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1. Indian Railways has introduced a special train 'Gati Shakti Superfast Special train' between which cities?

- A) Delhi-Patna ☒
- B) Delhi-Varanasi
- C) Varanasi-Kevadia
- D) Delhi-Nainital



- ✓ Indian Railways has introduced a special train 'Gati Shakti Superfast Special train' between Delhi and Patna. The Anand Vihar Terminal - Patna - Anand Vihar Terminal Gati Shakti Superfast Special train has been launched for the convenience of the passengers during this festive season.

2. Shaktikanta Das has been appointed as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for how many years, from 2021?

- A) Two years
- B) Three years ☒
- C) Four years
- D) Five years



- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet reappointed Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for three years beyond 10.12.2021 or until further orders. Shaktikanta Das, a retired Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer, assumed charge as the 25th governor of the RBI effective December 12, 2018. He had also served as a member of the 15th Finance Commission for a year.
- ✓ Benegal Rama Rau served RBI Governor between July 1, 1949, and January 14, 1957 and that is the longest such tenure so far.

3. Which Union Ministry has initiated reforms in public procurement and project management to help MSMEs?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Finance ☒
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Food Processing Industries



- ✓ The Finance Ministry has initiated reforms in public procurement and project management to execute projects and provide payments to the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) on time. The new guidelines permit alternative methods for selection of contractors. Whereas, the old system gives weightage to the lowest commercial bid.

4. Which sector of people made up the largest share of total suicides, as per NCRB data on suicides?

- A) Daily Wage Earners ☒
- B) House-wives
- C) Unemployed Persons
- D) Farmers



- ✓ As per the data by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 37,666 daily wage workers died by suicide in 2020, who made up the largest share of total suicides. They are followed by House-wives and persons in farming sector. As per the report, the country reported more than 1.53 lakh suicides last year highest in the last 10 years.
- ✓ It also cited that an average of 31 children died by suicide every day in India in 2020. As many as 11,396 children died by suicide in 2020, at an 18 per cent rise from 2019.

5. Which Union Ministry has announced competitions for Deshbhakti Geet writing?

- A) Ministry of External Affairs
- B) Ministry of Culture ☒
- C) Ministry of Rural Development
- D) Ministry of Electronics and IT



- ✓ Ministry of Culture has announced three competitions under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. They are Deshbhakti Geet writing, Rangoli Making and Lori writing. The competitions have been launched from Tehsil and Taluka level to National level. The initiative was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mann Ki Baat.
- ✓ This competition will be held for a couple of months and the rewards to the winners will be presented by the Ministry.

6. 'Dairy Sahakar', a scheme recently launched, will be implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Cooperation ☒
- D) Ministry of Food Processing Industries



- ✓ Amit Shah, Union Minister Cooperation launched the "Dairy Sahakar" scheme at Anand, Gujarat, during the celebration of 75th Foundation Year of Amul.
- ✓ The Dairy Sahakar scheme will be implemented by NCDC, under Ministry of Cooperation, with a total investment of Rs 5000 crore. Under the scheme, financial support will be extended to eligible cooperatives for various activities such as milk procurement, processing, quality assurance, value addition, branding, packaging, marketing, transportation and storage of products and exports.

7. Which state has documented the odonate fauna for the first time?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Karnataka



- ✓ A group of entomologists have documented the odonate fauna in the state of Kerala for the first time. Kerala is home to 181 species of dragonflies and damselflies. It also nurtures 68 species that are endemic to the Western Ghats. According to the study, the odonates of the Western Ghats stands at 207, of which 80 species are endemics.

8. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)?

- A) Ashok Bhushan ☒
- B) A K Sikri
- C) Ranjan Gogoi
- D) J Mukhopadhyaya



- ✓ Retired Supreme Court Judge-Justice Ashok Bhushan has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), for four years or till he attains 70 years. The post was left vacant by the retirement of the then chairperson, Justice S J Mukhopadhyaya, in March 2020.
- ✓ The government also appointed retired Chief Justice of Manipur High Court, Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar, as the chairperson of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

9. 'Sardar Patel Leadership Centre' has been inaugurated at which place?

