

1. INS Kesari has recently delivered Food aid and Defence Aid to which country?

- A) Madagascar
- B) Mozambique ☒
- C) Maldives
- D) Myanmar



- ✓ Indian Naval Ship (INS) Kesari has reached Port of Maputo, Mozambique to deliver 500 tonnes of food aid under Mission Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).
- ✓ INS Kesari is also carrying two Fast Interceptor Craft and self-defence equipment to be handed over to the Armed Forces of Mozambique. Earlier INS Kesari delivered humanitarian and medical assistance to Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros.

2. "P.N. Panicker", whose statue was recently unveiled by the President, was associated with which movement?

- A) Women Empowerment
- B) Literacy and Library ☒
- C) Child Development
- D) Clean Water



- ✓ President of India Ram Nath Kovind unveiled the statue of P N Panicker at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. P.N. Panicker started the 'Granthashala Sangam' in 1945 to promote literacy movement and libraries in the state. He was famous for the message of - "Vayichu Valaruka" which means "Read and Grow". He made the literacy movement into a popular socio-cultural movement

3. What is the name of the Disintegrated Neutron Star with the most intense magnetic field?

- A) Meteor
- B) Magnetar ☒
- C) Blazar
- D) Quasar



- ✓ When giant stars collapse, they form neutron stars, and some of these neutron stars form a small group with the most intense magnetic field, known as Magnetars.
- ✓ Led by Institute of Astrophysics (IAA-CSIC), astronomers have recently studied a flash 'GRB2001415', which occurred on April 15, 2020 and lasted only around one tenth of a second. As per the study, the energy that was released is equivalent to the energy that our Sun radiates in 1,00,000 years.

4. Which Union Ministry launched the "Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities- Toolkit 2022"?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒
- C) Ministry of Agriculture
- D) Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change



- ✓ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the "Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities- Toolkit 2022". On 1st October 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, to create "Garbage Free Cities" (GFC).
- ✓ The aim of the programme is to make every urban local body at least 3-star Garbage Free as per the Star Rating protocol.

5. Which country has recently launched the 'Tsirkon hypersonic missile system'?

- A) China
- B) Russia ☒
- C) UK
- D) Israel



- ✓ Russia's Defence forces have successfully test-launched the Tsirkon hypersonic missile system that can strike both naval and ground targets. The launch was undertaken amidst the continuing tensions on the Ukraine border.

6. Indian cricketer Rishabh Pant has been appointed as the brand ambassador of which state?

- A) Uttarakhand ☒
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Bihar
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Indian cricketer Rishabh Pant has been appointed the brand ambassador of the state of Uttarakhand, to promote sports and create mental health awareness among the state's youth. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami made the announcement regarding the same. The 24-year-old was born in the state's Haridwar district.

7. Farallon Islands National Wildlife Refuge, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

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



- ✓ The California Coastal Commission in the United States has approved a plan for air dropping rat poison on the Farallon Islands National Wildlife Refuge. This is an attempt to save rare seabirds, by helping to curb the mice population on the islands.

8. When is the International Migrants Day observed?

- A) December 18 ☒
- B) December 21
- C) December 24
- D) December 27



- ✓ The International Migrant Day is observed every year on December 18, to tackle the problem and challenges of global migration. The United Nations General Assembly in the year 1999 created the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. The theme for the year 2021 is 'Harnessing the potential of human mobility'.

9. Which country has announced to donate 1 million coronavirus vaccines to the U.N.-backed COVAX programme?

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



- ✓ The Israeli government has announced to donate 1 million coronavirus vaccines to the U.N.-backed COVAX programme. Italy's Foreign Ministry said the AstraZeneca vaccines would be transferred in the

coming weeks. This decision is seen as a part of Israel's strengthening ties with the African countries.

- ✓ Israel has close ties with several African nations, including Kenya, Uganda & Rwanda. Last year, Israel established relations with Sudan.

10. Which festival has been added to UNESCO Cultural Heritage List, for the first time in Asia?

- A) Taiwan Lantern Festival
- B) Arudra Darshan, Thillai Natarajar Temple
- C) Onam Festival
- D) Durga Pooja ☒



- ✓ The UNESCO has added Durga Puja to its 'Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity'.
 - ✓ The 16th Committee of UNESCO for safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) at its meeting held in Paris added Durga Puja in Kolkata on the Representative List. This is the first festival of Asia, to be included in the prestigious list.
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