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September 1st week Current Affairs MCQ

1.1st Ladakh Nomadic Festival was inaugurated at Korzok Phu, Ladakh . Who is the Lieutenant

Governor of Ladakh?

- (a)Praful Patel
- (b)Ram Naresh Yadav
- (c)Manoj Sinha
- (d)P. S. Sreedharan Pillai
- (e)Radha Krishna Mathur

Answer:E

Solution:Lieutenant Governor(LG) Radha
Krishna (RK) Mathur inaugurated a 2 day

'Ladakh Nomadic Festival' in the region of
Changthang at Korzok Phu, Ladakh.The event
was organised by Ladakh Cultural Academy in
association with the Department of Tourism.

 The first ever LADAKH NOMADIC FESTIVAL was celebrated at KorzokPhoo, Tso Moriri or Lake Moriri or "Mountain Lake" at Ladakh About Ladakh

Governor- R K Mathur

National park-Hemis National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Changthang Wildlife

Sanctuary , Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanji

Wildlife Sanctuary

2.Children living as Migrants or Refugees increased to 35.5mn in 2020 released by

UNICEF Report. Where is the headquarters of UNICEF located?

- (a) Newyork
- (b) Washington D.C
- (c) Geneva
- (d) Paris
- (e) Vienna

Answer:A

Solution:In accordance with the report titled 'Uncertain Pathways: How gender shapes the experiences of children on the move' by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the number of persons living outside their birth country or citizenship reached a record high of 281 million in 2020, representing 3.6% of the global population.In this, 36 million of them were recorded as children.

This number is increased among boys and girls younger than 18 years to 35.5 million in 2020.

Among them 13 million (over a third) were refugees and asylum seekers.

About UNICEF:

Headquarters: New York, United States

Head: Henrietta H. Fore

President: Tore Hattrem

Founded: 11 December 1946.



3.The Indian Navy has conducted the 1st Ever Maritime Partnership Exercise with the Algerian Navy in the Mediterranean Sea .WhichIndian Naval Ship participated in the Exercise?

- (a)INS Shivalik
- (b)INS Sahyadri
- (c)INS Satpura
- (d)INS Tabar
- (e)INS Brahmaputra

Answer: D

Solution: The Indian Navy has conducted the 1st Ever Maritime Partnership Exercise with the Algerian Navy in the Mediterranean Sea on 29th August 2021.

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tabar, representing
 India, participated in the Exercise with a
 frontline Algerian Naval Ship (ANS) Ezzadjer,
 as a part of its goodwill Visit to Europe & Africa.
- It included diverse activities such as Coordinated manoeuvring, Communication procedures & Steam past between the two Navies
- The exercise enabled the two navies to understand the concept of operations followed by each other, enhanced interoperability & increased interaction and collaboration between them in the future.

4._____ has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as an Account Aggregator to share financial information.

- (a)Paytm
- (b)Googlepay
- (c)PhonePe
- (d)Amazon pay
- (e) None of these

Answer: C

Solution:PhonePe Account Aggregator Pvt Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the PhonePe Group, received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as an Account Aggregator to share financial information.

The license will enable PhonePe to launch its AA platform, which will facilitate the free exchange of financial information between the financial information users and financial information providers on the AA Ecosystem in a safe and secure manner.

Consent based data sharing: The exchange of data under the platform could be executed only with due consent from customers.

5.United Nations Security Council,the 15-Nation body has adopted a strong resolution on Afghanistan under Which Countries Presidency?

(a)Russia

(b)USA

- (c) France
- (d)India
- (e)China

Answer: D

United Nations Security Council ,the 15-Nation body has adopted a strong resolution on Afghanistan under India's Presidency.

- The resolution was put forward by the US, the UK, and France. The permanent members of the UNSC, Russia and China abstained from the voting.
- The resolution demands not to use Afghan territory to threaten or attack any country or to shelter or train terrorists, or to plan or to finance terrorist acts.
- It reiterates the importance of combating terrorism in Afghanistan, including those individuals and entities designated pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999), and notes the Taliban's relevant commitments.

