

1. Catherine Russell, who has been seen in the news recently, is the new head of which global institution?

- A) World Bank
- B) World Economic Forum
- C) UNICEF ☒
- D) IMF



- ✓ Catherine Russell, an assistant to US President Joe Biden, has been appointed as the next head of the UN children's agency UNICEF. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced that Russell will succeed Henrietta Fore, who resigned in July.

2. Marmosa (mouse opossums) are endemic to which region?

- A) America ☒
- B) Antarctica
- C) Europe
- D) Asia



- ✓ Mouse opossums are relatively small members of the Neotropical marsupial family Didelphidae. They are endemic to Americas, especially to South America. Recently a newly-identified species, named the Adler's mouse opossum (*Marmosa adleri*), is among the smallest subgenus *Micoureus*. It was named after the researcher Greg Adler.

3. Which Indian state has witnessed cases of Covidengue, a combination of both COVID-19 and Dengue?

- A) Kerala
- B) Telangana ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ Telangana is currently witnessing cases of Covidengue, which occurs when a COVID-19 patient is infected with the Dengue virus. Over 8 cases of Covidengue cases have been recorded in Telangana.
- ✓ The symptoms of this syndemic disease include "distress, shortness of breathing, chills, body pains and joint pains. COVID-19 and Dengue have similar kinds of symptoms.

4. What is the status of "Bryde's whale", seen in the news recently?

- A) Extinct
- B) Endangered ☒
- C) Least Concern
- D) Near Threatened



- ✓ Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whales have been classified as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act. They are the only known resident baleen whales in the Gulf of Mexico, with less than 100 individuals left in the population. The carcass of an endangered Bryde's whale was washed ashore near the border of Puri and Ganjam districts of Odisha.

5. Jhilli Dalabehera, who won a gold medal in Commonwealth championship, is associated with which sports?

- A) Archery
- B) Shooting
- C) Weight-Lifting ☒
- D) Boxing



- ✓ Indian weightlifter Jhilli Dalabehera has won the gold medal in the women's 49kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Earlier, Sanket Mahadev

Sargar clinched the gold medal in the men's 55kg snatch category and also created a new snatch national record.

- ✓ India is competing in both Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships and World Weightlifting Championships.

6. Professor Rafiqul Islam who passed away recently, was a scholar and cultural activist of which country?

- A) India
- B) Bangladesh ☒
- C) Pakistan
- D) Afghanistan



- ✓ National Professor Rafiqul Islam, is a scholar, and cultural activist from Bangladesh. He recently passed away at the age of 87. The linguist actively participated in the Language Movement in 1952 and he was made the national professor by the government in 2018.
- ✓ He received the Independence Award, Ekushey Padak, and the Bangla Academy Literary Award. He was also awarded the International Mother Language Award.

7. Who is the first President of Barbados, which became the world's newest republic?

- A) Dame Sandra Mason ☒
- B) Magdalena Andersson
- C) Katrín Jakobsdóttir
- D) Sanna Marin



- ✓ After 396 years of becoming a British Colony, the Caribbean Island country Barbados has recently become the world's newest republic. The country removed Queen Elizabeth II as the head of the state. Dame Sandra Mason was sworn in as the President by the chief justice of the country. Barbadian singer Rihanna was declared a national hero.

8. What is the total GST Collection during the month of November 2021?

- A) ₹0.75 lakh crore
- B) ₹0.95 lakh crore
- C) ₹1 lakh crore
- D) ₹1.3 lakh crore ☒



- ✓ According to data released by the Union finance ministry, the GST Revenue was at ₹1,31,526 crore for the second month in a row. It is 25% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year and 27% over the 2019 value. The highest ever GST collection of ₹1,41,384 crores was reported in April. This is the fifth consecutive month in which collections have crossed the ₹1 lakh crore benchmark.

9. Which country has delivered advanced Heron drones to Indian Armed Forces?

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



- ✓ Israel has delivered advanced Heron drones to Indian Armed Forces, which are far more advanced than the Herons in the existing inventory with better anti-jamming capability.
- ✓ The acquisition of these drones has been done under the emergency financial powers granted by Indian government to the defence forces under which they can buy equipment and systems worth ₹500 crores

to upgrade their military capabilities.

10. How many elephants have been killed in last 10 years, as per the recent data from Environment Ministry?

- A) 160
- B) 360
- C) 660
- D) 1160 ☒



- ✓ After a Tamilnadu-based RTI activist filed an RTI query over the deaths of wild elephants before the Ministry of Environment and Forests' 'Project elephant' division, it was revealed that as many as 1160 wild elephants have been killed in the last 10 years.
- ✓ The elephants were killed due to various reasons such as being hit by trains, electrocution and poaching, across the country in the last decade till December 2020.