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World Rainforest Day Celebrated

- On 22 June, every year, the world celebrates World Rainforest Day.
- There are different types of forests like Tropical Deciduous Forest, Mediterranean Forests, Coniferous Forest, Rainforests, and others. But Rainforest is a region with evergreen trees with a high amount of rainfall.
- Rainforests are one of the oldest living ecosystems on planet Earth, with some flora and fauna surviving in their present form for at least 70 million years.
- Rainforests cover only 6 percent of Earth's surface, yet they are diverse and complex as they are home to more than half of the world's plant and animal species.

United Nation's Land for Life Award

- Shyam Sundar Jyani, a Rajasthan-based climate activist, has won this Award for his Environment Conservation Concept, Familial Forestry. (Transferring the care of the tree and environment in the family so that a tree becomes a part of the family's consciousness.)
- Every two years, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) organizes the Land for Life Award. The Award recognizes excellence and innovation in efforts towards land in balance.

Proposal to Ban 'Flash sales' on E-commerce Sites

- The government proposed changes to the Consumer Protection (e-commerce) Rules 2020, banning all "flash sales" to monitor the deep discounts offered on e-commerce websites.
- Small businesses complain of misuse of market dominance and deep discounting by e-commerce marketplaces such as Amazon and Flipkart.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs has been receiving complaints against widespread cheating and unfair trade practices being observed in the e-commerce ecosystem.

WHO Report: Suicide Worldwide 2019

- Approximately 7,03,000 people or one in a 100, died by suicide in 2019.
- Many of these were young people. More than half of global suicides (58%) occurred before the age of 50 years.
- Suicide was the fourth-leading cause of death among young people aged 15-29 globally in 2019.
- India has the highest suicide rate in the Southeast Asian region. A total of 1,34,516 cases of suicide were reported in 2018 in India, according to the National Crime Records Bureau.

86 Lakh Doses of COVID Vaccines in Single Day

- The Union Health Ministry said, a total of 86 lakh 16 thousand 373 doses of vaccines were administered to the beneficiaries on 21.06.2021.
- So far, over 28 crore 87 lakh doses of COVID vaccine have been administered in the country.
- Under the new phase of vaccination, all citizens above the age of 18 years can avail free vaccination at any government facility.

India to Play a Key Role as a Global Champion for Energy Transition

- India is set to play a key role as Global Champions for the UN High-level Dialogue on Energy, a summit-level meeting to take place in September 2021.
- Energy transition refers to the global energy sector's gradual shift from fossil-based systems of energy production and consumption to renewable energy sources like wind and solar, as well as lithium-ion batteries.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. _____ is the world's largest rainforest.
A. Amazon Rainforest, South America
B. Congo Rainforest, Africa

- C. Daintree Rainforest, Australia
- D. Kinabalu National Forest, Malaysia

ANSWER: A

2. Which is the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought?

- A. 17th June
- B. 18th June
- C. 5th July
- D. 15th July

ANSWER: A

3. _____ of the Indian Penal Code Criminalizes Attempted Suicide as Well as Suicide Assistance.

- A. Section 309
- B. Section 306
- C. Section 307
- D. Section 304

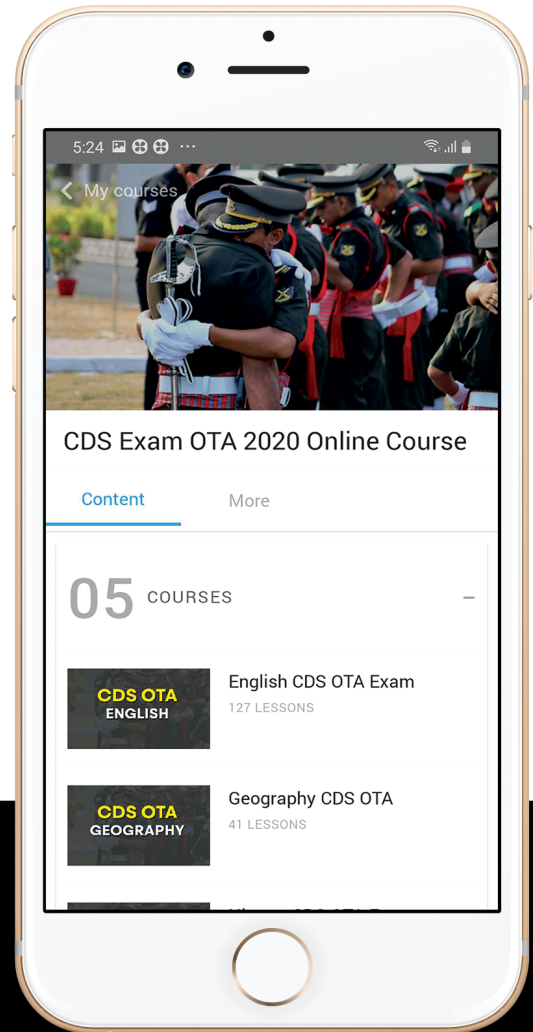
ANSWER: A



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