

1. Which Indian state/UT implements the 'Mukhyamantri Park Saundaryakaran Yojana'?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ Mukhyamantri Park Saundaryakaran Yojana is a scheme being implemented by the Government of Delhi. As part of the scheme, the Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal directed officials to transform 17 city forests in the national capital in an area of about 3000 acres to 'World-Class level' Forests.

2. Who has been awarded the 'Abel Prize 2022'?

- A) Dennis Parnell Sullivan ☒
- B) Curtis T. McMullen
- C) William Browder
- D) Hal Abelson



- ✓ The Abel Prize for the year 2022 has been awarded to Professor Dennis Parnell Sullivan. It is awarded annually to outstanding mathematicians. The award was established by the Norwegian Government in 2002.
- ✓ Professor Sullivan was awarded the prize "For his contributions to topology, in particular its algebraic, geometric and dynamical aspects."

3. Which institution has inaugurated 'AquaMAP' Water Management and Policy Centre?

- A) IIT Madras ☒
- B) IISc Bengaluru
- C) IIT Kharagpur
- D) IIT Delhi



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has inaugurated AquaMAP Water Management and Policy Centre and also launched its website. AquaMAP is a national water centre and IIT Madras is collaborating with IIT Dharwad in the project.
- ✓ The Centre aims at providing solutions for water problems by designing and evolving smart and optimal water management practices.

4. 'Lamitiye 2022' is the Joint Military Exercise between India and which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Maldives
- C) Seychelles ☒
- D) Madagascar



- ✓ 'Lamitiye 2022' is the ninth edition of the Joint Military Exercise between the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF). The Indian Army contingent arrived in Seychelles for the exercise, to be conducted at the Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA) from March 22 to 31.

5. Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) has partnered with which company to build the first indigenous dredger?

- A) Cochin Shipyard Limited ☒
- B) Mazagon Dock Ship builders
- C) Goa Shipyard
- D) Garden Reach Ship builders & Engineers



- ✓ The Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) signed an agreement to build the first indigenous dredger.
- ✓ The vessel will cost around Rs 920 crore. This is the largest and technologically advanced dredger to have even been built in India.

6. Keoladeo National Park is located in which Indian state/UT?

- A) Rajasthan ☒
- B) Punjab
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra



- ✓ Keoladeo National Park is located in Rajasthan's Bharatpur district. Recently, an experiment with Africa's 'Boma Capturing Technique' was undertaken in the park. The technique is used for capturing and translocating spotted deer, which will improve the prey base in Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve, situated 450 km away.

7. 'Narasingampettai Nagaswaram', which got the GI Tag recently, is from which Indian state?

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



- ✓ The 'Narasingampettai Nagaswaram' from Tamil Nadu has earned the Geographical Indication (GI) tag under 'musical instruments of class 15'. The instrument is handmade in Narasingampettai village in Thanjavur, unlike the other machine-made ones.
- ✓ A type of Ebony wood is chosen, which is 200 years old and does not absorb moisture. The reeds are made from the leaves of a locally grown plant named Naanal (Bamboo).

8. What is the theme of the 'International Day of Forests 2022'?

- A) Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption ☒
- B) World's Terrestrial Biodiversity
- C) Role of Forest in Achieving SDGs
- D) Trees - Pathway to Sustainability



- ✓ International Day of Forests on March 21 is observed every year with the aim to increase awareness about the role of forests in sustaining lives on this planet. The theme for 2022 is 'Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption'. As per the United Nations, forests are home to about 80 per cent of the world's terrestrial biodiversity, with more than 60,000 tree species.

9. Which country recently test-fired the intercontinental ballistic missile named Hwasong-17?

- A) China
- B) North Korea ☒
- C) UAE
- D) Israel



- ✓ North Korea has confirmed that it has test-fired its first intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) since 2017 named 'Hwasong-17'. Hwasong-17 flew 1,090 km at a maximum altitude of 6,248.5 km and hit a target. Hwasong-17 is claimed to be the largest ICBM in the world. Hwasong-15, which was tested in November 2017 reached an altitude of about 4,475 km and covered 950 km.

10. What is the per cent rise in Tuberculosis (TB) cases in India in 2021, as per India TB Report 2022?

- A) 2%
- B) 5%
- C) 9%
- D) 19% ☒

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- ✓ The 'India TB Report 2022' was recently released by the union health minister. As per the report, India reported a sharp 19 per cent rise in tuberculosis cases in 2021 over the previous year. The total number of incident TB patients notified during 2021 were around 19 lakhs as opposed to that of 16 lakhs in 2020. There has been an increase in the mortality rate due to TB between 2019 and 2020 by 11 per cent in India.