

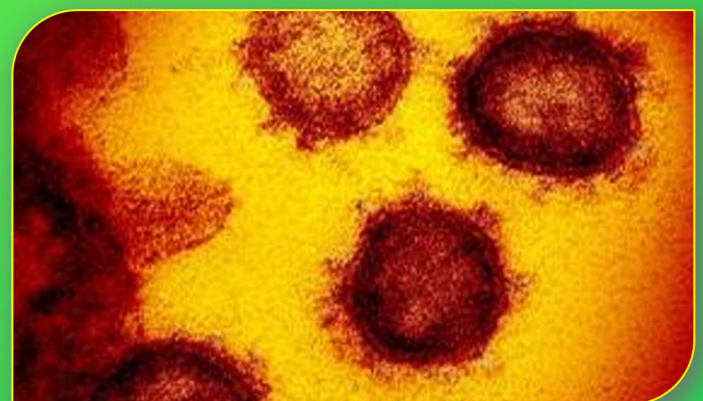
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1. Which country has announced to launch the "International Pathogen Surveillance Network", to identify COVID-19 variants?

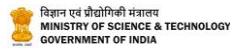
- A) USA
B) UK
C) India
D) Germany



- ✓ The Prime Minister of UK Boris Johnson has announced that the UK would form an "International Pathogen Surveillance Network" in association with the World Health Organisation and other leaders across the globe. The network is aimed to identify the new COVID 19 variants and provide real time data on the same.

2. NIDHI4COVID2.0 has been set up by which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Defence
B) Ministry of Health
C) Ministry of Commerce
D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Science and Technology's Department of Science and Technology has launched the "NIDHI4COVID2.0", which would fund start-ups & companies registered in India which offers solutions in areas like oxygen, medical accessories, portability of equipment, diagnostic etc.
- ✓ This is done to encourage make in India since various medical equipment & devices required for COVID treatment are being imported.

3. Rosalind Franklin Rover is being built by ESA to be launched to which planet?

- A) Moon
B) Venus
C) Mars
D) Jupiter



- ✓ The Rosalind Franklin rover, which is being built by the European Space Agency (ESA) to be launched to Mars has demonstrated successful operations during its trials. The rover is a part of ESA's ExoMars mission which is scheduled to be launched in 2023.
- ✓ Earlier, the mission was planned to be launched in 2020, but has been delayed due to the ongoing COVID pandemic.

4. Mount Nyiragongo is located in which country?

- A) Nigeria
B) Albania
C) Congo
D) USA



- ✓ Mount Nyiragongo is an active stratovolcano located in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It has an elevation of 3,470m. The volcano has erupted recently and has flushed out a river of lava. The lava has destroyed houses and highways.

5. When is the World Turtle Day observed every year?

- A) May 22
B) May 23
C) May 21
D) May 20



- ✓ Every Year, 23rd May is observed as World Turtle Day, which is aimed to make people aware of turtles - tortoises and their habitats. The theme for this year's turtle day is "Turtles Rock!". This day has been

celebrated widely since 2000 by a non-profit organization named American Tortoise Rescue (ATR).

6. What is the theme of 'World Metrology Day' 2020?

- A) Precision in Measurement
B) Measurement for Health
C) Accuracy Matters
D) Measurement for Science



- ✓ The World Metrology Day is observed every year on May 20 to commemorate anniversary of the signing of the Metre Convention in 1875. The treaty provides the basis for a coherent measurement system worldwide that underpins scientific discovery & innovation, industrial manufacturing and international trade, as well as the improvement of the quality of life and the protection of the global environment. The 2021 theme is "Measurement for Health".

7. When is 'Africa Day' celebrated across the world, every year?

- A) May 25
B) May 26
C) May 27
D) May 28



- ✓ Africa Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Organisation of African Unity, which was established 57 years ago, on May 25th, 1963 and its successor organization is the African Union, which was established in 2002. The day highlights and celebrates the vitality and diversity of Africa and to promote African unity. The 2021 theme is "Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers for Building the Africa We Want".

8. Which day is celebrated on May 25 every year, that is associated with an endocrine disorder?

- A) World Diabetes Day
B) World Thyroid Day
C) World Osteoporosis Day
D) Addison's disease Day



- ✓ Every year, May 25 has been observed as the World Thyroid Day since 2008, across the world. The European Thyroid Association and American Thyroid Association established World Thyroid Day to promote public awareness of thyroid disease.
- ✓ Thyroid is the most common endocrine disorder. Jal Shakti Ministry has said that water plays a crucial role in treating the symptoms of thyroid and helping in weight loss.

9. India has signed a 3-year work programme with which country for cooperation in agriculture?

- A) UAE
B) Israel
C) France
D) USA



- ✓ India and Israel have signed a 3-year work program agreement for development in Agriculture cooperation. India and Israel are already implementing the 'INDO-ISRAEL Agricultural Project Centres of Excellence' and 'INDO-ISRAEL Villages of Excellence'.

10. Which Indian state is the top recipient of FDI equity inflows during 2020–21?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Gujarat
- D) Maharashtra



- ✓ India attracted the highest ever total FDI inflow of US\$ 81.72 billion during the financial year 2020–21. This is 10% higher as compared to the last financial year 2019–20. Gujarat is the top recipient state of FDI during the FY 2020–21 with 37% share of the total FDI Equity inflows. It is followed by Maharashtra (27%) and Karnataka (13%).
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1. Which country tops the list of Investor Countries of India in 2020–21?

- A) USA
B) China
C) Singapore
D) UAE



- ✓ As per the recent data released on India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow during 2020–21, Singapore is at the top with 29%, followed by the U.S.A (23%) and Mauritius (9%).
- ✓ In terms of sector, 'Computer Software & Hardware' is at the top with around 44% share of the total FDI Equity inflow followed by Construction Activities (13%) and Services Sector (8%).

2. Which institution can sanction the amalgamation of District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) with State Cooperative Banks (StCBs)?

- A) RBI
B) NABARD
C) Finance Ministry
D) State Government



- ✓ The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 has been notified for the District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) with State Cooperative Banks (StCBs). The Reserve Bank is required to sanction the amalgamation these banks.
- ✓ Recently, the RBI said that it will consider amalgamation of StCBs and DCCBs, subject to many conditions, including that a proposal should be made by the state government concerned, NABARD's recommendation, additional capital infusion strategy, assurance regarding financial support etc.

3. CPEC is the flagship project of which global initiative?

- A) Global Infrastructure Connectivity Alliance
B) Belt and Road Initiative
C) EU Connectivity partnership
D) Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program



- ✓ China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). India has been protesting over the project, as it traverses through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). China and Pakistan recently celebrated the establishment of 70 years of their diplomatic relations. China has again defended the USD 60 billion CPEC project with Pakistan.

4. Which country has recently agreed to extend IAEA nuclear monitoring deal?

- A) UAE
B) Israel
C) Iran
D) USA



- ✓ Iran has agreed to extend an agreement allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to keep surveillance cameras at nuclear sites, by one month. As per the IAEA chief Rafael Grossi, the deal would end on 24 June.

5. Who has been appointed as the Chief executive officer of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)?

- A) R Gandhi
B) Rajesh Bansal
C) Nandan Nilekani
D) Urjit Patel



- ✓ The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has appointed Rajesh Bansal, a member of the founding team of Aadhaar, as its Chief executive officer. He has previously served at the RBI in various fields of technology, financial inclusion and payments systems. He also served a key role in designing India's Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) at UIDAI.

6. The Protected Planet Report is a flagship report released by which institution?

- A) FAO
B) UNEP
C) IUCN
D) IMF



- ✓ Protected Planet Report is a biennial landmark publication released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- ✓ The report assesses the state of protected and conserved areas around the world. As per the Protected Planet Report 2020, the global community has made major progress towards the target on protected and conserved area coverage, but has not fulfilled on its commitments on the quality.

7. Which country has launched a consultation process for free trade talks with India?

- A) USA
B) UK
C) Australia
D) France



- ✓ The United Kingdom has launched a 14-week consultation process involving business representatives to start free trade talks with India. This process comes ahead of formal launch of free trade talks expected in September-October. India is seen as a huge market for British goods like whisky, cars and services.

8. Guillermo Lasso, who was in news recently, was sworn in as the President of which country?

- A) Ecuador
B) Zimbabwe
C) South Africa
D) Australia



- ✓ Conservative businessman Guillermo Lasso was sworn in as Ecuador's new President. The 65-year-old leader has sworn in at the time when the country is facing huge economic and social challenges. After being sworn in, the President appointed Simón Cueva, a 53-year-old economist, as his finance minister. Ecuador is a country located near the equator on the western coast of South America.

9. African violets, an endangered Africa-native flowering plant, has been recorded for the first time in which Indian state?

- A) Kerala
B) Goa
C) Mizoram
D) Sikkim



- ✓ Scientists from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal have found the variant of the African violets in Mizoram. Named as *Didymocarpus vickifunkiae*, the endangered species has been recorded scientifically for the first time in India. African violets, native to Tanzania and Kenya, are epiphytes, that grows on trees and produces light pink flowers during the monsoons.
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10. Mekedatu Dam, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Kerala
- D) Telangana



- ✓ The National Green Tribunal has set up a committee to submit a report on alleged violation of norms in the construction of a dam across the Cauvery River at Mekedatu, in Karnataka.
 - ✓ Karnataka earlier proposed to construct the dam in the area and the proposal was deferred by the Cauvery Water Management Authority twice. Tamil Nadu Government had expressed its strong opposition citing the pendency of case before the Supreme Court.
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1. What is the name of the application used to know the case status and case details of High Courts and District Courts?

- A) E-Justice
 B) E-Courts Services
 C) E-Nyay
 D) E-Netra



- ✓ The E-Committee of the Supreme Court of India has released a manual for the "e-Courts Services Mobile app" in 14 languages which includes English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Khasi, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil and Telugu. This app aims to benefit litigants, citizens, lawyers, police and other governmental agencies.

2. Which space agency has proposed to develop an 'Earth System Observatory'?

- A) NASA
 B) ISRO
 C) ESA
 D) JAXA



- ✓ The American space agency NASA has proposed an Earth System Observatory, which would provide key information regarding climate change, disaster mitigation, fighting forest fires, and improving real-time agricultural processes. The design involves a constellation of satellites, which would develop a holistic 3D model of the earth from bedrock to atmosphere.

3. What is the name of the panel set up by WHO and partners, to prevent the spread of diseases from animals to humans?

- A) One Health Panel
 B) World Health Panel
 C) Zoonotic Diseases Panel
 D) World Health Panel



- ✓ WHO, along with FAO, UNEP and the World Organization for Animal Health formed a panel of experts to develop a global plan, to prevent the spread of diseases from animals to humans. Named the One Health High-Level Expert Panel, it was an initiative launched by France and Germany. It will advise the UN bodies to develop risk assessment and establish good practices to prevent zoonotic outbreaks.

4. One-Stop Centres is a flagship scheme of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Affairs
 B) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 C) Ministry of Home Affairs
 D) Ministry of AYUSH

- ✓ The Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) announced that it will set up One-Stop Centres (OSC).
 ✓ This scheme aims to support women affected by violence in public and private spaces, within the family, community and at the workplace. OSCs will be first introduced in 10 foreign missions in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs.

5. Which Ministry is associated with the new Social Media Rules notified in 2021?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
 B) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
 C) Ministry of External Affairs

D) Ministry of Science and Technology

- ✓ Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeiTY) has asked the compliance details over the new 'the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Ethics Code) Rules, 2021', from all social media intermediaries. The three-month window provided to social media platforms to comply with the new social media rules ended on May 26. The rules impose a code of ethics and mandating a three-tier grievance redressal framework.

6. Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May, is the sacred day of which religion?

- A) Sikhism
 B) Jainism
 C) Buddhism
 D) Islam



- ✓ Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May, is the most sacred day to millions of Buddhists across the world. It was on the Day of Vesak in the year 623 BC that the Buddha was born. It was also on the same day, the Buddha attained enlightenment, on another Day of Vesak in his eightieth year, he passed away.

7. The full moon of which month is usually referred to as the 'Flower Moon'?

- A) April
 B) May
 C) June
 D) July



- ✓ The full moon during the month of May is called the flower moon because of the abundance of flowers around the world. This year, it coincided with the lunar eclipse in which the moon will turn red. It was also closest to the Earth during its orbit, making it appear larger and brighter. The super flower blood moon was visible only in parts of South America, Australia and south-east Asia.

8. What is 'Tasmanian Devil', that was making news recently?

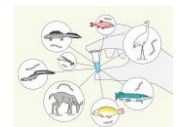
- A) Malware
 B) Cryptocurrency
 C) Wild Animal
 D) Submarine



- ✓ *Sarcophilus harrisii*, also called as the Tasmanian devil, is a carnivorous marsupial. It has a muscular build, black fur, pungent odour, extremely loud screech, high sense of smell and fast feeding. As per media reports, seven animals have been born in the wild of Australia's mainland for the first time in more than 3,000 years. This is expected to promote the endangered animals.

9. What is eDNA analysis, which is used in Pest Control?

- A) ecological DNA
 B) environmental DNA
 C) entomological DNA
 D) endemic DNA



- ✓ Environmental DNA (eDNA) is the DNA collected from a variety of environmental samples such as soil, seawater or air, through their interactions with the environment. Researchers have successfully detected the environmental DNA (eDNA) of the Argentine ant in surface soil samples from two sites in Japan. This method can be used to understand the habitat which will be used in pest control.

10. 'Van Gujjars' a nomadic tribe usually inhabit in which region of India?

