

1. Allium negianum, which was seen in the news, as discovered in which Indian state/UT?

- A) Assam
- B) Uttarakhand ☒
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Goa



- ✓ Allium negianum, a plant discovered in Uttarakhand in the year 2019 has been recently confirmed as a new species of Allium, in journal PhytoKeys. Allium is the genus that includes many foods such as onion and garlic, among 1,100 species globally. It was discovered in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. It grows at 3,000 to 4,800 m above sea level. The scientific name Allium negianum honours late Dr Kuldeep Singh Negi, an explorer and Allium collector.

2. As of October 2021, who is the highest wicket-taker in T20 International cricket?

- A) R Ashwin
- B) Jasprit Bumrah
- C) Shakib Al Hasan ☒
- D) Tim Southee



- ✓ Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan became the highest wicket-taker in T20 International cricket after he surpassed Lasith Malinga's tally of 107 wickets. Shakib has 108 wickets from 89 T20 International games. He is also the only cricketer to have a double of 100 wickets and 1000 plus runs in this format. The third cricketer in the list is New Zealand's Tim Southee, with 99 wickets.

3. Nechipu tunnel, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Sikkim
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The Border Roads Organization (BRO) is constructing a 500-metre tunnel near Nechipu pass in Arunachal Pradesh. It aims to cut down the travel time for vehicles going towards the forward base near China border. The Nechipu tunnel is being constructed at an altitude of 5,600 feet under Project Vartak of BRO.

4. Ayush Van, a dedicated forest for Ayurvedic plants, has been inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Gujarat ☒
- C) Punjab
- D) Chandigarh



- ✓ Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated Ayush Van, a dedicated forest for Ayurvedic plants, at Gandhidham, Gujarat. The Ayush Van was set up in 30 acres of land allotted by the Deendayal Port Trust (DPT). Tree plantation is being done to improve greenery in urban area and increase density of tree cover in the Kutch region.

5. Talpiot Cemetery, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Russia
- B) Israel ☒
- C) Italy
- D) USA



- ✓ Talpiot Cemetery is seen in the news recently, as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited the place as he began his five-day visit to Israel. It is the cemetery for Indian soldiers who laid down their lives in the region during the World War I, located in Talpiot, Jerusalem. About 900 Indian soldiers are buried in cemeteries across Israel in Jerusalem, Ramle and Haifa. The Indian Army commemorates September 23 every year as Haifa Day.

6. Which Indian cricketer, also an ICC Elite Panel Match Referee, has been awarded life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)?

- A) Harbhajan Singh
- B) Javagal Srinath ☒
- C) Rahul Dravid
- D) VVS Lakshman



- ✓ India's Harbhajan Singh and Javagal Srinath have been awarded life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). They have joined sixteen other cricketers who were given the honour this year. Harbhajan is India's third-highest wicket-taker in Tests (417 wickets) and more than 700 plus international wickets. Srinath is an ICC Elite Panel Match Referee at present. He is a fast bowler with 315 ODI wickets and 236 Test wickets.

7. Which institution is set to play host to the "Aadhaar Hackathon 2021"?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) NRDC
- C) UIDAI ☒
- D) RBI



- ✓ Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is set to host a Hackathon titled "Aadhaar Hackathon 2021". According to a statement issued by the Ministry of Electronics and IT on Monday, the Hackathon is themed around two topics. The first theme is "Enrolment and Update", which covers some of the real-life challenges being faced by the residents while updating their address.
- ✓ The second theme of the Hackathon is around the "Identity and Authentication", for solutions to prove Identity without sharing the Aadhaar number or any demographics information.

8. The headquarters of the 'National Road Safety Board' is in which Indian city?

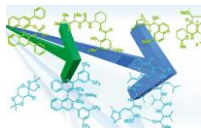
- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Aurangabad
- D) Kolkata



- ✓ The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has notified the constitution of National Road Safety Board. The Board will be responsible for promoting road safety, innovation and adoption of new technology, and regulation of traffic and motor vehicles.
- ✓ The Head Office of the Board in the National Capital Region and the board may set up offices at other places in India. It shall consist of the Chairman and not three to seven Members, to be appointed by the Central Government.

9. The Nobel Prize for Chemistry 2021 has been awarded for developing a new way for building molecules known as?

- A) Asymmetric organocatalysis ☒
- B) Altered DNAs
- C) Altered mRNAs
- D) None of these



- ✓ The Nobel Prize for Chemistry 2021 has been awarded to Benjamin List and David WC MacMillan. They were cited for developing a new way for building molecules known as "Asymmetric organocatalysis." As per the Nobel panel, List and MacMillan independently developed a new way of catalysis.
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10. What is the theme of the World Cotton Day 2021?

- A) There's more to cotton than you think ☒
- B) Sustainable Cotton
- C) e-commerce in Cotton
- D) White Gold: Cotton



- ✓ The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) established the World Cotton Day, which is celebrated on October 7th every year since 2019. This year the theme is "There's more to cotton than you think".
- ✓ The purpose of the international day is to maximize the importance of cotton. It also emphasises the problems faced by the world's cotton economies. The inaugural World Cotton Day was held in Geneva in 2019.
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