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1. The 'Roorkee Water Conclave' has been organised by IIT Roorkee along with which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) National Institute of Hydrology ☒
- C) Indian Navy
- D) Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ Union Minister for Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the 2nd edition of the 'Roorkee Water Conclave' today at IIT, Roorkee.
- ✓ It is being jointly organised by Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee and National Institute of Hydrology, focusing on the theme, 'Water Security for Sustainable Development'. National Institute of Hydrology is an autonomous society under Ministry of Jal Shakti.

2. 'Theyyam' or 'Kaliyattam' is a ritual dance performed in which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Kerala ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ 'Theyyam' or 'Kaliyattam' is a 800-year-old ritual dance performed in the state of Kerala. It exhibits folk dances and art thereby displaying the ancient tribal cultures. Various types of theyyams are performed during the course of the festival. Ritual dance Agni Kandakarnam Theyyam has begun at the Kaliyattam festival in Kannur, Kerala.

3. What is the objective of the 'Jan Aushadhi Bal Mitra programme'?

- A) Educate Children on PMBJP ☒
- B) Provide subsidised medicines to children
- C) Provide subsidised medicines to pregnant women
- D) Promote Investment in PMBJP



- ✓ On the occasion of Jan Aushadhi Diwas week celebrations, Jan Aushadhi Bal Mitra programme has been conducted across the country at 75 locations. It aims to engage children as 'Bal Mitras' with Jan Aushadhi scheme to educate them about the benefits of the PM Bharatiya Jan Aushadi Pariyojana.

4. Which Union Ministry has constituted 'Swadesh Darshan Awards'?

- A) Ministry of External Affairs
- B) Ministry of Tourism ☒
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Tourism has constituted Swadesh Darshan Awards, to acknowledge the efforts of states/ UTs. Under 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme, tourism related infrastructure has been developed at more than 500 tourist destinations. The Ministry has sanctioned 76 projects in 31 States / UTs of India for more than Rs.5500 Crore.

5. 'Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant', which was seen in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Russia
- B) Ukraine ☒
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Belarus



- ✓ Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant is a major electricity supplier in Ukraine. The plant generates 40-42 billion kWh which accounts for one fifth of the average annual electricity production in Ukraine.
- ✓ Recently, Ukraine has claimed that Russian military has seized the plant and started shelling. It is also the largest nuclear power plant in Europe.

6. As per a recent report, what is the contribution of YouTube creator system to Indian GDP in 2020?

- A) Rs 1700 Crores
- B) Rs 3400 Crores
- C) Rs 6800 Crores ☒
- D) Rs 8500 Crores



- ✓ As per a new report by independent consulting firm Oxford Economics, YouTube's creator ecosystem contributed Rs 6,800 crore to the Indian GDP. YouTube supported 683,900 full-time equivalent jobs in India in 2020. It also said that the number of channels on YouTube in India with over 100,000 subscribers are 40,000.

7. What is the theme of the International Women's Day 2022?

- A) Educate Organise and Agitate
- B) Gender Equality: March against Patriarchy
- C) Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow ☒
- D) Impact of COVID-19 on women



- ✓ International Women's Day is observed every year on March 8 across the world, to highlight the achievements and problems faced by women. The theme for this year is "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow".

8. What is the name of the initiative launched by India to bring back Indians stranded in Ukraine?

- A) Operation Ganga ☒
- B) Operation Kiev
- C) Operation Moscow
- D) Operation Bharat



- ✓ Operation Ganga is the name of the initiative launched by the Government of India to bring back Indians stranded in Ukraine. So far, India has brought back more than 1,000 of its nationals from the country. It has also set up 24x7 control centres to assist in the evacuation of Indians through the border crossing points with Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovak Republic.

9. Which is the first multilateral agency to open an office in the Gujarat International Finance Tech City (GIFT)?

- A) WEF
- B) ILO
- C) New Development Bank ☒
- D) World Bank



- ✓ New Development Bank (NDB) is set to become the first multilateral agency to open an office in the Gujarat International Finance Tech City (GIFT). NDB also expects to partner with the newly formed National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NBFID) to support important infrastructure projects in India.

10. Which city is the host of Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2022?

- A) Paris
- B) Barcelona ☒
- C) Beijing
- D) Tokyo



- ✓ Mobile World Congress (MWC) began recently in the city of Barcelona, Spain. In the conference, the Global Mobile Economy Report was released.
 - ✓ As per the report, the total number of 5G connections globally is expected to reach 1 billion in 2022, which could increase 5G adoption. In 2021, mobile technologies and services generated USD 4.5 trillion, which equals 5% of Global GDP. This is expected to grow to USD 5 trillion in 2025.
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1. What is the name of India's indigenous 'Automatic Train Protection System'?