- A) Himalayan Region
- B) Deccan Region
- C) Western Ghats
- D) Southern Coast



- ✓ Van Gujjars is a nomadic tribe, who inhabit in the Himalayan region. They usually dwell in foothills of Himalayas and in states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
 - ✓ Recently, Uttarakhand high court has slammed the state government for forcing the tribe to live in inhuman conditions. The state, which feared to let them enter Govind Pashu Vihar National Park, Uttarkashi, was asked to provide accommodation.
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1. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is being implemented by which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Power
 B) Ministry of Petroleum
 C) Ministry of Rural Development
 D) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has finalised the guidelines for the next round of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme and it is expected that the government would disburse 10 million fresh LPG connections under the scheme.
- ✓ The scheme aims to provide LPG gas connections to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, free of cost.

2. Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, who was in the news recently, is the newly appointed Director of which organisation?

- A) CVC
 B) CIC
 C) CBI
 D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, a 1985-batch IPS officer of the Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed as the chief of the Central Bureau of Investigation for a two-year period. He is also serving as the chief of Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF). He had also been part of the Intelligence Bureau and the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW).

3. Cabinet has approved the opening of a new Consulate General of India in Addu City in which country?

- A) Maldives
 B) Sri Lanka
 C) Bhutan
 D) Myanmar



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the opening of a new Consulate General of India in Addu City, Maldives in 2021. Maldives has an important place in the Neighbourhood First Policy and the SAGAR- Security and Growth for All in the Region- initiative of the Government of India.
- ✓ This opening of a Consulate General in Addu City will help promote India's diplomatic presence in Maldives.

4. What is UHI, that the Government is set to launch under the National Digital Health Mission?

- A) Union Health Institution
 B) Unified Health Interface
 C) United Health Institute
 D) Union Health Initiative



- ✓ The Government has decided to fast track the expansion of operations under the National Digital Health Mission. It is set to launch of a unified health interface (UHI) which will enable people to use the digital platform for hosting health services, including online medical consultation and booking of laboratory tests.

5. Which molecule is the genetic material of the SARS-CoV-2 virus?

- A) DNA
 B) RNA
 C) Both the above
 D) None of the above



- ✓ Viruses have either RNA or DNA as their genetic material. The nucleic acid may be single- or double-stranded. The SARS-CoV-2 virus has RNA as its genetic material. Recently, Scientists in Taiwan have developed a new DNA-based COVID-19 vaccine that successfully induced antibodies against novel coronavirus in mice and hamsters. Currently available COVID-19 vaccines use messenger RNA (mRNA) to teach human immune system to recognise the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

6. Tsang Yin-hung, who became the world's fastest woman to scale the Mount Everest, belongs to which country?

- A) China
 B) Hong Kong
 C) Vietnam
 D) Japan



- ✓ Hong Kong mountaineer Tsang Yin-hung has recorded the world's fastest ascent of Everest by a woman. The 44-year-old mountaineer scaled the summit in a record time of 25 hours and 50 minutes. Another mountaineer, the 75-year-old Arthur Muir, became the oldest American to climb the world's highest peak at 8,848.86-metres.

7. "Action and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health" is the theme of which special day celebrated on May 28?

- A) World Menstrual Hygiene Day
 B) World Women Health Day
 C) World Personal Health Day
 D) World Hygiene Day



- ✓ World Menstrual Hygiene Day is observed on May 28 across the world. The theme for this year is: "Action and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health." The day aims to change the social stigma associated with menstruation.
- ✓ The date May 28 was chosen to represent the menstrual cycle of 28 days and the menstruation period of 5 days. The day was initiated by the German non-profit WASH United in 2013.

8. Which Indian economist has been conferred with Spain's top Princess of Asturias Award?

- A) Amartya Sen
 B) Urjit Patel
 C) Manmohan Singh
 D) Arvind Subramanian



- ✓ Indian economist and Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen has been conferred with Spain's top Princess of Asturias Award in the social sciences category.
- ✓ He was selected out of the 41 candidatures from 20 countries nominated for the Social Sciences Award. His research on famines and his theory of human development, welfare economics and the underlying mechanisms of poverty was recognised by the institute.

9. Tigray, which was making news recently, is a city located in which country?

- A) Ethiopia
 B) UAE
 C) Israel
 D) Zimbabwe



- ✓ The United Nations has warned that urgent measures are needed to avoid famine in Tigray, an embattled region of Ethiopia. The conflict in Tigray has reached over seven months and is estimated to have killed thousands of people and left around five million in need of aid.

- ✓ Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed ordered a military operation in Tigray in 2020.

10. Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act (PASA), which was in the news recently, is set to be introduced in which Indian UT?

- A) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- B) Lakshadweep
- C) Chandigarh
- D) Puducherry



- ✓ The Lakshadweep administration has announced to introduce Lakshadweep Development Authority Regulation 2021 (LDAR) and the Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act (PASA) in the islands.
- ✓ It has drawn criticism from across the country as LDAR gives powers to the administration to remove the small holding for property owned by the islanders belonging to the Scheduled Tribes. PASA gives powers to the administration to detain a person without any public disclosure for a period of up to one year.

1. Six sacrificial pits have been discovered in Sanxingdui city, is located in which country?

- A) Japan
B) China
C) Vietnam
D) North Korea



- ✓ Archaeologists have recently discovered six sacrificial pits in Sanxingdui. The pits are said to contain about 500 artifacts, including gold and bronze masks. Sanxingdui is an ancient Chinese city, located about 1,500 kilometers southwest of Beijing. The artifacts date back around 3,000 years, to a time when this part of China was ruled by the ancient kingdom of Shu.

2. Which Ministry has launched the Clinical Case Repository portal?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
B) Ministry of AYUSH
C) Ministry of Labour and Employment
D) Ministry of External Affairs



- ✓ The Union Minister of State (IC) for Ayush - Kiren Rijiju has recently launched a portal named "Ayush Clinical Case Repository portal". This portal aims to support Ayush medical professionals and the public. It would provide information about the clinical outcomes achieved by Ayush medicine. In addition to this portal, the Minister has also launched the third version of Ayush Sanjivani mobile App.

3. Who authored the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"?

- A) Rowan Atkinson
B) Eric Carle
C) JK Rowling
D) Salman Rushdie



- ✓ The artist and author who created the very famous children book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" -Eric Carle, died recently owing to kidney failure. He was 91 years old. The book has been one of the best sellers in the world. First published in the year 1969, till date it has been translated into more than 70 languages.

4. The Annual Report of the Reserve Bank of India for 2020-21 covers how many months of RBI's operations?

- A) 6
B) 9
C) 11
D) 12

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- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has released its Annual Report for the financial year 2020-21, which ended on 31st March 2021. Previously the financial year adopted by RBI was from July to June. But RBI has amended its financial year to April - March from FY 2020-21. Hence, the annual report for FY 2020-21 covers the functions of RBI for 9 months period from July 2020 to March 2021.

5. In which state is the Banni grassland Reserve located?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Gujarat
C) West Bengal
D) Odisha



- ✓ The Banni Grasslands Reserve is a arid grassland ecosystem located in the Kutch District of Gujarat. Recently, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ordered that all encroachments in this region should be removed within a period of six months. The NGT has also ordered that a joint committee should form an action plan for the same.

6. Where is the Central Institute of Brackish water Aquaculture located?

- A) Chennai
B) Kochi
C) Mumbai
D) Kolkata



- ✓ The Central Institute of Brackish water Aquaculture (CIBA) is located in Chennai. The institute functions under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The institute has recently developed an indigenous vaccine for viral nervous necrosis (VNN) disease - a viral disease that affects several fish species.

7. Which Indian personality has been conferred with the Eni Award 2020?

- A) CNR Rao
B) Narendra Modi
C) Raghuram Rajan
D) Virat Kohli



- ✓ Professor C.N.R. Rao, who is a Bharat Ratna recipient has been conferred with International Eni Award 2020. This has been awarded for his dedicated research in renewable energy sources and energy storage. This award is also known as the Energy Frontier award and is considered to be the Noble Prize in Energy Research.

8. Which Ministry has launched the SeHAT OPD portal?

- A) Health Ministry
B) Defence Ministry
C) Finance Ministry
D) Commerce Ministry



- ✓ The Union Defence Ministry has launched the SeHAT OPD portal, which aims to provide telemedicine services to the armed force personnel, veterans and their family members. SeHAT stands for 'Services e-Health Assistance & Tele-consultation, whose service can be availed by registering in the Defence Ministry's website - <https://sehatopd.in/>.

9. Which country became the second in the world after the USA to achieve 20 crore vaccinations?

- A) China
B) Brazil
C) Italy
D) India



- ✓ India has become the second country after the USA to achieve 20 crore vaccination mark. This feat has been achieved by India in a period of 130 days. USA who is in the top spot had achieved the 20-crore mark in 124 days. Union Health Ministry has stated that more than 34% of above 45 age population have been vaccinated at least once.

10. Which Union Ministry has launched the "The Eclipse and After" festival?

- A) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of External Affairs
- D) Ministry of Power



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has launched a film festival named "The Eclipse and After". This includes a series of films on women, which have been made by women. These are screened online from 28 to 30 May 2021. The festival comprises a package of 10 films which narrates stories of women coming out from inequality and injustice.
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1. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has approved eight names for features on the Moon, in which language?

- A) English
B) Chinese
C) Spanish
D) French



- ✓ The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has approved eight Chinese names for features around the area on the Moon. Last year, China's spacecraft Chang'e-5 probe landed near those places to collect samples from the lunar surface and return to Earth. China has been naming geographical entities on the Moon since 2010.

2. When is the 'World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day' to be observed?

- A) January 30
B) February 28
C) March 31
D) April 30



- ✓ The ongoing 74th World Health Assembly declared January 30 as 'World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day'. The proposal to recognise the day was initiated by the United Arab Emirates and it was adopted unanimously by the member countries. NTDs are a group of infections caused by a variety of pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, protozoa and parasitic worms.

3. Dal Lake, which was seen in the news, is situated in which city of Jammu & Kashmir?

- A) Srinagar
B) Jammu
C) Anantnag
D) Leh



- ✓ Dal is a lake in Srinagar city, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. It is also called as the "Jewel in the crown of Kashmir". Recently, illegal constructions have been reported in the lake. The Lakes and Water Ways Development Authority (LAWDA), has demolished more than 170 illegal structures around the lake, in the last three months.

4. Little Bloodtail, which is considered as a harbinger of monsoon, belong to which type of species?

- A) Humming Bird
B) Dragonfly
C) Frog
D) Turtle



- ✓ Little Bloodtail is a small dragonfly, which has wide presence in the state of Kerala. This species of dragonfly can be spotted from the beginning of June till September. Since the life cycle of little bloodtail is very closely linked with monsoon, they are considered as a harbinger of monsoon.

5. Who chairs the Goods and services tax (GST) council meeting?

- A) Prime Minister
B) Finance Minister
C) Finance Secretary
D) NITI Aayog CEO



- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the Goods and services tax (GST) council meeting. Recently, the 43rd GST Council

meeting was conducted through video conferencing. The decision over tax rates on COVID vaccines was referred to a group of ministers (GOM). Quarterly returns for small traders will continue and has provided relaxation of the late fee penalty for payment of GST.

6. What is the objective of the YUVA programme, launched by the Prime Minister recently?

- A) Women Empowerment
B) Author Mentorship
C) Climate Change Control
D) Protection of Children



- ✓ The Ministry of Education has recently launched YUVA- (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors. It is an Author Mentorship programme to train young authors.
✓ The launch of YUVA (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) is a part of India@75 Project to highlight the perspectives of young writers on themes like Unsung Heroes, Freedom Fighters and Forgotten Places.

7. Which country holds the BRICS 2021 Chairship?

- A) Brazil
B) India
C) Russia
D) China



- ✓ India holds the BRICS 2021 Chairship. It is the third time that India will be hosting the BRICS Summit after 2012 and 2016. Recently, the second BRICS Sherpas' and Sous Sherpas' meeting was convened by India to prepare for the upcoming meeting of the BRICS Foreign Ministers. The theme of the Chairship is "BRICS @ 15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation with Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus".

8. The 'National AI Portal (indiaAI)', is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A) Health Ministry
B) Electronics and IT Ministry
C) Finance Ministry
D) Commerce Ministry



- ✓ The 'National AI Portal (indiaai.gov.in)', celebrated its first anniversary on May 28, 2021.
✓ The Portal is a joint initiative by Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), National e-Governance Division (NeGD) and NASSCOM. It serves as a central hub for AI related news, learning, articles, events and activities etc., across the world. During the virtual event, a report titled 'One year of INDIAai' and a new look of the website homepage were unveiled.

9. Where is Indian Immunological limited, (IIL) located?

- A) Chennai
B) Hyderabad
C) Mumbai
D) Pune



- ✓ The Central Government is set to provide grants to some public sector companies under the Mission COVID Suraksha, to increase the vaccine production. Hyderabad based Indian Immunological limited, IIL, is a facility under the National Dairy Development Board.
✓ As per the Science and Technology Ministry, IIL and Bharat Biotech has collaborated to supply the drug substance for manufacturing

Covaxin Vaccine.

10. The death anniversary of which former Indian Prime Minister is observed as 'Anti-terrorism Day'?

- A) Rajiv Gandhi
- B) Indira Gandhi
- C) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- D) Morarji Desai



- ✓ The death anniversary of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is observed across the country as 'Anti-terrorism Day'. The 29th death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi was observed on May 21. On the same day in 1991, he was assassinated at Sriperumbudur, Chennai during an election campaign. Rajiv Gandhi was the youngest ever Prime Minister of India, when he took over as the sixth Prime Minister at the age of 40.
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1. Where is the headquarters of the National Cadet Corps located?

- A) Mumbai
B) New Delhi
C) Cochin
D) Vishakapatnam



- ✓ National Cadet Corps is the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces with its headquarters located in New Delhi. Defence Secretary has recently launched Directorate General National Cadet Corps (NCC) Mobile Training App Version 2.0. This app will assist in conducting countrywide online training to NCC cadets during the COVID-19 pandemic conditions.

