

1. As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report, which state had the lowest sex ratio in India in 2018–20?

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Haryana
- D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020, released by the Registrar General of India (RGI), Uttarakhand's sex ratio at birth was found to be the worst in the country at 844. Sex Ratio is the number of females per 1,000 males. Kerala's ratio was the best, at 974. The report stated that India's overall sex ratio at birth had gone up by 3 points to 907 in 2018–20 from 904 in 2017–19. It was 907 in rural areas and 910 in urban areas.

2. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Swachh Toycathon' programme?

- A. Ministry of Housing And Urban Affairs
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D. Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has recently launched the Swachh Toycathon under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav. The competition is a convergence between the National Action Plan for Toys (NAPT) and Swachh Bharat Mission phase two (SBM 2.0). It aims to explore solutions for the use of waste in manufacturing toys. The Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar is the knowledge partner for the programme.

3. Operation 'Megha Chakra', which was seen in the news, is associated with which institution?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Central Bureau of Investigation
- C. Indian Coast Guard
- D. Central Vigilance Commission



- ✓ As part of Operation 'Megha Chakra', the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) carried out searches at 56 locations in 19 states and a UT in connection with two cases of circulation of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) online. The recent searches were based on inputs from Interpol Singapore and intelligence obtained during Operation Carbon, conducted last year against peddlers of CSAM on Internet.

4. Which state has created a memorial for rhinos using ashes named as 'Abode of the Unicorns'?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Assam
- C. Odisha
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Statues of three rhinos created using ashes collected from rhino horns burnt by the Assam Government were launched at Kaziranga National Park in Assam. A year ago, on World Rhino Day, Assam Government burnt around 2500 rhino horns that were collected by the conservation authorities from poachers and illegal traders. The memorial, which consists of three rhino sculptures— an adult male, an adult female and a calf, is named as 'Abode of the Unicorns'.

5. As per a recent study, which species across the world collectively constitute about 12 million tonnes of dry carbon?

- A. Mosquitoes
- B. Ants
- C. Bees
- D. Butterflies



- ✓ As per a recent study, ants present across the world collectively constitute about 12 million tonnes of dry carbon. The number of ants across the world is estimated about 20 quadrillion or 20 thousand million million. They collectively weigh more than wild birds and mammals combined.

6. Subroto Cup, which was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Hockey
- B. Football
- C. Cricket
- D. Badminton



- ✓ The 61<sup>st</sup> edition of the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament began after a gap of two years. It is regarded as the most prestigious football tournament for schools all over the country. The tournament is organised by the Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society along with the Indian Air Force. A total of 92 schools representing 25 States and UTs of India along with the Air Force School, Bangladesh are competing in the tournament.

7. Which state/UT announced a ban on production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers till January 1, 2023?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. New Delhi
- C. Sikkim
- D. Himachal Pradesh

- ✓ Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai announced that the ban on production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers will be extended till January 1, 2023. The decision has been taken to contain the pollution during the festival season. The ban has been also been extended to online sale of firecrackers. An action plan is set to be drawn to ensure strict enforcement of the ban. The AAP also launched the 'patakhe nahi diye jalao' campaign to create awareness against bursting of firecrackers.

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8. Which state bagged the International Tourism award for 'best destination for culture'?

- A. Tamil Nadu  
B. Kerala  
C. West Bengal   
D. Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association, an affiliate of the UN World Tourism Organization, will confer West Bengal with the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'. The award will be presented in Berlin at the World Tourism and Aviation Leaders' Summit. The UNESCO heritage status was earlier conferred to West Bengal's Durga Puja. .

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9. Which Indian bank launched a 'Rainbow Savings Account' exclusively for the transgender community?

- A. ESAF Small Finance Bank   
B. AU Small Finance Bank  
C. YES Bank  
D. Kotak Mahindra Bank



- ✓ ESAF Small Finance Bank launched a 'Rainbow Savings Account' exclusively for the transgender community. The account hosts a lot of features, including high savings rate and advanced debit card facilities. The Kerala-based institution was founded as a small finance bank in 2017.

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10. Mohenjo Daro, the UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located in which country?

- A. India  
B. Afghanistan  
C. Pakistan   
D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruins of Mohenjo Daro is located in southern Sindh province of Pakistan near the Indus River. An unprecedented monsoon season has killed hundreds of people in Pakistan and this condition has posed a threat to the archeological site of Mohenjo Daro dating back 4,500 years, which were discovered in 1922.