

Dec 01

1) Which among the following can happen if "None of the above (NOTA)" gets highest number of votes?

- a) The candidate who got next highest is declared elected
- b) None of the candidates are elected
- c) None of the candidates are qualified for the future elections
- d) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: a

• An advocate has moved the Supreme Court for a direction that fresh elections should be held in a constituency where NOTA ('None of the above' option) garnered the maximum number of votes. Besides, none of the candidates who lost to NOTA should be allowed to contest the fresh polls.

2) The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 on the initiative of

- a) G7
- b) UN
- c) G20
- d) OECD

Answer: a

• The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 on the initiative of the G7. It is a "policy-making body" which works to generate the necessary political will to bring about national legislative and regulatory reforms in various areas. The FATF Secretariat is housed at the OECD headquarters in Paris.

3) Which among the following is not a tributary of Yamuna?

- a) Chambal
- b) Sindh
- c) Ken
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

• The Chambal, the Sind, the Betwa and the Ken rivers are the tributaries of the river.
• A 'Monthly Progress Report' was recently submitted by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee to the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti on cleaning Yamuna.
• The level of faecal coliform (microbes from human and animal excreta) is above the desirable limit at all points tested in Yamuna in Delhi, except for Palla where the river enters the city, as per a Delhi government report.

4) Indian peacock soft-shell turtle is a riverine turtle endemic to

- a) India
- b) Nepal
- c) Bangladesh
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- It is a riverine turtle endemic to India, Nepal, and Bangladesh. They are generally omnivorous (predominantly carnivorous) and nocturnal.

5) Government of India has announced the stimulus package of Rs. 900 crore for the Mission COVID Suraksha, which aims to

- a) Develop COVID vaccine
- b) Reignite economic growth
- c) Improve health infrastructure
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The Government of India has announced the stimulus package of Rs. 900 crore for the Mission COVID Suraksha, the Indian Covid-19 Vaccine Development Mission, which will help the development process of the vaccine candidates.

Dec 02

1) Internationally acclaimed annual 10-day Hornbill Festival will be celebrated in a completely virtual mode from December 1. It is celebrated in the state of

- a) Assam
- b) Kerala
- c) Nagaland
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Internationally acclaimed annual 10-day Hornbill Festival of Nagaland will be celebrated in a completely virtual mode from December 1. The festival will be telecast through three TV channels.

2) Which among the following is the most polluted city in the world as per US Air Quality Index data?

- a) Beijing
- b) New York
- c) New Delhi
- d) Lahore

Answer: d

- The air quality index of Lahore and Faisalabad was worse than New Delhi in neighbouring India in early November. Faisalabad recorded 440 and Lahore 321, with a fine particulate matter (PM2.5) concentration of 270 micrograms per cubic metre

($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). Particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns is particularly dangerous because it is fine enough to penetrate into the lungs and bloodstream. The World Health Organisation guideline is $25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for PM2.5, the state governments is $35 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

3) Which among the following countries has the highest bribery rate in Asia as per Global Corruption Barometer (GCB) Asia?

- a) India
- b) Russia
- c) China
- d) Pakistan

Answer: a

• India has the highest bribery rate in Asia and the most number of people who use personal connections to access public services, according to a new report by corruption watchdog Transparency International. The Global Corruption Barometer (GCB) Asia, found that nearly 50 per cent of those who paid bribes were asked to, while 32 per cent of those who used personal connections said they would not receive the service otherwise.

4) Which among the following universities topped the QS Asia University Rankings 2021?

- a) IIT Mumbai
- b) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- c) National University of Singapore
- d) Indian Institute of Science (IISc)

Answer: c

• The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is the top university overall and the National University of Singapore has secured the first position for the third consecutive year amongst the Asian higher education bodies. On the other hand, the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Bombay, Delhi, Kharagpur and Madras along with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have come up in the top 75 institutions among the Asian countries.

5) World AIDS day is observed every year on

- a) 2nd December
- b) 31st December
- c) 1st December
- d) 30th November

Answer: c

• It is observed on 1st December 2020 with the theme "Global Solidarity, resilient HIV services".

Dec 03

1) Green Charcoal Hackathon aimed to convert farm residue to green charcoal is an initiative by the ministry of

- a) Coal
- b) Environment
- c) New and renewable energy
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• The Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh, has launched the Green Charcoal Hackathon, which aims to reduce carbon emissions and nurture technology solutions in India.

2) 10 National Science Film Festival 2020 is organised by VigyanPrasar and the state of

- a) Kerala
- b) Goa
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Tripura

Answer: d

• VigyanPrasar in collaboration with Tripura State Council for Science & Technology, Govt. of Tripura announces the 10th National Science Film Festival of India 2020 (online). Date of Festival: 24 – 27 November 2020

3) India's first 100 Octane fuel, launched by Indian Oil corporation is called

- a) XP100
- b) IO100
- c) SOP100
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Indian Oil has launched a world-class premium-grade Petrol called the XP100 in the Indian market. The XP100 is a 100 Octane petrol that caters to high-end four-wheeler and two-wheelers in the country.

4) Which among the following words were chosen as Word of The Year 2020 by Merriam Webster and Dictionary.com?

- a) Corona
- b) Pandemic
- c) Selfie
- d) All of the above

Answer: b

• And there's no better word to sum up the unbelievable year that was 2020. "Pandemic" is the Word of the Year for both Merriam-Webster and Dictionary.com. It

informed top searches on both sites and reshaped the language we use daily, both companies said.

5) India's rank according to Global Terrorism Index 2020 is

- a) 2nd
- b) 31st
- c) 1st
- d) 8th

Answer: d

• The Global Terrorism Index [GTI] 2020 ranks India as 8th in the world on a list of countries most affected by terrorism in 2019, with 558 incidents that killed 277 and injured 439. Further, the report marks South Asia as region worst affected by terrorism for the second year in a row.

Dec 04

1. UN's International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed every year on

- a) Dec 3
- b) Dec 4
- c) Dec 5
- d) Nov 30

Dec 3 is Correct, December 3 is marked by the UN as International Day of Persons with Disabilities in a bid to promote a more inclusive and accessible world for the differently-abled and to raise awareness for their rights.

