

1. Which state/UT has released India's first citizen-driven state-level Bird Atlas?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala
C) Karnataka
D) West Bengal



- ✓ The Kerala Bird Atlas released recently is said to be Asia's largest bird atlas in terms of geographical extent, sampling efforts, and species coverage. It is also the first-of-its-kind state-level bird atlas in India, and was conducted as a citizen-driven exercise with the participation of over 1000 volunteers.

2. Khijadiya wildlife sanctuary, is a new Ramsar site, located in which state/UT?

- A) Haryana
B) Bihar
C) Gujarat
D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ Two new Ramsar sites were announced on the occasion of World Wetlands Day. They are: Khijadiya wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat and Bakhira wildlife sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ India has a network of 49 such sites covering 10,93,636 hectares, which is the highest in South Asia. The Union Environment Ministry had earlier notified the Sultanpur National Park and Bhindawas wildlife sanctuary in Jhajjar as Ramsar sites in Haryana.

3. With the integration of Chhattisgarh, the 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan is operational in how many states/UT?

- A) 15
B) 20
C) 28
D) 35

35

- ✓ Chhattisgarh has recently implemented 'One Nation One Ration Card' (ONORC) plan, under which the people of the state can lift their food-grains quota from any ration shops across the country.
- ✓ With the integration of Chhattisgarh, the ONORC plan is now operational in 35 States/UTs covering almost 96.8 percent of about 77 crore NFSA beneficiaries in the country. This was announced by the Department of Food & Public Distribution.

4. Skeletal remains of a man buried near a headless horse have been found in which country?

- A) Russia
B) Greece
C) Germany
D) China



- ✓ Researchers have recently found skeletal remains of a man buried near a headless horse. The remains have been found in Knittlingen in southern Germany. Researchers estimate that the man and the horse must have been buried 1400 years ago when the area was ruled by Merovingian dynasty.

5. Which North-Eastern state recently inaugurated a dedicated 'Technology Park' for IT sector?

- A) Assam
B) Meghalaya
C) Manipur
D) Mizoram



- ✓ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma recently inaugurated the 'Shillong Technology Park'. Several companies have submitted their assent to open their branches. At present, Meghalaya has 70% population below the age of 35 years. The first phase building of the Technology Park will create employment for more than 1,500 people directly, will generate more jobs indirectly.

6. Which country is the top export destination of India's electronic goods in 2021?

- A) USA
B) China
C) The Netherlands
D) Germany



- ✓ India's exports of electronic goods touched USD 1.67 Billion in December 2021, registering a growth of 33.99% over USD 1.25 bn seen in December 2020. The overall exports of electronics goods in the last financial year were USD 11.11 Billion.
- ✓ The top 5 export destinations of Indian electronics goods in April-November 2021 are: USA (18%), UAE (16.6%), China (7.6%), Netherland (4.5%) & Germany (4.2%). Mobile phones form a major part of India's Electronics Goods sector exports.

7. Which neighbouring country of India witnessed a record low growth of 0.93 per cent in the last decade?

- A) Sri Lanka
B) Nepal
C) Bangladesh
D) Myanmar



- ✓ As per the preliminary results of Nepal's National Census 2021, the country's population has reached 29,192,480, which is a growth of mere 0.93 per cent. This is also the lowest growth in the last eight decades. The population growth rate in Nepal is less than the average growth rate of the global population.
- ✓ This is due to the outward migration of Nepalis for jobs and studies. In the last Census 2011, the average population growth rate was 1.35%.

8. Who is the author of the book titled "A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence"?

- A) Ruskin Bond
B) Arundhati Roy
C) Sudha Murty
D) Vikram Seth



- ✓ Veteran Author Ruskin Bond released his latest book titled, "A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence" The 87-year-old Indian author of British descent has depicted the physical and spiritual attributes of India. It is a record of some of the author's memories and impressions of the country.
- ✓ Ruskin Bond is the recipient of Sahitya Akademi Award, Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar, Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan.

9. The Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is located in which district?

- A) Erode
B) Coimbatore
C) Dindigul
D) Salem



- ✓ The Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) of Tamil Nadu has been awarded the prestigious TX2 Award after its tiger number doubled

since 2010. STR is a protected area and tiger reserve in the Western Ghats in the Erode District of Tamil Nadu.

- ✓ The reserve is a part of the Nilgiri biosphere landscape, which is the home to world's largest tiger population. The awards are presented by the Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CATS), Global Tiger Forum (GTF), IUCN's ITHCP, UNDP, WWF among other stakeholders.

10. What was the mission period of National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY)?

A) 2014–2018

B) 2015–2019

C) 2016–2020

D) 2017–2021



- ✓ The National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY), a central sector scheme was launched in 2015 and was implemented in 12 cities. As many as 77 projects have been implemented with an outlay of Rs 453.90 crores.
- ✓ 2 projects amounting to Rs 18.34 crore - Project in Badami (Karnataka) and Project in Warangal (Telangana) are under implementation. The mission period ended in 2019.