

1. Which is the first state/UT to provide the caste certificate based on the mother's credentials?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Delhi ☒
- D) Assam



- ✓ Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia handed over the first caste certificate based on the mother's credentials to a single mother. Earlier, SC/ST caste certificates were issued only based on the fathers' caste certificates or paternal side certificates. Hence, this is considered as a landmark move

2. As of 2022, how many banks are classified as Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) in India?

- A) 2
- B) 3 ☒
- C) 4
- D) 5

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- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India announced that SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs). These banks are Too big to fail and they need to maintain an additional Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital, in addition to the capital conservation buffer. The update is based on the data collected from banks as on March 31, 2021.

3. Nalabana Bird Sanctuary is located in which state/UT?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Odisha ☒
- C) Kerala
- D) Karnataka



- ✓ Nalabana Bird Sanctuary is the core area of the Ramsar designated wetlands of Chilika Lake, Odisha. Chilika Lake is the largest brackish water lake in India. As per the water bird status survey-2022 conducted in the Chilika, a total of 10,74,173 birds of the 107 water bird species and 37,953 individuals of 76 wetland dependent species were counted.
- ✓ A total of 3,58,889 birds of 97 species were counted in Nalabana Bird Sanctuary.

4. 'Plan Bee', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Railways ☒
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest
- C) Ministry of Agriculture
- D) Ministry of MSME



- ✓ 'Plan Bee' was first implemented by the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) as a unique method to keep elephants away from railway tracks. Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw informed that the Railways is set to implement 'Plan Bee' throughout the country. It uses an amplifying system to imitate the buzz of a swarm of honey bees.

5. Which country recently fired a "hypersonic missile", after its first test in September?

- A) Israel
- B) North Korea ☒
- C) Iran
- D) UAE



- ✓ North Korea recently fired a "hypersonic missile" that successfully hit a target. The test-fire was detected by several militaries in the region, and drew criticism from the United States, South Korea, and Japan.
- ✓ North Korea first tested a hypersonic missile in September. Hypersonic weapons can achieve more than five times the speed of sound – or about 6,200 km per hour.

6. 'Electric Bike Taxi Scheme' is the initiative of which Indian state/UT?

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



- ✓ The 'Karnataka Electric Bike Taxi Scheme' was launched in Karnataka six months ago. It allowed private players, individuals, firms, and aggregators to run electric bike taxis in Bengaluru. Citizens can avail of the service for a maximum distance of 10 km.
- ✓ However, the Transport Department has received only one application for a licence. The state has not yet fixed the bike taxi fares.

7. India's first RT-PCR kit to detect the Omicron variant, named 'Omisure' is developed by which company?

- A) TATA MD ☒
- B) Piramal
- C) Sun Pharma
- D) Apex Pharma



- ✓ India has recently approved a new RT-PCR test kit that can detect whether a sample is Covid-19 positive and if the variant is Omicron. The kit, called Omisure has been developed by TataMD, in partnership with ICMR. It detects Sars-CoV-2, and it has two specific targets for the S gene that are Omicron-specific.

8. Bharath Subramaniam, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A) Tennis
- B) Chess ☒
- C) Table-Tennis
- D) Weightlifting



- ✓ Fourteen-year-old Bharath Subramaniam became India's 73rd chess Grandmaster, after he secured the third and final GM norm at an event in Italy. He also touched the requisite 2,500 (Elo) mark. Fellow Indian player M R Lalith Babu emerged winner in the tournament, winning the title. Mitrabha Guha had become the country's 72nd GM in November last, two days after Sankalp Gupta became the 71st GM.

9. UNESCO agreed to publish descriptions of India's UNESCO World Heritage Sites on its website in which language?

- A) Tamil
- B) Hindi ☒
- C) Sanskrit
- D) Telugu

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- ✓ The UNESCO's World Heritage Centre (WHC) has agreed to publish Hindi descriptions of India's UNESCO World Heritage Sites on the WHC website.
- ✓ The information was shared by the Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO announced this news, to be implemented on the occasion of World Hindi Day. It is observed on January 10 across the world.

10. West African Countries announced to cut their ties with which African country, over delayed elections?

- A) Mali ☒
- B) Egypt
- C) Peru
- D) South Africa



- ✓ West African nations will close their borders with Mali, cut diplomatic ties and impose tough economic sanctions in response to delay in holding elections. Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the 15-state regional bloc announced this stance.
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