2. Bhasan Char is an island under the administrative control of

- a) India
- b) Myanmar
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Sri Lanka

Bangladesh is Correct , Bangladesh has begun transferring hundreds of Rohingya refugees to Bhasan Char (a low-lying island in an area prone to cyclones and floods), with rights groups alleging that people were being coerced into leaving.

3. Pan-STARRS1 telescope detected an unknown object which followed a curved path in the sky, indicating its proximity to the Earth. The telescope is operated by

- a) NASA
- b) ISRO
- c) ESA
- d) SpaceX

NASA is Correct, In September, the NASA-funded Pan-STARRS1 telescope detected an unknown object which followed a curved path in the sky, indicating its proximity to the Earth.

4. Which among the following international institutions adopted the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace?

- a) OECD
- b) BRICS
- c) UN
- d) None of the above

UN is Correct , The Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on September 13, 1999

5. Arecibo telescope, the second-largest single-dish radio telescope in the world, was located in

- a) USA
- b) China
- c) Puerto Rico
- d) Canada

Puerto Rico is Correct , On December 1, 2020 the main telescope collapsed before controlled demolition could be conducted. The observatory also includes a radio telescope, a LIDAR facility, and a visitor's center, all which are expected to remain operational after the damage from the main telescope collapse is assessed.

Dec 05

1. ShalyaTantra and ShalakyTantra, recently seen in news, is a part of

- a) Ayurveda
- b) Siddha
- c) Unani
- d) None of the above

Ayurveda is Correct , The government has notified compulsory surgical procedures for PG students of Ayurveda. ShalyaTantra, which refers to general surgery, and ShalakyTantra which pertains to surgeries related to the eyes, ears, nose, throat and teeth.

2. Which among the following is not a part of technical textiles?

- a) medical textiles
- b) geotextiles
- c) agrotextiles
- d) None of the above

None of the above is Correct , Technical textiles are defined as textile materials and products manufactured primarily for their technical performance and functional properties rather than aesthetic and decorative characteristics. Technical textiles include

textiles for automotive applications, medical textiles, geotextiles, agrotextiles, and protective clothing.

3. India celebrates December 4 as Navy Day to commemorate

- a) Operation Meghadoot
- b) Operation Trident
- c) Operation Vijay
- d) Operation Shakti

Operation Trident is Correct , Every year, India celebrates December 4 as Navy Day to commemorate Operation Trident, a key offensive during the 1971 India-Pakistan War, when the Indian Navy inflicted heavy damage on Pakistani vessels in Karachi harbour.

4. Recently inaugurated, 650-meter long flyover having four lanes named "Jai Hind Bridge" is located in

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) West Bengal
- d) Punjab

West Bengal is Correct , The new 650-meter long flyover having four lanes has been named "Jai Hind Bridge" by Banerjee. She chose the name as a tribute to NetajiSubhash Chandra Bose whose 125th birth anniversary will be celebrated in 2022.

5. Department of Space entered into a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with _____ to launch vehicle development programme.

- a) Antrix Corporation
- b) New Space India Ltd
- c) IN-Space
- d) Agnikul Cosmos Pvt. Ltd

Agnikul Cosmos Pvt. Ltd is Correct , Department of Space on Thursday entered into a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with Agnikul Cosmos Pvt. Ltd, a Chennai based start-up located in the National Centre for combustion R&D, IIT Madras, which builds small private satellite launch vehicle.

Dec 07

1. Which among the following archaeological sites in India has stone chariots?

- a) Hampi, Karnataka
- b) Konark, Odisha
- c) Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu
- d) All of the above

All of the above is Correct , The Hampi chariot is one among the three famous stone chariots in India, the other two being in Konark, Odisha, and Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has put up a chain barricade to prevent people from touching or climbing the iconic stone chariot in front of the VijayaVittala Temple at Hampi and causing damage to it in any way.

2. HL-2M Tokamak reactor, recently heard in news, is a nuclear fusion reactor located in
- a) France
 - b) Switzerland
 - c) China
 - d) India

China is Correct , China successfully powered up its “artificial sun” nuclear fusion reactor (HL-2M Tokamak reactor) for the first time marking a great advance in the country’s nuclear power research capabilities.

3. In India, Mahaparinirvan Divas is observed as death anniversary of
- a) Buddha
 - b) B R Ambedkar
 - c) Boddidharman
 - d) None of the above

B R Ambedkar is Correct , On December 6, the country observed MahaparinirvanDivas, which marks the death anniversary of DrBabasahebAmbedkar.His followers and supporters believe that Ambedkar was as influential, pure and blessed as Lord Buddha. And this is the reason Ambedkar’s death anniversary is referred to as Mahaparinirvan Divas.

4. Recently published Global Wage Report is published by
- a) IMF
 - b) WTO
 - c) ITU
 - d) ILO

ILO is Correct , “It's going to be a long road back and I think it's going to be turbulent and it's going to be hard”, said ILO Director-General Guy Ryder, as he announced the findings of the ILO’s flagship Global Wage Report, which is published every two years.

5. KundapurVamanKamath Committee, recently constituted by RBI, deals with
- a) Targeted LTRO for stressed sectors
 - b) Economiccapital framework (ECF) for RBI
 - c) Operation Twist
 - d) None of the above

Targeted LTRO for stressed sectors are Correct , The Reserve Bank of India, on August 6, allowed the option of one-time restructuring of loans across all sectors without classifying them as non-performing assets (NPAs).To do so, RBI has appointed KundapurVamanKamath, former CEO of India’s largest private bank, to head the committee and suggest different ways to implement the restructuring.

Dec 08

- 1) The plausible reason for the recently found mysterious disease, referred to as “Havana syndrome”, is found to be due to the exposure to

- a) Gamma radiation
- b) UV radiation
- c) **Microwave radiation**
- d) All of the above

- Nearly four years ago a mysterious neurological illness, referred to as “Havana syndrome”, started to afflict American diplomats and intelligence operatives in Cuba, China, and other countries.
- Now, a report by the National Academies of Sciences (NAS) has found “directed” microwave radiation to be its “plausible” cause.

