

1. *Glischropus meghalayanus*, which was recently discovered in Meghalaya, belongs to which species?

- A. Snake
- B. Turtle
- C. Bat
- D. Spider



- ✓ A team of scientists has discovered a new species of bamboo-dwelling bat from a bamboo forest in Meghalaya. It was named as 'Glischropus meghalayanus' after the state of Meghalaya, which is celebrating its 50 years of statehood. With this discovery, the total number of bat species from India stands at 131 species with Meghalaya registering the highest bat diversity with 67 species.

2. Which country proposed to organise a joint border operation named 'Solidarity-2023' for SCO member countries?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Nepal
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ India and other member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) supported an initiative of China to organise a joint border operation 'Solidarity-2023' for the border agencies of the member countries next year. India's Border Security Force (BSF) Director announced this at the conclusion of the eighth meeting of the heads of border authorities of SCO member states, which was held in Delhi, under the chairmanship of India.

3. Which institution released a report titled 'Payments Vision 2025'?

- A. NPCI
- B. RBI
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. World Bank



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently released a document titled "Payments Vision 2025", with guidelines on payments. The document also focussed on the architecture of digital finance.
- ✓ It includes regulations for BigTechs and fintechs in payments; guidelines on payments involving 'Buy Now Pay Later' (BNPL) services; introducing the central bank digital currency (CBDC); and linking credit cards and credit components of banking products to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

4. Which country recently launched its most advanced aircraft carrier named 'Fujian'?

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



- ✓ China recently launched its third aircraft carrier named 'Fujian'. It is also the country's most advanced and the first fully domestically built naval vessel. Fujian is the name of China's eastern coastal province of Fujian. Liaoning and Shandong are names of the two previous aircraft carriers of China.

5. 'Gaia Mission', which was found in the news recently, is associated with which space agency?

- A. NASA
- B. CNA
- C. ESA
- D. SpaceX



- ✓ European Space Agency's Gaia mission has released a set of new data, which has revealed the phenomena of 'starquakes'. Starquakes are massive movements on the surface of stars similar to earthquake. The star-mapping Gaia probe has covered almost 1.8 billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy.

6. Which Indian personality was honoured by the Geneva-based Martin Ennals Foundation?

- A. Father Stan Swamy
- B. Varavara Rao
- C. Sudha Bharadwaj
- D. Anand Teltumbde



- ✓ The Martin Ennals Foundation has decided to posthumously pay homage to Father Stan Swamy. He was a Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist from Jharkhand who had been arrested in the Bhima Koregaon case. He worked closely with Adivasi communities to safeguard their land, forest and labour rights. The Geneva-based foundation presents the award regarded as the Nobel Prize for human rights defenders every year. The recipients of this year's awards include Daouda Diallo from Burkina Faso, Pham Doan Trang from Vietnam and Abdul-Hadi Al-Khawaja of Bahrain.

7. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami won the bypoll from which constituency?

- A. Champawat
- B. Khatima
- C. Gangotri
- D. Yamunotri



- ✓ **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami won from the Champawat bypoll by a margin of over 55,000 votes. He had earlier lost from Khatima assembly constituency in the Uttarakhand Assembly Polls 2022 even though BJP won a clear majority in the state. This was a crucial victory for the Chief Minister to win the bypoll to retain the Chief Minister post.**

8. Which state has decided to conduct a caste-based census named 'Jaati Aadharit Ganana'?

- A. Bihar       B. Uttar Pradesh  
C. Madhya Pradesh    D. Jharkhand



- ✓ **Bihar state government is set to conduct a caste-based census in the state. The decision was taken at an all-party meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The exercise would be called Jaati Aadharit Ganana and the state government will publish the data related to the census through advertisements in newspapers. The aim of this exercise is to carry out developmental work for people who are deprived.**

9. Who has topped the 2021 Fortune 500 list of the most highly compensated CEOs?

- A. Jack Ma  
B. Elon Musk   
C. Tim Cook  
D. Jensen Huang



- ✓ **Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla, has topped the 2021 Fortune 500 list of the most highly compensated CEOs. In 2021 Musk received compensation worth almost USD 23.5 billion while Tesla ranked 65 on this year's Fortune 500 list. Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook received USD 770.5 million in 2021 and Jensen Huang, the NVIDIA chief, received USD 561 million in 2021.**

10. In which month of 2022, did the GST revenue crossed the Rs 1.40 lakh crore mark for the first time since inception?

- A. February 2022  
B. March 2022   
C. April 2022  
D. May 2022



- ✓ **GST revenue for May was recorded at nearly Rs 1.41 lakh crore, a 44 per cent increase over the same month last year, as per the Finance Ministry. This is the fourth time that the monthly GST collection has crossed Rs 1.40 lakh crore mark since the inception of GST and the third straight month since March 2022. In March GST revenues were at Rs 1.42 lakh crore, while in February it was at Rs 1.33 lakh crore.**