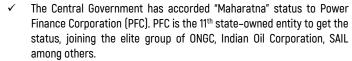
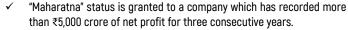
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1. Which public sector unit has recently been accorded "Maharatna" status?

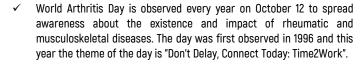
- A) Power Finance Corporation **Z**
- B) Airports Authority of India
- C) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- D) BEML Limited





2. What is the theme of the 'World Arthritis Day 2021'?

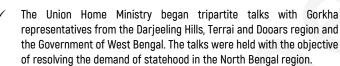
- A) Don't Delay, Connect Today: Time2Work 🗹
- B) Leaving No one behind
- C) Misdiagnosis in Arthritis
- D) 25 years of Arthritis Day



3. Union Home Ministry began tripartite talks with Gorkha representatives and which state government?

A) Odisha

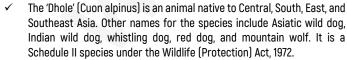
- B) West Bengal
- Cl Assam
- D) Jharkhand



The talks were chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah. The second round of talks with the officials of the Government of West Bengal is scheduled in November 2021.

4. Which animal species is also called as 'Dhole'?

- A) Asiatic Wild Dog 🗹
- B) Hyena
- C) Aardwolf
- D) African Elephant



A recent study has identified 114 priority tehsils where habitats can be consolidated to enhance population connectivity for the dhole or Asiatic Wild Dog. The animals are found across India.

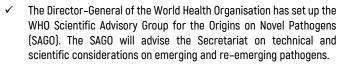
5. Which institution has formed a Scientific Advisory Group for the Origins on Novel Pathogens (SAGO)?

A) UNICEF

B) World Health Organisation 🗹



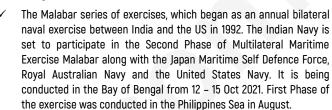
- C) FAO
- D) John Hopkins



✓ An Indian epidemiologist, Dr Raman Gangakhedkar, will be part of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Scientific Advisory Group for determining the origin of covid-19 pandemic.

6. Malabar series of exercises began as a bilateral naval exercise between India and which country, in 1992?

- A) USA 🗹
- B) France
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Bangladesh



- 7. Which institution releases the 'Fiscal Monitor' Report?
- A) World Bank
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) International Monetary Fund **Z**
- D) World Trade Organization



✓ India's debt increased from 68.9 per cent of its GDP in 2016 to 89.6 per cent in 2020. It is projected to jump to 90.6 per cent in 2021.

8. As per Government's recent notification released in 2021, what is the gestational limit for termination of pregnancy?

- A) 12 weeks
- B) 18 weeks
- C) 20 weeks
- D) 24 weeks 🗹

As per the government's new rules, the gestational limit for termination of a pregnancy in India has been increased to 24 weeks. Earlier the limit was 20 weeks.

✓ Under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Rules, 2021, the women including survivors of sexual assault, rape or incest, minors, those whose marital status changes during pregnancy (widowhood and divorce) and those with physical disabilities are included for the new limit.

9. Sela tunnel, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which Indian state?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Sikkim
- C) Arunachal Pradesh 🗹
- D) Assam

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually conducted the final breakthrough blast of the Sela tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh, recently.

The construction of the tunnel is expected to be over by June 2022.

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Sela tunnel is expected be the world's largest bi-lane tunnel at an altitude of more than 13,000 feet.

- The construction is being undertaken by Border Roads Organisation (BRO). The tunnel goes through Sela Pass and will cut down the distance to the China border through Arunachal Pradesh by 10 km.
 - 10. Henrietta Lacks, who received WHO Director-General's Award, was from which country?
 - A) USA 🗹
 - B) Australia
 - C) India
 - D) Germany



- ✓ The Chief of the World Health Organisation honored the late Henrietta Lacks with the Director-General award. She an American woman whose cancer cells were taken without her knowledge during the 1950s. The cells provided the foundation for vast scientific inventions, including research about the coronavirus.
- The 'HeLa' cell line, derived from the 1st two letters of Henrietta Lacks, helped in the development of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.

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