2) The aerial LiDAR survey technique, for the first time for any railway project in India, was adopted for the

- a) **Mumbai- Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor**
- b) Diamond Quadrilateral
- c) Mumbai–Pune hyperloop
- d) None of the above

- The aerial LiDAR survey technique, for the first time for any railway project in India, was adopted for the Mumbai- Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor primarily because of its high accuracy.

3) Thartribals who are followers of Theravada Buddhism are located in

- a) Odisha
- b) **Uttar Pradesh**
- c) Nagakand
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

- The Uttar Pradesh government has recently embarked upon a scheme to take the unique culture of its ethnic Tharu tribe across the world. The scheme involves creating homestays. The idea is to offer tourists an experience of living in the natural Tharu habitat, in traditional huts made of grass collected mainly from the forests.

4) Vadhavan port project, expected to be the India’s 13th major port, is situated in the state of

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Goa
- d) **Maharashtra**

- Villagers in Maharashtra’s Dahanu are objecting to the Vadhavan port project. They believe the project will be detrimental to the environment and their livelihoods.

5) Which among the following is the first UT to be fully organic?

- a) **Lakshadweep**
- b) Andaman and Nicobar
- c) New Delhi
- d) Chandigarh

- After Sikkim, Lakshadweep is the first Union Territory to become 100 per cent organic as all farming is carried out without the use of synthetic fertilisers and pesticides, providing access to safer food choices and making agriculture a more environment-friendly activity.

Dec 09

- 1) Bangladesh has signed its first Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) and it is with
- a) Nepal
 - b) **Bhutan**
 - c) India
 - d) None of the above

- Bangladesh signed its first Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Bhutan allowing duty free access to a range of goods between the two countries. This is the first PTA Bangladesh has signed with any country in the world.

- 2) Which among the following is the winner of the 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award?

- a) **Invest India**
- b) Startup India
- c) Digital India
- d) None of the above

- Invest India wins United Nations Investment Promotion Award for 2020. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has declared 'Invest India' as winner of the 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award. The award ceremony took place at UNCTAD Headquarters in Geneva yesterday

- 3) Partners in Population and Development (PPD) is an intergovernmental organisation for promoting south-south cooperation in the fields of reproductive health, population, and development. It is headquartered at

- a) Kathmandu
- b) **Dhaka**
- c) Colombo
- d) None of the above

- Its Secretariat is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Currently, PPD has the membership of 26 developing countries, representing more than 59% of the world's population.

- India took part in Inter-Ministerial Conference by Partners in Population and Development (PPD).

- 4) What is India's rank in the latest global Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)?

- a) 14th
- b) **9th**
- c) 10th
- d) 54th

- India ranked 9th in the index released in Madrid. The top position was bagged by Sweden while China ranked 30th.

5) Which among the following banks had launched Atmanirbhar Women Scheme 2020?

- a) **Bank of Baroda**
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Canara Bank
- d) All of the above

• Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched the Atmanirbhar Women Scheme as part of its Baroda Gold Loan. Under the scheme, the bank is offering loans at 0.50 per cent concession for women. The bank under the gold loan scheme is also offering agri-gold loan at 0.25 percent concession and for retail loan at 0.50 per cent concession. The scheme was launched at BOB's Ramamurthy Nagar branch in Bengaluru and simultaneously in 18 branches coming under 18 zones in the country, virtually by SanjivChadha, MD & CEO, Bank of Baroda.

Dec 10

1. Which among the following Wildlife Sanctuary is also known as 'Mini Kaziranga'?

- a) **Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary**
 - b) Bornadi Wildlife Sanctuary.
 - c) Bura-Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary.
 - d) None of the above
- Too many cattle are robbing the one-horned rhinos of Assam's Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, referred to as 'Mini Kaziranga' for similar features, of their nutritious food.
- Assam's Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is also known as 'Mini Kaziranga'.

2. Submarine Day, celebrated on every 8th of December, is in the memory of

- a) INS Arihant
 - b) INS Vela
 - c) **INS Kalvari**
 - d) None of the above
- The Indian Navy celebrated Submarine Day on Tuesday. It was on December 8 that the Indian Naval Ensign was unfurled on INS Kalvari, the first submarine to be inducted in the Indian Navy, at Riga in Latvia, the erstwhile USSR, in 1967.

3. Which among the following countries is the newest member of SAARC?

- a) Sri Lanka
 - b) Thailand
 - c) Bhutan
 - d) **Afghanistan**
- Afghanistan became the newest member of SAARC at the 13th annual summit in 2005. 36th Charter Day anniversary of SAARC observed recently.

4. International Anti-Corruption Day is observed every year on

- a) Dec 14th

- b) Dec 9th
- c) Dec 10th
- d) Dec 4th

- It is observed every year on 9 December to raise awareness about the disadvantages of corruption and the importance of transparency.

5. Which among the following is the India's first anti-radiation missile?

- a) Rudram
- b) Agni
- c) Trishul
- d) Brahmos

- India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile, Rudram, developed for the Indian Air Force, was successfully flight-tested from a Sukhoi-30 MKI jet off the east coast on Friday.

Dec 11

1. 'JaganannaJeevaKranthi' scheme under which 2.49 lakh sheep and goats will be distributed to women is an initiative by the government of

- a) Kerala
- b) Sikkim
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Odisha

- Taking yet another step towards women empowerment, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday launched 'JaganannaJeevaKranthi' scheme to distribute 2,49,151 sheep and goat units to the beneficiaries of YSR Cheyutha and YSR Aasara. A total ` 1,869 crore is being spent for the purpose. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister expressed satisfaction over launching another scheme to help the women stand on their own feet and support their families.

2. For the first time in the history of the UN Population Award, the honour is being conferred on an Indian institution and the institution is

- a) Dignity Foundation
- b) Agewell Foundation
- c) Helpage India
- d) None of the above

- HelpAge India has been presented the UN Population Award for 2020 (institutional category).

3. Koilwar Bridge constructed over Soneriver is inaugurated. It is in the state of

- a) Bihar
- b) Odisha
- c) Assam
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways ShriNitinGadkari inaugurated the three lane 1.5 km long Koilwarbridge over Sone river in Bihar through Video

Conferencing today. A sum of Rs 266 crore has been spent on the bridge. The existing two-lane bridge for both rail and road traffic is 138 years old.