- A) Shakti
- B) Kavach ☒
- C) Veera
- D) Brahma



- ✓ Kavach is the indigenously developed 'Automatic Train Protection System', which was recently tested on South Central Railway. As per the Union Budget, the system is scheduled for complete rollout on 2,000 km in 2022-23. It is India's own automatic protection system in development since 2012, under the name Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS), which got renamed to Kavach.

2. Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

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



- ✓ '*Glycosmis albicarpa*', a new gin berry species, was recently discovered from Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu. A team of scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) has discovered the species with a distinct large white fruit. The species is endemic to the southern Western Ghats and it belongs to the orange family, *Rutaceae*.

3. What does Article 176 (1) of the Constitution of India deal with?

- A) Election Commission of India
- B) Finance Commission
- C) Presentation of Budget in Parliament
- D) Governor's Address in both the Houses of State ☒



- ✓ Article 176(1) of the Constitution states that 'Governor shall address both the houses of the state legislative assembly together at the commencement of the first Session after each general election and at the first session of each year'.
- ✓ The article is in the news recently because Government of Telangana has announced its decision on conducting the budget session of the legislature without the customary Governor's address.

4. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)?

- A) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- B) Justice Sadasivam
- C) Justice D N Patel ☒
- D) Justice K Chandru



- ✓ The Government of India has appointed Delhi High Court Chief Justice D N Patel as the chairperson of the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal. The Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) was set up to adjudicate disputes among telecom operators and consumers.
- ✓ The tribunal consists of a chairperson who should be or should have been a Judge of the Supreme Court or the Chief Justice of a High Court.

5. Which country has been hit by extra-ordinary rains called 'Rain Bombs'?

- A) Russia
- B) Ukraine
- C) Australia ☒
- D) Belarus



- ✓ Australia has been hit by 'Rain Bombs', which caused evacuations and power outages. Australia's third-most populous city Brisbane was

most hit by the rains, which brought record flooding to some east coast areas and killed eight people.

- ✓ The flooding in Brisbane and its surroundings is said to be the worst since 2011. The rainfall over Brisbane has been extraordinary and hence called as 'Rain Bomb'.

6. Which country launched a rocket to place record 22 satellites in space?

- A) UAE
- B) USA
- C) China ☒
- D) Russia



- ✓ China recently launched a Long March-8 rocket to place 22 satellites in space, setting a domestic record for the most spacecraft launched by a single rocket. These satellites will be used for commercial remote sensing services, marine environment monitoring, forest fire prevention and disaster mitigation.

7. What is the theme of the Janaushadhi Diwas 2022?

- A) Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi ☒
- B) Atmanirbhar and Affordable Aushadhi
- C) Awareness of Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana
- D) Leaving No one Behind



- ✓ Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), under the aegis of Department of Pharmaceuticals is set to celebrate the Jan Aushadhi Diwas Week, with the main event on March 7. The theme of 4th Janaushadhi Diwas is "Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi".
- ✓ PM Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana ensures easy reach of affordable medicine to the people in every district. The Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10,500 by the end of March 2025.

8. Which country launched the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite GOES-T satellite?

- A) Russia
- B) China
- C) USA ☒
- D) UAE



- ✓ The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) launched the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite GOES-T satellite. It was launched aboard a United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V rocket.
- ✓ GOES-T is the latest spacecraft of the GOES- R series. It will be used by the researchers to study Earth's weather and climate.

9. 'Remove laws that harm; Create laws that empower' is the theme of which day celebrated on March 1?

- A) Zero Discrimination Day ☒
- B) World AIDS Day
- C) World Equality Day
- D) World Social Justice Day



- ✓ The 'Zero Discrimination Day' is observed annually across the world on March 1, by UNAIDS. UNAIDS is the leading global forum which aims to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. This year theme of the day is, "Remove laws that harm; Create laws that empower".

10. 'National Gender Index' and 'State Energy and Climate Index' are the upcoming initiatives of which institution?

A) UNDP

B) NITI Aayog ☒

C) UNICEF

D) Economist Intelligence Unit



- ✓ Niti Aayog is in the process of developing a National Gender Index, which will support policy action and advocacy around gender and will be aligned to the framework of Sustainable Development Goals.
 - ✓ NITI Aayog has also developed a draft State Energy and Climate Index to assess the performance of states on various parameters. The index will help states to efficiently manage their energy resources and provide people better access to energy.
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1. 'SLINEX' is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?

