

1. Minicoy Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach, which were added to the list of 'Blue Flag Beaches', are located in which state/UT?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Kerala
- C. Lakshadweep ☒
- D. Andaman and Nicobar



- ✓ Two beaches from Lakshadweep Minicoy Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach were added to the list of 'Blue Flag Beaches'. It is an eco-label given to the cleanest beaches in the world by the Foundation for Environment Education (FEE). With this, India now has 12 beaches certified under the Blue Flag Certification. Spain with 729 sites tops the list of countries with Blue Flag awarded sites.

2. Which state/UT released the 'SAMRIDDHI', a one-time property tax amnesty scheme?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Gujarat



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Government of the National
Capital Territory of Delhi

- ✓ Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena recently announced a one-time property tax amnesty scheme. Under the Strengthening & Augmentation of Municipal Revenue for Infrastructure Development in Delhi (SAMRIDDHI) 2022-23 scheme, the NCR people will be able to pay the principal amount of the current and pending tax of past five years for residential properties.

3. Which country is the host of the 'COP27: 27th annual UN meeting on climate'?

- A. India
- B. Egypt ☒
- C. South Africa
- D. China



- ✓ The 27th annual UN meeting on climate, COP27 (Conference of Parties) will take place in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt from 6th to 18th November. This will be the fifth time a Climate Conference is being hosted in Africa. COP27 will focus on three main areas, reducing emissions, helping countries to prepare and deal with climate change and securing technical support and funding for developing countries for climate activities.

4. Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) approved genetically modified (GM) version of which product for commercial cultivation?

- A. Brinjal
- B. Mustard ☒
- C. Cotton
- D. Tomato



- ✓ The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has approved genetically modified (GM) mustard for commercial cultivation. Technically called Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11), it was developed by the Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants of Delhi University and the National Dairy Development Board and partly funded by the department of biotechnology.

5. Which institution has released the '2022 NDC Synthesis Report'?

- A. WEF
- B. UNEP
- C. UNFCCC ☒
- D. World Bank



- ✓ '2022 NDC Synthesis Report' from United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) shows countries are bending the curve of global greenhouse gas emissions downward. It also warns that these efforts remain insufficient to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century.

6. Which city is the host of 'Indian Mobile Congress' in 2022?

- A. New Delhi ☒
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chennai



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially announced the launch of 5G in select cities, during the 'Indian Mobile Congress' held in 2022 in New Delhi. Leading Telecom companies like Bharti Airtel and Jio confirmed that it will roll out 5G services in select cities.

7. Ajay Kumar Srivastava is the MD & CEO of which public sector bank?

- A. Indian Bank
- B. Indian Overseas Bank ☒
- C. Canara Bank
- D. State Bank of India



- ✓ The Union Government has promoted Ajay Kumar Srivastava, the present Executive Director of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) as the bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. He will

hold the post for a period of three years with effect from January 1, 2023. Indian Overseas Bank is a public sector bank headquartered in Chennai.

8. When is the 'International Day of Older Persons' observed every year?

- A. October.01 ☒ B. October.02
C. October.03 D. October.04



- ✓ October 1 is observed as the International Day of Older Persons across the world every year. It was introduced by the United Nations General Assembly with an aim of honouring the contribution of older persons and focussing on the problems they face. This year, the theme for the International Day of Older Persons is 'Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World'.

9. Which country is the leading exporter of Basmati Rice to the global market as of 2021–22?

- A. China B. Iran
C. India ☒ D. Israel



- ✓ India is the leading exporter of Basmati Rice to the global market, as it exported 3,948,161 MT of Basmati Rice worth Rs. 26,416 Crores during 2021–22. The Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) recently organised 'Kisan Sampark Yatra' in Haryana and Punjab to obtain feedback on the three newly released IARI Basmati varieties. Pusa Basmati 1847, Pusa Basmati 1885 and Pusa Basmati 1886 were by ICAR–IARI with inbuilt resistance to Bacterial blight and blast diseases.

10. *Anopheles stephensi*, which was seen in the news, is a species associated with which disease?

- A. Dengue
B. Malaria ☒
C. Chikungunya
D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched new initiatives to stop the spread of invasive malaria vectors in Africa. *Anopheles stephensi* is the primary mosquito vector, responsible for causing malaria in urban environments. The initiative aims to support a regional response to *Anopheles stephensi* on the African continent. The WHO had also released Global Vector Control Response 2017–2030.