4. World's first, satellite-based narrowband-IoT network is being introduced in India by

- a) Reliance Jio
- b) BhartiAirtel
- c) BSNL
- d) Vodafone

- BSNL, in partnership with Skylo, to introduce worlds' first, satellite-based narrowband-IoT network in India.

5. Which among the following religion celebrates the festival of Hanukkah?

- a) Judaism
- b) Christianity
- c) Islam
- d) All of the above

- It is a Jewish festival commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. It is also known as the Festival of Lights.

Dec 12

1. MahaSharad, to be launched by Maharashtra Social Justice Department, is a digital platform aimed at helping

- a) Differently abled
- b) Old age
- c) Women
- d) All of the above

- It is a digital platform which will provide for free the tools required by differently-abled people.

2. Which among the following state government had sanctioned industry status to the film and entertainment sector, recently?

- a) Bihar
- b) Maharashtra
- c) West Bengal
- d) None of the above

- Maharashtra government has moved to sanction industry status to the film and entertainment sector.

3. Malaria is caused by the bite of the mosquito belong to the species of

- a) Culex
- b) Aedes
- c) Anopheles
- d) None of the above

- Malaria is caused by the bite of the female Anopheles mosquito, if the mosquito itself is infected with a malarial parasite.

- A not very common type of malaria, Plasmodium ovale, has been identified in a jawan in Kerala. The soldier is believed to have contracted it during his posting in Sudan, from where he returned nearly a year ago, and where Plasmodium ovale is endemic.

4. In the context of 7th schedule, who among the following has residuary powers?

- a) Union legislature
- b) State legislatures
- c) Both (a) and (c)
- d) None of the above

- Parliament has exclusive power to make any law with respect to any matter not enumerated in the Concurrent List or State List.

- Fifteenth Finance Commission chairman N.K. Singh has called for a fresh look at the Constitution's Seventh Schedule, which forms the basis for allocating subjects to the Centre and States.

5. Which among the following countries will host Indian Ocean Island Games, 2023?

- a) Maldives
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Madagascar
- d) Seychelles

- Madagascar has replaced Maldives as the host of the 2023 Indian Ocean Island Games due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic. The event had been awarded to Maldives last year, but members of the Indian Ocean Island Games Federation voted to move the Games to Madagascar.

Dec 14

1. According to the Delimitation Commission Act, 2002, the Delimitation Commission appointed by the Centre has to have who among the following as ex-officio members?

- a) Serving or retired judge of the Supreme Court
- b) Chief Election Commissioner
- c) State Election Commissioner
- d) All of the above

- According to the Delimitation Commission Act, 2002, the Delimitation Commission appointed by the Centre has to have three members: a serving or retired judge of the Supreme Court as the chairperson, and the Chief Election Commissioner or Election Commissioner nominated by the CEC and the State Election Commissioner as ex-officio members.

2. It is an east-flowing river. Originates at Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra and merges with the Bay of Bengal, flowing through Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The above passage is in reference to

- a) River Kaveri
- b) River Krishna
- c) River Narmada
- d) River Sabarmati

- The Telangana government has filed a special leave petition (SLP) in Supreme Court seeking a direction to Andhra Pradesh government not to go ahead calling tenders for the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme. The government maintains that under the provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, proposal for any new project on Krishna has to be first placed before the Krishna River Management Board and then before the Apex Council for ratification.

3. India had pledged to reduce its emissions intensity reduction target as a proportion of its GDP by 2030 to

- a) 33-35%
- b) 23-25%
- c) 43-45%
- d) 15-18%

- Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said that India was the only major G20 country that was on track towards keeping to its nationally determined commitments to halt runaway global warming.

- It had achieved 21% of its emissions intensity reduction target as a proportion of its GDP in line with its pledge to a 33-35% reduction by 2030.

4. Myristica swamp treefrog is a rare arboreal species endemic to

- a) Western Ghats
- b) Eastern Ghats
- c) Sunderbans
- d) Andaman Islands

- Myristica Swamp Treefrog, a rare arboreal species endemic to the Western Ghats that bears the scientific name *Mercuranamyristicapalustris*, has been recorded for the first time north of the Shencottah gap in Vazhachal Reserve Forest in Thrissur.

5. Which among the following rivers are crisscrossing the Kaziranga National Park?

- a) Diphlu
- b) Mora Diphlu
- c) Mora Dhansiri
- d) All of the above

- Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve can now be explored by boats while bicycle tracks are also being finalised. One can go trekking too. But the new activities are beyond the 1,302 sq km Kaziranga's core area of 482 sq km. Kaziranga is crisscrossed by four main rivers — Brahmaputra, Diphlu, Mora Diphlu and Mora Dhansiri.

Dec 15

1. The annual MPLADS fund entitlement per Member of Parliament constituency is

- a) 5 Crore
- b) 50 Crore
- c) 500 Crore
- d) 2 Crore

- The annual MPLADS fund entitlement per MP constituency is Rs. 5 crores. Members of all parties have unanimously asked the government to release funds for the projects sanctioned in 2018 and 2019, which were under way before the funds were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. The Book 'Putting Farmers First' was released by

- a) NitiAayog
- b) ICAR
- c) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare
- d) **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

- Listing various measures initiated by the government since 2014, a booklet "Putting Farmers First", published by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, said the Modi government took decisive actions for making agriculture profitable for farmers while other governments were holding consultations and discussions for decades on the issue.

3. Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated on 12 December every year. The theme for 2020 is

- a) **Health for All: Protect Everyone**
- b) Keep the Promise
- c) Unite for Universal Health Coverage
- d) None of the above

- One year since the UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage — where world leaders endorsed the most ambitious and comprehensive political declaration on health in history — and in the midst of a global pandemic, we unite to call on leaders to protect everyone with this year's theme: Health for All: Protect Everyone — To end this crisis and build a safer and healthier future, we must invest in health systems that protect us all — now.

4. Reserve Bank of India is setting up Automated Banknote Processing Centre in

- a) Cochin
- b) **Jaipur**
- c) New Delhi
- d) Bhopal

- With a view to effectively deal with increasing circulation of banknotes, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to set up an Automated Banknote Processing Centre (ABPC) in Jaipur for receipt, storage and dispatch of currency notes. The functions of the ABPC will also include processing of banknotes received from currency chests (CCs) and bank branches, and destruction of soiled banknotes in an automated manner.

