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The missile with a number of indigenously developed sub-systems including a Booster was flight-tested from the integrated test range at Balasore in Odisha. It has an extended range of about 400 km from the earlier 290 km range.

16. Which country announced to impose a gradual ban on using wild animals in circuses?

- [A] Russia
- [B] United States
- [C] France
- [D] Germany

**Answer:** France

The Environment Minister of France has announced that it would impose a gradual ban on using wild animals including bears, tigers, lions and elephants in circuses.

It also includes the ban on keeping dolphins and killer whales in captivity in marine parks and raising mink on fur farms. However, the ban does not apply to wild animals in other permanent shows and in zoos.

17. Sheikh Nawaf has been sworn in as the Emir (Ruler) of which Gulf country?

- [A] Oman
- [B] Bahrain
- [C] Kuwait
- [D] Saudi Arabia

**Answer:** Kuwait

Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah, also known as Sheikh Nawaf has been sworn in as the Emir (Head) of Kuwait.

The previous ruler Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah has recently died in the United States at the age of 91. Sheikh Sabah ruled the country for more than 14 years and the new Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf is 83 years old.

18. Syeda Anwara Taimur, who recently passed away, was the only woman Chief Minister of which state?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Sikkim
- [C] Arunachal Pradesh
- [D] Mizoram

**Answer:** Assam

Assam's first and only woman Chief Minister Syeda Anwara Taimur has recently passed away in Australia, at 84 years.

She held various important positions including the Education Minister before becoming the Chief Minister from 1980 to 1981. She was also nominated for a Rajya Sabha term in 1988. She served as MLA for four times during his 4 decade-long political career.

19. When is 'International Translation Day' celebrated across the world?

- [A] September 30
- [B] October 1
- [C] October 2
- [D] October 3

**Answer:** September 30

International Translation Day is an international day celebrated annually on 30 September across the