

1. Kumbalangi, India's first-ever sanitary napkin-free village, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ Kumbalangi became the first-ever sanitary napkin-free village in the country. It is located in the Ernakulam district of Kerala. It is part of 'Avalkayi' (for her) campaign being implemented in the Ernakulam constituency, under which menstrual cups are distributed to women aged 18 and above.
- ✓ Kumbalangi was declared a model village by the Kerala Governor. It also holds the title of India's first model tourist village.

2. Which country has developed Tu-160M / White Swan Bomber?

- A) Israel
- B) India
- C) China
- D) Russia ☒



- ✓ Russia has developed and unveiled its Tu-160M strategic bomber also known as White Swan. Recently, the debut flight of the bomber was conducted successfully.
- ✓ As per the Russian Military sources, the newly built Tu-160M strategic missile-carrying bomber has 80% of its equipment upgraded and is capable to strike enemy targets in remote areas with nuclear and conventional weapons.

3. Which type of LED uses an organic compound as film which emits light in response to an electric current?

- A) QLED
- B) OLED ☒
- C) Beta LED
- D) Meta LED



- ✓ Organic light-emitting diode (OLED) is a type of LED (Light-Emitting Diode) in which emissive electroluminescent layer is a film of organic compound that emits light in response to an electric current. This is a competitive alternative to liquid crystal displays (LCDs).
- ✓ Recently, team of researchers from University of Minnesota, MIT, Korea Institute of Industrial Technology and Pusan National University have demonstrated a printing technique which produces fully 3D-printed flexible OLED displays.

4. Which Indian has been roped in as the Ambassador for ICANN-supported Universal Acceptance Steering Group?

- A) Vijay Shekhar Sharma ☒
- B) Sachin Bansal
- C) Bhavish Aggarwal
- D) Deepinder Goyal



- ✓ Global internet body ICANN-supported Universal Acceptance Steering Group has roped in Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma as UA Ambassador.
- ✓ The Group works on developing and recommending standards for languages script that are not currently used to access the internet.

5. Dimitar Kovacevski is the new Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Greece
- B) North Macedonia ☒
- C) Egypt
- D) Argentina



- ✓ North Macedonia's Parliament elected a new cabinet under a new Social Democratic leader, Dimitar Kovacevski. He succeeds his Social Democratic predecessor, Zoran Zaev.
- ✓ The new Prime Minister announced that his immediate tasks are tackling the ongoing energy crisis and key talks with Bulgaria. The Republic of North Macedonia is a country in Southeast Europe.

6. Which Indian state has joined hands with the World Food Programme (WFP) to improve food security of farmers?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Odisha ☒
- C) Telangana
- D) Assam



- ✓ The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Odisha government have joined hands to improve the food security of small and marginal farmers. The agreement aims to strengthen the farmers' resilience to climate change.
- ✓ The WFP and the Agriculture Department will develop toolkits and guidelines to provide services to small farmers.

7. Roberta Metsola is the youngest President of which multilateral institution?

- A) European Parliament ☒
- B) UNESCO
- C) UNICEF
- D) World Bank



- ✓ Centre-right lawmaker Roberta Metsola has been selected as the third woman to head the European Parliament. The 43-year-old from the European Union's smallest nation Malta is also the youngest President of the European Parliament.

8. Which country initiated the 'Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure'?

- A) USA
- B) Australia
- C) India ☒
- D) China



- ✓ India announced 'Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure' at UN Climate Action Summit in New York in 2019. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Raising Day is annually marked on January 19. NDRF was formed on the same day in 2006. NDRF functions under the aegis of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

9. Which is the first country to approve purchase of BrahMos Missiles from India?

- A) Philippines ☒
- B) Israel
- C) Russia
- D) Australia



- ✓ The Philippines has given a \$374 million contract to BrahMos Aerospace to supply shore-based anti-ship missiles for the country's navy. BrahMos Aerospace, an India-Russian joint venture, produces Supersonic cruise missile 'BrahMos' that can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft, or land platforms.

10. Which institution recently released report on 'Pandemic Billionaires'?

- A) Pratham Foundation
- B) Oxfam ☒
- C) Amnesty International
- D) UNICEF



- ✓ As per a recent Oxfam report, 20 people in Asia (from India, China, Hong Kong, and Japan) mostly associated with the field of pharmaceuticals, saw their wealth zoom during the pandemic period.
- ✓ As per the report, the richest 1 percent owned more wealth than the poorest 90 percent in the region. The total number of billionaires grew by almost a third from 803 in March 2020 to 1,087 by November last year, whom the report calls "Pandemic Billionaires".