

1. When is the 'International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict' observed every year?

- A) November 4
 B) November 6
 C) November 8
 D) November 10



- ✓ In the year 2001, the UN General Assembly declared 6 November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict.
- ✓ The United Nations Environment Assembly also adopted a resolution in 2016 which proclaimed that a healthy environment plays a significant role in reducing the probability of an armed conflict. The aim is to minimize the consequences of conflict and wars on the environment.

2. Which Union Ministry announced the first-ever 'Star College Mentorship Programme'?

- A) Ministry of Education
 B) Ministry of Electronics and IT
 C) Ministry of Science and Technology
 D) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship



- ✓ Ministry of Science and Technology launched the first-ever mentorship programme for young innovators to mark the 75th year of India's independence.
- ✓ Named the 'DBT-Star College Mentorship Programme', it aims for a 'Star College' in every district of the country supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), under the science and technology ministry. It also aims to organise workshops and meetings every month, handhold colleges particularly in the rural areas and outreach activities with government schools.

3. Which state was formed on Nov.9 as the 27th state of India?

- A) Jharkhand
 B) Uttarakhand
 C) Chhattisgarh
 D) Telangana



- ✓ Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed annually on November 9 to celebrate the formation of the 27th state of India. Uttarakhand was formed in the year 2000 after joining several districts from the North-western part of Uttar Pradesh and a portion of the Himalayan Mountain range. It was earlier known as Uttaranchal and was renamed Uttarakhand in the year 2007.

4. Every year, National Education Day is observed on 11th November, to commemorate which leader?

- A) APJ Abdul Kalam
 B) Vallabhbhai Patel
 C) Mother Teresa
 D) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad



- ✓ Every year, 11th November is observed in India as National Education Day, to commemorate the Birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He was a freedom fighter and the first education minister of independent India. It was during his tenure as education minister, UGC, AICTE, Kharagpur Institute of higher education etc were established.

5. Which state celebrates 'Onake Obavva Jayanti'?

- A) Karnataka
 B) Odisha
 C) West Bengal
 D) Punjab



- ✓ The Karnataka government has approved a celebration of 'Onake Obavva Jayanti' on the 11th of November from this year. She was a famous woman-soldier who had fought against the forces of Hyder Ali in Chitradurga in the 18th century.
- ✓ The Kannada and Culture Department had proposed celebrating the birth anniversary of Onake Obavva every year.

6. Airports in India are declared as "Major Airports" as per the regulations of which Act?

- A) Airports Authority of India Act
 B) Airports Regulation Act
 C) Civil Aviation Act
 D) Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Act



- ✓ The Government of India has declared Shirdi airport in Maharashtra as a major airport, under the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Act, 2008. Under Section 13 of the Act, the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) would determine the tariff related to aeronautical services rendered at major airports.

7. The rocket of which space agency has carried the 600th person to space?

- A) JAXA
 B) ESA
 C) ISRO
 D) Space X



- ✓ American private space agency Space X has launched its spacecraft named Crew Dragon Endurance, carrying four astronauts into orbit to the International Space Station. This includes the 600th person to reach space in 60 years. The spaceship was launched using SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. Space X is headquartered in Hawthorne, California and was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk.

8. Who has been appointed as the Secretary General of Rajya Sabha?

- A) PC Mody
 B) Sanjay Jaiswal
 C) Amit Shah
 D) Rajnath Singh



- ✓ PC Mody, the former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes and an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been appointed as the Rajya Sabha's secretary general. This is one of the rare appointments, since an IRS officer is being appointed as the Secretary General, a position which has been traditionally occupied by IAS officers.

9. Seahorses, eels, seals and sharks have been found in which famous river of the world, which was declared biologically dead?

- A) Ganga
 B) Yamuna
 C) Nile
 D) Thames



- ✓ The Thames River of London, which was once declared to be "Biologically Dead" is not found to have Seahorses, eels, seals and sharks. This inhibition by aquatic life has been confirmed in a survey conducted by the Zoological Society of London, which stated that 3 kinds of sharks were seen and 115 species of fish and wildlife were observed.
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10. Where is the 'Rezang La' mountain pass situated?

- A) Ladakh
- B) Jammu and Kashmir
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ The Rezang La, is a mountain pass on the Line of Actual Control, situated in Eastern Ladakh. This is known for the Battle of Rezang La, as a part of 1962 war in which 13 troops of the Indian Army's Kumaon Regiment defeated several waves of the Chinese Army at a height of over 16,000 feet. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to inaugurate the revamped war memorial at Rezang La in memory of the battle.
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