

1. When is the 'International Customs Day' observed every year?

- A) January 25
B) January 26
C) January 27
D) January 28



- ✓ 'International Customs Day' is observed every year on January 26, across the world with the United Nations as the host. It recognises the role of customs officials and agencies in ensuring flow of goods across the world borders. The Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) announced the observance of ICD in 1953.
- ✓ CCC was renamed as World Customs Organization (WCO) in 1994. The theme of 2022 is 'Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation by Embracing a Data Culture and Building a Data Ecosystem'.

2. Which country is the host of the 2022 Winter Olympics?

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



- ✓ The 2022 Winter Olympics, officially the XXIV Olympic Winter Games is scheduled to take place from 4 to 20 February 2022 in Beijing and its neighbouring town in China. A report released by Sport Ecology Group and Save Our Winters has stated the dangers of artificial snow to be produced in the Olympics on athletes' bodies. It also warned on water wastage that happens for the snow at these games.

3. Which global institution laid out priorities for 2022 as 'Five-alarm global fire'?

- A) World Bank
B) World Economic Forum
C) United Nations
D) International Monetary Fund



- ✓ United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres addressed the General Assembly and laid out the priorities for 2022.
- ✓ Terming it as a 'Five-alarm global fire' he listed down the five priorities as the raging COVID-19 pandemic, a morally bankrupt global financial system, the climate crisis, lawlessness in cyberspace, and diminished peace and security.

4. Union Government has approved to set up a Plastic Park in which city?

- A) Chennai
B) Mangaluru
C) Bengaluru
D) Tirunelveli



- ✓ The Union Government has given the final approval for setting up a plastic park at Ganjimutt in Mangaluru, Karnataka. The park will be set up on 104 acres at an estimated cost of ₹62.77 crore, out of which 50% of the project cost will be borne by the Union Government and the rest by Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB).

5. 'Living root bridges' is an iconic structure, found in which Indian state?

- A) West Bengal
B) Meghalaya
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The 'Living Root Bridges' are found in Meghalaya. They are made from rubber tree roots, known as 'Ficus elastica' tree and their tangled roots provides a stable alternative to wooden bridges.
- ✓ Recently, the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has underlined some green rules for the living root bridges to get the UNESCO World Heritage Site tag. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma sought UNESCO recognition on its 50th statehood day - January 21.

6. Kiribati, which was seen in the news recently, is a country located in which continent?

- A) Asia
B) Oceania
C) Europe
D) Africa



- ✓ Kiribati is one of the most isolated islands in the world. It is located in Oceania and is about 4,800km from Australia. Until last week, Kiribati had recorded just two Covid cases.
- ✓ After the passengers on the first international flight tested positive for Covid, the country has imposed its first lock-down.

7. When was the 'Amar Jawan Jyoti' established in India?

- A) 1947
B) 1950
C) 1972
D) 1958



- ✓ The Amar Jawan Jyoti was established in 1972, to mark India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 War, which resulted in the creation of Bangladesh. The Indian Government has put out the eternal flame of the Amar Jawan Jyoti underneath India Gate and merged it with the flame instituted at the National War Memorial in 2019.
- ✓ The then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi inaugurated it on Republic Day 1972, after India defeated Pakistan in 1971.

8. Which state governments signed agreement to rejuvenate the Saraswati River by constructing Adi Badra Dam?

- A) Haryana-Himachal Pradesh
B) Gujarat-Rajasthan
C) Haryana-Punjab
D) Himachal Pradesh-Delhi



- ✓ The Governments of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh entered into an agreement to build a dam at Adi Badri in Yamunanagar district. Along with this, the area will also develop as a pilgrimage site.
- ✓ The objective of the project is to revive the Saraswati River as well as increase ground water level. Adi Badri dam will be built on 31.66 hectares of land in Himachal Pradesh and Rs 215.33 crore will be spent for the same.

9. Telineelapuram Bird Sanctuary is located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Odisha
D) West Bengal



- ✓ Telineelapuram International Bird Sanctuary is located in Andhra Pradesh's Srikakulam district. Recently, mass deaths of migratory spot-billed pelicans happened at the Bird Sanctuary.
- ✓ According to government data, about 113 species of exotic birds come to these areas each year from Siberia, Russia, Malaysia, Hungary,

Singapore and Germany for breeding.

10. 'NeoCov', which was seen in the news, was first identified in which species?

- A) Monkey
- B) Bat
- C) Owl
- D) Rodent



- ✓ NeoCov stands for Neoromicia, the species of bat that have been infected with the virus. This virus is associated with MERS Coronavirus and not the SARS-CoV-2. Recently news about the virus discovered in South Africa amongst bats is being circulated widely. However, the World Health Organization has said that whether NeoCov coronavirus poses a threat to humans requires further study.