- A) Nainital
- B) Mussoorie ☒
- C) Varanasi
- D) Nagpur



- ✓ Union Minister of State Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh dedicated "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre" to the nation at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie.
- ✓ This was inaugurated on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

10. What is the theme of the 'National Ayurveda Day 2021'?

- A) Ayurveda for Poshan ☒
- B) Ayurveda for COVID
- C) Aatmanirbhar Ayurveda
- D) Amrut Ayurveda



- ✓ The National Ayurveda Day is celebrated on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras) since 2016. This year, the theme of the National Ayurveda Day is 'Ayurveda for Poshan'. Union Minister for Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal announced a corpus ₹260 crore for expanding the infrastructure of National Institute of Ayurveda's satellite centre at Panchkula in Himachal Pradesh. Lord Dhanvantari is a God, who is worshipped for good health and wealth.

1. When is the 'World Cities Day' observed every year?

- A) October 29
B) October 31 ☒
C) November 1
D) November 3



- ✓ World Cities Day is observed globally on October 31 every year to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization. The day was established in 2013, by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution and the occasion was first celebrated in 2014. This year, the theme for World Cities Day is 'Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience'.

2. What is the interest rate fixed for the employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2020-21?

- A) 7.0%
B) 7.5%
C) 8.0%
D) 8.5% ☒

8.5%

- ✓ The Finance ministry has approved an 8.5% return on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2020-21. This move will impact over 6.4 crore subscribers. The rate was the same for the year 2019-20 also. The Labour ministry will now notify the interest rate before the EPFO starts crediting the interest into individual accounts.

3. Which city has won Urban Affairs Ministry's award for the city with the best public transport system?

- A) Mumbai
B) Surat ☒
C) Gandhinagar
D) Lucknow



- ✓ Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry presented the 14th edition of Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2021. Surat won the award for the city with the best public transport system, and Kochi was judged the city with most sustainable transport system.
- ✓ The awards were presented by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri at Urban Mobility India conference. Nagpur's multi-modal integration with Metro rail, Delhi's Metro also won awards.

4. Which Indian state has announced full exemption of motor vehicle taxes and registration fees on electric vehicles (EVs)?

- A) Odisha ☒
B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Telangana
D) Punjab



- ✓ The Odisha government announced full exemption of motor vehicles taxes and registration fees on electric vehicles (EVs) in the state. The exemption, which was granted under the Odisha Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, is applicable till 2025. The incentives for the buyers, manufacturers, batteries and charging stations of electric vehicles were also extended under the Odisha Electric Vehicle Policy.

5. Which Indian state has been invited to participate in a FAO conference of the UN?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Telangana ☒
C) Maharashtra
D) Assam



- ✓ The Government of Telangana has been invited by FAO to participate in a virtual conference of the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), UN. The conference is being organized from Rome, Italy. The state has been invited to deliver an address on Quality Seed Production System: A success story of India: Telangana as a seed hub'.

6. Which state has approved the Industrial Relation Rules, 2021?

- A) Assam ☒
B) Karnataka
C) West Bengal
D) Kerala



- ✓ The Assam cabinet approved the Industrial Relation Rules, 2021 aiming at safeguarding the rights of employers and employees. The cabinet has approved a scheme for providing ration to migrant workers, who faced hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. The rules have been framed with a view to simplify and rationalise the provisions of three central labour codes relating to industrial relations.

7. Which Ministry has proposed to launch a national drone technology conference in India?

- A) Ministry of Civil Aviation
B) Ministry of Science and Technology
C) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology ☒
D) Ministry of Education



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has proposed to host a national level drone technology conference in India. The Ministry has stated that it would be an annual event, which would create a platform for users and technology providers. Recently, the Government of India has released the new Drone Rules, 2021.

8. Which global company has changed its name to 'Capricorn Energy PLC'?

- A) BP Oil and Gas
B) Cairn Energy PLC ☒
C) ONGC Videsh
D) Reliance Energy



- ✓ Britain Based oil and gas explorer Cairn Energy PLC has stated that it has changed its name to Capricorn Energy PLC and the same could come into effect from December 2021. The company has been involved in a USD 1 billion retrospective tax dispute with the Government of India, and the case has come to a point of closure.

9. When is the "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists" observed every year?

- A) November 1
B) November 2 ☒
C) November 10
D) November 12



- ✓ Every year, the United Nations observes 2 November as the "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists", to highlight the instrumental role played by Journalists in investigating and prosecuting. As per an UN report, over 1,200 journalists have been killed between 2006 and 2020, for reporting the news and bringing information to the public.

10. Wang Yaping is the Astronaut of which country?

- A) Israel
- B) China ☒
- C) UAE
- D) Japan



- ✓ Wang Yaping became the first Chinese woman to walk in space, as her team completed a six-hour stint outside the Tiangong space station. Tiangong, which means "heavenly palace", is the latest achievement of China, after landing a rover on Mars and sending probes to the Moon. Its core module entered orbit earlier this year, with the space station expected to be operational by 2022.
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1. A glacier located in which region has been named as 'Glasgow Glacier', to mark the COP26 summit?

