

1. 'Renukaji Dam project', seen in the news, is to come up in which Indian state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C) Gujarat
- D) Bihar



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation of the Rs 6,700-crore Renukaji Dam project from Himachal Pradesh's Mandi. Once completed, the project on the Giri river is expected to generate 200 million units of energy in a 40 MW surface power house. The storage capacity of the dam would be 498 million cubic meters which would fulfil about 40 per cent of drinking water requirement of Delhi.

2. 'Narcotics Control Bureau' functions under the aegis of which Union Ministry?

- A) Union Finance Ministry
- B) Union Home Ministry ☒
- C) Union External Affairs Ministry
- D) Union Defence Ministry



- ✓ The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has asked all the states to form and notify a dedicated Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) in their respective jurisdictions, with an aim to eradicate drugs from the country. As per the official notification, these ANTF can act as Narco Coordination Centre (NCCORD) secretariat at the state level.

3. Which state is the first state in India to observe Sahibzada Diwas?

- A) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Assam
- D) Nagaland



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has recently observed Sahibzada Day in remembrance of martyrdom of four sons (Sahibzadas) of Guru Gobind Singh. Uttar Pradesh is the first state in India to observe Sahibzada Diwas since the year 2020 when chief minister Yogi Adityanath announced that the sacrifice of the Sikh Gurus should be part of the school curriculum.

4. Where is Indravati Tiger Reserve located?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Chhattisgarh ☒
- C) Bihar
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ The Indravati Tiger Reserve is located in the state of Chhattisgarh with a total area of approximately 2799.08 square km. Recently, tiger counting was carried out in the reserve covering more than 400 square kilometers. As per the latest data, the reserve had 3 tigers.

5. Who was Edward O Wilson, who has been in news recently?

- A) Biologist ☒
- B) Cosmonaut
- C) Cricketer
- D) Dancer



- ✓ Edward O Wilson, who was known affectionately as 'the ant man' was a Harvard biologist and an entomologist. He died recently at the age of 92. The biologist is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author and

gained widespread attention across the world for his book, "Sociobiology: The New Synthesis" released in 1975.

6. How many non-European countries are part of Europol?

- A) 0
- B) 10 ☒
- C) 20
- D) 30



- ✓ South Korea has recently become the 10th country outside of Europe to join the Europol. It is the European Union (EU) law enforcement cooperation agency that fights terrorism and other international crimes. The National Police Agency (NPA) of South Korea joined Europol by signing agreement, which was approved unanimously by the 27 EU nations.

7. What is 'Pralay', which was test-fired recently off the Odisha coast?

- A) Short-range Ballistic Missile ☒
- B) Intercontinental Missile
- C) Air-launched Ballistic Missile
- D) Sub-marine launched Ballistic Missile



- ✓ The first successful test flight of short-range surface-to-surface Pralay ballistic missile was conducted from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) developed the short-range solid-fuel surface-to-surface missile. It can hit the target at a range of 150 to 500 kilometres. The missile, which can be launched from a mobile launcher, has efficient navigation mechanisms and integrated avionics.

8. As per UN Office on Drugs and Crime, which country is the top producer of Opium?

- A) Afghanistan ☒
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Israel
- D) Iran



- ✓ As per UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Afghanistan is the top producer of Opium poppy. By 2021, Afghanistan's harvest will account for more than 90% of worldwide illegal heroin production. Since 2001, the country has been the world's biggest illicit drug producer.

9. Which state recently passed Bill to recover property damages from protesters?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Madhya Pradesh ☒
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Punjab



- ✓ The Madhya Pradesh Government recently passed a Bill to recover property damages from protesters. The bill also provides for setting up a tribunal which would look into the claims of property damage during riots or public protests. The State Assembly also passed a resolution that panchayat elections will not be held without Other Backward Classes (OBC) reservation.

10. "Radio Ujala Punjab," is the radio channel of which Central Jail?

- A) Patiala Central Jail
- B) Ludhiana Central Jail ☒
- C) Amritsar Central Jail
- D) Jalandhar Central Jail



- ✓ Punjab's Ludhiana Central Jail now has recently inaugurated its own radio channel, "Radio Ujala Punjab,". Only jail inmates will be running the radio channel and prisoners who work as 'Radio Jockeys' have undergone training. Six other jails of Punjab would also get their own radio channels in the coming days. This programme aims to rehabilitate the prisoners and provide welfare opportunities.
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