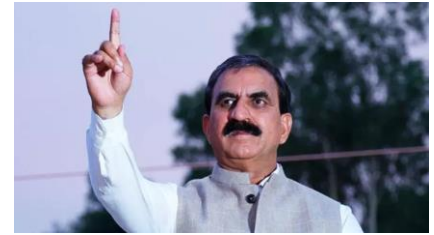


1. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which state?

- A. Goa
- B. Gujarat
- C. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has recently sworn in as the next Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh. He was a four-time MLA and chairman of the Congress' state election campaign committee. Mukesh Agnihotri has been selected as the deputy chief minister. The Indian National Congress party won the Himachal Pradesh state assembly elections.

2. Which city is the host of the 'G20 Development Working Group meeting'?

- A. Mumbai ☒
- B. Varanasi
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Chennai



- ✓ The 4-day meeting of G20 Development Working Group (DWG) is set to begin in Mumbai under India's Presidency. The Development Working Group meeting aims to discuss developmental issues in Developing Countries, Least Developed Countries and Island Countries.

3. *Meizotropis pellita* (Patwa), which was added to IUCN Red List, belongs to which species?

- A. Turtle
- B. Medicinal Plant ☒
- C. Snake
- D. Butterfly



- ✓ Three medicinal plant species found in the Himalayas have been added to IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. *Meizotropis pellita*, commonly known as Patwa and endemic to Uttarakhand, has been assessed as 'critically endangered', *Fritillaria cirrhosa* as 'vulnerable', and *Dactylorhiza hatagirea* as 'endangered'.

4. What is the theme of the 'World Soil Day 2022'?

- A. Soils: Where food begins ☒
- B. Soils: Where life begins
- C. Soils: Where earth begins
- D. Soils: Where all begins



- ✓ 'World Soil Day' is being observed annually on 5 December to focus on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for sustainable management of soil resources. The theme of this year's World Soil Day is 'Soils: Where food begins'. An international day to celebrate soil was recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences in 2002. The Food and Agriculture Organisation FAO Conference endorsed World Soil Day in June 2013.

5. Where is India's first carbon neutral farm located?

- A. Assam  
B. Gujarat  
C. Kerala ☒  
D. Telangana



- ✓ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared a seed farm, located in Aluva in Kerala, as the first carbon neutral farm in the country. Reduction in carbon emission has helped the seed farm under the Agricultural Department achieve the carbon neutral status. The total amount of carbon emission from the farm in the last one year was 43 tons.

6. Which institution released the 'Genetically Modified (GM) Food regulations'?

- A. FAO  
B. FSSAI ☒  
C. ISO  
D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has released a new draft of Genetically Modified (GM) Food regulations for public consultation. It proposes front-of-the pack labelling for packaged food products that contain 1 per cent or more of GM ingredients. No person shall manufacture, pack, store, sell, market or distribute or import any food or food ingredient produced from GMOs, except with the prior approval of the Food Authority.

7. Buddhavanam, a Buddhist Heritage Theme Park, is located in which state?

- A. Bihar  
B. Telangana ☒  
C. Maharashtra  
D. Tripura



- ✓ Buddhavanam, the first-of-its-kind Buddhist Heritage Theme Park project, was inaugurated in Telangana. It was developed by the Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation at Nagarjunasagar. The corporation is also exploring to set up Buddhist Monasteries of different countries and Buddhist University near Nagarjunasagar.

8. As per the draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2022, what is the maximum punishment for killing an animal?

- A. Rs 1 lakh
- B. Rs 5 lakh ☒
- C. Rs 10 lakh
- D. Rs 25 lakh



- ✓ A draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2022, prepared by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, has been released for public comments. It has introduced 61 amendments in the law including “Bestiality” as a crime under the new category of ‘Gruesome cruelty’. It proposes fines from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000 or cost of the animal whichever is more or with imprisonment of one year to three years or both for the offence of gruesome cruelty. For killing an animal, the draft Bill proposes a maximum punishment of five years in jail.

9. Which country launched the nuclear-powered icebreaker Yakutia?

- A. Russia ☒
- B. Ukraine
- C. Japan
- D. Israel



- ✓ Russia recently launched the nuclear-powered icebreaker Yakutia at the Baltic Shipyard in St. Petersburg in northwest Russia. The ceremony was attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin via video link. The Yakutia belongs to a series of ‘Project 22220 nuclear-powered icebreakers’ that are being built for Russia’s Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation. They are the largest and the most powerful in the world.

10. Which city is the host of the ‘UNESCO–INDIA–AFRICA (UIA) Hackathon’?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Greater Noida ☒
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Jaipur



- ✓ Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar addressed the UNESCO–INDIA–AFRICA (UIA) Hackathon at Greater Noida. The Hackathon involving young entrepreneurs from India and 22 African countries was organized by the Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education, the AICTE and UNESCO.