the name of the portal that has been launched by the government to help in facilitating new MGNREGA assets using remote sensing and geographic information system-based data?

- A) Bhoomi Rashi
 B) Madad
 C) Yuktdhara
 D) eSanad



- ✓ The government has launched a new geospatial planning portal, 'Yuktdhara', which will help in facilitating new MGNREGA assets using remote sensing and geographic information system-based data. The portal will serve as a repository of geotags created under various national rural development programmes.
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6. India has pitched indigenously built fighter aircraft, anti-tank missiles at 'ARMY-2021.' In which country ARMY-2021 is being held?

- A) India
 B) Russia
 C) Israel
 D) United States of America



- ✓ India has pitched its indigenously built fighter aircraft LCA Tejas, Anti-Tank Guided Missiles, Arjun Main Battle Tank (MK1A) at the International Military-Technical Forum "ARMY-2021" which is being held in the Moscow region.
- ✓ DRDO is participating in the International Military-Technical Forum "ARMY-2021" at Kubinka, Moscow from Aug.22-28. DRDO is the part of India's pavilion where advanced defence technologies and systems will be displayed along with Indian Defence Industries namely Goa Shipyard Limited, Ordnance Factories and Bharat Earth Movers Limited etc.

7. Recently, which organization has launched 34 satellites?

- A) ISRO
 B) Space X
 C) NASA
 D) OneWeb



- ✓ Bharti Group-backed OneWeb, a low earth orbit (LEO) satellite communications company has confirmed the launch of 34 satellites by Arianespace from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. The launch follows the successful completion of OneWeb's 'Five to 50' mission. This launch brings OneWeb's total in-orbit constellation to 288 satellites.

8. Which bank has launched a digital and instant Blocked Account for students aspiring to study in Germany?

- A) Citibank
 B) ICICI Bank Germany
 C) Deutsche Bank
 D) State Bank of India



- ✓ ICICI Bank Germany has announced the launch of a digital and instant Blocked Account for students aspiring to study in Germany. A Blocked Account is a special type of account wherein students are required to keep a certain amount of money in order to get a Balance Confirmation Certificate (BCC). This account is mandatory for getting a student Visa in Germany.

- ✓ This account offers students a complimentary Current Account that the students can use in Germany. It also comes with a VISA debit card which can be used anywhere in the world.

9. Which state has emerged as a leading state in trading at National Agriculture Market (eNAM)?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Rajasthan
- C) West Bengal
- D) Kerala



- ✓ Rajasthan has emerged as a leading state in trading at National Agriculture Market (eNAM). Rajasthan was the first state to allow conversion of all single trading licenses into unified license to promote e-Trade of farm products. Till now, total 37346 traders are working as unified licensee traders.

10. Recently, who has become the first Indian to receive Congressional Gold Medal?

- A) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
- B) Mahatma Gandhi
- C) Bhagat Singh
- D) B R Ambedkar



- ✓ New York Congresswoman Caroline Maloney re-introduced legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to Mahatma Gandhi. He has been awarded for his contributions made through his methods of non-violence. He would become the first Indian to receive the Congressional Gold Medal, which is the highest civilian award in the US.