2. Which Indian personality has been removed as ambassador of Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)?

- A) Sonu Sood
B) Randeep Hooda
C) Manoj Bajpai
D) Sunil Shetty



- ✓ Actor Randeep Hooda has been removed as the ambassador of the Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), United Nation's environmental treaty.
✓ This announcement came after a controversy over his derogatory comments against Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati. CMS or Bonn Convention, is an international agreement signed in 1979, that aims to conserve migratory species throughout their ranges.

3. When is World Turtle Day celebrated annually, across the world?

- A) May 22
B) May 23
C) May 24
D) May 25



- ✓ Every year, the World Turtle Day is observed on May 23, across the world. The day is celebrated to sensitise people about turtle and tortoise and their vulnerable habitats.
✓ A non-profit organization called American Tortoise Rescue, that was established in 1990 leads the World Turtle Day celebration since 2000. The 2021 theme of the day is, "Turtles Rock!"

4. What is the theme of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, 2021?

- A) Women in Peacekeeping: A Key to Peace
B) Honouring Peacekeeping
C) Women, Peace and Security
D) The road to a lasting peace



- ✓ The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on 29 May every year, to pay tribute to the contribution of the peacekeepers. This year the theme of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, 2021 is "The road to a lasting peace: Leveraging the power of youth for peace and security".
✓ UN honours more than 3,900 UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives during their service, since 1948.

5. What is the 2021 theme of World No Tobacco Day?

- A) Tobacco: deadly in any form or disguise
B) Tobacco – a threat to development
C) Tobacco kills, don't be duped
D) Quit Tobacco to be a Winner



- ✓ The World No Tobacco Day is observed every year on May 31 to encourage a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption around the globe.
✓ The day is further intended to draw attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to negative health effects, which currently lead to nearly 6 million deaths each year worldwide, including 600,000 of which are the result of non-smokers being exposed to second-hand smoke. The 2021 theme is "Quit Tobacco to be a Winner"

6. Which is the smallest state of India by area that celebrates its statehood day on May 30?

- A) Goa
B) Sikkim
C) Tripura
D) Meghalaya



- ✓ Goa is the smallest state of India, by area and the fourth-smallest state by population. It recently celebrated its statehood day on May 30. In 1961, Indian Army invaded and annexed Goa, Daman and Diu into the Indian union, through Operation Vijay.
✓ After that, Goa along with Daman and Diu, was categorised as a centrally administered Union territory of India. On 30 May 1987, the union territory was split and Goa was made the 25th state of India and Daman and Diu remained as a UT.

7. When is International Everest Day celebrated across the world?

- A) May 28
B) May 29
C) May 30
D) May 31



- ✓ International Everest Day is celebrated on May 29, across the world every year. On the same day in the year 1953, Tenzing Norgay of Nepal and Edmund Hillary of New Zealand had successfully scaled the Mt. Everest. The mountaineer duo were the first human beings to achieve the prestigious feat.
✓ Nepal decided to observe the day as International Everest Day since the climber Edmund Hillary passed away in the year 2008.

8. What is the new name of the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), the top body of broadcasters?

- A) Indian Broadcasting Union
B) Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation
C) Indian Broadcasting and OTT Union
D) National Digital Broadcasting Federation



- ✓ The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), the top body of broadcasters, will be renamed the Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF). The apex body is also expanding its scope to cover digital streaming platforms, by forming a self-regulatory body, the Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC). This would bring broadcasters and OTT (over-the-top) platforms under one roof.

9. Which non-governmental organization, that won 1977 Nobel Peace Prize, is commemorated on May 28?

- A) United Nations
- B) World Health Organisation
- C) Amnesty International
- D) World Bank



- ✓ Amnesty International, is a non-governmental organisation focused on human rights, which was founded in London in the year 1961.
 - ✓ Amnesty International Day is celebrated on May 28 every year, to honour its founding day. The organisation was awarded the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize for its campaign against torture and the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights in 1978.
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10. Which state has recently launched a solar-based electrification programme for its rural households?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Odisha
- C) Assam
- D) Goa



- ✓ The State Government of Goa headed by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has launched a solar-based electrification programme to provide power connectivity to rural households of the state.
 - ✓ This project aims to deliver renewable power to the households, where grid connectivity is not possible. In this regard, the Goa Energy Development Agency has entered into an agreement with Convergence Energy Services Ltd.
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1. When is the World Milk Day celebrated every year?

- A) June 01
 B) June 02
 C) June 03
 D) June 04



- ✓ World Milk Day is celebrated on June 1, every year across the world. The first World Milk Day was held in the year 2001.
- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN chose June 1 as the World Milk Day, to highlight the role of milk and to publicise activities connected with milk and the milk industry.

2. When is the Global Parents Day celebrated every year?

- A) June 01
 B) June 02
 C) June 03
 D) June 04



- ✓ June 1 was declared as the Global Day of Parents by the UN General Assembly in 2012. Since then, June 1 is being celebrated as Global Day of Parents every year. The day is celebrated with an objective of honouring all the parents around the world for their commitment and sacrifice they do for their children. The 2021 theme of the Global Parents Day is, "Appreciate All Parents Throughout the World".

3. When is the World Bicycle Day celebrated every year?

- A) June 01
 B) June 02
 C) June 03
 D) June 04



- ✓ The UN's General Assembly had declared June 3 as World Bicycle Day. The UN encourage its stakeholders to encourage the use of bicycles as a means of promoting sustainable development and health. It also welcomes various initiatives to organise bicycle rides at the national and local levels and develop a culture of cycling in society.

4. When is 'International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression' observed?

- A) June 01
 B) June 02
 C) June 03
 D) June 04



- ✓ The UNGA decided to commemorate 4 June of each year as the 'International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression'. The objective of the day is to acknowledge the pain of the children across the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse. UN had also ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

5. What is the theme of the Environment Day, 2021?

- A) Climate Action
 B) Ecosystem Restoration
 C) Enrich Our Environment
 D) Environment and SDG



- ✓ World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year by the United Nations, to encourage awareness & environmental protection. The theme of World Environment Day, 2021 is "Ecosystem Restoration".

6. When is the 'International Day for the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing' observed?

- A) June 02
 B) June 03
 C) June 04
 D) June 05



- ✓ The International Day for the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing is observed every year on June 5. The purpose of this day is to sensitise about the threats posed by unregulated fishing activities to the fisheries resources.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared June 5 as the International Day for the fight against IUU fishing in November 2017. The first such day was celebrated in the year 2018.

7. What is the theme of the World Food Safety Day, 2021?

- A) Safe Food Today for a Healthy Tomorrow
 B) Food Safety, Everyone's Business
 C) Food Safety, First and Foremost
 D) Food Safety is still far



- ✓ World Food Safety Day has officially celebrated on 7th June 2020 to strengthen efforts to ensure that the food we eat is safe. The 2021 theme of the World Food Safety Day is, "Safe Food Today for a Healthy Tomorrow". The day is celebrated to promote global food safety awareness and to bring together countries, civil society and private firms to take required action.

8. What is the theme of the World Oceans Day, 2021?

- A) The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods
 B) Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean
 C) Oceans are our real wealth
 D) Optimise our Oceans



- ✓ World Oceans Day is celebrated across the world on June 8, every year. The day is observed to encourage people to celebrate oceans and take steps to protect ocean health. The theme of World Oceans Day 2021 is "The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods".
- ✓ Canada proposed the concept for World Oceans Day in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. In December 2008, the United Nations designated June 8 as World Oceans Day for the oceans.

9. 'Litoria Mira', that has been discovered from the rainforest of New Guinea, is a?

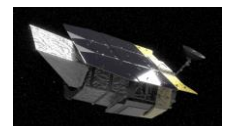
- A) Snake
 B) Frog
 C) Otter
 D) Toucan



- ✓ A team of Australian scientists has discovered a new species of a tree frog from the rainforests of New Guinea. Also called as the "chocolate frog" due to its chocolate colour, it belongs to the Australasian tree frog genus Litoria. Hence the new species was named as 'Litoria mira'. The closest known relative of this new species is the Australian green tree frog.

10. Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope is being developed by which country?

- A) Japan
 B) USA
 C) Russia
 D) Israel



- ✓ Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope is NASA's new next-generation space telescope, which is currently under development. Formerly known as Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope, it is named after NASA's first Chief of Astronomy, as the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope. Recently, NASA announced that thousands of exploding stars called supernovae are to be observed through this telescope.
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1. Aspergillosis, which was making news recently, is a disease?

- A) Viral
B) Bacteria
C) Fungi
D) None of the above



- ✓ Aspergillosis is an infection, allergic reaction, or fungal growth caused by the Aspergillus fungus. Recently, after a sharp rise in black and white fungus cases in India, cases of aspergillosis infections have been reported. Those with weakened immune systems or lung diseases, which is common in COVID-19 patients, are said to be at high risk of infection.

2. Which state launched the Chief Minister's Sishu Sewa Scheme?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Assam
C) Bihar
D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ The Assam government has recently announced Chief Minister's Sishu Sewa Scheme for the welfare of those children who lost parents due to COVID-19. Monthly scholarship of Rs. 3,500 per month would be given to those children who lost their parents but have their extended family members. Free residential educational facilities would be provided to children who don't have extended family members.

3. Which state has introduced India's 1st city sewage surveillance system?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Karnataka
C) Maharashtra
D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The state government of Karnataka has introduced a city sewage surveillance system in Bangalore. This is aimed to track coronavirus at an early stage. This effort of Karnataka is supported by USAID (United States Agency for International Development) and COVIDactionCollab (CAC). CAC is supporting the state by providing training to sanitation workers in collecting samples and analysing them in labs.

4. Tasneem Aslam from Kerala has received the Golden Visa in the exceptional student category, to which country?

- A) USA
B) UAE
C) Japan
D) Australia



- ✓ Tasneem Aslam, an Indian student belonging to Kerala has received United Arab Emirates (UAE) 10-year Golden Visa under the exceptional student category.
✓ The student is permitted to stay in the UAE till the year 2031. This visa is one of the most coveted documents, which is given to prominent global personalities for merit and academic credentials.

5. "Sea snot" which is in the news, has been reported to accumulate in the coast of which country?

- A) India
B) Singapore
C) Turkey
D) Japan



- ✓ Marine mucilage or "sea snot" is reported to have accumulated along the coast of Turkey. The sea snot is a thick jelly-like layer of slime which is formed by the population explosion of microscopic plants called phytoplankton. Some Researchers believe that the increase in sea surface temperature due to climate change, has led to this effect while few others see over-fishing as the root cause.

6. Which state has launched the portal named "Akanksha"?

- A) Karnataka
B) Odisha
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Haryana



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Karnataka B S Yediyurappa has launched a portal named Akanksha, which would provide details on all the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities in Karnataka.
✓ This comprehensive portal would help the state Government officials, corporates and donors. It seeks to improve transparency in utilisation of CSR funds by the Government.

7. Which country has introduced a new legislation named as EAGLE Act?

- A) USA
B) UAE
C) UK
D) Syria



- ✓ A bill named "Ensuring American Global Leadership and Engagement" or EAGLE Act has been moved in the USA's legislative body. This bill is seen as a counter to the policy challenges posed by China. The bill seeks for increased investment to promote US manufacturing, trade and seeks for increased US intervention to Taiwan and Hong Kong.

8. What is the name of the undersea power cable project between Germany and Norway?

- A) GermanLink
B) NordLink
C) NorwayLink
D) GeNorLink



- ✓ Germany and Norway have opened the operations of a 623-kilometer undersea power cable between the two countries. This project is called the NordLink and is aimed to exchange green energy between the two countries. The project has cost more than \$2.2 billion and is seen as a major initiative to shift to green energy.

9. As a COVID-19 distress mitigating measure, PSBs in India announced to provide unsecured loans to individuals up to which amount?

- A) Rs 1 lakh
B) Rs 2 lakh
C) Rs 5 lakh
D) Rs 25 lakh



- ✓ As a measure to mitigate the distress caused due to COVID 19 pandemic, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in India have announced to provide financial assistance to individuals in the form of unsecured loans up to a limit of Rs 5 lakh. This is a part of the three new loan products introduced by the PSBs to provide financial support to vaccine manufacturers, hospitals/dispensaries, pathology labs etc.

10. Offshore patrol vessel "Sajag" has been commissioned to which armed force?

- A) Indian Coast Guard
- B) Indian Navy
- C) Indian Army
- D) CRPF



- ✓ Offshore patrol vessel ICG Sajag has been commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard, by the National Security Advisor to India (NSA) Ajit Doval. The ship was commissioned by NSA virtually. This vessel is constructed by the Goa Shipyard Limited exclusively for the Coast Guard. At present, the Indian Coast Guard has 160 ships and 62 aircraft in its fleet.
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1. "Tianzhou-2" is a spacecraft of which country?

- A) Japan
B) Russia
C) China
D) South Korea



- ✓ Tianzhou-2, or "Heavenly Vessel" is China's cargo spacecraft which carried supplies, equipment and propellant to the space station which is being developed by China. It has successfully docked itself to the module Tianhe, which is a part of a space station. The spacecraft was launched from earth using the Long March-7 Y3 rocket.

2. Pooja Rani Bohra is associated with which sport?

- A) Table Tennis
B) Boxing
C) Athletics
D) Archery



- ✓ Indian woman boxer Pooja Rani Bohra has clinched her second continental title at the Asian boxing championships, being held in Dubai. The Olympic bound boxing champion registered this victory against Mavluda Movlonova of Uzbekistan in the 75kg category with a score of 5-0.

3. When is the "World No Tobacco Day" observed by WHO every year?

- A) May 29
B) May 30
C) May 31
D) June 01



- ✓ Every year, 31st May is observed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as the "World No Tobacco Day". The theme for this year is "Commit to quit". This day was created by the WHO members in the year 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the deaths associated with using tobacco. A resolution was passed in 1988 to observe 31st May as the No Tobacco Day.

