

1. What is the new target for reduction in particulate matter concentration in cities under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) by 2026?

- A. 25%
- B. 30%
- C. 40%
- D. 50%

40%

- ✓ Union Environment Ministry has set a new target of 40 percent reduction in particulate matter concentration in cities covered under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) by 2026. The earlier target of 20 to 30 percent reduction by 2024 has been updated. Twenty cities have met the national standards for annual average PM10 concentration (60 microgram per cubic metre). Under NCAP, city-specific action plans are prepared.

2. What is 'InvenTiv', an event which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Employment Fair
- B. Research and Development Fair
- C. Skill Development Fair
- D. Start-Up Fair



- ✓ Twenty-three Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) will organise a mega research and development fair called "InvenTiv". The event is aimed at creating holistic awareness around research and innovation projects being done in the institution. It will also seek collaborations with universities and institutes, industry and the IITs for better development of the innovations.

3. 'National Anti-Corruption Commission bill' is associated with which country?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Australia
- D. Pakistan



- ✓ Australia's attorney general recently introduced the National Anti-Corruption Commission bill. The National Anti-Corruption Commission is a body to investigate and report on serious or systemic corruption in the public sector. It will be led by a commissioner, who will serve one fixed term of five years. NACC has a broad jurisdiction to investigate commonwealth ministers, parliamentarians, staff, the heads and employees of commonwealth agencies, government contractors and their employees, defence force members, statutory office holders among others.

4. Which are the districts where Tamiraparani river mainly flows?

- A. Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi
- B. Madurai and Sivagangai
- C. Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari
- D. Salem and Erode



- ✓ **The Tamiraparani River originates from the Pothigai hills of the Western Ghats in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research and the Environment (ATREE) researchers initiated the restoration of the Tamiraparani River under the 'TamiraSES' project. It aims to enable conditions for native biodiversity to flourish and enhance multiple ecosystem services.**

5. Which Union Ministry/ Ministries developed the 'JALDOOT' app?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- C. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ **JALDOOT app has been jointly developed by Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj. This app will be used across the country to capture the water level of selected wells in a village. Manual monitoring of water levels in open wells will be measured twice by Jaldoots, (officers assigned to measure the water levels). They will upload geo-tagged photographs through the app.**

6. Jhabua power plant, which was recently acquired by NTPC, is located in which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Punjab
- D. Chhattisgarh



- ✓ **India's largest integrated power producer NTPC has successfully acquired Jhabua Power Limited (JPL) through Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process for Rs 925 crore. The process initiated by National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata, (NCLT). This is the first acquisition of a power asset by NTPC through NCLT route. JPL has an operational thermal power capacity of 600 MW located in Madhya Pradesh.**

7. Which city hosted the inaugural 'Shikshak Parv Conclave'?

- A. Bengaluru B. New Delhi
- C. Varanasi D. Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ **Shikshak Parv is being to felicitate the Teachers and to take National Education Policy 2020 forward. The beginning of Shikshak Parv was marked with an inaugural conclave organised by Ministry of Education, CBSE, AICTE and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in New Delhi. During the occasion, 'Report on National Mental Health Survey', 'National Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Study report' and 'Screening Tools Mobile App for Specific Learning Disabilities – Prashast' were launched.**

8. Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away recently, was the monarch of Britain for how many years?

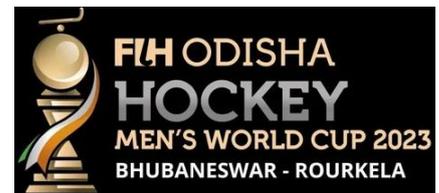
- A. 30
- B. 45
- C. 60
- D. 70



- ✓ **Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away recently at the age of 96, ascended the royal Britain throne in the year 1952. As of now, she is the longest serving monarch, who reigned for 70 years. The Queen became the UK's longest-serving monarch in 2015, when she surpassed the record of Queen Victoria, who had ruled from 1837 to 1901. Her eldest son, Charles, succeeds her on the throne as King Charles III.**

9. Which Indian state/UT hosts the Hockey Men's World Cup 2023?

- A. Tamil Nadu B. New Delhi
- C. Odisha D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **The Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 will take place at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar and at the Bisra Munda Stadium in Rourkela in January, 2023. The draw of the tournament was held recently in Bhubaneswar. Belgium is the reigning champion of the world cup, as it defeated Netherlands in 2018 to win its first ever title. The 16 participating teams, including India, Japan, England and Australia, will be divided among four pools.**

10. Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Kalam no Carnival' Book Fair in which city?

- A. Mumbai B. Ahmedabad
- C. Varanasi D. Rameswaram



- ✓ **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inauguration ceremony of 'Kalam no Carnival' Book Fair organised by Navbharat Sahitya Mandir in Ahmedabad. The traditional exhibition helps in expanding the literature and knowledge of Gujarat.**