

1. Crimson Rose, which was seen in the news recently, belongs to which species?

- A) Flower
B) Butterfly
C) Panda
D) Snake



- ✓ Crimson Rose is a large butterfly with a mix of black, white and crimson colours on its wings and body. It belongs to the Swallowtails (Papilionidae) family and they are known to migrate along the coast, inland and cross the sea often.
- ✓ Recently, thousands of Crimson Rose butterflies were seen flying from Dhanushkodi, at the southern-most tip of Rameswaram Island towards Sri Lanka, which is around 25 km from the tip of Dhanushkodi.

2. Which is the venue of 'DefExpo 2022' Defence Exhibition?

- A) Goa
B) Chennai
C) Gandhi Nagar
D) Varanasi



- ✓ DefExpo 2022, India's biennial flagship defence exhibition is scheduled to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat in the month of March. More than 900 defence firms and 55 countries have so far confirmed their participation in the Expo. It is also claimed to be Asia's largest defence exhibition. Out of the 900 exhibitors at the event, more than 100 are foreign players. The 2020 edition of the Expo was held at Lucknow.

3. The world's first woman was cured of HIV through which process?

- A) Stem cell transplant
B) Antiretroviral therapy
C) Tuberculosis Treatment
D) Blood Transfusion



- ✓ A US woman is said to have become the third person in the world to be cured of HIV. She is also the first woman to be cured. The woman is a leukaemia patient and received a stem cell transplant from someone with natural resistance to the Aids-causing virus. An umbilical cord blood transplant was done, as a part of her cancer treatment.

4. 'PM KUSUM' Scheme is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
B) Ministry of Power
C) Ministry of Agriculture
D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ Ministry of New and Renewable Energy launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) Scheme for farmers for installation of solar pumps and grid connected solar and other renewable power plants.
- ✓ Recently, the Central government has set the target for replacing diesel with renewable energy in the agricultural sector by 2024.

5. 'National Award for Innovations and Good Practices in Educational Administration' are presented to?

- A) Teachers
B) Education Officers
C) Student Volunteers
D) NGOs in School Education



- ✓ The National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) has instituted National Award for Innovations and Good Practices in Educational Administration. The 5th National awards were recently presented to the selected District and Block level education officers from 29 states/ UTs of the country. This year, over hundred officers received Award or Certificate of Appreciation.

6. What is 'Proxima d', which was seen in the news recently?

- A) New Vaccine
B) New Exoplanet
C) New Star
D) New Mineral



- ✓ A team of astronomers has discovered a new planet orbiting Proxima Centauri, the star closest to the Sun. The planet named 'Proxima d', is the third detected in the system. It is among the lightest of the exoplanets discovered so far.
- ✓ The astronomers used the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope (ESO's VLT) in Chile to spot this exo-planet.

7. What is the rank of India in the USGBC 2021 global list for sustainable spaces?

- A) 1st
B) 3rd
C) 5th
D) 7th



- ✓ India is placed third in the globe on the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) 2021 global list for sustainable spaces. It is a ranking of the top 10 nations and areas outside of the United States for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) in 2021. India has 1,649 LEED certified buildings.

8. Which Indian bank has partnered with NSE Academy to promote financial literacy as a necessary life skill?

- A) Punjab National Bank
B) State Bank of India
C) ICICI Bank
D) Axis Bank



- ✓ 'State Bank of India's Strategic Training Unit has entered into a partnership with NSE Academy to promote financial literacy as a necessary life skill. Five inaugural Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) of SBI have been on the NSE Knowledge Hub platform.
- ✓ The e-courses enable learners to gather knowledge on various aspects of banking and financial services.

9. Where is the headquarters of the 'United Nations Conference on Trade and Development' located?

- A) Geneva
B) Washington
C) Paris
D) Brussels



- ✓ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is an intergovernmental organisation, established in 1964 at Geneva, Switzerland, with an aim to promote trade among developing countries.
- ✓ Recently, the organisation has stated that India's trade deficit as a percentage of global trade has reduced to 0.6% in 2022 as against 0.7% in pre pandemic levels.

10. Which African country has recently declared a Polio outbreak?

- A) Malawi
- B) South Africa
- C) Nigeria
- D) Democratic Republic of Congo



- ✓ The landlocked African nation – Malawi has recently declared a polio outbreak, after a case was identified in a young child.
 - ✓ As per the World Health Organisation, this outbreak is the first in the African continent in more than 5 years. This strain is of the type WPV1 (Type 1 Wild Polio Virus).
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