5. National Energy Conservation Day is observed every year, to consciously conserve energy in our everyday lives, on

- a) December 10
- b) December 11
- c) December 12

d) December 14

- Every year December 14 is observed as National Energy Conservation Day. Today let us take a pledge to consciously conserve energy in our everyday lives.

Dec 16

1. IUCN Red List of Threatened Species categorised Himalayan serow as

- a) Extinct
- b) Endangered
- c) **Vulnerable**
- d) None of the above

- Categorised as 'vulnerable' in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. It is listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, which provides absolute protection.

2. Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) is chaired by

- a) **Minister of Finance**
- b) RBI Governor
- c) Prime Minister
- d) Law minister

- The Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was constituted in December, 2010. It is not a statutory body. The Council is chaired by the Union Finance Minister.

3. DakPay is a new digital payment application launched by

- a) **Department of Posts**
- b) Airtel
- c) Vodafone
- d) Jio

- It is a new digital payment application launched by the Department of Posts and the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).

4. India shares longest land boundary with which among the following countries?

- a) China
- b) **Bangladesh**
- c) Myanmar
- d) Pakistan

- India and Bangladesh share 4096.7 km. of border, which is the longest land boundary that India shares with any of its neighbours.

- In the past four years, nearly twice the number of illegal Bangladeshi migrants were caught leaving the country compared to those coming in illegally.

5. World's largest electric scooter manufacturing factory, built by Ola, is located in

- a) **Hosur**
- b) Kutch
- c) Mangalore

d) Kochi

- Ola Electric on Monday said it will make two million electric scooters at a greenfield facility in Hosur, Tamil Nadu. This would displace Honda's Vithalpur facility in Gujarat, which makes 1.2 million units of petrol-powered scooters a year.

Dec 17

1. Losar is the new year festival associated with

- a) Ladakh
- b) Assam
- c) Bengal
- d) Sikkim

- The youth wing of Ladakh Buddhist Association celebrated the 'Losar' festival here on Tuesday. 'Losar' is celebrated to mark the beginning of the new year of the Buddhist community.

2. 5th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) is organised by

- a) National Mission for Clean Ganga
- b) Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga)
- c) National Water Commission
- d) Both (a) and (b)

- The 5th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS), organised by the National Mission for Clean Ganga and Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga) began today with the theme of comprehensive analysis and holistic management of local rivers and water bodies with focus on Arth Ganga - river conservation synchronised development.

3. India's rank in recently released Human Development Report 2020 by UNDP is

- a) 122
- b) 112
- c) 131
- d) 54

- India dropped two spots to 131 among 189 countries in the 2020 human development index, according to a report released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

4. International Cricket Council will conduct Women's World ODI Cup 2022 in

- a) South Africa
- b) Australia
- c) England
- d) New Zealand

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday announced the schedule for the 2022 Women's World Cup in New Zealand with 31 matches to be played across 31 days from March 4 to April 3, 2022

5. The Central government have signed a loan agreement for lending \$1 billion towards 'supporting India's economic recovery from Covid-19' with

- a) ADB
- b) AIIB
- c) World Bank
- d) **NDB**

• The Central government and the New Development Bank (NDB) have signed a loan agreement for lending \$1 billion towards 'supporting India's economic recovery from Covid-19'.

Dec 18

1. Golden Peacock Environment Management Award for the year 2020 is won by

- a) IOCL
- b) ONGC
- c) **SAIL**
- d) Reliance Industries

• Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been awarded with the prestigious Golden Peacock Environment Management Award for the year 2020 in the Steel Sector by the Institute of Directors.

2. International Migrants Day is observed every year on

- a) December 4
- b) **December 18**
- c) December 14
- d) December 28

• Every year, December 18, is celebrated as International Migrants Day. The day was appointed by the General Assembly of United Nations on December 4, 2000, taking into account the large and increasing number of migrants in the world.

3. The proposed museum dedicated to NetajiSubhash Chandra Bose is proposed to come in

- a) **Kolkata**
- b) New Delhi
- c) Allahabad
- d) Pune

• As a part of the commemoration of NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose's 125th birth anniversary in 2022, the Union Culture Ministry was planning a museum in Kolkata, an exhibition at the Victoria Memorial and cultural performances in West Bengal, the Ministry said in a statement on Tuesday.

4. Chilahati-Haldibari rail link, recently inaugurated by PM Modi, connect India with

- a) **Bangladesh**
- b) Myanmar
- c) Pakistan
- d) China

- PM Modi and MsHasina jointly inaugurated the railway link between Haldibari in India and Chilahati in Bangladesh during a prime minister-level virtual bilateral summit.

5. 2030 Asian Games will be hosted by

- a) Qatar
- b) India
- c) China
- d) Australia

- The Qatari capital of Doha beat Saudi Arabian counterpart Riyadh for the 2030 Games in the vote at the Olympic Council of Asia's general assembly.

Dec 19

1. Nehru Zoological Park is the first zoo in India to get the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Standards Certificate from

- a) UK
- b) USA
- c) Singapore
- d) None of the above

- Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, with its standard working procedures, has acquired ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Standards Certification from ASCB, UK.

2. ICRA Limited is an Indian independent and professional investment information and credit rating agency based in

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Gurgaon
- c) Delhi
- d) None of the above

- ICRA Limited has reaffirmed the long term and short term credit rating for the lines of credit availed by the Company from Banks / Institutions. ICRA Limited (ICRA) is an Indian independent and professional investment information and credit rating agency based in Gurgaon

3. The prestigious "Young Champions of the Earth" 2020 prize given by

- a) IUCN
- b) UNDP
- c) UNEP
- d) WWF

- A 29-year-old Indian entrepreneur is among the seven winners of the prestigious "Young Champions of the Earth" 2020 prize given by the UN environment agency to global change-makers using innovative ideas and ambitious action to help solve some of the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

4. International Human Solidarity Day is observed every year on

- a) December 19
- b) December 21
- c) December 20
- d) December 1

- International Human Solidarity Day 2020: To confront the crises and challenges faced by people globally among the Covid-19 pandemic, strong bonds of friendships are necessary. Human solidarity is the basis for lasting stability and safety in the community. According to the United Nations, "A spirit of human solidarity can bring peace in social relationships at all levels." International Human Solidarity Day is observed every year on December 20.