6.PM Narendra Modi has constituted the Highlevel Group to Monitor Situation in Afghanistan. What is the Capital of Afghanistan?

- (a)Tirana
- (b)Kabul
- (c)Luanda
- (d)Belmopan

(e)Baku

Answer: B

Solution:Prime Minister Narendra Modi has constituted a high-level group comprising External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval & Other Senior officials to monitor the ground situation in Afghanistan with a focus on India's Immediate priorities.

 The group has been meeting regularly for the last few days by focusing on the issues such as safe return of stranded Indians, the travel of Afghan Minority nationals to India & assuring that the territory is not used for terrorism against India.

Capital: Kabul Trending

Currency: Afghan afghani

7.____ has received an insurance 'broking licence' from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.

- (a) Paytm
- (b) Googlepay
- (c) PhonePe
- (d) Amazon pay
- (e) Bharatpe

Answer: C



PhonePe has received an insurance 'broking licence' from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

- In 2020, PhonePe entered into the insurance sector by receiving the limited insurance 'corporate agent' licence, which restricted the company to partner only with 3 insurance companies per category.
- Now the 'direct broking' licence will enable the PhonePe to distribute insurance products from all insurance companies in India to its ~300 million registered users.

About PhonePe:

Headquarters – Bangalore, Karnataka CEO – Sameer Nigam

8.BharatPe has launched a P2P investmentcum-borrowing application named the

_____to enable its consumers to invest

and borrow

(a)10% Club

(b)15% Club

(c)33% Club

(d)12% Club

(e)2% Club

Answer: D

Solution:BharatPe launched a P2P investmentcum-borrowing application named the '12% Club', which will enable its consumers to invest and borrow at a 12 percent interest rate.

- Under the 12% Club, the consumers could invest their savings through BharatPe's partner
 P2P NBFC. Through the app, the consumers could obtain collateral-free loans of up to Rs 10 lakh for a tenure of 3 months.
- 9.Nigeria's Central Bank has announced the partnership with Which fintech company, as a technical partner for the launch of its own cryptocurrency 'eNaira' by the end of 2021?
- (a) Ant Financial
- (b) Grab
- (c) JD Digits
- (d) GoJek
- (e) Bitt Inc

Answer: E

Nigeria's Central Bank announced the partnership with Bitt Inc, the global fintech company, as a technical partner for the launch of its own cryptocurrency 'eNaira' by the end of 2021.

 Nigeria barred banks and financial institutions from dealing in or facilitating transactions in cryptocurrencies. After which, the Central Bank of Nigeria has announced its plan of launching eNaira. The e-naira will act as a wallet and enable the customers to save their existing funds in their bank account. The cryptocurrency will improve financial inclusion and enable cheaper and faster remittance inflows.

About Bitt Inc:

Headquarters – Saint Michael, Barbados

CEO - Brian Popelka

10. The Japan International Cooperation Agency

has Signed _____ Loan Agreement with Northern Arc Capital for Women's Financial

Inclusion in India

- (a)\$70 million
- (b)\$50 million
- (c)\$70 billion
- (d)\$50 billion
- (e)\$90 million

Answer: B

Solution: The Japan International Cooperation
Agency signed a \$50 million (~ Rs 368 crore)
loan agreement with an Indian financial
institution Northern Arc Capital to support the
funding of Non-Banking Finance Companies in
India, that provide financial services to women.

- This loan will be provided through co-financing with the United States International
 Development Finance Corporation based on the Facility for Accelerating Financial Inclusion in Asia
- This loan is the 1st co-financing with USDFC in India.

September 2nd week Current Affairs MCQ

- 1. Which of the following IITs start-up company incubated the world's first 'plant based' smart air-purifier 'Ubreathe Life'?
- a) IIT Kanpur
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Pune
- d) IIT Kharagpur
- e) IIT Ropar

Answer: E

Scientists of IIT, Ropar & Kanpur and Faculty of Management Studies of Delhi University have

developed a living-plant based air purifier "Ubreathe Life" that amplifies the air purification process in the indoor spaces.