4. Which of the following sectors have been included in ECLGS 4.0?

- A) Civil Aviation
B) Agriculture
C) Construction
D) Ship Building



- ✓ The Union Government has launched the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 4.0 and has expanded the scope of the scheme by including the civil aviation sector and loan to health institutions for on-site oxygen generation. Under ECLGS 4.0 a maximum loan of 40% of the outstanding loan, or Rs 200 crore whichever is lower can be availed by borrowers from financial institutions.

5. ESIC and EPFO schemes are implemented by which ministry?

- A) Finance Ministry
B) Labour Ministry
C) MSME Ministry
D) Ministry of Social Justice



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has announced additional benefits for workers enrolled under ESIC and EPFO schemes, to remove fear and anxiety about the well-being of their

family. As per the new benefit, in case of an employee's death due to COVID, all dependent family members of the insured person would be entitled to receive the same benefits as in the case of death resulting from employment injury.

6. What is the Child helpline number of the Ministry of Women and Child Development?

- A) 1075
B) 1098
C) 1091
D) 14567



- ✓ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting urged the private TV news channels to display four new national helpline numbers to help the citizens during the COVID-19 awareness initiative.
✓ In a letter to all private TV news channels, the said these national helpline numbers should be displayed in appropriate way: The National helpline number of Health Ministry -1075, Child helpline of the Ministry of Women and Child Development-1098, Senior citizens helpline of the Social Justice Ministry - 14567 and helpline of NIMHANS for psychological support - 08046110007.

7. NASA's Curiosity rover captured images of a cloud over the Gale Crater, situated in which astronomical body?

- A) Jupiter
B) Mars
C) Moon
D) Venus



- ✓ NASA's Curiosity rover captured the images of the clouds seen above Gale Crater of the Mars. The crater is 154 km in diameter and estimated to be about 3.5-3.8 billion years old. The image is a combination of 21 individual photographs the rover took recently to study a strange type of cloud over the Gale Crater.

8. Which company has introduced the world's first 'Nano Urea'?

- A) IFFCO
B) National Fertilizers Ltd
C) Rashtriya Chemical and Fertilizers
D) Chambal Fertilizers



- ✓ Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) said that it has introduced the world's first Nano Urea Liquid for farmers across the world. The technology was developed at Nano Biotechnology Research Centre, Kalol. This is expected to reduce the input cost of farmers and will significantly bring down the cost of logistics and warehousing.

9. Hubble Space Telescope has captured a detailed photo of NGC 691, a

- A) Galaxy
B) Meteor
C) Cloud
D) Exoplanet



- ✓ The NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope has captured a detailed photograph of a spiral galaxy called NGC 691. NGC 691 is a spiral galaxy located at around 125 million light-years away in the constellation of Aries. It is the foremost member of the NGC 691 group, a collection of nine galaxies of varied shapes and colors.

10. When is World Brain Tumor Day observed across the world, every year?

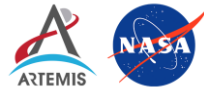
- A) June 08
- B) June 10
- C) June 12
- D) June 14



- ✓ World Brain Tumour Day is observed on 8 June every year, across the world. The objective of the day is to raise awareness and educate general public about brain tumour. The World Brain Tumour Day was initially designated by Leipzig based non-profit organisation German Brain Tumour Association in the year 2000.
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1. The Artemis Accord, that was recently making news, an agreement for space exploration of New Zealand and which agency?

- A) ROSCOSMOS
B) ISRO
C) NASA
D) ESA



- ✓ New Zealand has entered into an agreement for space exploration with NASA. With this, New Zealand becomes the eleventh country to sign the Artemis Accord, which is an agreement with NASA to be a part of its plans to send humans to the moon by 2024 and further to Mars.

2. The recently reported H10N3 is a strain of ___?

- A) Bird Flu
B) Corona virus
C) Anthrax
D) Swine Fever



- ✓ China has reported the first human infection of a rare strain of bird flu known as H10N3. The case has been confirmed in a 41-year-old man, by China's National Health Commission.
- ✓ This bird flu variant is supposed to be low pathogenic, which means it causes relatively less severe disease in poultry. No other case of this infection has been reported in the world.

3. Which bank has recently published the economic research report "Ecowrap"?

- A) State Bank of India
B) Punjab National Bank
C) Axis Bank
D) HDFC Bank



- ✓ The State Bank of India, in its economic research report "Ecowrap" has predicted India's GDP to grow at 7.9% for the FY 2021-22.
- ✓ Earlier the report had predicted a growth of 10.4%, and it has now been downgraded due to the large impact of the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic in the country.

4. Japanese player Naomi Osaka plays which sports?

- A) Badminton
B) Tennis
C) Archery
D) Weight Lifting



- ✓ Leading Tennis champion and world number two Naomi Osaka has announced that she would withdraw from the French Open and would spend some time away from the court.
- ✓ She had posted that she would boycott the mandatory post-match press conferences on the grounds of mental health reasons. In turn, the organisers imposed a penalty on the player.

5. What is the theme of World Milk Day, 2021?

- A) Sustainability in the dairy sector
B) Milk For All
C) Leaving No one Behind
D) Milk and SDG



- ✓ Every year, on 1st of June, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations observes World Milk Day. This day was first established in the year 2001 to recognize the importance of milk as a

global food and to cherish the dairy sector. This year, the theme / prime focus would be on Sustainability in the dairy sector.

6. In context with recent news of Goa, what does the abbreviation GIFT stand for?

- A) Goa Institution For Future Transformation
B) Goa Institution For Financial Transformation
C) Goa Institution For Fin Tech
D) Goa Institution For Foreign Affairs



- ✓ The State Government of Goa has constituted a Think Tank named Goa Institution For Future Transformation (GIFT). This institution would assist, advise and guide the state government on various policy matters and welfare decisions. The functions of GIFT would be very similar to that of NITI Aayog.

7. Which country has recently come up with a policy for three children, as against the present two children limit?

- A) India
B) USA
C) Japan
D) China



- ✓ China has announced that it would permit couples to have three children as against the present two children limit, which was brought in 2016. This decision has been made by the Chinese government, since the country's birth rates have registered a steep decline as per the latest census release.

8. Which country has hosted the P4G summit 2021?

- A) India
B) USA
C) South Korea
D) North Korea



- ✓ P4G - Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 summit is hosted by the Republic of Korea / South Korea and was organised at Seoul. It is an acceleration event for promoting market-based partnerships to build sustainable and resilient economies. The theme of the event is "Inclusive Green Recovery Towards Carbon Neutrality".

9. Which institution implements the "Horticulture Cluster Development Programme"?

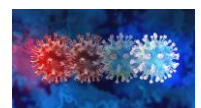
- A) Food and Agricultural Organization
B) National Horticulture Board
C) NABARD
D) Ministry of Food Processing Industries



- ✓ The Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the Horticulture Cluster Development Programme. The programme has been launched on a pilot basis in 12 clusters covering 11 States / UTs. This is a central sector programme implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB), which aims to make identified horticulture clusters globally competitive.

10. With reference to Covid, what are 'Kappa' and 'Delta'?

- A) New Measure of COVID spread
B) New Labels for COVID Variants
C) New Category in COVID Positive Rate
D) New Global Vaccine Initiatives



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced new labels, using Greek alphabets, for various variants of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19). As per the WHO, Covid variant first found in India (B.1.617.2) will be referred to as Delta, while earlier found variant in the country (B.1.617.1) will be known as Kappa.
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1. Pandit Deendayal Energy University, that was in news recently, is in which state?

- A) Maharashtra
B) Gujarat
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Karnataka



- ✓ The Gujarat government has decided to grant Centre of Excellence (CoE) status to seven private universities in the state. The Chief Minister Vijay Rupani gave in-principle approval to grant CoE status to seven universities including Nirma University, CEPT University, Pandit Deendayal Energy University, DAIICT, Ahmedabad University, Charotar University of Science and Technology and Marwadi University.

2. What is Canadarm2, which was making news recently?

- A) COVID Vaccine
B) Civil Aviation Project
C) Robotic Arm of International Space Station
D) No Cannabis Project



- ✓ Recently, a piece of space debris hit and damaged a part of the ISS's robotic arm, called as Canadarm2. The astronomers confirmed that the arm's functions will not be impacted by the damage. Canadarm2, the Space Station Remote Manipulator System (SSRMS), is used to move objects outside the station and to help in repairing works in the station.

3. 'Red Tourism', which was seen in the news, is associated with which country?

- A) Indonesia
B) India
C) China
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ China launched 'Red Tourism' in the year 2004 to promote locations with historical and cultural significance to the history of the Communist Party. It also aimed at promoting tourism and local businesses in the country. Recently, there has been a record high footfall in the historic places under the Red Tourism.
- ✓ Some of them include Nanhu Lake, where the First National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party was held in 1921, and Mao Zedong's birthplace Shaoshan.

4. Oleg Novitsky and Pyotr Dubrov, who performed a 7-hour spacewalk recently, are from which country?

- A) USA
B) Russia
C) Israel
D) France



- ✓ Two Russian cosmonauts named Oleg Novitsky and Pyotr Dubrov ventured out of the International Space Station on a 7-hour spacewalk to prepare for the arrival of a new Russian module. It's the first spacewalk for both the cosmonauts, who arrived at the space station in April. They conducted technical works including replacing the old batteries outside the International Space Station, before the arrival of the new Nauka (Science) multipurpose laboratory module.

5. APEDA identified Mathura and Banaskantha as clusters for export development in which sector?

- A) Textile B) Dairy
C) Cotton D) Fruits



- ✓ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has set up an Export Promotion Forum (EPF) to promote exports of dairy products. It also aims to address various issues in the sector. The authority has recognized two clusters: Mathura in Uttar Pradesh and Banaskantha in Gujarat, to develop dairy merchandise. Farmers and small dairy owners in these clusters shall be given coaching and aid in capability building in exports.

6. CSIR-NCL developed a technology called 'SWASTIHK', to disinfect water using which medicinal system?

- A) Siddha
B) Ayurveda
C) Homeopathy
D) Sowa-Rigpa



- ✓ CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL) Pune has developed a hybrid technology called "SWASTIHK", for disinfecting water by using natural oils.
- ✓ With support from the Water Technology Initiative of the department of science and technology, the team has developed the technology. It involves boiling of a liquid as a result of pressure reduction (cavitation) and also uses natural oils having antimicrobial properties, to disinfect.

7. Which is India's first institution to be declared as Standard Developing Organization (SDO)?

- A) RDSO
B) IRCTC
C) DRDO
D) RITES



- ✓ The Research Design & Standards Organization (RDSO), which functions under the Indian Railways has recently become the country's first institution to be declared as Standard Developing Organization (SDO). Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) launched the scheme of 'Recognition of SDO', to attain the "One Nation One Standard" of the Government.

8. As per the new system in PMGKP, the Insurance companies will approve and settle the claims based on the certificate of ___

- A) Home Ministry
B) District Collector
C) Registrar General
D) District Court



- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19 was launched to provide personal accident cover of Rs. 50 lakhs to all healthcare providers.
- ✓ Recently, a new system for approval of claims has been introduced. The District Collector will certify that the claim is in accordance with SoP of the Scheme and on the basis of this certificate, Insurance Company will approve and settle the claims within a period of 48 hrs.

9. Which country's environmental agency hosted the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI) 2021?

- A) France
B) USA
C) Germany
D) Australia



- ✓ International Nitrogen Initiative (INI) is being hosted by the Germany's Federal Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt-UBA). The United

Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the main focus of the eighth triennial conference of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI). It is being held virtually from May 31–June 3, 2021.

10. What is the profession of Mahesh Jethmalani, who has been nominated to Rajya Sabha by the Union Government?

- A) Doctor
- B) Advocate
- C) Scientist
- D) Banker



- ✓ Mahesh Jethmalani, who is a noted advocate has been recently nominated by the Union Government to the Rajya Sabha. Additionally, former journalist Swapan Dasgupta has also been nominated to the upper house. Mahesh Jethmalani has been nominated to Rajya Sabha to fill the vacancy of seat due to the demise of Raghunath Mohapatra.
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1. SATAT Scheme, which was making news recently, is associated with which sector?

- A) Rural Electrification
 B) Affordable Transportation
 C) LPG Subsidy
 D) Investment in MSME



- ✓ Oil sector PSUs in India namely Indian Oil, HPCL, BPCL, GAIL and IGL have come together into a Cooperation Agreement for promotion and development of SATAT Scheme.
- ✓ SATAT stands for Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation, which was launched on 01.10.2018 to set up Compressed Biogas production plants and make CBG available in the market.

2. When is the Global Day of Parents observed by the UN?

- A) June 01
 B) June 05
 C) June 10
 D) June 15



- ✓ Every year, the United Nations observes 1st June as the Global Day of Parents. A resolution in this regard was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and the first-ever Global Day of Parents was observed in the year 2012. This day is observed to celebrate parenthood and its selfless commitment.

3. The COVID-19 vaccine – Sinovac, which has been granted approval by WHO, is developed by which country?

- A) Indonesia
 B) India
 C) China
 D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ Sinovac vaccine developed by China's Sinovac Biotech Ltd has been granted emergency use approval by the World Health Organisation. WHO has recommended the vaccine to be used by people who are 18 years and above. The vaccine needs to be administered in two doses with a gap of two to four weeks.

4. What would be the rate of global unemployment in the year 2022, as per ILO estimates?

- A) 1%
 B) 3%
 C) 5.7%
 D) 10.4%



- ✓ The rate of global unemployment in the year 2022 is estimated to be 5.7% by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). ILO has estimated that nearly 205 million unemployed people would exist around the world, which is higher than the 2019 level of 187 million. Further the ILO has stated that 108 million more number of workers have been categorized as poor or extremely poor.

