

1. Recently, which country hosted the third summit for Democracy?

- A. India
- B. South Korea ☒
- C. Vietnam
- D. Germany



- ✓ South Korea hosted the 3rd Summit for Democracy in Seoul from 18-20 March 2024, initiated by President Joe Biden in 2021 to combat authoritarianism and uphold human rights. South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken opened the summit.

2. Which Indian Naval Ship recently rescued the 'Bulgarian Ruen vessel', which had been hijacked by Somali pirates?

- A. INS Kalvari
- B. INS Kolkata ☒
- C. INS Kumbhir
- D. INS Khanderi



- ✓ Bulgarian President Rumen Radev thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Indian Navy's rescue of seven Bulgarian citizens from Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean. The MV Ruen, hijacked on December 14, 2023, marked the first Somali pirate hijacking since 2017. The Indian Navy's operation, led by INS Kolkata, successfully rescued the crew on March 16, 2024, affirming India's commitment to maritime security and combating piracy in the region.

3. Recently, who has been given additional charge of Telangana Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry?

- A. Tamilisai Soundararajan
- B. CP Radhakrishnan ☒
- C. Banwarilal Purohit
- D. Kalraj Mishra



- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu appointed Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan as the additional charge of Telangana Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, replacing Tamilisai Soundararajan, who resigned on March 18. Soundararajan, previously BJP Tamil Nadu unit president, contested but lost in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The upcoming Lok Sabha polls in Tamil Nadu, with 39 seats, are scheduled for April 19, 2024.

4. Recently, where was the 3rd edition of the North East Games 2024 started?

- A. Nagaland ☒
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Mizoram



- ✓ The 3rd edition of North East Games 2024 commenced in Nagaland at Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence, Sovima. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the event. Over 3000 athletes from eight North Eastern states compete in 15 disciplines across three districts. The games feature sports like archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, football, lawn tennis, Pencak Silat, table tennis, taekwondo, volleyball, and wushu.

5. Recently, where was the 4th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Startup Forum organized?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ The fourth Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Startup Forum was held in New Delhi on March.19. The initiative aims to promote innovation, job creation, and collaboration among SCO member states, as well as inspire young talent. The forum also focuses on increasing interactions between startups within the SCO, and creating an environment that encourages innovation.

6. Which day is celebrated as 'International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination' every year?

- A. 20 March
- B. 21 March ☒
- C. 22 March
- D. 23 March



- ✓ The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD) is celebrated annually on March 21. This day marks the day in 1960 when police opened fire on a peaceful group of protesters in Sharpeville, South Africa, killing 69 people. The United Nations established IDERD. 2024 theme for this day is, "A Decade of Recognition, Justice, and Development".

7. What is Brucethoa isro?

- A. Plant disease
- B. New species of spider
- C. New species of deep sea isopod ☒
- D. Asteroid



- ✓ **Researchers named a new species, Brucethoa isro, of deep-sea isopod found off the Kerala coast after ISRO. Discovered near Kollam, Kerala, this tiny fish-parasitic crustacean lives in the gill cavity of the Spinyjaw greeneye. It's the second species of its genus found in India. It's named in tribute to ISRO's space missions.**

8. Recently, which space startup is preparing to launch India's second privately developed rocket, Agnibaan SOrTeD?

- A. GalaxEye Space
- B. Agnikul Cosmos ☒
- C. Bellatrix Aerospace
- D. Dhruva Space



- ✓ **Agnikul Cosmos, a private space startup based in Chennai, is preparing to launch India's second privately developed rocket, Agnibaan SOrTeD (Suborbital Tech Demonstrator), in March 2024. The rocket will be launched from Agnikul's own launchpad. Agnibaan is the second privately developed rocket after Vikram-S, which was launched in 2022 by Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited. Vikram-S was the first rocket made entirely of composite materials.**

9. What is theme of 'World Water Day 2024'?

- A. Groundwater: Making the invisible visible
- B. Leveraging Water for Peace ☒
- C. Water and Climate Change
- D. Leaving No One Behind



- ✓ **World Water Day, observed on March.22 since 1993, raises awareness about freshwater conservation. The United Nations General Assembly initiated this observance to emphasize water's significance in our lives. The 2024 theme, 'Leveraging Water for Peace', highlights the crucial role of transboundary water cooperation in fostering universal peace and sustainable development.**

10. Recently, which organization of India has received the Aviation Week Laureates Award?

- A. ISRO ☒
- B. DRDO
- C. ICAR
- D. CSIR



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) received the Aviation Week Laureates Award in 2024 for its achievements with the Chandrayaan-3 mission. Deputy Ambassador at the Indian Embassy in the US, Sripriya Ranganathan, accepted the award on behalf of ISRO. The award recognizes extraordinary accomplishments in the aerospace industry.

11. What is the theme of 'World Forestry Day 2024'?

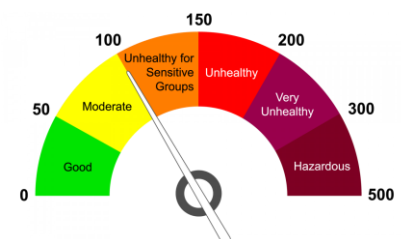
- A. Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world ☒
- B. Forests restoration: The path to recovery and welfare
- C. Forests and Biodiversity
- D. Learn to Love Forests



- ✓ World Forest Day is celebrated annually on March 21. It promotes the value of forests and encourages global participation in tree-related campaigns, including planting drives. Coordinated by the FAO and UN Forum on Forests, it was established in 1971. This year's theme is "Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World."

12. According to the World Air Quality Report, which country was the 3rd most polluted country in 2023?

- A. Nepal
- B. Egypt
- C. India ☒
- D. Finland



- ✓ In 2023, India ranked as the 3rd most polluted country globally, per the World Air Quality Report by Swiss company IQAir. Drawing data from 30,000+ air quality monitoring stations across 7,812 locations in 134 countries, only 10 met the WHO's clean air standard. French Polynesia, Mauritius, and Iceland had the cleanest air, while India trailed behind Pakistan and Bangladesh in pollution levels.

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