

1. In which state, the Department of Posts delivered mail using a drone for the first time?

- A. Kerala
- B. Telangana
- C. Gujarat
- D. Odisha



- ✓ The Department of Posts delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in Gujarat's Kutch district, for the first time. The project covered a distance of 46 km in 25 minutes, from Bhuj taluk to Bhachau taluk of Kutch district by the postal department under the guidance of the Union Ministry of Communications. The pilot project studied the cost of delivery by drones and geographical location between the two centres.

2. Bandhan Express and Maitree Express, which were seen in the news, run between India and which country?

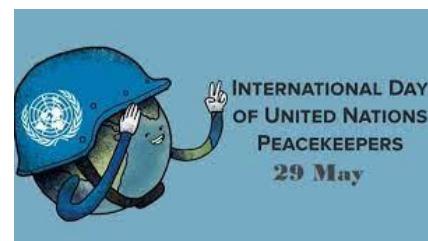
- A. Nepal
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Myanmar



- ✓ Bandhan Express, which runs between India and Bangladesh, recently resumed service after two years, which was earlier stopped due to the COVID pandemic. Maitree Express also resumed services after a long gap of more than two years. Bandhan Express between Kolkata and Khulna runs two days a week, Maitree Express connects Kolkata with Dhaka running five days a week.

3. What is the theme of the '2022 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers'?

- A. People Peace Progress: The Power of Partnerships
- B. Peace for All
- C. Planet Peace Partnerships
- D. Tribute to Peacekeepers



- ✓ The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on 29 May annually to pay tribute to the contributions of uniformed and civilian personnel. It aims to honour around 4,200 peacekeepers who had lost their lives serving under UN since 1948. Last year, as many as 135 personnel lost their lives last year. This year, the United Nations observed the day under the theme, "People Peace Progress: The Power of Partnerships".

4. As per the 'Road accidents in India – 2020' report released recently, which state/UT recorded the highest accident severity in 2020?

- A. Kerala
- B. Mizoram
- C. Assam
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ As per the report titled 'Road accidents in India – 2020', saw the lowest number of road accidents since 2000 and least deaths since 2009, in the year 2020.
- ✓ 'Road accident severity', defined as the number of persons killed per 100 accidents, increased in 2020 to 36, which is the highest since 2000. Mizoram (79) has recorded the highest accident severity, followed by Bihar (78) and Punjab (75) in 2020.

5. Which is the second state to recognise Community Forest Resource (CFR) rights inside a National Park?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Chhattisgarh state government approved the CFR claims of Gudiyapadar and Nagalsar villages in Kanger Ghati National Park in the state. With this, Chhattisgarh is the second state after Odisha to have recognised Community Forest Resource (CFR) rights inside a National Park. The rights empower forest dwellers in decision-making and forest governance with access to funds available under various government programs.

6. Which country's Mars lander recently detected the largest quake that was observed on another planet?

- A. UAE
- B. USA
- C. China
- D. Israel



- ✓ NASA's InSight Mars lander detected the largest quake that was ever observed on another planet. The rover landed on Mars in November 2018 and has heard 1,313 quakes so far, of which the largest "Marsquake" was detected in August 2021. On Earth the quakes are caused by shifts in tectonic plates, but Mars does not have tectonic plates and its crust is a giant plate.

**7. Which institution releases the 'Fostering Effective Energy Transition' Report?**

- A. World Bank
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. International Energy Agency



- ✓ The World Economic Forum released the 'Fostering Effective Energy Transition' Report recently. As per the study, an urgent action by both private and public sectors is required to ensure a resilient energy transition to address the challenges to environmental sustainability, energy security and affordability. The special edition report, launched in collaboration with Accenture, listed recommendations for governments, companies, consumers to progress the energy transition.

**8. Anna Qabale Duba, who won the \$250,000 Global Nursing Award 2022, is from which country?**

- A. Kenya
- B. UAE
- C. Nigeria
- D. South Africa



- ✓ Anna Qabale Duba from Kenya has been announced as the winner of the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2022. It is one of the top awards with the highest prize money in the healthcare community worth USD 250,000. Under the Qabale Duba Foundation, she built a school in her village where children could study in the morning and adults in the afternoon. She is an advocate for gender equality and education in her community.

**9. Which country's scientists have grown plants in lunar soil for the first time?**

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. China



- ✓ The researchers at the University of Florida (UF) in the US demonstrated that plants can successfully sprout and grow in lunar soil. Plants were grown in Moon's soil, also known as lunar regolith, brought back to Earth by astronauts in the Apollo missions. Arabidopsis plant is used in the research as its genetic code is fully mapped. This is a step towards producing food and oxygen on the Moon during future space missions.

**10. Manik Saha was sworn in as the new Chief Minister of which Indian state?**

- A. Assam
- B. Tripura
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Manipur



- ✓ Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb resigned from the post in the state, where Assembly elections are due early next year. State party president Manik Saha, who is also a Rajya Sabha member, was elected as the new Leader of the House. Manik Saha took oath as Tripura's new Chief Minister.