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1. India intends to achieve land degradation neutral status by which year?

- A) 2030
 B) 2035
 C) 2037
 D) 2040



- ✓ India is signatory to the United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification (UNCCD). It intends to achieve land degradation neutral status by 2030.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently addressed a high-level virtual conference on desertification, land degradation and drought. PM Modi was President of 14th session of Conference of the Parties to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification at New Delhi in 2019.

2. Which country is the largest producer of bananas in the world?

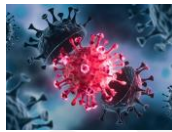
- A) USA
 B) Ecuador
 C) India
 D) South Africa



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Commerce has stated that India has exported a total of 1.91 lakh tonne worth Rs 619 crore, during the financial year 2020-21. In the previous FY 2019-20, the banana exports stood at a higher quantum of 1.95 lakh metric tonne banana valued at Rs 660 crore. India is the largest producer of Banana, with a share of 25% of world output.

3. What is AY.1, which is seen in news recently?

- A) Coronavirus variant
 B) Space Mission
 C) COVID Vaccine
 D) Infrastructure Project



- ✓ B.1.617.2.1, is a new Coronavirus variant and is denoted as AY.1 for simplicity. This variant is found to be rapidly spreading in several countries including India. This corona virus variant has immune escape properties, thereby making it partially or fully resistant to the body's immune response, vaccines and antibody therapies.

4. The 'Crash course programme for Covid-19 frontline workers' launched by the PM, is designed under which scheme?

- A) PM Atma Nirbhar Bharat Yojana
 B) PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0
 C) PM Swachh Bharath Abhiyan
 D) PM Cares



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has launched a customized crash course programme for COVID-19 frontline workers, which would make available trained health workers across the country to assist the battle against COVID.
- ✓ The course has been launched with a financial outlay of Rs.276 crore under the Central Component of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0.

5. India has launched a trilateral with which two countries, for Indo-Pacific stability?

- A) Italy - Japan
 B) France - Australia
 C) UAE - New Zealand

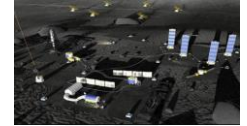


D) Germany - South Korea

- ✓ India, Italy and Japan have launched a trilateral, through a virtual meeting in which India was represented by the Union Ministry of External Affairs. This trilateral aims to create stability and a rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific region, which is based on "consent of all" and not "power of the few".

6. Which two countries recently unveiled a roadmap for a joint International Lunar Research Station?

- A) USA and UAE
 B) USA and UK
 C) Russia and China
 D) Russia and UAE



- ✓ Russia and China recently unveiled a roadmap for a joint International Lunar Research Station. The International Lunar Research Station is a comprehensive scientific experiment base with the capability of long-term autonomous operation.
- ✓ The ILRS will become operational from 2036 onwards, providing a range of scientific facilities and equipments.

7. *Paraceratherium*, that was recently in news, is an extinct genus of which animal?

- A) Rhinoceros
 B) Crocodile
 C) Dinosaur
 D) Snake



- ✓ Paraceratherium is an extinct genus of hornless rhinoceros. It is one of the largest terrestrial mammals.
- ✓ The exact size of Paraceratherium is unknown because of the incompleteness of the fossils. It lived in habitats ranging from arid deserts with a few scattered trees to subtropical forests.

8. *Stygarcus keralensis*, that was recently making news, was discovered in which Indian state?

- A) Goa
 B) Maharashtra
 C) Kerala
 D) Manipur



- ✓ Stygarctus keralensis was discovered in Kerala by a research team which consisted of Vishnudattan, Jayachandran, and Bijoy Nandan, professor, Department of Marine Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry, Cochin University of Science and Technology, J G Hansen, University of Copenhagen. It is the eighth species named under the genus Stygarctus.

9. Critically endangered grass species *Lophopogon prasanna* has recently been found in which Indian state?

- A) Manipur
 B) Rajasthan
 C) Andhra Pradesh
 D) Haryana



- ✓ The new grass species, "Lophopogon prasanna" has recently been discovered in the Nigidi forest of Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh. This grass species has been named after Dr PV Prasanna. This species has been marked as 'critically endangered' on the basis of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's 'red list' criteria.

