

1. Felis silvestris ornate is the scientific name of which animal, spotted for the first time in Madhya Pradesh's Panna Tiger Reserve?

- A) Indian Desert Cat ☒
- B) Deer
- C) African Leopard
- D) Asian Elephant



- ✓ An Indian Desert Cat has been spotted for the first time in Madhya Pradesh's Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR). "Felis silvestris ornate" is the scientific name of the species. The Indian Desert Cat is usually found at the Thar desert in Rajasthan. A fishing cat, one of the endangered animals in India, was earlier spotted in the reserve.

2. The GST Council has decided to defer the increase in GST Rate on which product?

- A) Textile ☒
- B) Automobile
- C) Mobile Phones
- D) Cotton



- ✓ The GST Council decided to defer the increase in the rate for textiles to 12% from 5%. It has referred the matter to a panel of Ministers, to review Rate Rationalisation. The GST on all readymade textile items, except those made with cotton, was earlier hiked to 12 per cent. The GST on footwear, except those below Rs 1,000, was also hiked to 12 per cent from 5 per cent. State representatives from Gujarat, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu opposed the hike.

3. Which state government slashed Rs 25 per litre on petrol price for two-wheelers owned by the poor?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Odisha
- C) Jharkhand ☒
- D) Kerala



- ✓ Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren announced concession of Rs 25 per litre on petrol price for two-wheelers owned by the poor. The concession will be given for 10 litres of petrol for every month. An amount of Rs 25 per litre would be transferred to the bank account of poor ration card holders.

4. What is the deadline for KYC updation for bank accounts, as per the recent notification of RBI?

- A) January 31, 2022
- B) March 31, 2022 ☒
- C) June 30, 2022
- D) September 30, 2022



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the last date for KYC updation for bank accounts by three months to March 31 next year. The deadline has been extended due to prevalent uncertainty due to new variant of COVID-19.
- ✓ RBI had relaxed the rules first in May last year due to pandemic. It also announced that banking services should not be restricted because the KYC documents are not updated by the customer.

5. Which is India's first indigenously developed Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) protein sub-unit vaccine for COVID-19?

- A) CORBEVAXTM ☒
- B) NOVAVAX
- C) DIVIVAX
- D) SEROVAXTM



- ✓ India's first indigenously developed Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) protein sub-unit vaccine for COVID-19 is CORBEVAXTM. The vaccine, which has been developed by Biological E Limited, has recently received the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) approval for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).
- ✓ The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and its PSU Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), have supported Biological E's COVID-19 vaccine candidate.

6. Which country has recently purchased 25 Chinese J-10C fighter jets?

- A) Afghanistan
- B) Pakistan ☒
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Bangladesh



- ✓ The Pakistan Government has confirmed the purchase of at least 25 Chinese J-10C fighter jets for the Pakistan Air Force. Pakistan claims these jets as an alternative to France's Rafale fighter jets owned by India. Pakistan also has a fleet of US-made F-16s jets.

7. Surya Regional Water Supply Project, is being implemented in which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Maharashtra ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Telangana



- ✓ Surya Regional Water Supply Project is being implemented in Mumbai, which will provide 403 million litres per day (MLD) water supply to two Municipal Corporations, at the western sub-region of Mumbai. Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (MMRDA) has achieved the first tunnel breakthrough of the project. The project is expected to be completed in phases till 2023.

8. Trace Gas Orbiter was launched to analyse the atmosphere of which planet?

- A) Venus
- B) Mars ☒
- C) Jupiter
- D) Saturn



- ✓ The Trace Gas Orbiter, also called as ExoMars TGO is a collaborative project between the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Russian Roscosmos agency. Trace Gas Orbiter (TGO) arrived at Mars in 2016 and began its full mission in 2018. Recently, a new image taken by the spacecraft shows a small crater in the Vastitas Borealis region. The crater is partially filled with water ice.

9. 'Tejas' is a new programme, launched by India in association with which country?

- A) USA
- B) UAE ☒
- C) Australia
- D) France



- ✓ Under the new programme of Tejas, or Training in Emirate Jobs & Skills, the Government has partnered with leading employers in the UAE to train certify and place Indian workers in the Gulf countries.
- ✓ It aims to train, certify and place 10,000 Indian workers in a year and 100,000 workers across the Gulf Cooperation Council region over the next 5 years.

10. Ziyuan-1 02E satellite is a new Earth Observation Satellite launched by which country?

- A) Japan
- B) China ☒
- C) UAE
- D) Israel



- ✓ China has deployed a new Earth resources observation satellite named 'Ziyuan-1 02E', via its Chang Zheng 4C rocket. The satellite, along with an amateur radio CubeSat, lifted off recently.
 - ✓ Ziyuan (ZY), meaning Resource, is a series of remote-sensing satellites, that aim to acquire high-resolution images. The images can be used for surveying Earth resources, disaster management, and land use monitoring.
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