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1.A rare long-snouted vine snake (Ahaetulla longirostris) has been rediscovered in which tiger reserve?

- [A] Dudhwa Tiger Reserve
- [B] Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- [C] Kanha Tiger Reserve
- [D] Corbett Tiger Reserve

Correct Answer: A [Dudhwa Tiger Reserve]

A rare long-snouted vine snake called Ahaetulla longirostris was recently rediscovered during a rhino release at Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh. This is the first sighting in Uttar Pradesh and only the second in India, with the first being in Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar. The snake's usual habitat is in Southeast Asia, and it was also spotted earlier in parts of Odisha. It belongs to the Colubridae family, mostly made up of non-venomous snakes, and has a long green or brown slender body for camouflage. Dudhwa Tiger Reserve lies on the Indo-Nepal border in Lakhimpur Kheri district, Uttar Pradesh, and includes Dudhwa National Park, Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary, Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, and nearby forest areas.

2.Madhavpur Ghed fair is organized in which state every year ?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Madhya Pradesh

- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: C [Gujarat]

The five-day Madhavpur Ghed fair organized in Madhavpur, Porbandar district, Gujarat, celebrating the divine union of Dwarikadhish Shri Krishna and Rukshmani ji. It promotes cultural unity between Western and Northeastern India under the vision of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (One India, Great India) launched by the Prime Minister. More than 1600 artists from Northeast states and Gujarat presents cultural performances.

3. River Blindness, that was recently seen in news, is a neglected tropical disease caused by which agent?

- [A] Bacteria
- [B] Parasite
- [C] Virus
- [D] Fungus

Correct Answer: B [Parasite]

A new study by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has used Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) barcoding to correctly identify blackfly species that spread river blindness. River blindness, also called Onchocerciasis, is caused by the parasitic worm *Onchocerca volvulus* and spreads through the bite of infected blackflies of the genus *Simulium*. These blackflies breed near fast-flowing rivers and streams and mainly affect people in rural and remote areas. The disease causes severe skin itching, skin damage, and in serious cases, permanent blindness. The World Health Organization (WHO) classifies river blindness as a major Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD), especially in sub-Saharan Africa, Yemen, and Latin America.

4. What is the name of the new policy launched by the Indian government to consolidate Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)?

- [A] One Nation, One Bank
- [B] Rural Credit Programme
- [C] One State, One RRB
- [D] Bharat Banking Reform

Correct Answer: C [One State, One RRB]

The Ministry of Finance is launching the One State-One Regional Rural Bank (RRB) policy to improve efficiency and cut costs by reducing RRBs from 43 to 28. This is part of the fourth phase of RRB consolidation, with 15 RRBs set to be merged across several states. Andhra Pradesh, with four RRBs, will see major restructuring, while Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, each with three RRBs, will also undergo consolidation. States like Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan, each having two RRBs, will see mergers. RRBs were created under the Regional Rural Bank Act, 1976 to support rural credit for farmers, artisans, and workers.

5.Hitesh Gulia won which medal at the World Boxing Cup 2025 in Brazil?

- [A] Gold
- [B] Silver
- [C] Bronze
- [D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: A [Gold]

India's Hitesh Gulia won the gold medal in the men's 70 kilogram category at the World Boxing Cup 2025 held in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil. He fought in the red corner and defeated Odel Kamara of England in the final match. Indian boxer Abhinash Jamwal secured the silver medal in the men's 65 kilogram category after losing to Yuri Reis of Brazil with a score of 0-5. Earlier, Manish Rathore won the bronze medal in the men's 55 kilogram category, adding to India's medal tally at the international tournament.

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