- A) Canada
- B) Antarctica ☒
- C) Alaska
- D) Iceland



- ✓ A glacier in Antarctica has been formally named Glasgow Glacier in honour of the city hosting the UN climate summit which formally opened recently. It was named by a team of researchers at the University of Leeds to mark the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26).

2. Khasis, Jaintias, and Garos are the tribal population of which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Kerala
- D) Meghalaya ☒



- ✓ The Khasis, Jaintias, and Garos are the predominant tribal population of Meghalaya. They practise a matrilineal system of inheritance, where the youngest daughter in the family becomes the custodian of the family's property. Recently the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council has proposed a bill, which aims for equitable distribution of parental property among siblings.

3. As per new research conducted in the UK, which vaccine has reduced the risk of developing a cancer by 62 percent?

- A) Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine ☒
- B) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Td/Tdap)
- C) Varicella
- D) Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)



- ✓ A new-research, funded by Cancer Research UK, has recently found that the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, reduced the risk of developing the cancer by 62 percent in women between the ages of 14 and 16. Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is administered to protect against cervical cancer in women.

4. RBI's Revised PCA framework is set to come into effect from which date?

- A) 1st January 2022 ☒
- B) 1st March 2022
- C) 1st April 2022
- D) 1st June 2022



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has come out with a revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for scheduled commercial banks, which would come into effect from 1st January 2022. It has stated that RBI would monitor three key areas – capital, asset quality and leverage for banks.

5. What is the process by which coral reefs overheat during heat waves, where they lose their colour?

- A) Coral Stress
- B) Coral Bleaching ☒
- C) Coral Decolouring
- D) Coral Pressure



- ✓ Coral Bleaching is a response by overheated corals during heat waves, where they lose their colour and struggle to survive. As per a

new study, eighty percent of the coral reefs have been bleached severely at least once since 2016.

6. Which Indian city is to host the Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan?

- A) New Delhi ☒
- B) Mumbai
- C) Dehradun
- D) Chandigarh



- ✓ India is set to host the Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan on November 10 which will be attended by seven countries. It will be chaired by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.
- ✓ The dialogue will be held at the level of National Security Advisers / Secretaries of Security Councils. As per recent media reports, both China and Pakistan are not attending the meeting. Seven countries – Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan – confirmed participation.

7. Which Union Ministry is associated with the 'Draft Mediation Bill, 2021', which was placed in public domain recently?

- A) Ministry of Defence
- B) Ministry of External Affairs
- C) Ministry of Law and Justice ☒
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Law and Justice placed the Draft Mediation Bill, 2021 in public domain, seeking feedback and suggestions from all stakeholders. The Bill proposes to bring about a standalone law on Mediation on issues of domestic and international mediation. India is a signatory to the Singapore Convention on Mediation. The Bill also seeks to use the terms 'conciliation' and 'mediation' interchangeably.

8. Which Tennis player won his sixth Paris Masters title in 2021?

- A) Novak Djokovic ☒
- B) Daniil Medvedev
- C) Roger Federer
- D) Rafael Nadal



- ✓ Tennis player Novak Djokovic won his sixth Paris Masters title by defeating his Russian counterpart Daniil Medvedev with a 4-6 6-3 6-3 victory. Djokovic, the Serbian player, is guaranteed to secure the year-end world number one spot for a record seventh time.

9. Dr. Kamal Ranadive was associated with which field?

- A) Radioactive Materials
- B) Heavy Engineering
- C) Cell Biology ☒
- D) Ayurveda



- ✓ Dr. Kamal Ranadive was an Indian cell biologist who has made groundbreaking research in the field of Cancer. She was instrumental in establishing country's first tissue culture laboratory at Indian Cancer Research Center.
- ✓ She also played a key role in founding the Indian Women Scientists' Association. Recently, Google has dedicated a doodle to Dr. Kamal Ranadive remembering her 104th birth anniversary.

10. What is the name of the Circuit Train recently launched by IRCTC, to boost domestic religious tourism?

- A) Shri Ramayana Yatra Train ☒
- B) Mahabharata Yatra Train
- C) Velankanni Yatra Train
- D) Dargah Yatra Train



- ✓ Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has commenced a 'Shri Ramayana Yatra' train from Delhi. The train left Delhi's Safdarjung railway station. As per IRCTC, more such ones would be run to promote religious tourism. The train will cover the visit of all prominent places associated with the life of Lord Rama in 17 days, travelling around 7500 Kms in the entire tour.
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1. India has applied for a USD 2 billion loan to purchase COVID-19 vaccines, from which institutions?