- A) Oman
- B) Singapore
- C) Sri Lanka ☒
- D) Japan



- ✓ The 9th Edition of India – Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX (Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise) has commenced at Visakhapatnam.
- ✓ The exercise is conducted in two phases – the Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam followed by the Sea Phase in the Bay of Bengal. Indian Navy is represented by INS Kirch, a guided missile corvette, INS Jyoti, a Fleet support tanker, Advanced Light Helicopter, Seaking and Chetak Helicopters and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

2. The Prime Minister recently inaugurated the Metro project of which city?

- A) Mysuru
- B) Pune ☒
- C) Coimbatore
- D) Trivandrum



- ✓ Pune Metro project has been undertaken by MAHA Metro, a SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) of Government of India and Government of Maharashtra. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 12-km stretch of the total 32.2 km Pune metro rail project. The total cost of the project is over ₹ 11,400 crore.

3. Which is the venue of the India Global Forum event in 2022?

- A) Chennai
- B) Bengaluru ☒
- C) Varanasi
- D) Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ The India Global Forum (IGF) event is scheduled at Bengaluru. Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar is set to attend the event and interact with the founders and CEOs of 30 unicorns during the event. The IGF event shall also see participation of Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, and Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi as well as CEOs and leaders from the industry.

4. Which country has recently tested reconnaissance satellite system?

- A) North Korea ☒
- B) Ukraine
- C) Russia
- D) UAE



- ✓ North Korea said that it conducted a test for reconnaissance satellite systems (spy satellite system), after regional military authorities reported the launch of a ballistic missile from the country.
- ✓ It was the second such launch in a week to test satellite equipment, and the ninth missile launch this year. It was condemned by the United States, South Korea, and Japan.

5. Which state has inaugurated 'School Health Clinics'?

- A) Odisha
- B) Gujarat
- C) New Delhi ☒
- D) Rajasthan



- ✓ The Delhi Government has recently inaugurated individual health clinics in 20 government schools. They were inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia. The clinics will provide routine health check-ups as well as counselling to ensure the children's physical and mental well-being.

6. 'Jharokha', which was in the news recently, is a celebration related to which field?

- A) Art and Culture ☒
- B) Literature
- C) AYUSH
- D) Science and Technology



- ✓ Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Textiles are jointly organizing "Jharokha-Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art and culture". Jharokha is a celebration of the traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture.
- ✓ It is scheduled to be held across the country at 16 locations in 13 states and UTs. The first event under this celebration is being organized in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

7. 'Trellis structure', which was seen in the news, is associated with which sector?

- A) Automobile
- B) Agriculture ☒
- C) Artificial-Intelligence
- D) Banking



- ✓ As a part of sustainable farming, a trellis structure is prepared using four pillars, bamboo poles and ropes, on 20 decimals of land. As plants especially creepers grew vertically in a trellis system, the chances of stems, flowers and fruits getting rotten are very less. The system has worked well in many tribal villages of Odisha.

8. 'Karewas' are fertile alluvial soil deposits found in which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) West Bengal
- C) Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The highly fertile alluvial soil deposits of the Kashmir Valley are called 'Karewas'. The plateaus are 13,000-18,000-metre-thick deposits of alluvial soil and sediments like sandstone and mudstone.
- ✓ These are the ideal places for cultivation of saffron, almonds, apples and several other cash crops. It was seen in the news, as Karewas are being destroyed in the name of development.

9. What is the objective of 'SAMARTH' initiative launched by the MSME Ministry?

- A) Women Entrepreneurship ☒
- B) Value Addition
- C) Support for Marketing
- D) Portal for GST



- ✓ The Union MSME Ministry recently launched SAMARTH – a special entrepreneurship promotion drives for women. Under SAMARTH, 20 per cent seats in free skill development programmes, organised under skill development schemes of the Ministry, will be allocated for aspiring and existing women entrepreneurs.

10. Which country is the largest Crude-Oil producer in the world, as of 2022?

- A) Russia
- B) USA ☒
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Iran



- ✓ Russia is the second-largest crude oil producer in the world, only behind the United States. Russia produces close to 11 million barrels per day of crude oil. About half of Russia's exported oil (2.5 mn barrels per day) –is shipped to European countries.
 - ✓ Nearly one-third of it arrives in Europe via the Druzhba Pipeline through Belarus. Recently, the UK proposed that the G7 nations impose limits on their Russian oil and gas imports.
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1. Who are the targeted beneficiaries of 'UPI123Pay' facility, recently launched by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) Visually Challenged Persons
- B) Feature Phone Users ☒
- C) Children
- D) Senior Citizens



- ✓ RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das launched UPI for feature phones called UPI123Pay. He also launched 24x7 helpline for digital payments named 'DigiSaathi'. UPI 123Pay will allow customers to use feature phones for all transactions except scan and pay. It doesn't need an internet connection for transactions while customers have to link their bank account with feature phones to use this facility.

