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**1. Indiramma Housing Scheme is associated with which state?**

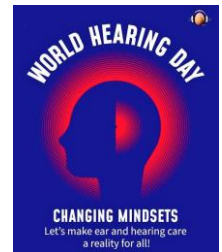
- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala



- ✓ **Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has revealed the Indiramma Housing Scheme, set to commence on March 11. The initiative targets economic empowerment by offering housing solutions to underprivileged segments. Landowners will receive Rs. 5 lakh to build on their plots, while the homeless will get the same amount along with a plot for house construction, amplifying support for the economically disadvantaged.**
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**2. What is the theme of 'World Hearing Day 2024'?**

- A. Ear and hearing care for all! Let's make it reality
- B. Changing mindsets: Let's make ear and hearing care a reality for all ☒
- C. To hear for life, listen with care
- D. Action for hearing loss: make a sound investment



- ✓ **World Hearing Day, celebrated annually on March 3, 2024, addresses the global issue of hearing loss. This year's theme, set by the World Health Organization, emphasizes "Changing mindsets: Let's make ear and hearing care a reality for all." This day advocates for preventative measures, treatment, and overall ear health awareness. It encourages individuals to protect their hearing and seek help for hearing-related concerns.**
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**3. Okhla Bird Sanctuary is located in which state?**

- A. Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- D. Bihar



- ✓ **On March 3, 2024, the WWF EIACP PC-RP, led by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, marked World Wildlife Day at Okhla Bird Sanctuary. Recognizing its rich biodiversity and Mission LiFE focus, the celebration aimed to acknowledge wildlife's vital roles. It is situated at NOIDA's entrance in Uttar Pradesh, the sanctuary spans 4 sq km, making it one of the state's 15 bird sanctuaries.**
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4. Which day is observed as National Safety Day in India?

- A. March.04 ☒
- B. March.05
- C. March.06
- D. March.07



- ✓ **National Safety Day, observed annually on March 4 in India, marks the beginning of National Safety Week. Emphasizing safety and precautions in all sectors, the 2024 theme is "Safety for a Sustainable Future," highlighting the vital connection between safety measures and sustainability. This day serves as a reminder of the critical importance of prioritizing safety.**

5. Rupa Tarkashi (Silver Filigree), which has recently received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, belongs to which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Assam
- C. Odisha ☒
- D. Kerala



- ✓ **Cuttack's renowned Rupa Tarakasi (Silver Filigree) has secured the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai. The Odisha State Co-operative Handicrafts Corporation Limited submitted the application, supported by the Department of Textile and Handicrafts, Government of Odisha. Filigree, linked to exquisite craftsmanship in classical jewelry, dates back to 3500 BCE in Mesopotamia. Historical evidence suggests its introduction to Cuttack from Persia through Indonesia around 500 years ago via sea trade.**

6. Recently, which ministry hosted the first "Blue Talks" meeting on the ocean in New Delhi?

- A. Ministry of Earth Sciences ☒
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Defence



- ✓ **The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) hosted the first "Blue Talks" meeting on February 29, 2024 in New Delhi. The meeting was co-partnered by the Embassy of France and Embassy of Costa Rica in India. The Ambassador of France to India and the Ambassador of Costa Rica were co-convenors of the General Assembly. The meeting focused on Ocean Health and Governance.**

7. Recently, Indian scientists have developed an eco wound dressing from which one of the following?

- A. Banana fiber ☒
- B. Cotton fiber
- C. Bast fiber
- D. Jute fiber



- ✓ Indian scientists at the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST) have developed a new wound dressing material from banana fibers. The material is a multifunctional patch that combines banana fibers with biopolymers like chitosan and guar gum. The patch has excellent mechanical strength and antioxidant properties.

8. Recently, who has received the 'Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024' in recognition of his contributions to the field of regenerative medicine?

- A. Pradeep Mahajan ☒
- B. Ashok Saraf
- C. Babasaheb Purandare
- D. Anil Kakodkar



- ✓ Dr Pradeep Mahajan, Founder and CMD of StemRx, received the Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024 for groundbreaking contributions to regenerative medicine. His unique approach and commitment have advanced scientific understanding and provided innovative therapies globally.

9. Nhava Sheva Port is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Maharashtra ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Customs officials seized a dual-use shipment suspected for Pakistan's nuclear programs at Nhava Sheva Port, east of Mumbai, Maharashtra. Known as Jawaharlal Nehru Port, it's India's busiest port, handling half of the nation's trade. Commissioned in 1989 to ease Mumbai's congestion, it now boasts five terminals for containerized cargo and handles bulk liquid cargo.

10. What is the name of the mobile app recently launched by Minority Affairs Minister Smriti Irani for Hajj pilgrims?

- A. Haj Pilgrims App
- B. Haj Suvidha App ☒
- C. Haj Sewa App
- D. Haj Yatra App



- ✓ Minister Smriti Zubin Irani has launched the Haj Suvidha App, aiming to enhance the pilgrimage experience by offering crucial information and services. Developed under her guidance by BISAG-N, the user-friendly app streamlines travel logistics, providing access to training modules, flight details, accommodation, emergency helpline, and health services.

11. Recently, India's first Green Hydrogen Plant in the Stainless Steel Sector has been inaugurated in which state?

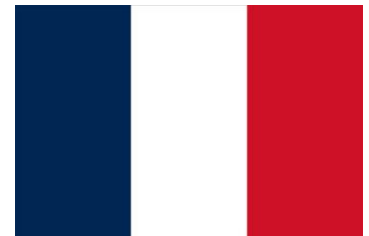
- A. Haryana ☒ B. Uttar Pradesh  
C. Gujarat D. Rajasthan



- ✓ Union Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurated India's 1st Green Hydrogen Plant at Jindal Stainless Limited, Hisar, Haryana. A global first in the stainless steel sector, the off-grid facility incorporates rooftop and floating solar tech, aiming to cut carbon emissions by 2,700 MT annually and 54,000 tons over two decades.

12. Recently, which country became the first country to include the right to abortion in its constitution?

- A. Germany  
B. France ☒  
C. Poland  
D. Malaysia



- ✓ France has made history by becoming the first nation to embed the right to abortion in its constitution. In a landmark joint parliamentary session, a resounding majority of 780 votes supported the constitutional amendment. This historic decision adds explicit language to Article 34 of the French Constitution, guaranteeing women's freedom to choose abortion within the legal framework, marking a significant milestone in reproductive rights.

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