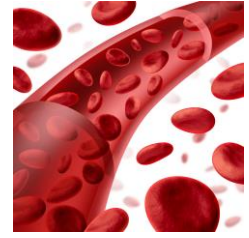


### 1. What is 'Kawasaki Disease'?

- A. Rare heart disease
- B. Plant disease
- C. Fungal disease
- D. Eye disorder



- ✓ A Bengaluru doctor noted an increase in Kawasaki disease among children after COVID-19's second wave. Kawasaki disease, or Kawasaki syndrome, mainly affects children under 5 years. It causes fever and inflammation of blood vessels, especially the coronary arteries, leading to heart issues. The immune system attacks blood vessels, causing swelling and problems with lymph nodes, skin, and the mouth. Symptoms include fever, rash, swollen hands, red eyes, and swollen lymph glands. First identified by Tomisaku Kawasaki in Japan in 1967.

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### 2. Recently, a new species of 'Curcuma' was discovered in which state of India?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Odisha
- C. Nagaland
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

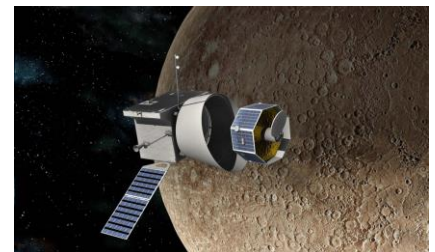


- ✓ Researchers discovered a new species, *Curcuma ungmensis*, in Nagaland's Mokokchung district. It belongs to the *Curcuma* genus, part of the ginger family (Zingiberaceae). Named after Ungma village, where it was found, *Curcuma ungmensis* is a rhizomatous herb with underground stems. The plant flowers from August to October, with blooms lasting only a day. It faces threats from road development, construction, and natural disasters. The *Curcuma* genus has about 40 species in India, primarily found in the northeast, south, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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### 3. BepiColombo is a joint mission between which two space agencies?

- A. JAXA and ESA
- B. NASA and ISRO
- C. ISRO and ROSCOSMOS
- D. NASA and CNSA



- ✓ The BepiColombo spacecraft recently provided the first clear images of Mercury's south pole. This mission is a collaboration between the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). Named after Italian mathematician Giuseppe Colombo, it was launched on October 20, 2018. The mission aims to study Mercury's surface, composition, magnetic field, and solar interactions.

4. Recently, Arun Goel has been appointed as India's ambassador to which country?

- A. Bulgaria
- B. Greece
- C. Croatia
- D. Albania



- ✓ **Arun Goel, a retired IAS officer and former Election Commissioner of India, has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Croatia by the Ministry of External Affairs. Following his retirement in March 2024, this new role highlights his continued contribution to public service. His extensive experience in governance and administration will help strengthen diplomatic relations between India and Croatia, marking an important step in his distinguished career.**

5. Recently, who has made history by becoming the first Indian to be elected as the President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)?

- A. Vikrant Sinha
- B. Randhir Singh
- C. Viswanathan Anand
- D. Arjun Goel



- ✓ **Randhir Singh, a key figure in Indian sports administration, has been elected as the first Indian president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) at its 44th General Assembly. Singh, who has been associated His deep experience and background in sports are expected to drive initiatives to strengthen the OCA's global role, including preparations for the upcoming Asian Games and other major events.**

6. Maa Nanda-Sunanda Mahotsav is celebrated in which state?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Haryana
- C. Karnataka
- D. Mizoram



- ✓ **Uttarakhand Chief Minister recently inaugurated the Maa Nanda-Sunanda Mahotsav, 2024, in Nainital through a virtual event, emphasizing the festival's role in connecting people with their cultural roots. The Maa Nanda-Sunanda Mahotsav honors the goddesses Nanda and Sunanda during the Nandashtami festival in the Kumaon region, celebrated every September in places like Almora, Nainital, Kot Along, Bhowali, and Johar. Additionally, the CM declared September 2nd as Bugyal Conservation Day to protect alpine meadows.'**

7. Recently, where was the “2nd Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation” held?

- A. Kathmandu
- B. New Delhi
- C. Beijing
- D. Tokyo



- ✓ The 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. It was co-hosted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India. The first conference took place in 2018 in Beijing, China. India had offered to host the second conference in 2020, but it was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This conference came at a time when India’s aviation industry was transforming. As the world’s third-largest domestic aviation market, India aimed to become a hub for MRO services, cargo, and regional aviation.

8. INS Malpe and INS Mulki belongs to which type of class?

- A. Kamorta
- B. Abhay
- C. Mahe
- D. Saryu



- ✓ INS Malpe and INS Mulki, two anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft vessels, were launched by the Indian Navy at Cochin Shipyard. These are the fourth and fifth indigenously built vessels of this type. They belong to the Mahe Class and will replace the Navy’s Abhay Class ASW Corvettes. The vessels are designed for anti-submarine operations, mine-laying, sub-surface surveillance, and search and rescue in coastal waters. They are 78 meters long, can reach speeds of 25 knots, and have an endurance of 1,800 nautical miles.

9. Recently, a critically endangered elongated tortoise was spotted for the first time in which region of India?

- A. Aravallis
- B. Himalayas
- C. Western Ghats
- D. Northeastern



- ✓ The elongated tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*) was recently spotted in Haryana’s Damdama area during a research survey in the Aravallis. It is medium-sized with a yellowish-brown or olive shell and black blotches on each scute. During the breeding season, it develops a pink ring around its nostrils, and mature individuals show pinkish color around the nostrils and eyes.

- ✓ It is found in Sal deciduous and hilly evergreen forests across Southeast Asia, including parts of India, Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh. Its IUCN status is Critically Endangered, and it is listed in CITES Appendix II.

10. District Agro-Meteorology Units were established by the India Meteorological Department in which year?

- A. 2014
- B. 2015
- C. 2018
- D. 2020

2018

- ✓ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) plans to revive District Agro-Meteorology Units (DAMUs) under the Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS) scheme. DAMUs were first established in 2018 by IMD in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The goal was to provide sub-district-level agricultural advisories using weather data.
- ✓ Located in Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), DAMUs prepared advisories on sowing, harvesting, fertilizers, and irrigation. These advisories were shared with farmers twice a week via messages, WhatsApp, newspapers, and in-person. They helped farmers plan activities and gave early warnings for extreme weather events.

11. Recently, who has been unanimously re-elected as the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language?

- A. Dharmendra Pradhan
- B. JP Nadda
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. Amit Shah



- ✓ Home Minister Amit Shah was unanimously re-elected as Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language. The government aims for all government systems to operate in Indian languages by 2047. The Department of Official Language is developing software to automatically translate all languages of the Eighth Schedule. A meeting was held in New Delhi to reconstitute the committee after the formation of the new government. Amit Shah previously served as the committee's Chairperson from 2019 to 2024.

12. What is the primary objective of 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY)', recently completed 5 years of implementation?

- A. To modernize agriculture and reducing the drudgery of farming operations
- B. To facilitate resource mobilization for the Micro Irrigation expansion
- C. To provide social security to Small and Marginal Farmers in their old age
- D. To disseminate information and knowledge to the farming community in local language



- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) has completed five successful years. It was launched on September 12, 2019. It provides social security to land-holding small and marginal farmers across India. The scheme is a voluntary old-age pension program offering Rs. 3,000 per month to eligible farmers after they turn sixty. Farmers contribute monthly to the pension fund, with the central government matching their contributions.

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