5. Dr Patrick Amoth, who has been appointed as the Chair of WHO Executive Board, is from which country?

- A) USA
 B) Kenya
 C) New Zealand
 D) Brazil



- ✓ India's Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan completed his tenure as Chairman of WHO Executive Board on June 02. During the 149th session of the WHO Executive board, Harsh Vardhan announced that Dr Patrick Amoth, Acting Director-General for Health, Ministry of Health of Kenya has been appointed as the Chair of WHO Executive Board.

6. What is the name of the programme, in which the Government distributes kits of higher yielding varieties of seeds to farmers?

- A) Seed Minikit Programme
 B) HYV Seeds Programme
 C) Seed Distribution Programme
 D) Seeds to Farmers Programme



- ✓ The Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the Seed Minikit Programme by distributing kits of higher yielding varieties of seeds to farmers.
- ✓ It aims to introduce new varieties of seeds to the farmers and helps in increasing the seed replacement rate. The mini kits are being provided by the National Seeds Corporation (NCS), NAFED and Gujarat State Seeds Corporation and wholly funded by the Union through the National Food Security Mission.

7. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission?

- A) Arun Mishra
 B) AK Sikri
 C) Markandey Katju
 D) Ranjan Gogoi



- ✓ Former Supreme Court Judge Justice Arun Mishra took charge as the new Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission. Justice Mishra is the first non-CJI to be appointed to the NHRC chief post since the amendment of the Protection of Human Rights Act in 2019.
- ✓ Former Chairperson Justice H L Dattu completed his tenure in December last year. Two other members were also appointed in the Commission.

8. Which Indian state topped the NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Kerala
 C) Rajasthan
 D) Assam



- ✓ Kerala retained the top spot in the Niti Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index released in the year 2021.
- ✓ India's overall score across SDGs improved by six points, from 60 in 2019 to 66 in 2021. The annual index evaluates the progress of states and UTs on social, economic and environmental criteria. Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu grabbed the second and third spots respectively while Bihar is placed at the last place in the index.

9. Fengyun-4B, the New-Gen Meteorological Satellite, has been recently launched by which country?

- A) Japan
 B) China
 C) Israel
 D) UAE



- ✓ China recently launched into orbit a new-generation weather satellite named Fengyun-4B (FY- 4B) successfully. The Fengyun-4B satellite was launched aboard a Long March 3B rocket into the geostationary orbit, to join the network of Fengyun satellites. The first of the Fengyun series, a low-Earth orbit satellite testing machine - FY-1A, was launched in 1988.
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10. Which country is to play host to the UN Sustainable Transport Conference 2021?

- A) India
- B) China
- C) Japan
- D) Australia



- ✓ The UN Sustainable Transport Conference is to be held from 14 to 16 October 2021 in Beijing, China. The Conference aims to encourage sustainable transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on climate change. To acknowledge the longevity, versatility and environmental sustainability of bicycles, the UN General Assembly declared 3 June as World Bicycle Day.
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1. Who is the winner of the 2021 International Booker Prize?

- A) David Diop
 B) Douglas Stuart
 C) Margaret Atwood
 D) Bernardine Evaristo



- ✓ David Diop has become the first French writer to win the International Booker Prize, as he was selected for the prestigious award in 2021. His second novel, *At Night All Blood is Black*, was translated by the US author and poet Anna Moschovakis.

2. Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) is a Scientific Experiment being undertaken by which country?

- A) India
 B) Japan
 C) USA
 D) China



- ✓ China's Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) has set a new record in the latest experiment. The experiment achieved a plasma temperature of 216 million Fahrenheit for 101 seconds.
 ✓ The scientists working on the "Artificial sun" project also achieved 288 million Fahrenheit for 20 secs. The Tokamak device has been designed to reproduce the nuclear fusion process, natural to the Sun and stars.

3. Which decade has been declared as the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration?

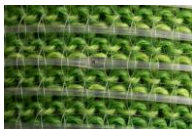
- A) 2001–2010
 B) 2011–2020
 C) 2021–2030
 D) 2031–2040



- ✓ The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030 was launched recently by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO).
 ✓ The organisations also launched a report titled '#Generation Restoration: Ecosystem restoration for People, Nature and Climate', to mark the launch of the decade. The report urges the countries to restore at least 1 billion degraded hectares of land in the next decade.

4. Which global institution launched the 'Programmable Digital Fiber'?

- A) MIT
 B) Google
 C) Microsoft
 D) IBM



- ✓ Researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has developed a first-of-its kind 'Programmable Digital Fiber'.
 ✓ This digital fiber contains memory, temperature sensors, and a neural network program to infer physical activity. It was created by placing hundreds of square silicon microscale digital chips into a preform, which was then used to create a polymer fiber.

5. What is the main objective of the 'Chip-off technique', that has been developed recently?

- A) Data Retrieval
 B) Gold Mining
 C) Cryptocurrency Mining
 D) Biogas production



- ✓ The Scientists at Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Hyderabad have developed an indigenous Chip-off technique.
 ✓ The main objective of the technique is to retrieve encrypted data from locked and severely damaged smartphones. This would benefit investigative agencies to produce credible evidences against criminals.

6. SAGE (Senior-care Aging Growth Engine) is the initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 C) Ministry of Law and Justice
 D) Ministry of Minority Affairs



- ✓ Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot virtually launched the SAGE (Senior-care Aging Growth Engine) initiative. He also launched the SAGE portal, which can be accessed by the elderly persons for elderly care products and services by select start-ups. The start-ups will be selected on the basis of innovative products and services.

7. AmB, is the nano-fibre-based tablets, developed by IIT-H, for curing which disease?

- A) Kala Azar
 B) Malaria
 C) Dengue
 D) Japanese Encephalitis



- ✓ Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad has developed nano-fibre based oral tablets of Amphotericin B, called as AmB. This was the first-ever attempt to fabricate nanofibrous oral tablets of Amphotericin B for curing Kala Azar. As Kala-Azar treatment is being currently used as a treatment for Mucormycosis, this can be used to treat fungal infections post COVID treatment.

8. After the RBI's monetary policy committee meeting held in June 2021, the Repo rate is fixed at?

- A) 3.75 %
 B) 4.00 %
 C) 4.25 %
 D) 4.50 %

4.00 %

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) six-member monetary policy committee, headed by Governor Shaktikanta Das, kept the benchmark interest rate unchanged. The repo rate will continue at 4.00% and reverse repo rate at 3.35%. With this, the repo rate has remained unchanged for a sixth consecutive time. The decision has been taken amid coronavirus uncertainty and fears over inflation.

9. Which institution organises the World Sustainable Development Summit?

- A) IEA
 B) World Bank
 C) TERI
 D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The World Sustainable Development Summit is the annual flagship event of the Energy and Resources Institute. The WSDS 2021 is being held under the umbrella theme of 'Redefining Our Common Future: Safe and Secure Environment for All'.

- ✓ Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Prakash Javadekar addressed the summit on the occasion of the World Environment Day.

10. Which organisation releases the Food Price Index, to track the international prices of a basket of food commodities?

- A) FAO
- B) World Bank
- C) IMF
- D) ILO



- ✓ The UN Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) food price index is a measure of the monthly change in international prices of a basket of food commodities including cereals, oilseeds, dairy products, meat and sugar.
- ✓ According to the recent index, food prices in May were 4.8% higher than April. This is registered as the biggest monthly rise since October 2010. The prices were also 39.7% higher than this time last year, May 2020.

1. ICAR – Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) has received a patent for the micronutrient foliar formulation?

- A) Black Pepper
 B) White Pepper
 C) Turmeric
 D) Cardamom



- ✓ The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) has received a patent for black pepper micronutrient foliar formulation.
- ✓ ICAR-IISR has developed crop-specific micronutrient foliar formulations for major spices (black pepper, ginger, turmeric, and cardamom) to overcome micronutrient deficiencies.

2. Trirashmi Buddhist caves complex, where 3 new caves have been discovered, is located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Maharashtra
 C) Bihar
 D) Odisha



- ✓ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), has discovered three new caves in the Trirashmi Buddhist cave complex, which is located near Nashik in Maharashtra. This cave complex is also called the Pandav Leni. This site was first documented by a British military officer nearly two decades ago.

3. To which field, the Padma Shri awardee Lakshmi Nandan Bora, who died recently, belonged to?

- A) Sports
 B) Literature
 C) Music
 D) Dance



- ✓ Lakshmi Nandan Bora, a noted Assamese litterateur and Padma Shri awardee belonging to Assam, passed away recently, due to COVID. He was 89 years old. Lakshmi Nandan Bora has authored more than 60 books in Assamese language.
- ✓ Patal Bhairavi and Kayakalpa are his famous writings. He received the Padma Shri award from the Government of India in 2015.

4. Indus Best Mega Food Park, which was inaugurated recently, is located in which state?

- A) Punjab
 B) Haryana
 C) Chhattisgarh
 D) Odisha



- ✓ The Indus Best Mega Food Park, has been launched in Raipur of Chhattisgarh, by the union minister for Food Processing Industries Narendra Singh Tomar. This mega food park aims to make value addition, increase shelf life and provide better price realisation to farmers. It is expected that this park would provide direct and indirect employment to about 5,000 persons.

5. Which state in India has been witnessing African Swine Fever, which claimed over 4500 pigs?

- A) Goa
 B) Mizoram
 C) Uttar Pradesh
 D) Bihar



- ✓ The state of Mizoram has been severely affected by African Swine Fever (ASF), which has claimed more than 4,700 pigs in over two months, since the first case was reported.
- ✓ As of now, the state government has declared 99 villages and localities as "infected areas", of which 56 are located in Aizawl District, which is the state capital.

6. The Consumer Confidence Index is released by which organisation?

- A) State Bank of India
 B) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
 C) India Ratings
 D) Reserve Bank of India



- ✓ The Consumer Confidence Survey is conducted by the Reserve Bank of India, which provides the respondent's perceptions on general economic conditions. Recently, the RBI has released the Consumer Confidence Index, which has recorded an all-time low due to the second wave of COVID-19 disease. The Current Situation Index (CSI) fell to 48.5 and the Future Expectation Index (FEI) fell to 96.4.

7. Which is the Indian Navy's oldest Hydrographic Survey vessel, that has been decommissioned recently?

- A) INS Kolkata
 B) INS Sandhayak
 C) INS Sindhurakshak
 D) INS Suveer



- ✓ INS Sandhayak, the Indian Navy's oldest Hydrographic Survey Vessel, was decommissioned from the Navy at Visakhapatnam on July 4, 2021. The vessel is 40 years old and has conducted more than 200 major hydrographic surveys. It has also been a part of important operations like 'Operation Pawan' in Sri Lanka (1987), Operation 'Rainbow for Humanitarian Assistance' (2004) etc.

8. Lynetteholm, a proposed artificial island, is to be constructed in which country?

- A) Austria
 B) Russia
 C) Ukraine
 D) Denmark



- ✓ The Government of Denmark has approved for construction of an artificial giant island named Lynetteholm.
- ✓ This island would be 1 sq mile (2.6 sq km) in area and would include a dam system around its perimeter to protect its harbour from rising sea levels and storms. This island would be connected to the mainland by way of tunnel roads and metro lines.

9. YounTab scheme for students is launched in which state / UT?

- A) Delhi
 B) Puducherry
 C) Karnataka
 D) Ladakh



- ✓ The Union Territory of Ladakh has launched a scheme named "YounTab", under which the Ladakh Lt Governor RK Mathur distributed tablets to the students studying in 9 to 12, in the UT. This was the first phase of the scheme's implementation. The scheme aims to provide free tabs to nearly 12,300 students of 6th to 12th class who are studying in government schools of the UT.

10. The Government of India has announced the procurement of "Corbevax" vaccine, manufactured by which company?

- A) Biological E
- B) SII
- C) Ranbaxy
- D) Bharat Bio Tech



- ✓ The Government of India has announced that it would procure 30 crore doses of the COVID vaccine "Corbevax" which is manufactured by the company Biological E. The firm is headquartered in Hyderabad. This indigenously made vaccine is a "Recombinant Protein Sub Unit Vaccine " (i.e.) made from the spike protein of COVID virus and is different from Covaxin or Covishield vaccines.
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1. The Merapi volcano, which is one of the most active volcanoes, is located in which country?

- A) Indonesia
 B) Australia
 C) Canada
 D) Kenya



- ✓ Mount Merapi, is an active stratovolcano which is located in Indonesia, between the province of Central Java and the Special Region of Yogyakarta - Indonesia. This is considered to be the most volatile volcanoes and has been erupting regularly since 1548. Presently, the volcano has started to erupt again.

2. Which is the host country for this year's world Environment Day celebrations on June 5?

- A) USA
 B) China
 C) Pakistan
 D) Russia



- ✓ Every year, 5th of June is observed as the World Environment Day by the United Nations. This day first came into being in the year 1972. The theme for this year is "Reimagine - Recreate - Restore" and the Global Host for 2021 World Environment Day is Pakistan.

3. E-100 pilot project, which was launched recently, is associated with?

- A) E-governance
 B) E-Receipt
 C) Ethanol Production
 D) Electricity Production



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the E-100 pilot project in Pune to mark the World Environment Day. This project aims to set up a network for production and distribution of ethanol across the country.
 ✓ The Prime Minister released the 'Report of the Expert Committee on Road Map for ethanol blending in India 2020-2025'. He also said India is resolved to meet target of 20% ethanol blending by 2025.

4. Raimona reserve forest, which was recently declared as a national park, is situated in which state?

- A) Assam
 B) Madhya Pradesh
 C) Uttar Pradesh
 D) Kerala



- ✓ The Raimona reserve forest in Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) of Assam, has been upgraded as the sixth national park of the state. The other five national parks in Assam are Kaziranga, Manas, Nameri, Orang and Dibru-Saikhowa. This Park is famous for its rich flora and fauna especially the Golden langur, clouded leopards, Indian gaur and Hornbill.

5. Which intergovernmental group has announced the minimum global tax on multinational companies?

- A) BRICS
 B) G7
 C) European Union
 D) G20



- ✓ The Group of seven (G7) advanced economies has recently made an announcement on taxing multinational companies.