These indoor spaces can either be hospitals, schools, offices and your Homes.

The world's first, state-of-the art 'Smart Bio-

Filter' can make breathing Fresh.

It has been incubated at IIT Ropar, & is a designated iHub-AWaDH



- 2. Recently Tata Motors has extended its association with Wrestling Federation of India for 3 years. Where is the headquarters of WFI located?
- a) Bengaluru
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Lucknow
- d) New Delhi
- e) Pune

Answer: D

Following the Indian wrestlers' fine performance in the Tokyo Olympics, Tata Motors extended its 3-year-old association with the WFI with a 'quest for gold' in Paris 2024.

The association will help foster the holistic development of the wrestlers, providing assured and enhanced access to world-class training facilities, internationally acclaimed coaches, support through nutritional programmes to young wrestler.

About WFI

Headquarters: New Delhi

President; Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh

- 3. Which of the following Asset
 Management Company (AMC) has been barred
 by SEBI to launch any new fixed maturity plan
 for a period of 6 months?
- a) HDFC AMC
- b) UTI AMC
- c) Nippon Life India AMC
- d) Kotak Mahindra AMC
- e) ICICI Prudential AMC

Answer: D

Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company (AMC) has been barred from launching any new fixed maturity plan(FMP) scheme for the next six months, as per an order issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI). The market regulator, which examined the case of delayed payments made in these six FMP schemes, has also decided to impose a fine of Rs 50 lakh on the company

- 4. World Coconut Day is observed on September 2 every year. Where is the headquarters of Coconut Development board located?
- a) Kochi
- b) Chennai
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Panaji
- e) Thrissur

Answer: A

The Kochi-headquartered Coconut
Development Board celebrated 23rd World
Coconut Day on the theme 'Building a safe,
inclusive, resilient and sustainable coconut
community amid covid 19 pandemic and
beyond' on 2nd September in association with
MIDH Division of Ministry of Agriculture
&Farmers Welfare, Government of India.
September 2 is the foundation day of
International Coconut Community (ICC).



- 5. Which of the following ministries inaugurated 'NUTRI GARDEN' at All India Institute of Ayurveda?
- a) Ministry of Child & women Development
- b) Ministry of AAYUSH
- c) Ministry of Rural Development
- d) Ministry of Education
- e) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: A

The Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated NUTRI GARDEN to mark the beginning of Poshan Maah – 2021 at All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA).

Plantation of Shigru (Sahijan) and Amla saplings were also carried out.

AllA, New Delhi under the direction of the Ministry of Ayush initiated the celebration of Poshan Maah - 2021.

- 6. Recently Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan addressed foundation day of NCERT.
- a) 55th
- b) 59th
- c) 61st
- d) 63rd
- e) 65th

Answer: C

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan addressed the 61st Foundation Day of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

On the 61st foundation day of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the New Education Policy-2020 will turn India into a global knowledge superpower.

- 7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased incentives for banks for the distribution of coins to the general public from Rs 25 per bag to Rs per bag.
- a) 30
- b) 45
- c) 55
- d) 65
- e) 75

Answer: D

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased incentives for banks for the distribution of coins to the general public to ₹65 from ₹25 per bag, with effect from September 1, 2021.

The central bank, while reviewing incentives, announced that the banks will also be provided an additional incentive of ₹10 per bag for coin distribution in rural and semi-urban areas.

- 8. National Mission for Clean Ganga has signed an MoU with SAIARD to support regional development in the eastern region. What does 'S' stand for in SAIARD?
- a) Start-up
- b) Southern
- c) South



- d) Southeast
- e) Smart

Answer: C

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) signed an MoU with South Asian Institute for Advanced Research and Development (SAIARD) to create an academic platform to engage young students as well as develop a research and capacity building hub to support regional development in the eastern region. Both NMCG and SAIARD will focus on geospatial technology in riverine ecosystems.

