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1. SCALP missile is jointly developed by United Kingdom and which country?

- [A] France
- [B] Russia
- [C] India
- [D] Japan

Correct Answer: A [France]

In Operation Sindoor, SCALP missiles were recently launched from Indian Rafale fighter jets to hit terror infrastructure deep inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). SCALP stands for Système de Croisière Autonome à Longue Portée, which means Long-Range Autonomous Cruise Missile System in French. It is also called 'Storm Shadow' in the United Kingdom. SCALP is an air-launched cruise missile designed for long-range, deep-strike missions. It carries conventional explosives and targets high-value, fixed or stationary enemy positions. It was jointly developed by France and the United Kingdom. It is used by the air forces of India, Egypt, Italy, Greece, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

2. The Jenu Kuruba tribe is primarily found in which state?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Karnataka

[C] Kerala

[D] Odisha

Correct Answer: B [Karnataka]

Recently, Jenu Kuruba families began re-occupying their ancestral homes inside Nagarhole National Park after a long wait. Jenu Kuruba is listed as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) and mainly lives in Karnataka's Kodagu and Mysore districts. The name "Jenu Kuruba" comes from Kannada, where "jenu" means honey, reflecting their traditional work of honey collection and forest gathering. Their livelihood depends on forest and land resources, and they live in small settlements called Hadi. They follow a semi-nomadic lifestyle with a headman called Yajamana and a ritual leader called Gudda. They believe in supernatural beings and express their faith through songs and dances about farming, marriage, and myths.

3.Which Indian Naval Ship (INS) has participated in International Maritime Defence Exhibition (IMDEX) Asia 2025?

[A] INS Dhiraj

[B] INS Sahas

[C] INS Kaveri

[D] INS Kiltan

Correct Answer: D [INS Kiltan]

INS Kiltan, an Indian Naval Ship, recently reached Singapore to take part in IMDEX Asia 2025 at the Changi Exhibition Centre. IMDEX stands for International Maritime Defence Exhibition, a major naval and defence event in the Asia-Pacific region. It has been held every two years in Singapore since 1997. IMDEX provides a platform for navies, coast guards, and maritime industries to showcase ships, systems, and new technologies. It includes the International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC), started in 2009. IMSC is co-organised by the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and S.

Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS). It promotes global maritime security and cooperation through policy discussions and shared solutions.

4.What is the IUCN status of “Snow Leopard” that was recently seen in news?

- [A] Endangered
- [B] Critically Endangered
- [C] Vulnerable
- [D] Least Concern

Correct Answer: C [Vulnerable]

A group of tourists in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, recently had a rare encounter with a snow leopard, often called the ‘ghost of the mountains’ due to its elusive nature. The snow leopard, scientifically known as *Panthera uncia*, is a medium-sized big cat found in the rugged mountains of Central and South Asia. Although it has a wide range of over 2 million square kilometres, only around 3,920 to 6,390 are estimated to remain in the wild. It lives between 1,800 to 5,500 metres in altitude and is found in 12 countries including India, China, Nepal, and Russia. In India, it is found in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh. It is listed as Vulnerable on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, under Appendix I of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), and in Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 in India.

5.World Red Cross Day is observed globally every year on which day?

- [A] May 6
- [B] May 7
- [C] May 8

[D] May 9

Correct Answer: C [May 8]

World Red Cross Day is observed every year on May 8 to honour the birth anniversary of Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross, who was born 197 years ago. The theme for this year is "Keeping Humanity Alive," which celebrates people who dedicate their time and lives to reduce others' suffering and protect human dignity.

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