- ✓ This would be the "Minimum global tax rate" and its lower floor limit has been fixed at 15%. G7 is an intergovernmental organization comprising Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

6. Database named "I-Familia" has been launched by which organization?

- A) IMF
 B) World Bank
 C) INTERPOL
 D) CBI



- ✓ The international law enforcement agency Interpol has launched a global database named "I-Familia". This database is aimed to identify missing persons, using the DNA of family members. I-Familia has three components namely a dedicated global database on DNA profiles, DNA matching software called Bonaparte and interpretation guidelines developed by Interpol.

7. Where is the headquarters of BIMSTEC located?

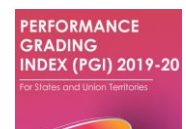
- A) Dhaka
 B) New Delhi
 C) Beijing
 D) Colombo



- ✓ The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is an intergovernmental organization comprising seven nations of South Asia and Southeast Asia.
 ✓ It is headquartered in Dhaka, Bangladesh. This organization was first established in the year 1997. The 24th BIMSTEC day was celebrated on June 6th 2021.

8. Based on how many parameters, the Performance Grading Index or PGI 2019-20 is released?

- A) 5
 B) 10
 C) 25
 D) 70



- ✓ The Performance Grading Index or PGI 2019-20, which is an index to grade Indian states and Union Territories on Education, has been approved to be launched by the Union Ministry of Education.
 ✓ This index is based on a set of 70 parameters. Under this index, Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Kerala occupy the top 5 positions for the year 2019-20.

9. As per the State of India's Environment Report 2021, what is India's rank on achievement of 17 Sustainable Development Goals?

- A) 67
 B) 89
 C) 117
 D) 123



- ✓ The State of India's Environment Report 2021 is an annual publication of the Down To Earth magazine. As per the report, India has been ranked at 117th position in implementing and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2030. Last year India was ranked at 115 and now it has slipped by 2 positions due to major challenges faced in ending hunger, gender equality etc.

10. Scorpius constellation, Summer Solstice and Strawberry Moon are the various space events, expected to occur in which month?

- A) June
- B) July
- C) August
- D) September



- ✓ On June 10th, a Solar Eclipse is to be witnessed while on June 20-21, Summer solstice, the astronomical end of spring, and the beginning of summer will occur.
- ✓ This will be the day with the longest period of daylight. On the summer evenings, a curved grouping of stars is noticed across the southern sky, with red beacon. This is the constellation Scorpius, which can be observed in June. The full Moon of June is also called as 'Strawberry Moon'.

1. Alexander Pushkin is a famous poet of which language?

- A) Spanish
B) French
C) Russian
D) English



- ✓ Alexander Pushkin is a Russian poet, who is considered the father of modern Russian language. His birthday is selected as the UN Russian Language Day. It is observed annually on June 6.
- ✓ The event was initially established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2010. The UN language days aim to celebrate multilingualism and promotion of equal use of all six of the UN's official working languages.

2. What is the theme of the World Oceans Day 2021?

- A) The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods
B) Save Our Oceans
C) Stop Plastic Pollution
D) Sustainably-sourced Fish



- ✓ World Oceans Day is observed on June 8, every year. On the occasion of the day, the United Nations (UN) has called for sustainable efforts and stopping plastic pollution in order to save the oceans. This is the second year of virtual celebration of the UN World Oceans Day due to the coronavirus pandemic. The theme of this year's World Oceans Day is 'The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods'.

3. 'World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2021' is a report released by which organisation?

- A) ILO
B) UN
C) World Bank
D) IMF



- ✓ The International Labour Organisation (ILO) released the assessment titled 'World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2021'. As per the report, global crisis-induced 'jobs gap' will reach 75 million in 2021 before falling to 23 million in 2022. It also predicts that employment growth will be insufficient to make up for the losses suffered until at least 2023.

4. 'Raising and Accelerating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Performance (RAMP) Program' is an initiative of which organisation?

- A) International Labor Organization
B) United Nations
C) World Bank
D) International Monetary Fund



- ✓ The World Bank has approved a USD 500 million program to help boost India's MSME sector. RAMP stands for Raising and Accelerating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Performance.
- ✓ The programme targets to improve the performance of five lakh 50 thousand MSMEs, by providing better access to finance and working capital for MSMEs. The World Bank had earlier launched Rs 750 million MSME Emergency Response Program in July last year.

5. The 107-year-old Billimora-Vaghai heritage train, runs in which Indian state?

- A) Gujarat
B) Maharashtra
C) Karnataka
D) Bihar



- ✓ The 107-year-old narrow gauge heritage train service between Billimora in Navsari and Vaghai in Dangs of South Gujarat made its first trial run recently. The service was scrapped by the Western Railway in December 2020, which was then reconsidered.
- ✓ The rail service was started by the Gaekwad dynasty of princely state of Baroda in 1913.

6. 'Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow' is the theme of which day observed on June 7?

- A) World Food Safety Day
B) World Oceans Day
C) World Tuna Day
D) World Environment Day



- ✓ In 2018, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed that every year June 7 would be observed as World Food Safety Day. According to the UN, unsafe food causes an estimated 420,000 deaths every year. The theme of World Food Safety Day this year is: Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow.

7. Aravali forest area, where the Supreme Court directed to remove all encroachments, is located along which Indian state?

- A) Haryana
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Odisha
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ The Supreme Court of India has directed the State Government of Haryana and the Faridabad Municipal Corporation to remove all encroachments in Aravali forest near a village in Faridabad. These encroachments also consist of around 10,000 residential constructions.

8. Which of the following schemes is a food security scheme, launched by the Union Government as a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Package?

- A) PM - FBY
B) PM - GKAY
C) PM - GSY
D) PM - JBY



- ✓ The Government of India launched the food security scheme named Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) as a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat package, which aims to provide free food grains to poor and migrants.
- ✓ Recently, the Prime Minister has announced that the scheme would be extended till Diwali 2021 (i.e) till November 2021.

9. MH-60 Romeo helicopters are procured by Indian Navy from which country?

- A) Russia
B) Israel
C) USA
D) Iran



- ✓ The Indian Navy would receive MH-60 Romeo helicopters from the United States of America. India had earlier in 2020, signed a Rs.16,000 crore deal with the USA. A batch of Indian pilots have reached the US to be trained to operate the chopper.

10. The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has how many members?

- A) 192
- B) 100
- C) 54
- D) 20



- ✓ The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is one of the main organs of the UN and has 54 members. These members are elected every year for a term of 3 years. India has been recently elected to the ECOSOC for a term from 2022 to 2024 by way of voting by secret ballot.
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1. Abdulla Shahid, who has been elected as the next president of the United Nations General Assembly, belongs to which country?

- A) Maldives
 B) Iran
 C) Pakistan
 D) Saudi Arabia



- ✓ Abdulla Shahid, who is currently the Foreign Minister of Maldives, has been elected as the next president of the United Nations General Assembly. This is the first time the Maldives is to occupy the office of the President of the UNGA. The 76th UNGA session (2021-22) was the turn of the Asia-Pacific group.

2. A. cooperensis has been identified recently, as the biggest dinosaur of which country/ region?

- A) Russia
 B) Australia
 C) Africa
 D) Antarctica



- ✓ The Australotitan cooperensis has been recently identified as the biggest dinosaur of Australia. This was announced after its bones were first uncovered. This is a part of the titanosaur family that lived about 100 million years ago. It is estimated to had a height of 5-6.5 metres and a length of 25-30 metres. Based on the limb size comparisons, this new titanosaur is estimated to be in the top five largest in the world.

3. 'Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan' is an initiative of which institution?

- A) AIIMS
 B) NITI Aayog
 C) ICMR
 D) IMA



- ✓ NITI Aayog launched the Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan, in association with Piramal Foundation. The campaign is part of a special initiative- Aspirational Districts Collaborative. It aims to provide home-care support to asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic Covid-19 patients in 112 aspirational districts.

4. Which Indian footballer has surpassed Lionel Messi in international goals?

- A) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
 B) Sunil Chhetri
 C) Mohammad Yasir
 D) Amrinder Singh



- ✓ Indian football star Sunil Chhetri has surpassed Lionel Messi in international goals taking his total to 74 goals for India. He has recently scored both goals in India's 2-0 win over Bangladesh at Doha. Chhetri moved past Messi's 72 goals, in a qualifying match for the 2022 FIFA World Cup and 2023 AFC Asian Cup. Portugal player Cristiano Ronaldo tops the international list with 103 goals.

5. India's first CAR-T cell therapy, which was done recently, is used in treatment of which ailment?

- A) Tuberculosis
 B) Cancer
 C) COVID
 D) AIDS



- ✓ The Centre has approved Rs 19.15 crore for conducting a first-in-human phase-1/2 clinical trial of the CAR-T cells. India's first CAR-T cell therapy was done at the Bone Marrow Transplant unit at ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai. The Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy is a type of gene therapy, used in cancer treatment, especially in patients suffering from acute lymphocytic leukemia.

6. What is the IUCN Red List Category of the North Atlantic right whale, which was making news recently?

- A) Vulnerable
 B) Endangered
 C) Critically Endangered
 D) Extinct in the Wild



- ✓ As per a recent study, the younger generation of North Atlantic right whales are about three feet shorter than whales were 20 years ago. Entanglements with fishing gear, collisions with ships and climate change moving their food supply north are said to be the reasons for this phenomenon. The whales are being classified as 'Critically endangered' by IUCN.

7. Jangi Thopan Powari hydroelectricity project (JTP HEP) is the proposed project over which river?

- A) Ganges
 B) Sutlej
 C) Indus
 D) Yamuna



- ✓ Residents of Himachal Pradesh have been protesting against the proposed 804 MW Jangi Thopan Powari hydroelectricity project (JTP HEP). This is a proposed project over the Sutlej River. The run-of-the-river (ROR) project involves construction of a concrete gravity dam across river Sutlej and underground powerhouse on the right bank.

8. Mount Eko Dumbing, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand
 B) Sikkim
 C) Arunachal Pradesh
 D) Himachal Pradesh

- ✓ Recently, a team of wildlife enthusiasts have sighted two species of monal birds on Mount Eko Dumbing at 4,173 metres above mean sea level. It is located in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Himalayan monal (Lophophorus impejanus) is widely distributed from Afghanistan to northeast India, the Sclater's (Lophophorus sclateri) monal is found in China and Myanmar.

9. The minimum support prices (MSP) of paddy, sesame, tur and urad were hiked recently. These are crops.

- A) Rabi
 B) Kharif
 C) Zaid
 D) None of the above



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved an increase in minimum support prices (MSP) for various kharif crops or the summer-sown crops for marketing season 2021-22. MSP of paddy was hiked by ₹72 to ₹1,940 per quintal for 2021-22 crop year from ₹1,868 per quintal last year.

- ✓ The highest absolute increase in MSP over the previous year is recommended for sesame (₹452 per quintal) followed by tur and urad

(₹300 per quintal each).

10. As per the QS World Rankings 2022, which Indian institution is ranked as the world's top research university?

- A) IIT Chennai
- B) IIT Mumbai
- C) IIT Bengaluru
- D) IISc, Bengaluru



- ✓ The Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World Rankings 2022, which is an annual publication of university rankings has been recently published.
- ✓ As per the release, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru has secured the position of the "world's top research university". This institution has achieved a score of 100/100 under the metric Citations Per Faculty (CPF) assessment.

1. 'Global Economic Prospects' is the flagship report of which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) RBI
C) World Bank
D) IMF



- ✓ The World Bank has forecasted GDP growth of India to be 8.3 per cent for FY22, as against its earlier estimate of 10.1 percent. This has been published in the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects Report's latest issue. This slash in GDP is on account of unprecedented impact of second wave of COVID 19.

2. Which city has topped the list of The Economist's annual survey of the world's most liveable cities in 2021?

- A) New Delhi
B) Auckland
C) Madurai
D) Vienna



- ✓ As per the Economist's annual survey of the world's most liveable cities in 2021, Auckland (New Zealand) has topped the list of most liveable cities in the world. This is followed by Osaka and Tokyo in Japan.
✓ Vienna, previously the world's most liveable city has fallen to 12th position. Auckland has topped the list owing to its successful approach in containing the COVID-19.

3. Anup Chandra Pandey has been appointed to which constitutional position?

- A) Chief Justice of India
B) Election Commissioner
C) CAG
D) Solicitor General



- ✓ Senior bureaucrat Anup Chandra Pandey has been appointed as the Election Commissioner of India. Mr. Pandey is a 1984-batch IAS officer who has served as the Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh. Anup Chandra Pandey is set to oversee the forthcoming assembly elections of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Manipur and Uttarakhand.

4. Which international agency has adopted a political declaration to end AIDS by the year 2030?

- A) UN General Assembly
B) IMF
C) WHO
D) UNICEF



- ✓ The General Assembly of the United Nations has called for an immediate action to end AIDS from the world by the year 2030. The assembly had passed an approval in this regard and has noted the present condition of AIDS with an alarm. The declaration was adopted with 165 votes in favour and four against.

5. Operation Pangea XIV was exercised by which agency?

- A) IMF
B) Indian Army
C) Indian Airforce
D) INTERPOL



- ✓ An exercise named the "Operation Pangea XIV" was conducted by the Interpol, in which the agency has taken down more than 1.10 lakh web

links, including websites and online marketplaces, which were involved in illegal sale of medicines and medical products. India also participated in this operation and along with India, 92 countries participated in this exercise.

6. Digital India Corporation is an institution under which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
C) Ministry of Finance
D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs



- ✓ The Digital India Corporation is a Not-for-profit company, working under the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
✓ Recently, the company has entered into an MoU with Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) for providing 'Demand Based Tele Agriculture Advisories' to farmers. Under the MoU, "Interactive Information Dissemination System of DIC and KisanSarathi Platform" of ICAR will be collaborated to provide better extension services.