- 9. Recently Skylo has partnered with which telecom company to launch mobile communication solutions for fisheries ecosystem?
- a) BSNL
- b) Airtel
- c) Vodafone
- d) Jio
- e) None of these

Answer: A

Satellite narrowband Internet of Things (NB-IoT) solution Skylo launched 'Fish Catch Report' for the fishermen community to help initiate the selling process even before they dock boats on the shore.

The Fish Catch Report is a mobile communications solution and leverages the Skylo network,offered in partnership with the state-run BSNL and Britain's Inmarsat to provide safety.

- 10. The first commercial shipment of Apricot sourced from the Union Territory of Ladakh has been exported to which of the following countries?
- a) Singapore
- b) Bangkok
- c) Dubai
- d) Abhudhabi
- e) Kuwait City

Answer: C

The first commercial shipment of Apricot sourced from the Union Territory of Ladakh has been exported to Dubai.

The consignment of Apricot was transhipped from Leh, Ladakh to Mumbai prior to being exported to Dubai.

APEDA has been working to establish an export value chain for Ladakh Apricot in association with an importer Group based in Dubai.

- Which of the following IT companies recently announced the launch of the Google-Cloud Innovation Arena in Bangalore?
- a) Infosys
- b) Wipro
- c) IBM
- d) HCL
- e) Accenture

Answer: B

Wipro Limited, a leading global information technology, consulting and business process services company, announced the launch of the Wipro-Google Cloud Innovation Arena in Bangalore, India.

This cloud collaboration space will provide inhouse technical expertise, ensure seamless cloud adoption, and accelerate innovation to drive business transformation for customers. By combining the expertise and resources of Wipro FullStride Cloud Services and Google Cloud, this jointly developed innovation center will offer a unique combination of people, processes, and platforms that will collectively create a futuristic experience for customers globally.

This state-of-the-art arena will showcase the talent, tools and best practices required to develop and deploy applications on Google Cloud.

- 2. Which of the following Broadcaster has entered into MOU with 'Sansad TV' for uplink of 'Sansad TV' in HDTV format free of cost?
- a) Viacom 18
- b) Tata Sky
- c) Prasar Bharati
- d) Star India
- e) Sun TV

Answer: C

Public Broadcaster- Prasar Bharati and 'Sansad TV' which a division of Parliament of India, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for uplink of 'Sansad TV' in HDTV format free of cost in exchange of archival content of LSTV and RSTV.

Prasar Bharati will also carry Sansad TV-SD in its DD Free Dish Platform. It has now been decided to merge Lok Sabah TV and Rajya Sabah TV channels and rechristen the merged entity as 'Sansad TV', which will be telecast in both HDTV and SDTV formats as Sansad TV-HD and Sansad TV-SD.

The teleport facility of Sansad TV is presently capable of uplinking only one channel in SDTV format. It is being modernized and upgraded to carry one SDTV and one HDTV signals for distribution to Cable and Satellite MSOs. The upgradation and modernization of the teleport is likely to take six months of time.

3. Who has been named as the chairman of BCCI's junior selection committee?

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- a) Pathik patel
- b) Kishan Mohan
- c) Ranadeb Bose
- d) Sridharan Sharath
- e) Harvinder Singh

Answer: D

Former Tamil Nadu left-hander Sridharan Sharath was named the chairman of the junior national selection committee

The four other committee members are former Punjab all-rounder Kishan Mohan (North Zone), Bengal seamer Ranadeb Bose (East Zone), Gujarat batsman Pathik Patel (West Zone) and MP medium fast bowler Harvinder Singh Sodhi (Central).

The five-member committee will be entrusted with the duty of selecting the next batch of India U-19s who will represent the country at the U-19 World Cup in the West Indies next year.

- 4. Which of the following has collaborated with ISRO and CBSE to launch a Space Challenge 2021 for all school students across the country?
- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Ministry of Education
- c) AICTE
- d) NCERT
- e) KVS

Answer: A

Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission in collaboration with ISRO and CBSE has

launched 'Space Challenge' for school students across India.

