

1. Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant is located in which state?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Haryana ☒
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **Vyommitra is a female-looking spacefaring humanoid robot being developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation to function on-board the Gaganyaan, a crewed orbital spacecraft. Set for a third-quarter launch in 2024, Vyommitra simulates human functions in space.**

2. Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

- A. Mizoram
- B. Manipur
- C. Tripura ☒
- D. Assam



- ✓ **The Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary in Tripura recently welcomed new additions, including two Royal Bengal tigers, two leopards, four golden pigeons, a silver pigeon, two peafowls, and four hill mynas. Established in 1972, the sanctuary spans 18.5 sq. km, featuring sections for different animal types. The sanctuary also boasts a rich avian population with species like winged stork and White ibis.**

3. What is the primary objective of SAMARTH scheme?

- A. Providing scholarship to rural students for higher education
- B. Providing assistance to farmers
- C. Providing assistance to the MSMEs ☒
- D. providing comprehensive medical care to children



- ✓ **The Minister of State for Heavy Industries revealed SAMARTH Centres to Lok Sabha. SAMARTH, or Smart Advanced Manufacturing and Rapid Transformation Hub, operates under the "Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Indian Capital Goods Sector" scheme. These centers aid MSMEs by organizing events on Industry 4.0, offering consultancy in areas like IoT, software development, and data analytics, and providing incubation support to start-ups.**

4. Where was the 'Himalayan Griffon' vulture reported during the inaugural tri-state synchronized vulture survey?

- A. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary ☒
- B. Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary
- C. Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary



- ✓ In the inaugural tri-State synchronized vulture survey, 320 vultures were tallied across seven protected areas in Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The Himalayan griffon, an Old-World vulture from the Accipitridae family, was exclusively reported in Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary. Their distribution spans the Himalayas, Tibetan region, and Central Asian Mountains.

5. Recently, which institute has collaborated with Munitions India Limited to create the nation's first domestically designed 155 Smart Ammunition?

- A. IIT Kanpur  
B. IIT Chennai ☒  
C. IIT Delhi  
D. IIT Mumbai



- ✓ IIT Madras and Munitions India Limited are partnering to create India's first domestically designed 155 Smart Ammunition. The two-year initiative, under the Ministry of Defence, aims to achieve a Circular Error Probable of 10 meters, significantly improving precision in defense operations. The project focuses on enhancing accuracy and lethality using guidance systems and advanced technologies.

6. Which city of Uttar Pradesh received the Centre's 'Water Warrior Award'?

- A. Lucknow  
B. Noida ☒  
C. Ayodhya  
D. Saharanpur



- ✓ Noida has been honored as a "water warrior" city by the Union water ministry for outstanding efforts in wastewater treatment and reuse. The city boasts eight sewage treatment plants (STPs) with a total capacity of 411 MLD (million litres daily), treating 260 MLD of sewage. Notably, 70-75 MLD is repurposed for irrigation, construction, firefighting, pond maintenance & road sprinkling.

7. Where is the 6<sup>th</sup> 'World Government Summit' being held?

- A. Dubai ☒  
B. Paris  
C. Belgium  
D. Abu Dhabi



- ✓ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is going to address the World Government Summit (WGS) in Dubai on February 14, his second invitation since 2018. The annual event, held in Dubai since 2013, brings together global leaders to discuss pressing issues.

- ✓ Scheduled from Feb.12 to 14, the summit is a significant diplomatic platform, emphasizing the strengthening ties between India and the UAE, as evident from UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan's recent participation in the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit.

8. Divya Kala Mela is organized by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- D. Ministry of Defence



- ✓ The Divya Kala Mela, launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, kicked off at Agartala. Minister Ratanlal Nath and others inaugurated the event, promoting disabled artisans' creations, spanning home decor, clothing, stationery, and eco-friendly products. The program empowers disabled entrepreneurs, aligning with its core mission of creativity and empowerment.

9. What is the theme of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2024?

- A. Together for Love: Stop HIV Stigma
- B. To acknowledge how HIV disproportionately affects Black people
- C. Engage, Educate, Empower: Uniting to End HIV/AIDS in Black Communities ☒
- D. Let communities lead



- ✓ The theme for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in 2024 is "Engage, Educate, Empower: Uniting to End HIV/AIDS in Black Communities". National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is an opportunity to increase HIV education, increase testing, increase community involvement, increase treatment, promote HIV testing, prevention, and treatment and stop HIV stigma.

10. Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme launched by which ministry?

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



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- ✓ Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme in New Delhi.
- ✓ The program aims to support students who are academically gifted and meritorious but lack financial means to pursue education. The Ministry of Education, Government of India launched the Vidyanjali program in September 2021 to strengthen schools through community and private sector involvement. The program aims to increase the quality of education provided in government schools by taking help from private sector and community.

11. Kyasanur Forest Disease has emerged in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka ☒
- C. Kerala
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **Kyasanur Forest Disease, also known as Monkey Fever, poses a significant health threat in Karnataka, India. This year there are 49 confirmed cases and two fatalities. Originating in 1957 from the Kyasanur Forest, the disease is caused by the Kyasanur Forest Disease Virus (KFDV). Uttara Kannada district has seen the majority of cases.**

12. Vaccine Safety Net is an initiative of which organisation?

- A. UNICEF
- B. WHO ☒
- C. UNFPA
- D. UNDP



- ✓ **The Healthy Indian Project (THIP) has joined the World Health Organization's Vaccine Safety Net (VSN), reinforcing its commitment to delivering credible vaccine safety information in India. As part of the global network, THIP becomes a reliable source for verified vaccine safety details contributing to the WHO's initiative to provide accurate immunization information worldwide. VSN, established by the WHO in 1999, comprises diverse websites offering reliable vaccine safety information in various languages.**

13. What is the primary objective of the 'Support to Students for Participating in Competitions Abroad' (SSPCA) scheme introduced by AICTE?

- A. Encouraging domestic competitions
- B. Enhancing global competitiveness of Indian students in technical education ☒
- C. Providing financial aid for local events
- D. Promoting cultural exchange programs



- ✓ **The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched the 'Support to Students for Participating in Competitions Abroad' (SSPCA) initiative to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian technical students. The program offers financial aid, mentorship, and logistical support, providing travel grants of up to Rs 2 lakh per student for international scientific competitions. Eligible students, enrolled in AICTE-approved institutions, can benefit from this scheme, aiming to empower them to represent India effectively on the global stage.**

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