

1. Which organisation released a report titled 'Sustainable Urban Cooling Handbook'?

- A) UNEP
 B) FAO
 C) NITI Aayog
 D) NABARD



- ✓ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released a new report titled 'Sustainable Urban Cooling Handbook'. As per the report, cities will be the hotspots as global warming continues uncontrolled. Overheated cities will face climate change costs. The report is based on an analysis of the world's 1692 largest cities.

2. As of November 2021, how many countries are part of the Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA)?

- A) 8
 B) 18
 C) 48
 D) 88



- ✓ Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA) is an international alliance dedicated to phasing out coal. 28 countries have recently joined the alliance at the COP summit. This addition brings the total number of national governments involved to 48.
- ✓ The new members of PPCA include Ukraine, Poland and Singapore. However, China, India and the United States, the three biggest burners of coal worldwide, have not joined the PPCA.

3. Inti tanager (*Heliotrupis oneilli*), a recently discovered species is a?

- A) Bird
 B) Fish
 C) Snake
 D) Spider



- ✓ The newly-discovered species, named the Inti tanager (*Heliotrupis oneilli*), belong to the large family of Thraupidae which includes more than 370 songbird species. The birds are restricted almost entirely to the American tropics. This particular bird inhabits the Yungas bioregion of Bolivia and Peru.

4. Which organisation has launched a smart anti-airfield weapon, along with Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- A) ISRO
 B) DRDO
 C) BHEL
 D) HAL



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Air Force (IAF) have jointly carried out two flight tests of the indigenously-developed smart anti-airfield weapon.
- ✓ The weapon was launched by an IAF aircraft from Chandan ranges at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, as per Defence Ministry statement. The system is designed for a maximum range of 100 kilometres and in both the tests, the intended target was hit with high accuracy.

5. What is the theme of 2021 edition of World Cities Day?

- A) Designed to Live Together
 B) Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience
 C) Changing the world



D) Promoting a better urban future

- ✓ The United Nations' World Cities Day is observed on October 31 to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.
- ✓ This year, in 2021, the UN has selected "Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience" as the theme. The general theme of World Cities Day is 'Better City, Better Life'.

6. On which date, the 2021 edition of World Thrift Day is observed in India?

- A) October 30
 B) October 31
 C) November 01
 D) November 02



- ✓ World Thrift Day is observed on 30 October every year in India and in worldwide it is observed on 31st October. This day is devoted to the promotion of savings all over the world.

7. On which date, World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed?

- A) November 02
 B) November 03
 C) November 04
 D) November 05



- ✓ The World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on Nov.5 to raise awareness about precautionary measures against tsunami and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.
- ✓ Tsunamis are rare events, but can be extremely deadly. In the past 100 years, 58 tsunamis have claimed more than 260,000 lives, which is the highest number of deaths than in any other natural hazard.

8. What is the theme of 2021 edition of World Science Day for Peace and Development?

- A) Science, a Human Right
 B) Science for Global Understanding
 C) Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums
 D) Building Climate-Ready Communities



- ✓ The World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed every year on 10th of November to highlight the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. The theme for 2021 is "Building Climate-Ready Communities".

9. "The State of Climate Ambition" is a report released by which organization?

- A) UNGA
 B) UNDP
 C) IMD
 D) WHO



- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has released a report titled "The State of Climate Ambition", which has observed that close to 93% of Least developed countries have submitted enhanced national climate pledges.
- ✓ The report is released ahead of the COP26 climate negotiations. The report makes a comparative study between the current climate

trends and the assessment made in the 2019 NDC Global Outlook report.

10. What is the name of the deep-sea vehicle being designed in India, under the Samudrayan initiative?

- A) Jadayu 6000
- B) Samudra 6000
- C) Matsya 6000
- D) Meru 6000



- ✓ The Matsya 6000 is the deep-sea vehicle being designed under the Samudrayan initiative. The vehicle will be ready for qualification trials by December 2024. The vehicle could work at a depth between 1000 and 5500 mts. The technology would help in carrying out deep ocean exploration of non-living resources like poly-metallic manganese nodules, gas hydrates, hydro-thermal sulphides and cobalt crusts.
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