This challenge has been designed for all the school students, mentors and teachers across the country who not only are associated with schools having Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) labs but for all the non-ATL schools as well.

The ATL Space Challenge 2021 aligns with the World Space Week 2021 which is being observed from October 4-10 each year at the global level in order to celebrate the contributions of space science & technology.

- 5. Recently Civil Aviation Ministry announced a new MRO service. Under the new service the land allotment will be done for how many years?
- a) 10 years
- b) 20 years
- c) 15 years
- d) 25 years
- e) 30 years

Answer: E

To attract more investments, the civil aviation ministry announced a new policy for Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services that includes leasing of land through open tenders and abolishing royalty charged by the AAI.

Besides, land allotment for entities setting up MRO facilities will be done for 30 years instead of the current short-term period of 3 to 5 years.



Under the new policy, the rate of lease rental would be decided through bidding instead of the current practice of having pre-determined AAI (Airports Authority of India) rates.

Also, the rate of escalation for lease rental would be 15 per cent after every 3 years. At present, the escalation rate is 7.5 per cent to 10 per cent per annum.

- 6. Former footballer Jimmy Greaves passed away in September 2021. He hailed from which country?
- a) Argentina
- b) Portugal
- c) Spain
- d) England
- e) Brazil

Answer: D

Jimmy Greaves, one of England's most prolific strikers and Tottenham Hotspur's record goalscorer, passed away.

He scored 266 goals for Tottenham between 1961-1970 & his 37 league goals in the 1962-63 season remains a club record.

He began his career with Chelsea and netted 124 league goals for the London club(1957-61).

- 7. Who is the author of the book 'Translating Myself and Others'?
- a) Chetan Bhagat
- b) Jhumpa Lahiri
- c) Khushwant singh
- d) Amrita Pritam

e) RK Narayan

Answer: B

The next book from Jhumpa Lahiri, the Pulitzer Prize-winning fiction writer, will highlight her work as a translator.

Princeton University Press announced that Lahiri's 'Translating Myself and Others' will come out next spring.

Lahiri has lived off and on in Rome for nearly a decade, and her translation projects include 'The Penguin Book of Italian Short Stories' and her novel 'Whereabouts', which she first wrote in Italian.

Her new book will features essays on the meaning of translation, translating her own writing, and her dream of translating a classic from ancient Rome, Ovid's 'Metamorphoses'.

- 8. The Centre's proposed heritage village at Singaperumal Koil is located at which city?
- a) Chennai
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Thrissur
- d) Ernakulum
- e) Pune

Answer: A

The Centre's proposed plan to create a heritage village and boost tourism at Singaperumal Koil and nearby villages, about 40 km south of Chennai, is expected to give a much-needed fillip to the region's development.



The government has sanctioned ₹25 lakh under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission based on the State government's suggestion to promote heritage villages and tourism in the region.

Being part of the Chengalpet district, the region is home to ancient temples and popular among them is the cave temple of Padalathri Narasimha at the heart of the village.

A rock-cut temple built by the Pallavas reported to be 1,500-year old.

- 9. Which of the following states recently declared 'Katley' as its state fish?
- a) Meghalaya
- b) Sikkim
- c) Assam
- d) Manipur
- e) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: B

The fisheries department of Sikkim has said that Sikkim Government has declared 'Copper Mahseer' locally named 'Katley' as the State Fish.

Katley fish or more commonly known as 'Copper Mahseer' in Sikkim is found in varied altitudes covering the entire state predominantly confined in Teesta and Rangit river and their tributaries.

Apart from India, Katley Fish is also found in Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand, Myanmar,

Indonesia, Malaysia, Bhutan, China, Vietnam, and Pakistan. Katley Fish can grow up to around 120 centimeters and can also weigh over 10 kilograms.