7. As per the report "The Costs of Climate Change in India", by what % India's poverty rate would increase by 2040 due to climate change?

- A) 2%
B) 3.5%
C) 4%
D) 10%



- ✓ The report titled 'The Costs of Climate Change in India' has been released by London-based global think tank Overseas Development Institute. The report states that India's poverty would increase by 3.5% by the year 2040 on account of climate change. The report also stated that India would lose around 3 to 10 per cent GDP due to climate change by the year 2100.

8. The report titled 'Child Labour: Global estimates 2020, trends and the road forward' has been released by ILO in association with which organization?

- A) UNICEF
B) WHO
C) IMF
D) World Bank



- ✓ The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the UNICEF have released a report titled 'Child Labour: Global estimates 2020, trends and the road forward'.
✓ This has been released ahead of the World Day Against Child Labour in June 12th. As per the report, the number of child labour has risen to an alarming number of 16 crore across the world.

9. Which Indian institution has developed a technique to detect cyclone formation in North Indian Ocean region?

- A) IIT Madras
B) IISc Bengaluru
C) IIT Kharagpur
D) National Geophysical Research Institute



- ✓ Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur and Yantai Institute of Coastal Zone Research in China have developed a technique to detect cyclone formation in the North Indian Ocean region, in advance.

- ✓ The study was conducted under the Climate Change Program with support from the Centre's Department of Science and Technology.

10. With reference to Agriculture, what does 'NUE' stand for?

- A) Nitrogen Utility Exposure
- B) Nitrogen Use Efficiency
- C) Nitrogen Ultra Efficiency
- D) Nitro Benzene Use Efficiency



- ✓ Nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) is defined as the fraction of applied nitrogen that is absorbed and used by the plant. Recently, Indian biotechnologists have identified candidate genes for nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) in rice.
- ✓ This is expected to save nitrogenous pollution and fertilisers worth billions of rupees. After analysing over 16000 genes, researchers shortlisted 6 high priority target genes, to improve NUE in rice.

1. As per the recent report of the WHO, around million people are affected by foodborne diseases every year.

- A) 250
B) 350
C) 600
D) 750



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) released a handbook to help assess the burden of foodborne diseases. It also aims to locate data gaps to help strengthen health infrastructure.
- ✓ As per the report, more than 600 million people are affected by foodborne diseases every year. It also highlighted that over 0.12 million children under five years die from consuming unsafe food.

2. CoviFind, that has been approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), is a

- A) Rapid Antigen Test
B) RT-PCR Test
C) Serology Test
D) Blood Test



- ✓ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recently approved the Medtech company Meril for its self use Rapid Antigen Test for Covid-19, CoviFind. This indigenously researched and developed test can detect the SARS-CoV-2 virus swiftly in 15 minutes. This affordable test does not have any specific storage requirements.

3. Mahesh Kumar Jain has been recently re-appointed as

- A) RBI Deputy Governor
B) SEBI Chairperson
C) NABARD Chairperson
D) SBI Chairperson



- ✓ The Reserve Bank announced that the Government has extended the tenure of Deputy Governor Mahesh Kumar Jain for two years. M K Jain was appointed as the Deputy Governor for three years in June 2018. The other three serving Deputy Governors of the RBI are Michael Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao and T Rabi Sankar.

4. Dehing Patkai wildlife sanctuary has been notified as a national park of which state?

- A) Assam
B) Sikkim
C) Bihar
D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Assam's Dehing Patkai wildlife sanctuary has been recently notified as the seventh national park of the state of Assam. Recently, Raimona was declared as the National Park in the state. Assam is the state with the second highest number of national parks in the country, after Madhya Pradesh (11). The UT of Andaman and Nicobar has nine national parks.

5. Ganymede, the biggest moon in the solar system, is the satellite of which planet?

- A) Saturn
B) Jupiter
C) Mercury
D) Venus



- ✓ NASA's Juno spacecraft visited the biggest moon in the solar system – Ganymede. It is the satellite of Jupiter and the ninth-largest object

in the Solar System. The probe has also sent back high-resolution images of the moon, after it has hovered as close as 1,000 km to the surface of Ganymede. The new pictures could help in identification of surface features including craters and tectonic faults.

6. Which Mountain range is often called as the 'Third Pole'?

- A) Hindu Kush Himalayan range
B) Western Ghats
C) Eastern Ghats
D) Aravalli Range



- ✓ The Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region, often referred to as the 'Third Pole', is spread over 3,500 square kilometres across eight countries including India, Nepal and China. As per a recent research backed by the UNDP, up to two billion people in southeast Asia can face food and water shortages, as the HKH mountain ranges lose up to two-thirds of its ice by 2100.

7. The Union Cabinet has approved to allocate 5 MHz spectrum to which organisation?

- A) Indian Railways
B) AIIMS
C) Space Ministry
D) BSNL



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has decided to allocate 5 MHz spectrum in the 700 MHz frequency band to the Indian Railways. This is expected to improve the communication and signalling systems of the Indian Railways. It will also help to improve safety of passengers on the transport network. The LTE-based mobile train radio communication is to be completed in the next five years at a cost of Rs 25,000 crore.

8. The International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) is organised by the International Union of Railways (UIC), based at which city?

- A) Geneva
B) Paris
C) New York
D) Rome



- ✓ The International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) is a worldwide initiative to improve awareness of level crossing safety. The campaign has been spearheaded by the Paris based International Union of Railways, an international rail transport industry body.

9. What is the theme of World Accreditation Day, 2021?

- A) Supporting the Implementation of the SDGs
B) Safety Accreditation
C) Quality Accreditation
D) Quality Certification



- ✓ The World Accreditation Day is celebrated on 9th June every year to highlight and promote the role of accreditation in trade & economy. 1 The theme for World Accreditation Day 2021 is "Supporting the Implementation of the SDGs". It is decided by the International Accreditation Forum and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation.

10. Which country holds the Presidency of G7 in 2021?

- A) USA
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Germany
- D) France



- ✓ The UK holds the presidency of G7 and has invited India, Australia, South Africa and South Korea to the outreach summit. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to virtually participate in the outreach sessions of the G7 summit, hosted by UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson. This is the second time the Prime Minister is participating in the G7 meeting after France invited India in 2019 as a 'Goodwill Partner'.
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1. Which global institution released an independent appraisal report on India's Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP)?

- A) FAO
B) UNDP
C) IMF
D) World Bank



- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) released an independent appraisal report on India's Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP).
- ✓ As per the report, the programme has resulted in sectoral growth and improvements in governance and administration. It analyses the progress of ADP and made recommendations for improvement. UNDP India representative handed over the report to NITI Aayog.

2. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is a member body.

- A) 10
B) 15
C) 20
D) 30



- ✓ The United Nations Security Council is a 15-member body. Five veto-wielding permanent members of the council are the United States, Russia, China, United Kingdom and France. Recently, five countries namely Brazil, the United Arab Emirates, Albania, Ghana and Gabon have been selected for to join the U.N. Security Council.

3. Sero survey is used to determine the prevalence of in the community.

- A) Antigen
B) Antibody
C) Virus Strain
D) None of the above



- ✓ Sero survey is used to determine the prevalence of antibodies in the community. In the process, blood samples are tested for the presence of IgG (Immunoglobulin G) antibodies, which determine a past infection due to COVID-19. NITI Aayog Member Dr VK Paul announced that the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) will start the fourth nation-wide COVID-19 serosurvey.

4. As per the recent data from the Commerce Ministry, the exports of India's organic farm products rose by percent in 2020-21.

- A) 11
B) 31
C) 51
D) 71



- ✓ As per the recent data from the Commerce Ministry, Exports of India's organic farm products rose 51 percent in 2020-21. Outward shipments of organic products touched 1,040 million dollars last year compared to 689 million dollars a year before.

5. As per the recent data from IMD, India received the second highest monthly rainfall for which month in the last 121 years?

- A) April 2021
B) May 2021
C) June 2021
D) July 2021



- ✓ As per the recent data from the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), India as a whole received the second highest monthly rainfall for the month of May in the last 121 years since 1901. The average maximum temperature over India this May, 34.18 degrees Celsius, was the fourth lowest temperature since 1901. There was formation of a cyclone each in the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, during May.

6. What is the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education, as per the AISHE Report 2019-20?

- A) 27.1
B) 37.1
C) 47.1
D) 57.1



- ✓ The Ministry of Education has recently released the All-Indian Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) report 2019-20. The Gross enrolment ratio (GER) during 2019-20 is 27.1%, which is an increase of 0.8% from the previous year. Total enrolment in higher education stands at 3.85 crore in 2019-20. The rise in female enrolment in higher education during the period is 18.2%.

7. Firmina, the longest cable in the world when built, is being constructed by which technology company?

- A) Microsoft
B) Google
C) Apple
D) Amazon



- ✓ Tech Major Google announced that it is building an undersea cable called 'Firmina', that would connect the United States, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. The cable, which will be the longest cable in the world, aims to bolster internet connection capacity between these regions.
- ✓ The cable will run from the East Coast of the US to Argentina and improve access to Google services for users in South America.

8. Which Indian state is constructing a 'Smog Tower' to curb pollution?

- A) Karnataka
B) Gujarat
C) New Delhi
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ As per the Environment Minister of Delhi, the National capital is all set to get its first smog tower by August 15. Though the pilot project was inaugurated last year, the construction had been delayed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The 25-meter structure will address 10 issues, from dust pollution, vehicle pollution to pollution caused by stubble burning in neighbouring areas.

9. Which space agency announced 'Envision' probe, as a part of its Venus mission?

- A) NASA
B) JAXA
C) ISRO
D) ESA



- ✓ The European Space Agency has recently announced a probe called Envision, as a part of its Venus Mission. ESA announced this one week after its American counterpart, NASA, chose two Venus projects of its own, known as Veritas and Davinci+. As per the team of EAS, the probe will be ready by 2034-35.

10. Which bank was named in the first position in India in the Forbes' World's Best Banks 2021 list?

- A) Indian Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Canara Bank
- D) DBS



- ✓ DBS has been named by Forbes in their list of World's Best Banks 2021, based on global customer survey. DBS was ranked in the first position out of 30 domestic and international banks in India.
 - ✓ This is the third edition of the 'World's Best Banks' list by Forbes, conducted in partnership with market research firm Statista. The second bank in the list is Kerala-based CSB Bank, followed by ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank.
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1. Who was the President of the 14th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification?

- A) Narendra Modi
 B) Yoshihide Suga
 C) Xi Jinping
 D) Gotabaya Rajapaksa



- ✓ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the President of the 14th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP14 President).
 ✓ Recently, PM Modi is set to address a high-level virtual dialogue on desertification, land degradation and drought at the UN. The event will be convened by the President of the 75th session of the General Assembly, Volkan Bozkir.

2. Which country has launched the 'Project O2 for India' to tackle the medical oxygen demand after Covid 19 second wave?

- A) Sri Lanka
 B) India
 C) Russia
 D) Indonesia



- ✓ The Indian Government has introduced the 'Project O2 for India' to tackle the medical oxygen demand after COVID 19 second wave. Under the project, a National Consortium of Oxygen would enable the national level supply of critical raw materials. It includes setting up of small oxygen plants, manufacturing compressors, oxygen plants, concentrators, and ventilators among others.

3. What is the name of the app launched by the Ayush Ministry for the 'International Yoga Day 2021'?

- A) Yoga Science
 B) Namaste Yoga
 C) Yoga for All
 D) Bharat Yoga



- ✓ The curtain raiser event for the 7th International Day of Yoga was organised recently. A mobile application, "Namaste Yoga" was also launched during the event. The event also marked the beginning of a series on Common Yoga Protocol to be telecast on DD India channel. The series is produced by produced Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY). International Day of Yoga is celebrated on June 21.

4. What per cent of GST is levied for COVID vaccines in India?

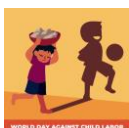
- A) 5%
 B) 10%
 C) 18%
 D) 28%



- ✓ During the 44th GST Council meeting, the tax rate on the supplies was cut and medicines for treating the black fungus infection were exempted off GST.
 ✓ This was decided based on the recommendations of the group of ministers constituted to advise on the tax rates of COVID-related essential items. COVID vaccines will continue to be taxed at 5% GST.

5. What is the theme of the 'World Day against Child Labour' 2021?

- A) Act now: end child labour
 B) Leaving No one Behind



- C) Child Labour against Humanity
 D) Stop Child Labour

- ✓ World Day against Child Labour is observed on June 12. The 2021 World Day Against Child Labour marks a "Week of Action" that began on June 10. The theme of this year's World Day Against Child Labour is 'Act now: end child labour'.

6. PRABANDH portal, which was making news recently, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of MSME
 B) Ministry of Education
 C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ The Ministry of Education has launched an online module to compile data on out-of-school children. The data is to be mapped with 'PRABANDH' portal of Samagra Siksha.
 ✓ Admissions of children in the age group of 6-14 years in disadvantaged sections can be fast-tracked. Financial assistance will be provided for out of school children in the 16-18 years age group, to continue their education through distance learning mode.

7. A Management System called 'CAIMS' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of MSME
 B) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
 C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju launched the Central Athlete Injury Management System (CAIMS). It aims to streamline the medicine and rehabilitation support offered to the athletes. CAIMS also aims to provide the best sports injury management support nearest to the athlete's location.
 ✓ It will help to standardize injury treatment protocol for athletes across the country.

8. Which African country conducted a nationwide massive campaign to plant five million trees on a single day?

- A) Ghana
 B) Nigeria
 C) Congo
 D) Sudan



- ✓ West African nation Ghana launched the "Green Ghana" programme, a massive drive to plant five million trees. The campaign aims to save depleting forest reserves. President Nana Akufo-Addo planted a memorial tree in the garden of Jubilee House, in the capital, Accra.
 ✓ The government provided free seedlings to people across the country. Ghana is one of the tropical countries with the highest percentage of rainforest loss in the world.

