

1. East Timor, which was seen in the news, was recognised by the UN in which year?

- A) 1982
B) 1992
C) 2002 ☒
D) 2012

2002

- ✓ East Timor, also known as Timor Leste, which has recently held its presidential election, was officially recognised by the United Nations in the year 2002.

2. Al-Aqsa Mosque, sometimes seen in the news, is located in which city?

- A) Rome
B) Jerusalem ☒
C) Riyadh
D) Muscat



- ✓ In a recent violence occurred during the Jewish festival of Passover which coincided with the Muslims observing Ramzan, over 17 Palestinians wounded. The incident occurred at Jerusalem's al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

3. Who is the new Chief of Army Staff (COAS) of India?

- A) Lt Gen Bipin Rawat
B) Lt Gen M M Naravane
C) Lt Gen Manoj Pande ☒
D) Lt Gen Bikram Singh



- ✓ Lieutenant General Manoj Pande appointed the new Chief of Army Staff and he will succeed General M M Naravane.
✓ The Vice Chief of Army Staff, Lt General Pande is the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to become the COAS. He has commanded the Operation Parakram in the Pellanwala Sector of Jammu and Kashmir, along the Line of Control.

4. 'Mugger', which was seen in the news, is the name of which species?

- A) Snake
B) Crocodile ☒
C) Turtle
D) Gecko



- ✓ Muggers or marsh crocodiles (*Crocodylus palustris*) are freshwater crocodiles. They are found all over south Asia and South-eastern Iran. In India, they are found more in middle Ganges Basin and Chambal Basins.
✓ Recently, over 350 mugger crocodiles in Rajasthan's Jawai dam, are struggling to survive due to extreme and early heat in the months of March and April. The Indian Railways has been delivering water to Western Rajasthan as several water bodies dried up. Jawai River is a tributary of Luni River.

5. Where is the 'WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM)' located in India?

- A) Mumbai
B) Varanasi
C) Jamnagar ☒
D) Kochi



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of 'WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM)' in Jamnagar, Gujarat. The event was attended by Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Jugnauth, Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO.

6. When is the 'World Art Day' observed every year?

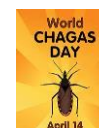
- A) April 15 ☒
B) April 16
C) April 17
D) April 18



- ✓ Each year, on 15 April, World Art Day is being celebrated across the world by the International Association of Art (IAA), a UNESCO partner. The celebration to promote the development, diffusion and enjoyment of art, was proclaimed at the 40th session of UNESCO's General Conference in 2019.

7. When is the 'World Chagas Day' observed every year?

- A) April 14 ☒
B) April 20
C) April 24
D) April 28



- ✓ April 14 is observed as World Chagas Day every year, to raise awareness about a life-threatening disease also called American trypanosomiasis. The disease is caused by a parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi*. World Chagas Disease Day was first observed on April 14, 2020.

8. 'Kripan Shakti' Integrated Fire Power exercise was held in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand
B) Maharashtra
C) West Bengal ☒
D) Kerala



- ✓ The Trishakti Corps conducted Exercises Kripan Shakti, an Integrated Fire Power exercise at Teesta Field Firing Ranges (TFFR) near Siliguri in West Bengal. The exercise was aimed at combining the capabilities of the Indian Army and the Central Armed Police Forces to fight an integrated battle.

9. Which institution has announced that USD 2.2 million in climate action grants for local innovators?

- A) UNDP ☒
B) UNEP
C) IMF
D) World Bank



- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and partners of the Adaptation Innovation Marketplace (AIM) have announced USD 2.2 million in climate action grants for 22 local innovators across 19 countries, including India.
- ✓ The funding will enhance local climate action and accelerate the delivery of targets of the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals.

10. Which Indian chess player won the '2022 Reykjavik Open Tournament'?

- A) Bharath Subramaniam
- B) Mitrabha Guha
- C) Praggnanandhaa R ☒
- D) Raja Rithvik



- ✓ Indian Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa R recently won the '2022 Kvika Reykjavik Open Tournament' in Iceland. The 16-year-old Indian grandmaster won a crucial game against his compatriot GM Gukesh D. (15) in the final round.
- ✓ Praggnanandhaa is the fifth-youngest person in the world to achieve the title of Grandmaster in 2018.