- 10. Who has been re-elected as the president of nation Rifle Association of India?
- a) Shyam singh
- b) Raninder Singh'
- c) Mehtab singh
- d) Randeep Mann
- e) Pawan Singh

Answer; B

Raninder Singh was re-elected as the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) for an unprecedented fourth term after he beat BSP MP Shyam Singh Yadav 56-3 in the elections here.

Kunwar Sultan Singh was elected unopposed as the secretary-general of the national shooting body while Randeep Mann has been made the treasurer.

Odisha MP Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo will continue to be the federation's senior vice-president besides the eight VP.

Pawan Kumar Singh will remain the apex body's joint secretary alongside Sheila Kanungo.

September 4th week Current Affairs MCQ

- 1.Hardeep Singh Puristated that the oil and gas projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore have been approved for the northeastern region to be expected to complete by which year?
- (a) 2022
- (b) 2029
- (c) 2035
- (d) 2025
- (e) 2050

Answer: D

- Union petroleum and natural gas minister
 Hardeep Singh Puri has announced oil and gas
 projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore have been
 approved for the northeastern region (NER),
 which are expected to be completed by 2025.
- He also announced that one of the oldest operating refineries in the world, the Digboi refinery in Assam, would be expanded.
- He also assured that the issue of blending ethanol with petrol at the refinery level will also be explored.
- Some of the other projects announced by Puri are doubling the exploration acreage in NER from the existing 30,000 Sq. Kms to 60,000 Sq. Kms by 2025.
- Plans to Double the Oil and Gas production from current 9 MMTOE to 18 MMTOE by 2025
- 2. The Defence ministry placed the order for the Arjuna Mk-1A tanks with the Heavy Vehicles

Factory (HVF) at a cost of ₹ 7,523 crore in which city of India?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Pune
- (d) Ahmedabad
- (e) Chennai

Answer: E

- The Defence Ministry has sealed a contract to procure 118 Main Battle Tanks Arjun for the Indian Army at a cost of ₹ 7,523 crore, in a major move to boost its combat capabilities.
- The defence ministry placed the order for the Arjuna Mk-1A tanks with the Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Avadi, Chennai.
- The MBT Mk-1A is a new variant of Arjun Tank designed to enhance fire power, mobility and survivability, infused with 72 new features and more indigenous content from the Mk-1 variant
- The order, worth ₹ 7,523 crore, will provide further boost to the "Make in India" initiative in defence sector and is a big step towards achieving "Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- 3. NHPC's 510 MW Teesta-V Power Station of which state has won the 'Blue Planet Prize' by International Hydropower Association?
- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Manipur



- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) Mizoram

Answer: B

- NHPC-built, owned and operated 510
 MW Teesta-V Power Station, Sikkim has been conferred with the prestigious 'Blue Planet Prize' by the International Hydropower
 Association (IHA), a London-based non-profit membership association operating in 120 countries.
- Further, the award for Teesta-V Power Station, located in the Himalayan State of Sikkim, was announced during the World Hydropower Congress, 2021.
- Also, the award had been conferred to Teesta-V Power Station based on its sustainability assessment undertaken by a team of accredited lead assessors of IHA in 2019 using the Operation Stage tool of the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol (HSAP) of IHA.
- 4. Prime Minister NarendraModi has addressed the 76th session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), attend the Quad Leaders' Summit. Where is the Headquarters of UNGA?
- (a) Geneva
- (b) Paris
- (c) New York
- (d) Vienna
- (e) Washington D.C

Answer: C

Prime Minister NarendraModi embarked on a three-day visit to the United States where he has addressed the 76th session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), attend the Quad Leaders' Summit and hold a bilateral meeting with US President Joe Biden at the White House

His visit to the United States would be an occasion to strengthen the Indo-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and consolidate ties with Japan and Australia. About UNGA:

- President: Abdulla Shahid
- Headquarters: New York, United States
- 5. Which State Forest department has started an ambitious ₹ 39 crore man-wildlife conflict mitigation project to roll out various measures?
- (a) Sikkim
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Jharkhand
- (e) Uttarakhand

Answer: E

- Uttarakhand Forest department has started an ambitious ₹ 39 crore man-wildlife conflict mitigation project which will roll out various measures in the Himalayan state.
- According to forest officials, over 280 kmlong fencing will be set in different parts of the state at a cost of over ₹ 18 crore.



