

1. CITES COP19 has recently accepted the proposal to downgrade the status of which animal?

- A. Himalayan Yak
- B. Indian Soft Turtle
- C. Southern white rhinos
- D. Great Indian Bustard



- ✓ CITES COP19 has recently accepted the proposal to downgrade the status of southern white rhinos from Appendix I to Appendix II. The COP-19 accepted the proposal by Botswana and Namibia to degrade the status. Wild animal species listed in Appendix I include those threatened with extinction.

2. 'I have Electric Dreams', which won the Golden Peacock Award, is a movie made in which language?

- A. English
- B. Chinese
- C. Spanish
- D. German



- ✓ The 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) concluded recently. Spanish film 'I have electric dreams' directed by Valentina Maurel won the Golden Peacock award. Vahid Mobasseri, the lead actor of No End, was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male), while Daniela Marin Navarro, lead Actor of Best Film I Have Electric Dreams was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female). Iranian writer and director Nader Saeivar got Silver Peacock for Best Director for No End. France was the 'Spotlight' country this year.

3. India has sent a team to which country to assess potential lithium deposits?

- A. Australia
- B. Brazil
- C. Argentina
- D. Egypt



- ✓ India has sent a team of three geologists to Argentina to assess potential lithium deposits and possible acquisition opportunities in the country. The team comprises of one geologist each from Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd (MECL), KABIL (Khanij Bidesh India Ltd) and the Geological Survey of India (GSI). India does not have any lithium resource and the mineral is primarily imported. Lithium is the key component of rechargeable batteries used in EVs.

4. Which country's President has been named as the Chief Guest at Republic Day celebrations?

- A. UAE
- B. Egypt
- C. Australia
- D. Japan



- ✓ India has invited Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi as the chief guest on Republic Day 2023, as per the Ministry of External Affairs. This would be the first time that an Egyptian president would be the chief guest at the Indian Republic Day celebrations. Egypt is one of the nine guest countries to the G20 summit under India's presidency. Both countries are celebrating the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations this year.

5. Which city's museum restoration project has been conferred with 'Award of Excellence' at UNESCO?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Mumbai
- C. Cochin
- D. Panaji



- ✓ Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) of Mumbai was conferred with the 'Award of Excellence' at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022. The Award of Distinction is given to Stepwells of Golconda, Hyderabad while the award of Merit – Domakonda Fort, Telangana, and Byculla Station, Mumbai.

6. Which Union Ministry implements the 'SVAMITVA' scheme?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ Ministry of Panchayati Raj implements the property survey Scheme 'SVAMITVA'. The Report of Expert Committee on SVAMITVA Scheme was released during the National Conference on SVAMITVA Scheme and Rural Planning held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. It provides the guiding principles that states may adopt in order to realize the objectives of the SVAMITVA Scheme holistically. The Expert Committee was formed in February, 2022 under the Chairmanship of B. K. Agarwal, Former Secretary to the Government of India.

7. Which metro city has reported a sudden outbreak of Measles?

- A. Chennai
- B. Mumbai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kolkata



- ✓ The Central Government has deputed a high-level multi-disciplinary team to Mumbai to assess the situation and manage the measles outbreak in the city. Mumbai's civic body- Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation detected 15 suspected cases of measles in Govandi. Measles is a contagious

disease caused by a virus, which infects the respiratory tract and then spreads throughout the body.

8. What is the theme of 'World Science Day for Peace and Development' 2022?

- A. Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
- B. Growth and World Peace
- C. Science and Society
- D. Learning and Teaching



- ✓ **World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed annually on November 10. It aims to create awareness on how important science is to society and in our everyday life. 'Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development' is the focus of this year's World Science Day for Peace and Development.**

9. Which state is the host of 'Khelo India National University games' in 2023–24?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Odisha
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **Uttar Pradesh will host the Khelo India National University games in 2023–24 in four cities of the state namely Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi and Noida. After Odisha and Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh is hosting the National University Games for the first time. Athletes below 26 years will participate in the National University Games. The government also appointed 12 former athletes as coaches in different disciplines.**

10. Which country recently hosted the 2nd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers meeting?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. India
- C. Maldives
- D. Taiwan



- ✓ **India hosted the 2nd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers meeting under the chairmanship of Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, in New Delhi. Agriculture Ministers of Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand participated in the meeting. BIMSTEC stands for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation.**