

1. As per the "Global State of Democracy 2021" report, which country was added to the list of "backsliding" democracies, for the first time?

- A) India
B) USA
C) Brazil
D) UK



- ✓ The International think tank International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) released its report titled "Global State of Democracy 2021". It added the United States to its annual list of "backsliding" democracies for the first time. It also stated that their data suggests that the backsliding episode began at least in 2019.
- ✓ As of 2021, the world will have 98 democracies, the lowest number in many years, some countries like India, the Philippines and the USA imposed measures that amount to democratic violations.

2. 'Matosinhos Manifesto', which was seen in the news, is approved by which space agency?

- A) ISRO
B) NASA
C) ESA
D) JAXA



- ✓ The European Space Agency (ESA) council approved the 'Matosinhos Manifesto' to accelerate the use of space in Europe. The new document signed by ministers from the ESA's 22 member states outlines three urgent initiatives named "Accelerators". They also signed two missions, which aim to establish the ESA's own system to launch astronauts into space and to probe Jupiter's frozen moon Enceladus.

3. WMO Meeting on the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) river basins is being held in which place?

- A) Varanasi
B) New Delhi
C) Patna
D) Lucknow



- ✓ A meeting on the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) river basins, jointly organised by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and India Meteorological Department (IMD), recently began in New Delhi. Scientists from Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and China are attending the meeting.
- ✓ India and its neighbouring countries sharing the trans-boundary GBM basins are planning to develop a Hydrological SOS system, a system to share data on reservoirs, rivers and dam waters.

4. Tantya Mama, who was seen in the news, was a tribal leader of which state?

- A) Karnataka
B) Maharashtra
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Jharkhand



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that Patalpani railway station in Indore will be renamed as Tantya Mama railway station. Tantya was a member of the Bhil tribe, of the indigenous Adivasi community, born in Madhya Pradesh. Mama Tantya Bhil's was hanged by the British on 4th December.

5. "Magdalena Andersson" was the first female prime minister of which country, who has resigned in less than 12 hrs of office?

- A) Denmark
B) Australia
C) Sweden
D) Ireland



- ✓ The Social Democrat Magdalena Andersson was Sweden's first female prime minister, who has recently resigned from the top post in less than 12 hours. She was forced to resign as the PM because of the collapse of the coalition when the Green party, a minority in the coalition, had quit.

6. What is the name of the scheme, which provides five kg grain per person per month free of cost to all NFSA beneficiaries?

- A) PM - KVV
B) PM - JDY
C) PM - FBY
D) PM - GKAY



- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana was launched by the Government of India in wake of COVID 19 related disruptions and lockdown. The scheme envisages to provide five kg grain per person per month free of cost to all NFSA beneficiaries.
- ✓ Recently, the Government of India has announced to extend the scheme from December 2021 till March 2022.

7. As per the National Family and Health Survey (NFHS-5), there are how many women for 1000 men in the country in 2019-2021?

- A) 1000
B) 941
C) 1020
D) 916

1020

- ✓ The Government of India's Union health ministry has recently released the results of the fifth round of the National Family and Health Survey (NFHS-5), conducted in two phases between 2019 and 2021. As per the survey, in 2019-2021, there are 1020 women for 1000 men in the country. Also, the total fertility rate has come down to 2.

8. Which is the 4th stealth Scorpene class submarine that was commissioned to the Indian Navy recently, under Project 75?

- A) INS Chakra
B) INS Hamsa
C) INS Hamla
D) INS Vela



- ✓ The Indian Navy has commissioned and inducted INS Vela, which is India's fourth stealth Scorpene class submarine built under Project 75. The vessel was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd in association with Naval Group of France.
- ✓ INS Kalvari, Khanderi, Karanj are the other three Scorpene class submarines built and inducted into the Navy.

9. Pakistan has permitted India to transport 50,000 tonnes of wheat and life-saving medicines to which country?

- A) Turkmenistan
B) Iran
C) Afghanistan
D) Tajikistan



- ✓ The Government of Pakistan has officially permitted India to transport 50,000 tonnes of wheat and life-saving medicines from India to Afghanistan, through the Wagah land border. This permission comes as a goodwill gesture to the Afghan. India has offered to supply wheat and other essential items on humanitarian grounds to Afghanistan. But, with no flight operations to Afghanistan, the supply was not being carried out pending clearance from Pakistan.
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10. What is the new category of Bangladesh and Nepal, as per UN General Assembly's recent resolution?

- A) Least developed country
B) Developing country
C) Poor Country
D) Middle Income Country



- ✓ The UN General Assembly has adopted a historic resolution to graduate three nations, including Bangladesh and Nepal, from the least developed country category to the developing country grouping. The UNGA adopted the resolution at its 76th session, which graduated three countries including Bangladesh, Nepal and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
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