

1. Which institution released a 'List of Priority fungal pathogens'?

- A. UNEP
B. WHO ☒
C. UNFCCC
D. NASA



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) recently released a list of priority fungal pathogens, in response to the rising threat of invasive fungal disease. The priority list classifies 19 of the most common fungal pathogens into three priority tiers. The most dangerous is the 'critical group', which contains just four fungal pathogens: *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Candida albicans* and *Candida auris*.

2. Which country has launched the first 'Inhalable Vaccine' against COVID?

- A. India
B. China ☒
C. Japan
D. USA



- ✓ China has started dispensing an inhalable COVID-19 vaccine to its people. According to the Shanghai city administration, the free booster dose of the vaccine is being made available to those who have already had vaccinations. It comprises of a mist that is breathed in via the lips. The 'needle-free' vaccines are expected to increase vaccination rates in countries with weak health systems.

3. India recently marked 30th anniversary of relations with which regional bloc?

- A. SAARC
B. ASEAN ☒
C. G20
D. G8



- ✓ The 7th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry was held under the co-chairmanship of Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. The meeting also welcomed the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations. The progress in activities under the Medium-Term Action Plan of ASEAN-India Cooperation (Year 2021-2025) was reviewed. Agriculture Ministers of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam also participated in the meeting.

4. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Air Transport Committee (ATC) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)?

- A. Dr Shefali Juneja ☒
B. Vivek Johri
C. Zubair Riaz Kamili
D. Archana Pandey Tiwari



- ✓ Dr Shefali Juneja was named the chairperson of the Air Transport Committee (ATC) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). India will chair the committee after 28 years and India has chaired the ATC only twice so far. The ATC is a specialized agency of the United Nations and an advisory body of the Council on air transport matters.

5. Which country's scientist has been elected as the Vice President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF)?

- A. China
B. India ☒
C. Ukraine
D. Bangladesh



- ✓ Dr. A K Anil Kumar, Senior Scientist in ISRO is elected as the Vice President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), during its Annual Conference held in Paris. International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is the world's leading space advocacy body with 433 members in 72 countries. IAF encourages development of astronautics for peaceful purposes and supports dissemination of scientific information.

6. Who has been appointed as the CEO of MyGov, Ministry of Electronics and IT?

- A. Irai Anbu, IAS
B. Akash Tripathi, IAS ☒
C. Udhaya Chandran, IAS
D. Amir Subhani, IAS



- ✓ Akash Tripathi, a 1998 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), MyGov, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. Senior bureaucrat Ajay Bhadoo has been appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner. As many as 35 civil servants from different services have been appointed as joint secretaries in various union government departments.

7. 'Mind the Gap. Leave No One and No Place Behind' is the theme of which special day celebrated in October?

- A. World Habitat Day ☒
B. World Brotherhood Day
C. World Migrants Day
D. World Children Day



- ✓ World Habitat Day is observed on the first Monday of October, which marks the beginning of Urban October. This year it falls on October 3 and World Habitat Day 2022 is observed under the

theme 'Mind the Gap. Leave No One and No Place Behind'. World Habitat Day was first celebrated in 1986 in Nairobi, Kenya, with the theme 'Shelter is my right'.

8. When is the 'International Day of Non-Violence' observed across the world?

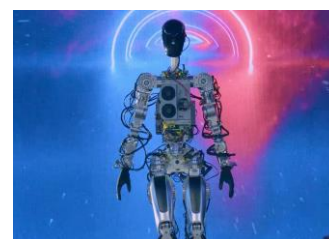
- A. October.01
- B. October.02 ☒
- C. October.03
- D. October.04



- ✓ Every year, on 2 October, the International Day of Non-Violence is observed across the world. This special day marks the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The main objective of this day is to spread awareness about the idea of non-violence. In 2007, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed the resolution to commemorate the International Day of Non-Violence. This year, the UN has selected the slogan of 'Say No to Violence'.

9. 'Optimus' is the prototype humanoid robot, launched by which company?

- A. Google
- B. Apple
- C. Tesla ☒
- D. Meta



- ✓ Tesla CEO Elon Musk presented a prototype humanoid robot named 'Optimus' that shares artificial intelligence software and sensors with its cars' Autopilot driver assistance features. The Optimus robot is designed for mass production in millions of units. It carries a 2.3kWh battery pack, runs on a Tesla SoC, and contains Wi-Fi and LTE connectivity.

10. Bharatskills Forum was launched under which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship ☒
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ The Directorate General of Training (DGT) has launched Bharatskills Forum, a new feature allows sharing of books, notes, videos, question bank for skill learners. It has been added to the Bharatskills learning platform developed by DGT. It is the apex organisation under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for coordination at national level for vocational training programmes.