

1. As per Brazil's annual report, Deforestation in Amazon rainforest has increased by what percent in a year?

- A) 2
B) 22
C) 42
D) 62



- ✓ As per the Brazil Government's annual report, Deforestation in Amazon rainforest has increased by 22 per cent in a year, which is the highest level since 2006. The National Institute for Space Research's 'PRODES' monitoring system showed that Amazon lost 13,235 square kilometers of rainforest during the 12-month period.
- ✓ Brazil's government announced a two-year deadline to halt illegal deforestation by 2028 during the UN Climate Summit in Glasgow.

2. "Ex-SHAKTI 2021" the Indo-France joint military exercise commenced at which place?

- A) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
B) Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune
C) Military School of Draguignan, France
D) Vishakhapatnam

- ✓ The Sixth Edition of Indo-France joint military exercise "Ex-SHAKTI 2021" has commenced at the Military School of Draguignan, France. The training includes mutual understanding of conduct of operations, and identification of coordination aspects required for jointly operating in a Counter-Terrorism environment.

3. International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) holds an international Dialogue in which country annually?

- A) Bahrain
B) UAE
C) Russia
D) UK



- ✓ The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) holds the Manama Dialogue, at Manama, Bahrain. The 2021 summit took place between 19-21 November. The IISS Manama Dialogue is a unique forum for government ministers, experts and business communities, to discuss the Middle East's important security challenges.
- ✓ Since 2002 the Institute has hosted the annual IISS Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore. The IISS publishes 'The Military Balance', an annual assessment of nations' military capabilities.

4. Which country's National Youth and Children's Orchestras "El Sistema", set a Guinness record for the world's largest orchestra?

- A) Russia
B) Venezuela
C) Israel
D) France



- ✓ Venezuela's National System of Youth and Children's Orchestras – called as "El Sistema", has set a new Guinness record for the world's largest orchestra. As many as 8,573 musicians played La Marche Slave by Pyotr Tchaikovsky for more than five minutes.
- ✓ The previous record was for an orchestra of 8,097 musicians who played together in St. Petersburg, Russia.

5. What is the theme of the 'World Toilet Day' 2021?

- A) Valuing toilets
B) Importance of sanitation
C) Global sanitation crisis
D) Collective action



- ✓ 'World Toilet Day' is observed on November 19 every year by the United Nations. The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of sanitation and ensure collective action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. This year, the theme is 'Valuing Toilets'.

6. CAATSA, which was seen in sometimes, is an act related to which country?

- A) USA
B) Russia
C) China
D) UK



- ✓ CAATSA-Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act is a 2017 law, which intends punish countries that did business with some countries including Russia. Three Republican U.S. senators filed legislation to exempt India from sanctions for purchasing a Russian S400 missile defense system. This would create a 10-year exemption for member countries of the QUAD – Australia, Japan and India – from sanctions imposed by CAATSA.

7. 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 Mukhopadhaya



- ✓ 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 Mukhopadhaya, 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).

8. Landsat 9, which was seen in the news recently, was launched by which organisation?

- A) ISRO
B) NASA
C) SpaceX
D) Blue Origin



- ✓ NASA's Earth-observing satellite Landsat 9 was launched on September 27. It is a joint mission between NASA and the US Geological Survey (USGS). The satellite has collected its first light images of Earth, capturing critical. The images would help to understand climate crisis, manage agricultural practices, preserve resources and respond to natural disasters.

9. Bandi Chhor Divas (Day of Liberation) is associated with which religion?

- A) Hinduism
B) Islam
C) Sikhism
D) Jainism



- ✓ Bandi Chhor Divas ("Day of Liberation"), which coincides with Diwali Day, is a Sikh day of celebration. It commemorates the day Guru Hargobindji was released from Mughal jail at Gwalior Fort. Mughal Emperor Jahangir had imprisoned the sixth guru Hargobindji after killing his father Guru Arjan Devji for refusing to convert to Islam.
- ✓ On Diwali Day, when it was decided that Guru Hargobindji would be released, he insisted that the 52 kings wrongfully held like him, shall walk out. "Bandi" means an inmate held in prison for political reasons.

10. Parker Solar Probe, which was seen in the news recently, was launched by which country?

- A) India
- B) USA
- C) China
- D) Russia



- ✓ NASA's fastest spacecraft ever flown - the Parker Solar Probe was launched in the year 2018 to investigate the sun. This spacecraft has gotten closer to the sun than any other missions.
 - ✓ The craft has been designed to move at a very high speed and withstand very high temperatures. Recently, it has been found that hypervelocity dust impacts have led to plasma explosions on Parker Solar Probe.
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