

1. 'Geneva Conventions' which was seen in the news recently, is related to which field?

- A) Digital Currency
- B) Rules for Combatant Behaviour during a War ☒
- C) Climate Change
- D) Export-Import Policy



- ✓ The Geneva Conventions are a set of principles highlighting the norms for combatant behaviour during a war. During the ongoing Russia's armed invasion of Ukraine, several civilian infrastructures and non-combatants have been impacted. There is growing concern around the issue of human rights violations.

2. Which institution released the Directions of 'Regulatory Framework for Microfinance Loans'?

- A) NABARD
- B) RBI ☒
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Cooperation



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has released the RBI (Regulatory Framework for Microfinance Loans) Directions, 2022, which will be effective from April 1, 2022. Under the directions, RBI asked regulated entities lending to the microfinance segment to ensure that loans are collateral-free.

3. Which is the first state in the country to use 'Crop Diversification Index'?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Telangana ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Punjab



- ✓ For the first time in the country, Telangana has begun recording crop diversification patterns in the form of an index. According to the crop diversification index, the state grows 77 varieties. The index will serve as a base for future crop diversification in the state.

4. Which country is the largest importer of arms globally, as per SIPRI's Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2021 Report?

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



- ✓ Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released the Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2021 Report. As per the report, India remains the largest importer of arms globally. Most of India's defence imports come from Russia.
- ✓ India has been pushing for indigenous development in defence equipment, and allotted 68 percent of the capital budget for 2022-23 for domestic manufacturing industries.

5. Which day has been declared by the UN as 'International Day to Combat Islamophobia'?

- A) March.12
- B) March.14
- C) March.15 ☒
- D) March.18



- ✓ The U.N. General Assembly approved a resolution setting March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia. The resolution was adopted by consensus by the UN.
- ✓ It emphasizes the right to freedom of religion and belief and recalls a 1981 resolution calling for "the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief."

6. Which organisation conducts the "YUva Vigyani Karyakram" (YUVIKA) programme?

- A) RBI
- B) ISRO ☒
- C) DRDO
- D) BARC



- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is organising a special programme for school children called "YUva Vigyani Karyakram" (YUVIKA). Also called as "Young Scientist Programme", it aims to impart basic knowledge on space technology, space science and space applications to young students, especially for those from rural areas.

7. What is the objective of 'PM KUSUM' scheme?

- A) Financial Grant to Farmers
- B) Energy Security of Farmers ☒
- C) Crop Insurance to Farmers
- D) Fertilizer Subsidy to Farmers



- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) scheme was launched in 2019, to ensure Energy security of farmers.
- ✓ Component-A includes setting up of Grid Connected Renewable Energy Power Plants, 'B' includes Installation of agriculture pumps/irrigation systems and 'C' includes Solarisation of the pumps. Recently, the Karnataka Cabinet approved the implementation of PM KUSUM-B scheme.

8. Which Indian cricketer recently became the highest wicket-taker in the history of the Women's World Cup?

- A) Mithali Raj
- B) Jhulan Goswami ☒
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Smriti Mandhana



- ✓ Veteran Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami has created history by becoming the highest wicket-taker in the history of the Women's World Cup. She achieved this feat during the match West Indies Women in the ongoing ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2022. She has now clinched 40 wickets in 31 matches in the Women's World Cup and has surpassed Australia's Lyn Fullston (39).

9. World Wildlife Day is observed on which date?

- A) March.03 ☒
- B) March.02
- C) March.01
- D) March.05



- ✓ Every year, 3<sup>rd</sup> March is celebrated as World Wildlife Day by the United Nations and this year, the day is celebrated under the theme "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration". This aims to conserve some of the most critically endangered species of wild fauna and flora.

10. When is the World Sparrow Day celebrated every year?

- A) March 20 ☒
- B) March 21
- C) March 22
- D) March 23



- ✓ The World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on 20th March. It is celebrated to raise awareness about various species of sparrows including house sparrow and of threats by manmade activities to their populations. It is celebrated by the Nature Forever Society of India along with the Eco-Sys Action Foundation of France.
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