5. Which institution has partnered for the project 'Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources Project'?

- a) AIIB
- b) ADB
- c) NDB
- d) World Bank

- The World Bank on Wednesday approved four India projects worth over USD 800 million to support development initiatives. The projects that have been approved are: Chhattisgarh Inclusive Rural and Accelerated Agriculture Growth Project (CHIRAAG); Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources Project; and Second Dam Improvement and Rehabilitation Project (DRIP-2).

Dec 21

1. The 20th edition of the IORA Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting was on December 17 via video conferencing under the Chairmanship of

- a) UAE
- b) Iran
- c) Qatar
- d) Sri Lanka

- The 20th Council of Ministers was inaugurated by Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates.

2. Minister of State for Skill Development inaugurated the first Centre of Excellence (CoE) for 'skill development in the power sector' in

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Gurgaon
- c) Delhi
- d) Mumbai

- The Minister of State for Skill Development, Raj Kumar Singh, inaugurated the first Centre of Excellence (CoE) for 'skill development in the power sector' in Gurugram.

3. Sauvadet law, recently heard in news, is a law existing in

- a) France
- b) US

- c) India
- d) Saudi Arabia

- In 2018, 11 women and five men were appointed to leadership positions in Paris' city hall. Since 69 per cent of the appointments went to women, the decision was technically in violation of a law introduced in 2013, known as the 'Sauvadet law', which requires a minimum of 40 per cent of appointments for each gender.

4. India's first advanced Hypersonic Wind Tunnel test facility is established in
- a) Mumbai
 - b) Bangalore
 - c) Trivandrum
 - d) Hyderabad

- Union Defence Minister inaugurated the advanced Hypersonic Wind Tunnel (HWT) test facility of the DRDO in Hyderabad making India as the third country in the world, after the US and Russia, to have such a huge facility in size and capability.

5. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) brought at the UN Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit in New York is an initiative by
- a) India
 - b) US
 - c) Japan
 - d) Germany

- Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) is launched by Modi in September 2019 at the UN Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit in New York, US.

Dec 22

1. 'RuPay Select' contactless debit card was launched by
- a) Standard Chartered Bank
 - b) Central Bank of India
 - c) State Bank of India
 - d) Punjab National Bank

- Central Bank of India launches contactless debit card in association with NPCI. State-owned Central Bank of India on Tuesday said it has launched contactless "RuPay Select" debit card in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

2. National Mathematics Day is held annually on 22nd December to commemorate the birth anniversary of
- a) SrinivasaRamanujan.
 - b) P.C. Mahalanobis.
 - c) C.R. Rao.
 - d) D.R. Kaprekar.

- 22 December is a special day for mathematics. This day is observed as National Mathematics Day to celebrate the achievements of SrinivasaRamanujan. The legendary

mathematician was born on this day in 1887. In 2012, then prime minister Manmohan Singh declared 22 December as National Mathematics Day.

3. Which among the indigenous Games are going to be a part of Khelo India Youth Games 2021?

- a) Gatka
- b) Kalaripayattu
- c) Thang-Ta
- d) All of the above

• The Sports Ministry has approved the inclusion of four indigenous Games to be a part of Khelo India Youth Games 2021, scheduled to take place in Haryana. The games include, Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba.

4. Which among the following states has the highest number of leopards?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Telangana
- d) Karnataka

• India now has 12,852 leopards as compared to the previous estimate of 7910 conducted 2014. More than 60% increase in population has been recorded. The States of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra recorded the highest leopard estimates at 3,421, 1,783 and 1,690 respectively.

5. Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is headquartered at

- a) Jakarta
- b) Victoria
- c) Ebene
- d) Male

• After its application could not garner consensus, Russia on Monday stated that it "depended" on India to obtain a dialogue partner status in the key regional body for maritime cooperation in the geo-political hotspot of Indian Ocean.

• The headquarters of the Indian Ocean Rim Association is located in Ebene city, Mauritius. The IORA is an international organisation consisting of coastal states bordering the Indian Ocean.

Dec 23

1. 12th GRIHA Summit, recently inaugurated by the Vice President, is organised by

- a) BIS
- b) TERI
- c) Assocham
- d) None of the above

• Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) Council is an independent, not-for-profit society jointly setup by The Energy and Resources Institute

(TERI) and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India to promote and administer green buildings in India.

2. An indigenously-built interceptor boat, C-454 joined the Indian Coast Guard and it is built by

- a) Larsen and Toubro
- b) Mazagon Dock Limited
- c) Cochin Shipyard
- d) None of the above

- An indigenously-built interceptor boat joined the Indian Coast Guard on Tuesday at a function in Hazira in Surat district.

- The interceptor boat C-454, built by Larsen and Toubro at its Hazira plant, will operate from Gujarat under the control of the Commander Coast Guard Region (North-West) of the ICG, a defence release said.

3. National Farmer's Day is observed in India on every year on December 23 to mark the birth anniversary of

- a) Chaudhary Charan Singh
- b) MS Swaminathan
- c) NG Ranga
- d) Indira Gandhi

- Farmers Day 2020: Kisan Diwas is observed across the country on the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, the fifth prime minister of India. Farmer union are expected to respond to the government's proposal for another meet.

4. 'Infinite India' is an online portal for the foreign companies who wants to expand their business in India launched by

- a) SBI
- b) HDFC
- c) Axis Bank
- d) ICICI

- ICICI Bank launches 'Infinite India', a comprehensive online platform for foreign companies setting up operations in the country.

5. Which among the following investment agency became the first-ever international investor in the NIIF's master fund?

- a) SAMA Foreign Holdings
- b) Government Pension Fund Global
- c) Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
- d) China Investment Corporation

- The NIIF signed the first investment deal of worth USD 1 billion with the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) in October 2017. The ADIA became the first-ever international investor in the NIIF's master fund. Canada's PSP, US' DFC, Axis Bank invest \$107 million in NIIF's master fund.