- Also, 1,393 km elephant-proof trenches will be built areas in areas frequented by the pachyderms at a cost of ₹ 4.4 crore.
- Both fencing and trenches will act as barriers, preventing wildlife to sneak into residential areas.

About Uttarkhand:

- Governor: Gurmit Singh
- Chief minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami
- 6. The Tehri Dam Project in Uttarakhand reached a milestone, as it achieved its full capacity of how many metres for the first time ever?
- (a) 900 m
- (b) 792 m
- (c) 830 m
- (d) 1000 m
- (e) 650 m

Answer: C

- The Tehri Dam Project in Uttarakhand reached a milestone, as it achieved its full capacity of 830 metres for the first time ever.
- The project has been providing the much-needed 1000 MW power and other benefits such as drinking and irrigation water, flood moderation, fishing, tourism etc. for the past 15 years, and yet its full potential had remained elusive.
- The Tehri power plant provides 1000 MW of power and more than 3,000 million units of energy annually to the northern grid, of which 12 per cent goes to Uttarakhand free of cost.

- 7. India and which country holdsthe first Joint Working Group meet on coal, mines?
- (a) USA
- (b) Russia
- (c) Germany
- (d) Australia
- (e) Italy

Answer: D

- India, Australia hold first Joint Working
 Group meet on coal, mines.
- As a precursor to the upcoming India-Australia Energy Dialogue scheduled to be held next month, the first Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on coal and mines between both countries was held through video conferencing
- The meeting was co-chaired by Coal Additional Secretary Vinod Kumar Tiwari from the Indian side and by Paul Trotman, Head of Resources Division from the Australian side.
- 8. Which hydroelectric power generation company has won 1,000 MW grid-connected solar project worth Rs 5,500 crore?
- (a) NHPC
- (b) NEEPCO
- (c) SJVNL
- (d) THDC
- (e) NTPC

Answer: C

 State-run SJVN has won 1,000 MW gridconnected solar project worth Rs 5,500 crore in



a bidding conducted by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA).

- SJVN bagged 1,000 MW Grid connected
 Solar PV Power Project through Request for
 Proposal (RFP) floated by Indian Renewable
 Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA).
- NandLal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN announced that the company bagged the project through open competitive bidding process for quoted capacity of 1,000 MW at the maximum tariff of Rs 2.45 per unit.
- 9. Biocon and Serum Institute come together with strategic alliance to increase vaccine access for developing countries. As part of the deal, the Biocon has offered ______% stake to Serum Institute.
- (a) 15%
- (b) 20%
- (c) 6%
- (d) 4%
- (e) 8%

Answer: A

Biocon Biologics Limited (BBL), a subsidiary of Biocon Ltd. and Serum Institute Life Sciences Private Limited (SILS), a subsidiary of Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd announced a strategic alliance.

Under the terms of the agreement, BBL will offer approximately 15% stake to SILS, at a post-money valuation of ~\$4.9 billion, for which

it will get committed access to a 100 million doses of vaccines per annum for 15 years, primarily from SILS's upcoming vaccine facility in Pune with commercialization rights of the SILS vaccine portfolio (including COVID-19 vaccines) for global markets.

- 10. Which among the following country was declared transactions involving cryptocurrencies illegal?
- (a) Singapore
- (b) China
- (c) Japan
- (d) Sri Lanka
- (e) India

Answer: B

- China's central bank has declared all transactions involving Bitcoin and other virtual currencies illegal, stepping up a campaign to block use of unofficial digital money.
- Chinese banks were banned from handling cryptocurrencies in 2013, but the government issued a reminder this year.
- The move signals the latest attempt to rein in cryptocurrency use in China, where regulators fear it might weaken the Communist party's control over the financial system and promote criminal activity.