

1. Which country is the host of the 'UN Biodiversity Conference– COP15'?

- A. China
- B. Sweden ☒
- C. Canada
- D. Australia



2020 UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE  
COP 15 / CP-MOP 10 / NP-MOP 4  
Ecological Civilization-Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth  
KUNMING – MONTREAL

- ✓ The United Nations Biodiversity Conference or COP15 was organised in Montreal, Canada. Governments from around the world are convened to agree to a new set of goals for nature over the next decade. The negotiators at a UN biodiversity conference reached an agreement, which seeks to spend USD 200 billion toward supporting biodiversity by 2030.

2. Which country is the FIFA World Cup champion in the year 2022?

- A. France
- B. Argentina ☒
- C. England
- D. Morocco



- ✓ Argentina became FIFA World Cup champion by beating the defending Champion France 4–2 in penalties. Argentina lifted the FIFA World Cup title for the third time. Kylian Mbappe scored a hat-trick for France, while Argentina captain Lionel Messi scored a brace and Angel di Maria netted one goal for Argentina.

3. Sela Pass tunnel, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Assam



- ✓ The Sela Pass tunnel is being built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), to provide all-weather connectivity to China border in Arunachal Pradesh. The tunnel being built at a height of 13,000 feet, will give the Indian Army access to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) near Tawang.

4. 'Rythu Bandhu' is a flagship scheme of which Indian state/UT?

- A. Kerala
- B. Telangana ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha



- ✓ 'Rythu Bandhu' scheme is being implemented by the state of Telangana. The government offers crop investments to farmers through this programme at a rate of ₹10,000 per acre for both the Kharif and rabi seasons. The State government would deposit ₹7,600 crore in the bank accounts of farmers, by January this year before the Sankranti festival.

5. Urvashi Singh, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Boxing ☒
- B. Hockey
- C. Squash
- D. Weight-lifting



- ✓ Indian boxer Urvashi Singh beat Thailand's national champion Thanchanok Phanan to clinch the WBC International Super Bantamweight title. The boxer also won the WBC Asia Silver crown in Colombo. She is now the World Boxing Council Asia Continental and International Champion.

6. Which institution released the 'Global Wage Report 2022–2023'?

- A. UNICEF
- B. ILO ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. World Bank



International  
Labour  
Organization

- ✓ According to a new International Labour Organization (ILO) report titled 'the Global Wage Report 2022–2023', the severe inflationary crisis combined with a global slowdown in economic growth are causing a striking fall in real monthly wages in many countries. The slowdown is driven in part by the war in Ukraine and the global energy crisis. According to the report, the crisis is reducing the purchasing power of the middle classes and hitting low-income households.

7. 'Barak MX' Air Defence System is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ The Israeli Navy conducted a successful test of a long-range interceptor missile against an advanced cruise missile. The LRAD missile, part of the Barak MX defense system, is developed by the Israeli Aerospace Industries and the Defense Ministry's research and development division. It is similar to India's Barak 8.

8. In which year, an all–women bench has been constituted for the first time in the Supreme Court?

- A. 1975
- B. 1985
- C. 1995
- D. 2013 ☒



- ✓ In 2013, the Supreme Court had an all–woman bench for the first time, when Justices Gyan Sudha Misra and Ranjana Prakash Desai sat together. The second occasion came in 2018. Recently, Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has constituted an all–women bench comprising Justices Hima Kohli and Bela M. Trivedi to hear transfer petitions involving matrimonial disputes and bail matters. This is the third occasion in the history of the apex court of an all–women bench.

9. Two entirely new minerals have been found in a meteorite that fell on which country?

- A. Egypt
- B. Somalia ☒
- C. Japan
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ Two entirely new minerals have been found in a huge meteorite that fell on Somalia. The official names for the new minerals are elaliite and elkinstantonite. The name 'elaliite' marks the fact that the meteorite was unearthed in the district of El Ali in Somalia, and 'elkinstantonite' is named after the NASA expert Lindy Elkins–Tanton. A third unidentified mineral, is being analysed by the University of Alberta researchers.

10. 'Vijay Hazare' Trophy is related with which sports?

- A. Cricket ☒
- B. Hockey
- C. Tennis
- D. Badminton



- ✓ Saurashtra team beat Maharashtra by 5 wickets in the final to win the Vijay Hazare Trophy in Ahmedabad. This is Saurashtra's second Vijay Hazare Trophy triumph. Maharashtra scored 248 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in 50 overs, while Saurashtra reached the target with 21 balls to spare losing five wickets.