Dec 24

1. UN Women collaborates with which among the following state governments to set up India's first Gender Data Hub?

- a) Kerala
- b) Bihar
- c) Odisha
- d) Karnataka

- The government of Kerala and the UN women has decided to collaborate to establish the country's first gender data hub.

2. National Consumer Day which aims to provide consumers with effective safeguards against different types of exploitation, such as defective goods, deficiency in services and unfair trade practices is observed on

- a) December 21
- b) December 22
- c) December 23
- d) December 24

- Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department will celebrate December 24, 2020 as National Consumer Day. The main objective of this is to make consumers aware of their rights and duties.

3. Who has been awarded the best ATP Player of the Year 2020?

- a) Novak Djokovic
- b) Mate Pavic
- c) Bruno Soares
- d) Fernando Vicente

- Nadal, who claimed a historic 13th Roland Garros crown in 2020, has been voted by fellow players as the winner of the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award for the third year in a row and the fourth time overall. Seventeen-year-old Carlos Alcaraz, a fellow Spaniard, took home the Newcomer of the Year honour after a breakthrough season in which he achieved a career-high No. 136 in the FedEx ATP Rankings and lifted three ATP Challenger Tour trophies.

4. The MRSAM missile has been jointly developed by the DRDO in collaboration with

- a) France
- b) US
- c) Israel
- d) Russia

- The DRDO has jointly developed the missile in collaboration with Israel Aerospace Industries. The MRSAM has been manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Ltd. After its induction into the Indian army, the missile will significantly enhance the combat effectiveness of the defence forces, they said.

5. The Kilauea volcano, erupted recently, is located in

- a) Indonesia
- b) Hawaii
- c) Philippines
- d) Japan

- The Kilauea volcano on Hawaii's Big Island erupts late on Sunday, shooting a steam cloud into the atmosphere for about an hour. The eruption happened in Halema'uma'u crater, the US Geological Survey said. Kilauea is in the Hawaii Volcanoes national park.

Dec 26

1. India's first Lithium refinery which will process Lithium ore to produce battery-grade material will be set up in

- a) Gujarat
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Karnataka

- India's first Lithium refinery which will process Lithium ore to produce battery-grade material will be set up in Gujarat, state government officials said.
- Manikaran Power Limited, one of the country's largest power trading and renewable energy company will be investing over Rs 1,000 crore to set up this refinery, MK Das, Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Vijay Rupani told The Indian Express on Thursday.

2. Good Governance Day observed in India on

- a) December 26
- b) December 22
- c) December 23
- d) December 25

- Good Governance Day: India observes Good Governance Day on former prime minister AtalBihari Vajpayee's birth anniversary on December 25. AtalBihari Vajpayee was a great statesman, poet and a compassionate leader.

3. Which among the following banks has topped the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) Movers and Shakers 2020 Ranking?

- a) HDFC
- b) SBI
- c) ICICI
- d) Axis

- HDFC Bank has emerged as the top player among the 100 Banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) companies in the country. The country's largest private lender topped because of its customer service, monetary management, and innovative offerings amid the coronavirus pandemic.

4. India's largest hockey stadium planned in _____ to host 2023 World Cup Games.

- a) Ahmedabad
- b) Rourkela
- c) Cochin
- d) New Delhi

• Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday announced that India's biggest hockey stadium will come up at Rourkela and the 20,000-capacity facility will host matches of FIH men's World Cup in 2023.

5. Homegrown data storage and management platform DigiBoxx, as an alternative to Google Drive, Dropbox, and Microsoft OneDrive, has been launched by

- a) TRAI
- b) National Informatics Centre
- c) NitiAayog
- d) None of the above

• India now has its own cloud storage platform, DigiBoxx. A potential alternative to Google Drive, Dropbox, and Microsoft OneDrive, the indigenous cloud service is seen as a step that furthers the initiative of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat.' The homegrown data storage and management platform has been launched by NITI Aayog and it will provide affordable services to both regular users as well as businesses. Without revealing any technical details, the company said that all the data will be encrypted and stored in servers in India.

Dec 28

1. India Navy had officially delivered INS Sindhuvir as its first submarine to

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Myanmar
- c) Thailand
- d) Sri Lanka

• India had delivered INS Sindhuvir to Myanmar in October. The Myanmar Navy named the Indian ship UMS MinyeTheinkhathu after its national hero. It is the first submarine in the Myanmar Navy's arsenal. The former Soviet-era submarine was in operation in the Indian Navy since 1988.

2. The postponed Under-20 football World Cups 2021 will be conducted in 2023 by

- a) Russia
- b) India
- c) Peru
- d) Indonesia

• The U-17 World Cup was originally slated to take place in Peru and the U-20 World Cup in Indonesia, with FIFA also announcing that both countries will now be hosting the respective tournaments in 2023

3. Bharatskills Portal, aims to provide digital skilling of ITI Students, is an initiative of

- a) Directorate General of Training (DGT)
- b) Microsoft
- c) NASSCOM Foundation
- d) All of the above

• The Directorate General of Training (DGT) joined hands with Microsoft and NASSCOM Foundation to provide a digital content for ITI students and also future-ready employability skilling program for upskilling and reskilling.

4. First-ever 'Hot Air Balloon Wildlife Safari' of India in a tiger reserve has been launched in

- a) Ranthambore
- b) Bandhavgarh
- c) Jim Corbett
- d) Satpura National Park

• The country's first hot air balloon wildlife safari in a tiger reserve was launched on Friday in the world famous Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve by Madhya Pradesh Forest Minister Vijay Shah.

5. PM-JAY SEHAT scheme was launched as an extension to Ayushman Bharat in

- a) Puducherry
- b) New Delhi
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) None of the above

• Asserting that the people of Jammu and Kashmir were deprived of their rights for decades, Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated that Ayushman Bharat PradhanMantri Jan ArogyaYojana (AB-PMJAY)-SEHAT, launched by Prime Minister NarendraModi for the UT on Saturday, was another testament of his resolve towards the welfare of the erstwhile state.

Dec 29

1. Which among the following is the first private company of India to successfully design, develop and test a full solid-fuelled rocket stage?