9. Which Indian state produces GI certified Jardalu mangoes, which were recently exported to the UK?

- A) Bihar
 B) Maharashtra
 C) Andhra Pradesh
 D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The first commercial consignment of GI-certified Jardalu mangoes from Bhagalpur, Bihar was exported to the United Kingdom. APEDA, in

collaboration with Bihar government, Indian High Commission & Invest India, exported the mangoes that were packed and treated at APEDA packhouse, Lucknow.

- ✓ Jardalu mangoes from Bhagalpur district of Bihar received GI certification in 2018, due to their distinct aroma and taste.

10. Which country has announced to launch the world's first wood satellite 'WISA Woodsat'?

- A) Russia
- B) New Zealand
- C) Germany
- D) Italy



- ✓ WISA Woodsat is a nano satellite, which would be the world's first wooden satellite to be launched to space by the end of this year from New Zealand. This nanosatellite is a cube shaped structure made of birch plywood with its sensors developed by the European Space Agency (ESA). It would be launched from a rocket electron which is developed by "Rocket Lab" - an American space company.

1. Darnella Frazier, who recently was honoured with special Pulitzer Award, is from which country?

- A) USA
 B) UK
 C) Germany
 D) Australia



- ✓ The Pulitzer Prize is the most prestigious award given in the field of Journalism. Darnella Frazier, an American teenager who filmed the death of George Floyd, received a special citation. The Pulitzer committee honoured the New York Times with the prestigious public service award for its coverage of the Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Who is the winner of the women's title of French Open tournament 2021?

- A) Barbora Krejckikova
 B) Naomi Osaka
 C) Simona Halep
 D) Jennifer Brady



- ✓ Barbora Krejckikova won her maiden Grand Slam singles title at the French Open Tournament 2021. She became the first Czech woman in 40 years to win the tournament. She won the women's doubles titles at the 2018 French Open, 2018 Wimbledon and 2021 French Open and the mixed doubles titles at the Australian Open in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

3. Who is the first player in the last 52 years to win all four Grand Slams twice?

- A) Roger Federer
 B) Novak Djokovic
 C) Rafael Nadal
 D) Stefanos Tsitsipas



- ✓ Ace Tennis player Novak Djokovic made history with his 19th Grand Slam Title in the final of French Open Tournament 2021. In a 5-set thriller, Novak Djokovic beat Stefanos Tsitsipas. Djokovic also became the first in 52 years to win all 4 Grand Slams twice.

4. The National Maritime Heritage Complex is to be developed in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Maharashtra
 C) Gujarat
 D) Kerala



- ✓ The Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 'Cooperation in Development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat'. NMHC, a world-class facility is to be developed near the ASI site of Lothal, located about 80 kms away from Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The complex would be developed as an international tourist destination, where the maritime heritage of India would be showcased.

5. Which is the lead institution of India for the BRICS Network University?

- A) IISc, Bangalore
 B) IIT Mumbai
 C) IIT Delhi
 D) IIT Chennai



- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, hosted a three-day virtual conference of BRICS Network Universities on electric mobility.
 ✓ The conference is part of the events that India hosts under the education stream during its 13th BRICS Summit this year. BRICS Network University is a union of higher education institutions of the five BRICS member countries. IIT-Bombay is the lead institution of India for the BRICS Network University.

6. 'Data Lake', which was making news recently, is the online portal of which organisation?

- A) RBI
 B) NHAI
 C) CBI
 D) DRDO



- ✓ The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) mandated to use drones for monthly video recording of all national highway projects during their different stages of construction, operation and maintenance.
 ✓ NHAI has directed contractors to carry out the drone video recording in the presence of the Supervision Consultant, and upload the status of the current and last month on 'Data Lake', the portal of NHAI.

7. Which is the Nodal Ministry of the Deep Ocean Mission?

- A) Ministry of MSME
 B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
 C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved 'Deep Ocean Mission to study biodiversity, impact of climate change, and establish an offshore marine station to explore source of thermal energy.'
 ✓ The Ministry of Earth Sciences is the nodal Ministry of the mission, which aims to develop deep-sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources.

8. Which multilateral bank is the lead partner of India in developing the East Coast economic corridor?

- A) AIIB
 B) ADB
 C) World Bank
 D) IMF



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank is the lead partner of India in developing the country's East Coast economic corridor or ECEC. ADB and the Central government signed a USD 484 million loan in order to improve the transport connectivity through Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu. The CKIC is a part of the East Coast economic corridor, which stretches from West Bengal to Tamil Nadu.

9. Which country plays host to the World Blood Donor Day 2021 events?

- A) USA
 B) Germany
 C) Italy
 D) UAE



- ✓ World Blood Donor Day is observed on June 14 every year, to create awareness across the world about the need for safe blood and life-saving components of blood required for transfusion.

- ✓ For 2021, the World Blood Donor Day slogan will be "Give blood and keep the world beating". Italy hosts the World Blood Donor Day 2021 through its National Blood Centre.
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10. The 2021 NATO Summit was organised in which city?

- A) Brussels
- B) Geneva
- C) Cairo
- D) Davos



- ✓ The 2021 summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was the 31st formal meeting of the heads of state and heads of government of NATO. It was held in Brussels, Belgium. NATO leaders warned that China presents systemic challenges to the world.
 - ✓ This was also the first NATO Summit attended by the US President Joe Biden. Earlier Group of Seven (G7) rich nations issued a statement on human rights in China and Taiwan.
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1. India Meteorological Department and ICMR have formed an Expert Committee on which disease?

- A) AIDS
B) Malaria
C) COVID
D) Dengue



- ✓ India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), in association with Malaria No More, a NGO, has created an India Interagency Expert Committee on Malaria and Climate (IEC). It aims to to explore and provide climate-based solutions for fast-tracking Malaria elimination in India.

2. Which country has developed a ceiling-mounted 'COVID alarm' that can detect COVID infection?

- A) USA
B) China
C) UK
D) India



- ✓ Scientists from the United Kingdom have developed a ceiling-mounted 'Covid alarm' that can detect the persons infected in 15 minutes.
✓ This accurate device can be used for screening in aircraft cabins, classrooms, care homes and offices. The sensor works by detecting chemicals produced by the skin or in the breath of the persons infected with coronavirus.

3. New Shephard, which was in the news recently, is the rocket system of which space agency?

- A) SpaceX
B) NASA
C) Blue Origin
D) ROSCOSMOS



- ✓ Amazon founder and billionaire Jeff Bezos's space company Blue Origin recently concluded the online auction for the first seat on New Shephard. It is a rocket system developed to take tourists to space. Over 7,600 people registered from 159 countries to bid for this seat. It went for a winning bidder of USD 28 million, who would fly aboard New Shephard along with Bezos.

4. Which Indian state is ranked first in the Anemia Mukht Bharat Index?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Maharashtra
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Kerala



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh is at the first position with a score of 64.1, in the Anemia Mukht Bharat Index. It is released by the National Health Mission. M.P is followed by Odisha with a score of 59.3.
✓ Himachal has jumped to third spot this year, against its rank 18 in the year 2018-19. Almost 50% of the pregnant women, 59% of children less than five years of age, 54% of adolescent girls and 53% of non-pregnant non-lactating women in India are anemic.

5. As per ICAN's recent report, which country spent the highest amount on nuclear weapons?

- A) USA
B) China
C) India
D) Russia



- ✓ Geneva-based International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear-weapons (ICAN) has released a report titled "Complicit: 2020 Global Nuclear Weapons Spending". The report details the spending of nine countries on their weapons, the companies that profited, among others.
✓ The amount had an increase of \$1.4 billion from last year. USA tops the list with an expenditure of \$37.4 billion, followed by China at \$10.1 billion. Russia, UK and France are in the next places.

6. Which institution releases the 'World Giving Index 2021'?

- A) Charities Aid Foundation
B) World Bank
C) Amnesty International
D) World Health Organisation



- ✓ The World Giving Index (WGI) for the year 2021 has been released by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). The report states that COVID 19 and associated lockdowns have changed the giving behaviour of countries across the globe. India stands at 14th most generous countries in the world. Indonesia has been ranked at the 1st spot.

7. Which Chess player has won the Gelfand Challenge 2021?

- A) Koneru Humpy
B) D Gukesh
C) Viswanathan Anand
D) Pentala Harikrishna



- ✓ Indian Chess Player D. Gukesh won the \$15,000 Gelfand Challenge chess title and eventually a 'wild card' for the elite Meltwaters Champions Chess Tour. 15-year-old Gukesh won all four rounds, including the key fight against Praggnanandhaa. He is the second youngest person to qualify for the title of Grandmaster, in March 2019.

8. When 'World Elder Abuse Awareness Day' celebrated every year?

- A) June.10
B) June.15
C) June.20
D) June.25



- ✓ Every year, the United Nations observes June 15th as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This was initiated by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) in 2006 and the UN General Assembly passed a resolution in this regard in the year 2011. This year's June 15 is observed under the title "Safeguard older persons during COVID-19 and beyond".

9. Which country topped the SDG Index as per the 'Sustainable Development Report 2021'?

- A) India
B) China
C) USA
D) Finland



- ✓ The Sustainable Development Report 2021 has been released recently by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). As per the report, Finland topped the SDG index with a score of 85.9, followed by Sweden and Denmark. Among 193 countries, India has been ranked at 120 with a score of 60.1.

10. Which recently-released report was titled "The race against time for smarter development"?

- A) World Development Report
- B) Global Economic Prospectus
- C) UN Sustainable Development Report
- D) UNESCO Science Report



- ✓ The 7th edition of the UNESCO Science report has been released recently under the title "The race against time for smarter development". This report makes a detailed analysis of the development path that countries have been following over the last five years in the field of science.
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1. 'ISlpedia', the online portal seen in the news recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Health
B) Climate Change
C) Religion
D) Sports



- ✓ A team of International Researchers led by the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research have launched the online portal 'ISlpedia'.
- ✓ It provides accessible data, in maps and graphs, and country-level information derived from global studies. Besides providing climate impact science accessible to public, the portal also provides an insight into the analyses.

2. CSIR-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation developed PIVA, is an instrument to measure which value?

- A) Phosphorus
B) Iodine
C) Ammonium
D) None of the above



- ✓ Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIR-CSIO) has developed and transferred the technology of Precision Iodine Value Analyzer (PIVA).
- ✓ PIVA is an instrument for the measurement of the Iodine value, which measures the degree of unsaturation in vegetable oils. This indigenous food testing equipment was recognized by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

3. NAFED is registered under which of the following Acts?

- A) Companies Act
B) Banking Regulation Act
C) Co-operative Societies Act
D) NABARD Act



- ✓ The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) is registered under the Co-operative Societies Act and is established to promote the cooperative marketing of agricultural produce. Recently, NAFED has launched "Nafed Fortified Rice Bran Oil".
- ✓ This is expected to significantly reduce India's dependence on imported edible oil and would provide an impetus to the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative.

4. Where is the Pine Island Glacier located?

- A) The Himalayas
B) The Alps
C) Antarctica
D) Greenland



- ✓ The Pine Island Glacier is one of the largest ice streams in Antarctica and is the fastest melting ice shelves in the region. As per a recent study by the Washington University and British Antarctic Survey, the ice shelves of Pine Island Glacier are reported to rapidly break down. It is expected to collapse faster than previously expected timeline. Its complete melting could result in 0.5 meters rise in global sea levels.

5. Which country played host to VivaTech technology conference?

- A) France
B) China
C) India
D) Russia



- ✓ VivaTech is an annual technology conference which is organised in Paris, France. This conference has been organised since 2016 and is dedicated to innovations and startups across the globe.
- ✓ Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address at this year's VivaTech conference, where he highlighted the close association of India and France on the technology front.

6. SilverLine, is a flagship rail project of which state?

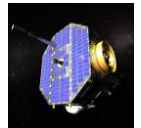
- A) Karnataka
B) Kerala
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The state government of Kerala has recently approved for commencing land acquisition to SilverLine project, which is a semi high-speed railway project. Proposed at a cost of Rs.63,940 crore, the project aims to connect the northern and southern part of Kerala by rail and reduce the travel time. This is one of the biggest infra projects of recent times in the state.

7. 'Interstellar Boundary Explorer (IBEX) satellite', which is seen in the news recently, was launched by which space agency?

- A) NASA
B) ESA
C) ISRO
D) JAXA



- ✓ Scientists have used data from NASA's Earth-orbiting Interstellar Boundary Explorer (IBEX) satellite to map the boundary of the heliosphere for the first time. This will give a better understanding of how solar and interstellar winds interact. A three-dimensional map of the region called the heliosphere.

8. Which Indian wrestler has clinched gold medal in the Poland Open Tournament?

- A) Sakshi Malik
B) Kavita Devi
C) Babita Kumari
D) Vinesh Phogat



- ✓ Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat has clinched the 53kg gold medal at the Poland Open in Warsaw. It is the third title of the season for the 26-year-old wrestler, who had previously won gold medals at the Matteo Pellicone event (March) and Asian Championship (April).
- ✓ Vinesh won the final match against Ukraine's Khrystyna Bereza 8-0. The victory would make her the top seed at the Tokyo Olympics.

9. The World Day to Combat desertification and drought 2021 is observed on which date?

- A) 17th June
B) 18th June
C) 19th June
D) 20th June



- ✓ The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year on 17th of June to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.
- ✓ The day is a unique moment to remind everyone that land degradation neutrality is achievable through problem solving, strong community involvement and co-operation at all levels.

10. When 'International Day of Family Remittances' celebrated every year?

- A) June.15
- B) June.16
- C) June.17
- D) June.18



- ✓ 'International Day of Family Remittances' is celebrated on June 16, every year across the world. This year, the International Day is observed with the theme of "Recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion". This day also calls upon governments, private sector companies and the civil society, to maximize the impact of remittances through individuals.
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