- A) World Bank
- B) ADB-AIIB ☒
- C) BRICS Bank
- D) IMF



- ✓ India has applied a USD 2 billion loan to purchase COVID-19 vaccines, from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) along with the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Manila-based ADB is expected to finance USD 1.5 billion and Beijing-based AIIB is considering to provide USD 500 million. About 667 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were expected to be procured through the loan.

2. India and which country agreed to explore green hydrogen, set up renewable energy corridors, and projects in natural gas sector?

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



- ✓ India and Italy have agreed to explore development of green hydrogen, set up renewable energy corridors, and projects in the natural gas sector. A joint statement was issued after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held the first in-person meeting with his Italian counterpart Mario Draghi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rome. The Action Plan for an enhanced Partnership between India and Italy (2020-2024) was signed in 2020.

3. 'Don't Choose Extinction' is a campaign recently launched by which institution?

- A) UNDP ☒
- B) UNEP
- C) FAO
- D) WWF



- ✓ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), recently launched its video campaign titled 'Don't Choose Extinction'. It announced 'Frankie the Dino', a dinosaur as their mascot to urge everyone on highlighting global actions against climate change. Along with the campaign video, the agency also launched a website 'Don't Choose Extinction' to support the initiative and created a Twitter account for Frankie.

4. Which country is currently excavating the ancient kingdoms of Dadan and Lihyan?

- A) Saudi Arabia ☒
- B) Nepal
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Israel



- ✓ Archaeologists in Saudi Arabia are carrying out excavations of the ancient kingdoms of Dadan and Lihyan, across five sites. The kingdoms were important regional powers that flourished 2,000 years ago. The project is a Saudi-French partnership.

5. The "Panchamrita concoction" is associated with?

- A) Climate Change ☒
- B) Infrastructure Development
- C) Port Construction
- D) Bilateral relations between India and Bhutan



- ✓ Panchamrita concoction is a five-fold strategy proposed by the Prime Minister of India at the 26th Conference of Parties (CoP26) held at Glasgow. The strategy would help the world achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
- ✓ The Panchamrita concoction includes 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030, 50% renewable energy capacity by 2030, reduce carbon emission by one billion tonnes by 2030, reduce the carbon intensity by 45% by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2030.

6. Which Indian state has set up first ever SPV to manage three critical natural conservation missions?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
- B) Kerala
- C) Odisha
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ Tamil Nadu has set up first ever Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company, to professionally manage three critical natural conservation missions.
- ✓ The Company will manage the Tamil Nadu Climate Change, Tamil Nadu Green and Tamil Nadu Wetlands missions. The SPV's authorised capital will be ₹5 crore and the State Environment Secretary will be the company's chairperson and MD.

7. Garud Chatti bridge, which was recently inaugurated, is located in which Indian state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Uttarakhand ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi recently laid foundation stones for multiple projects. He dedicated to the Nation various development projects in Kedarnath including Garud Chatti Bridge on river Mandakini. He inaugurated Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi and unveiled the statue of Shri Adi Shankaracharya.

8. Who won the 'Padma Vibhushan 2020' award under the 'Public Affairs' category?

- A) Shinzo Abe ☒
- B) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- C) Sheikh Hasina
- D) K P Sharma Oli



- ✓ The Padma awards, were conferred on 119 recipients in 2021. As the ceremony to honour the awardees could not be held in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The list comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan, 10 Padma Bhushan and 102 Padma Shri awardees. Sixteen awards have been conferred posthumously. The list of awardees also includes 29 women and one trans person. Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was selected under the Public Affairs.

9. Which bank's research department released an assessment on PMJDY and reduced crimes?

- A) RBI
- B) SBI ☒
- C) PNB
- D) Canara Bank



- ✓ As per the State Bank of India's economic research department, States with higher Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) account balances have seen a noticeable decline in crime.

- ✓ The department also observed that there is both statistically and economically significant drop in consumption of intoxicants such as alcohol and tobacco products in such states.

10. "Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules" has been approved by the cabinet of which Indian state?

- A) Kerala
- B) Assam
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Punjab ☒



- ✓ The Cabinet of Punjab has given approval to the "Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021", which aims to develop Punjab as a standard potato seed center. This is expected to boost potato cultivation in the state. With these rules, Punjab will be the very first state in the country to have the facility of tissue culture-based certification.

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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