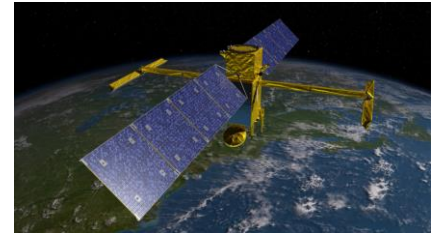


1. Which country launched the 'Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft'?

- A. USA ☒
- B. Russia
- C. Israel
- D. China



- ✓ The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched the Earth science satellite to track nearly all the water on Earth's surface. The Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft was launched atop a SpaceX rocket with a mission of three years. The satellite will measure the height of water in freshwater bodies and the ocean on more than 90 per cent of Earth's surface. This information will provide insights on how the ocean influences climate change.

2. ICMR–NARFBR (National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research) has been inaugurated in which city?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Jaipur
- C. Hyderabad ☒
- D. Mysuru



- ✓ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated ICMR–NARFBR (National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research) at Genome Valley in Hyderabad. NARFBR is an apex facility which will provide ethical care and use and welfare of laboratory animals during research. The Centre will create processes for pre-clinical testing of new drugs, vaccines and diagnostics along with quality assurance checks.

3. Indian-origin leader Leo Varadkar has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Ireland ☒
- C. Singapore
- D. Maldives



- ✓ Leo Varadkar takes over for the second time as Ireland's Prime Minister. He is still one of Ireland's youngest ever leaders even in his second stint in the role. Varadkar's Fine Gael and current premier Micheal Martin's Fianna Fail parties is unprecedented in Irish history, agreed to the rotating premiership as part of a coalition with Ireland's Greens following 2020 elections.

4. When is the 'International Migrants Day' celebrated every year?

- A. December.15
- B. December.18 ☒
- C. December.21
- D. December.23



- ✓ **International Migrants Day is being celebrated December 18 to focus toward the social and economic conditions of migrants all across the globe. In 2020 over 281 million people were international migrants while over 59 million people were internally displaced by the end of 2021. The estimated number of international migrants has increased over the past five decades.**

5. What is the theme of 'World AIDS Day' 2022?

- A. Leaving no one behind.
- B. Equalize. ☒
- C. Empathize.
- D. Inclusion of AIDS survivors.



- ✓ **World AIDS Day is observed annually on 1 December, to create awareness among people about the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), its transmission, diagnostic testing, preventive measures, and treatment options. The theme of World AIDS Day 2022 is "Equalize", which aims to focus on the practical solutions to reduce inequality and put an end to the life-threatening disease.**

6. What is the name of the paperless airport entry facility launched by the Civil aviation ministry?

- A. Fast Yatra
- B. Digi Yatra ☒
- C. Bharat Yatra
- D. Aviate Anytime



- ✓ **The Digi Yatra paperless airport entry facility is now functional at three airports in the country, including Delhi's Indira Gandhi International, Bengaluru and Varanasi airports. Based on the Facial Recognition Technology (FRT), Digi Yatra aims to achieve seamless and contactless processing of passengers at airports. By March 2023, four more cities will be added: Hyderabad, Kolkata, Pune, and Vijayawada.**

7. India's biggest Yoga Centre has been constructed in village Mantalai in which state/UT?

- A. Assam
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ India's biggest Yoga Centre has been constructed in village Mantalai in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The village will house the International Yoga Centre at the banks of the Tawi River. The Union Tourism Ministry has sanctioned Rs 9,782 crore for the construction of the centre.

8. Which institution released the 'State of Global Water Resources 2021'?

- A. FAO
B. WMO ☒
C. UNEP
D. UNFCCC



- ✓ World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) released a report titled 'State of Global Water Resources 2021'. As per the report, the volume of water available in the Ganga and the groundwater in the river-basin reduced significantly between 2002 and 2021. The report has also identified several other global hot spots that show the same trend.

9. Which state/UT is the host of 'International Gita Mahotsav-2022'?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Haryana ☒
C. Telangana
D. Kerala



- ✓ Indian President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the International Gita Mahotsav (IGM)-2022 in Kurukshetra in Haryana. This year, Nepal is the partner country, while Madhya Pradesh is the partner State of the event. The President also launched 'Nirogi Haryana', a health check-up scheme, and an e-ticketing system of public road transport facilities.

10. What is the 'Merriam-Webster's word of 2022'?

- A. Metaverse
B. Permacrisis
C. Homer
D. Gaslighting ☒

Gaslighting

(verb)

A subtle form of emotional manipulation that often results in the recipient doubting their perception of reality and their sanity.

- ✓ 'Gaslighting' has been announced as Merriam-Webster's word of the year 2022. Searches for the word on merriam-webster.com have increased over 1000 per cent in 2022 over the year before. The definition for gaslighting is the psychological manipulation of a person, which causes the victim to question the validity of their own thoughts, perception of reality, or memories and typically leads to confusion, loss of confidence and self-esteem.