

- [A] Sikkim
- [B] Ladakh
- [C] Himachal Pradesh
- [D] Uttarakhand

 Answer: Ladakh

Union Earth Sciences Minister Harsh Vardhan has recently inaugurated the country's highest meteorological centre in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The centre located above 3500 metres, would provide localised weather forecasts and early warning for Leh and Kargil districts of the Union Territory as well as various tourist places.

- 10. Which country released a bill that would increase monitoring of civil society groups?
- [A] Turkey
- [B] United States
- [C] Germany
- [D] North Korea

Answer: Turkey

The Parliament of Turkey approved a law that would increase monitoring of civil society groups. It was proposed by the ruling party of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The bill also allows the annual inspection of non-governmental organizations, to combat terrorism financing. Several rights groups have expressed their concern that the bill would violate the freedom of association.

- 11. The fighter jets of India and which other country is to organise an exercise named 'SKYROS'?
- [A] France
- [B] Germany
- [C] United Kingdom
- [D] Russia

Answer: France

The Rafale fighter jets of India and France are set to carry out wargames named SKYROS in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

The exercise is to be organised in the third week of January next year. This would be the first major wargame of the Indian Air Force involving the Rafale fighters which were inducted into the service in August 2020.

- 12. Which country generated over half of its power from wind, due to the Storm Bella?
- [A] United States
- [B] United Kingdom
- [C] Italy
- [D] Germany

Answer: United Kingdom

Recently, the Strom Bella hit parts of France and United Kingdom and caused heavy rain and winds in Northern France.

The United Kingdom created a record of generating over 50 per cent of the country's electricity generation from wind. This was generated from the heavy winds of speed up to 100 miles per hour. It also enabled the country to record the 'Greenest year'.

- 13. Pierre Cardin, who recently passed away, was a famous Designer of which country?
- [A] United States
- [B] France