2. India signed MoU with which countries to implement the 'BBIN' Motor Vehicles Agreement?

- A) Bhutan-Nepal
- B) Bangladesh-Nepal ☒
- C) Bhutan-Cambodia-Nepal
- D) Bangladesh-Myanmar-Nepal



- ✓ India, Bangladesh and Nepal finalised an enabling Memorandum of understanding (MoU) for implementing the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA).
- ✓ Bhutan participated in the meeting as an observer. BBIN aims to boost the regional trade and connectivity.

3. What is "PARAM Ganga", which was seen in the news recently?

- A) COVID Vaccine
- B) Ganga Rejuvenation Scheme
- C) Super-computer ☒
- D) Crypto-currency



- ✓ The National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) has deployed "PARAM Ganga", a supercomputer at IIT Roorkee, with a supercomputing capacity of 1.66 Petaflops.
- ✓ NSM is driven jointly by Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeiTY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and implemented by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore.

4. 'Pal-Dadhav Massacre' was held at which present-day Indian state?

- A) Gujarat ☒
- B) West Bengal
- C) Assam
- D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ The Gujarat government marked 100 years of the Pal-Dadhav killings, citing it a massacre "bigger than the Jallianwala Bagh".
- ✓ The killings had also been featured on the state's Republic Day tableau. The massacre took place on March 7, 1922, in the Pal-Chitariya and Dadhvaav villages of Gujarat. When Villagers gathered as part of the 'Eki movement', led by Motilal Tejawat, around 1000 were shot down by the British. Their aim was to protest against the land revenue tax.

5. Which Indian state launched 'Kaushalya Matritva Yojana'?

- A) Odisha
- B) Gujarat
- C) Chhattisgarh ☒
- D) Rajasthan



- ✓ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the 'Kaushalya Matritva Yojana'. Under this scheme, financial assistance of Rs 5000 will be given to women on the birth of second girl child.
- ✓ He also released 'Kanya Vivah Yojana' Coffee Table Book and Sakhi One Stop Center Telephone Directory.

6. Which is the first airline in the world to use "sun-to-liquid" fuel?

- A) Japan Airlines
- B) Cathay Pacific Airways
- C) Swiss Airlines ☒
- D) Qantas Airways



- ✓ Swiss and its parent company, the Lufthansa Group, have partnered with synthetic fuel group Synhelion to use its Solar Fuel.
- ✓ This will make Swiss the first airline in the world to use "sun-to-liquid" fuel. Switzerland-based Synhelion, has developed a technology for manufacturing sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) from renewable energy sources.

7. Which state is the host of National conclave on 'Social Enterprises for Garbage Free Cities'?

- A) Bihar
- B) Chattisgarh ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), organised a national conclave on 'Social Enterprises for Garbage Free Cities: Encouraging Women Entrepreneurs in Waste management'. The conclave was organised in collaboration with the Chhattisgarh Government in Raipur.

8. Which institution released the 'State of India's Environment Report 2022'?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Centre for Science and Environment ☒
- C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D) UN Development Programme



- ✓ Bhupender Yadav, Union minister of environment, forests and climate change, released Centre for Science and Environment - Down to Earth's Annual State of India's Environment Report 2022. This was released at the Anil Agarwal Dialogue organised by Delhi-based non-profit Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).
- ✓ As per the report, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are below the national average in 11 and 14 SDGs, respectively. Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh fared best in SDGs.

9. Which is the venue of the 2022 ISSF World Cup?

- A) Cairo ☒
- B) Paris
- C) Budapest
- D) Moscow



- ✓ This year's first ISSF World Cup is being held in the city of Cairo, Egypt. Indian shooting ace Saurabh Chaudhary won the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event. Another Indian player Esha Singh bagged the second medal for the country after she won a silver in the women's 10m air pistol event.

10. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Stree Manoraksha Project'?