- a) Agnikul Cosmos
- b) Skyroot Aerospace
- c) Bellatrix Aerospace
- d) Pixxel

• Skyroot Aerospace has successfully test fired a solid propulsion rocket stage (named Kalam-5). This is the first time in India that a private company has successfully designed, developed and tested a full solid propulsion rocket stage.

2. India's first ever 'Kisan Rail' train was flagged off from

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Andhra Pradesh

- c) Punjab
- d) Haryana

- In a bid to help framers' to send their perishable agro products to inter-state markets without any delay, Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar on Friday flagged off the country's first 'Kisan Rail' train from Deolali in Nashik to Danapur in Bihar, through video-conferencing.

3. Sir Garfield Sobers Award for ICC Male Cricketer of the Decade 2020 was awarded to

- a) Ben Stokes
- b) RavichandranAshwin
- c) Steve Smith
- d) **ViratKohli**

- ViratKohli, who had scored 20,396 runs in all international cricket during the time period, which is more than anyone else, was also part of team India that won the ICC CWC 2011 and ICC Champions Trophy 2013. He was also named ICC Cricketer of the Year in both 2017 and 2018, so it was no surprise that he emerged as the clear jury favourite with winning the Sir Garfield Sobers Award for ICC Male Cricketer of the Decade.

4. PM NarendraModi has inaugurated the country's first-ever fully-automated driverless train service in

- a) Mumbai
- b) **Delhi**
- c) Chennai
- d) None of the above

- PM NarendraModi has inaugurated the country's first-ever fully-automated driverless train service on the 37 km-Magenta lines. This is the first and major event of DMRC in 2020 after the lockdown due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak. The driverless metro will run from Janakpuri West to Botanical Garden.

5. Which among the following is the naval passage exercise undertook by the Indian Navy and Vietnamese in the South China Sea in December 2020?

- a) **PASSEX**
- b) MILAN
- c) CORPAT
- d) None of the above

- Indian and Vietnamese Navy on Sunday concluded the two-day passage exercise in the South China Sea as part of efforts to boost maritime cooperation between the two countries. "Passage Exercise PASSEX between Indian Navy and Vietnam People's Navy on 26 Dec 20. Reinforcing Maritime Interoperability and jointness," the Indian Navy wrote on Twitter.

Dec 30

1. TiHAN, India's first Test bed for Autonomous Navigation Systems (Terrestrial and Aerial), is being developed by

- a) IIT Gandhinagar

- b) IIT Guwahati
- c) IIT Hyderabad
- d) IIT Bhubaneswar

- The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, has sanctioned Rs. 135 crores to IIT Hyderabad under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) to set up a Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation and Data Acquisition Systems (UAVs, RoVs, etc.).

2. Giant Rock Bee Honey, recently added to Tribes India Collection, is a unique variant of honey sourced from _____ Tribes of Tamil Nadu

- a) Malayali
- b) Kota
- c) Kurumbas
- d) Irulur

- Giant Rock Bee Honey, a unique variant of honey sourced from Malayali Tribes of Tamil Nadu is added to Tribes India Collection

3. Recently launched Digital Ocean is the first of its kind digital platform for Ocean Data Management developed by

- a) Indian National Centre for Oceanic Information Services (INCOIS)
- b) Indian Space Research Organisation
- c) National Board of Wildlife
- d) None of the above

- Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the web-based application "Digital Ocean (www.do.incois.gov.in)" developed by INCOIS of M/o Earth sciences , during a Virtual Meeting held in New Delhi today.

4. The first-ever International Day of Epidemic Preparedness was held on

- a) 22 December 2020
- b) 30 December 2020
- c) 27 December 2020
- d) 7 December 2020

- The first ever International Day of Epidemic Preparedness, being held on 27 December 2020, was called for by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate the importance of the prevention of, preparedness for and partnership against epidemics.

5. Arya Rajendran, the 21-year-old college student, has been elected as the youngest mayor in India. She is from the state of

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala

- c) Maharashtra
- d) Telangana

- AryaRajendran, the 21-year-old college student who successfully contested the recent civic body polls in Kerala, was on Monday elected the next mayor of state capital Thiruvananthapuram, The Indian Express reported. She is the youngest person to occupy the post anywhere in the country.

Dec 31

1. Union cabinet has approved the proposal of exporting the indigenously-developed

- a) Brahmos
- b) Agni
- c) **Aakash**
- d) Prithvi

- In an effort to achieve the target of \$5 billion defence exports and improving strategic relations with friendly foreign countries, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved the export of the indigenous `Akash' surface to air missile system missile system.

2. It is situated in the south bank of the river Brahmaputra in Assam and is an identified Important Bird Area (IBA), notified by the Birdlife International. It is the largest swamp forest in north-eastern India and MaguriMotapung wetland is a part of the Reserve. The national part being referred here is

- a) Orang National Park
- b) Manas National Park
- c) **Dibru-Saikhowa National Park**
- d) Kaziranga National Park

- Assam Chief Minister SarbanandaSonowal has asked the State's Forest and Revenue departments to permanently rehabilitate the indigenous forest dwellers of the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park within January 31.

3. Which among the following is the last state to get the term extended under AFSPA?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) **Nagaland**
- c) Mizoram
- d) Manipur

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has declared the entire State of Nagaland as a "disturbed area" for six more months under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) that empowers security forces to conduct operations anywhere and arrest anyone without prior notice.

4. Recently launched, highest Meteorological Centre (MC) in India is located at

- a) Leh
- b) Sirohi
- c) Itanagar
- d) Srinagar

- Located at 3,500 metres above sea level in Leh, it will be the highest Meteorological Centre (MC) in India. The centre was virtually inaugurated by Minister for Earth Sciences (MoES) Dr Harsh Vardhan. After Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, the Leh centre is the second MC located in the Himalayas

5. Which among the following banks has announced a partnership with Google which will allow users to issue FASTag using Google Pay?

- a) SBI
- b) HDFC
- c) ICICI
- d) Axis

- Google Pay-ICICI Bank FASTag: ICICI Bank has announced a partnership with Google which will allow users to issue FASTag using Google Pay. Google Pay users will now be able to conveniently order, track, and recharge ICICI Bank FASTags.