- A) Ministry of Women and Child Development ☒
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D) Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) launched the 'Stree Manoraksha Project' to improve the mental health of women in India. The project has been launched in collaboration with the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru.
 - ✓ The project would focus on building on capacity building of One-Stop Centers on how to handle the cases of women who have suffered violence and distress.
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1. National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) functions under the administrative jurisdiction of which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B) Ministry of Finance ☒
- C) Ministry of MSME
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs



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- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the setting up National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) as a wholly owned Government of India company with an initial authorized share capital of Rs 5000 crore and paid-up share capital of Rs 150 crore.
- ✓ NLMC will undertake monetization of surplus land and building assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and other Government agencies. Going forward, Department of Public Enterprise, Ministry of Finance, will set up the company and act as its administrative ministry.

2. European Organization for Nuclear Research – CERN has recently suspended the observer status of which country?

- A) USA
- B) Russia ☒
- C) Ukraine
- D) Belarus



- ✓ The European Organization for Nuclear Research, known as CERN recently suspended the observer status of Russia. It is the international scientific laboratory which has the world's largest atom smasher.
- ✓ CERN announced that its 23 member states condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Ukraine is one of 7 associate member states, and Russia, like the US, Japan and the European Union, had observer status in CERN.

3. Where is the 'WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine' established in India?

- A) Ernakulam
- B) Jamnagar ☒
- C) Shimla
- D) Kolkata



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) in Jamnagar, Gujarat under the Ministry of AYUSH. A Host Country agreement was signed between the Government of India and the World Health Organization (WHO). This would be the first and only global out-posted Centre for traditional medicine across the world.

4. What is the theme of National Youth Parliament Festival – 2022?

- A) Be the voice of New India & find solutions & contribute to Policy ☒
- B) Voice of Youth matters
- C) e-Governance and Use of ICT
- D) Participation of Women in Parliament



- ✓ The inaugural session of National round of third edition of National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) 2022 was recently held. Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur addressed the session.
- ✓ Theme of this year's National Youth Parliament Festival is 'be the voice of New India and find solutions and contribute to Policy'. The event is organised to hear the voice of the youth, who will join various careers in upcoming years.

5. 'UDISE+ Report', which was released recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Sanitation
- B) Education ☒
- C) Business
- D) Women Empowerment



- ✓ Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) report 2020–21 on school education of India was released recently. As per the report, the number of students enrolled in school education from primary to higher secondary has improved to 25.38 crore in the 2020–21 session.
- ✓ Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) has improved in 2020–21 at all levels. The report also adds that as many as 39.7 lakh students of government aided, private school students have shifted to Government schools.

6. Which Asian country has recently imposed its longest power cut since 1996?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Indonesia
- C) Sri Lanka ☒
- D) Afghanistan



- ✓ Sri Lanka announced nationwide seven-and-a-half-hour daily power cuts. This is the longest power cut announced in Sri Lanka in 26 years since 1996. As per the official sources, the country is not facing an issue of electricity capacity, but a foreign exchange crisis, as the country does not have enough reserves to import fuel.

7. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) approved the formation of Village Defence Groups (VDGs) in which state/UT?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- B) Bihar
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Punjab



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- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) approved the formation of Village Defence Groups (VDGs) in Jammu and Kashmir. The members of the Village Defence Groups will be designated as Village Defence Guards.
- ✓ In 1990s, 4,125 Village defence committees (VDCs) existed in Jammu and Kashmir. This new initiative is seen as a process of rejuvenating VDCs. They assist the forces in counter-terrorism operations and help in maintaining peace.

8. Which country reported the first potential case of deer-to-human COVID-19 transmission?

- A) Australia
- B) Russia
- C) Brazil
- D) Canada ☒



- ✓ The first potential case of deer-to-human COVID-19 transmission has been reported in Canada, according to a new study. The researchers identified highly mutated clusters of SARS-CoV-2 genomes in white-tailed deer.
- ✓ For the study, the researchers analyzed 300 samples from white-tailed deer in South-western and Eastern Ontario. They found that 17 of the deer in South-western Ontario tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.

9. Which is the headquarters of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

- A) Geneva
- B) Nairobi ☒
- C) Paris
- D) New York



- ✓ The United Nations Environment Programme coordinates responses to environmental issues within the UN system. It was formed after the UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in June 1972. UNEP is headquartered at Nairobi, Kenya. The UNEP is set to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its creation in a special two-day session of the UN Environment Assembly.

10. What is the theme for WHO's World Hearing Day 2022?

- A) To hear for life, listen with care! ☒
- B) Hearing to all and by all
- C) Hear the needs of vulnerable
- D) To hear is to listen



- ✓ Every year, 3rd March is organized as World Hearing Day by the World Health Organisation. This year the World Hearing Day is being organized with the theme "To hear for life, listen with care!". This year, WHO will focus on the importance of safe listening as a means of maintaining good hearing across the life course.