10. On which date, World Crocodile Day is observed?

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



- ✓ June 17 is celebrated as World Crocodile Day to highlight the plight of endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world.
 - ✓ Three crocodilian species are found in India viz. mugger or marsh crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*); Estuarine or saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*) and gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*). Of these, Gharial is endangered.
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1. Which Union Ministry is set to launch 'Jaan Hai to Jahaan Hai' COVID vaccination awareness campaign?

- A) Health Ministry
B) Rural Development Ministry
C) Minority Affairs Ministry
D) Social Justice Ministry



- ✓ The Minority Affairs Ministry is set to launch an awareness campaign 'Jaan Hai to Jahaan Hai' in rural and remote areas to curb rumours against the COVID vaccination drive in the country. The campaign is to be launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs along with various Socio-Educational Organisations, NGOs and Women Self Help Groups (SHGs).

2. CSS, a new software released by the Union Health Ministry, stands for?

- A) Coronavirus Science Software
B) COVID Severity Score
C) COVID Serious Score
D) COVID Scientific Score



- ✓ The Union Health Ministry released information about a software named 'Covid Severity Score', which will identify Covid patients who may require ventilation, based on an algorithm. The Foundation for Innovations in Health, Kolkata with support from the Department of Science & Technology, in collaboration with IIT Guwahati, have developed an algorithm. It allocates a Covid Severity Score (CSS), using the measures of symptoms, signs, vital parameters, test reports etc.

3. What is the theme of the International Day of Yoga 2021?

- A) Yoga and Science
B) Yoga amid COVID
C) Yoga for Wellness
D) Yoga for World



- ✓ The International Yoga Day has been celebrated every year on June 21 since 2015. PM Modi proposed to observe an International Yoga Day, in his address during the opening of the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly. This year, the theme of the International Day of Yoga is 'Yoga for Wellness'. The focus will be on practicing yoga for physical and mental well-being.

4. When is the Sustainable Gastronomy Day observed every year?

- A) June.5
B) June.10
C) June.18
D) June.26



- ✓ The World Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed every year on 18th of June to focus the world's attention on the role that sustainable gastronomy can play. It also reaffirms that all cultures and civilizations are contributors of sustainable development.

5. On which date, World Sickle Cell Day is observed?

- A) June.19
B) June.20
C) June.21
D) June.22



- ✓ The World Sickle Cell Day is observed every year on 19th of June to raise public awareness about the sickle cell disease and its treatment

methods. Sickle cell disease is an inherited form of anaemia in which red blood cells are not able to carry adequate oxygen throughout the body. The 2021 theme is "Shine the Light on Sickle Cell".

6. When is the 'International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict' observed?

- A) June.19
B) June.20
C) June.21
D) June.22



- ✓ The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed every year on June 19 to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict related sexual violence, to honor the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world and to pay tribute to all those who have courageously devoted their lives to and lost their lives in standing up for the eradication of these crimes.

7. What is the theme of the World Refugee Day 2021?

- A) Every Action Counts
B) Anti-racism wins
C) Rights of Refugees
D) Together we heal, learn and shine



- ✓ World Refugee Day is observed annually on June 20, to create awareness of the situation of refugees across the world. The theme of this year's observance is "Together we heal, learn and shine".
✓ On December 4, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly decided that June 20 would be celebrated as World Refugee Day. The 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol protect the refugees, who are present throughout the world.

8. Which water body is also called the Gulf of Berbera?

- A) Gulf of Mannar
B) Gulf of Aden
C) Palk Strait
D) Rann of Kutch



- ✓ The Indian Navy, for the first time is participating in a joint exercise with the European Union Naval Force, which is set to take place in the Gulf of Aden, also known as the Gulf of Barbera. This exercise would involve some of the most advanced air defence, anti-submarine exercises, cross deck helicopter operations, tactical manoeuvres etc.

9. Who was the first Indian to win individual gold medal at the Commonwealth Games?

- A) P T Usha
B) Milkha Singh
C) Dhyan Chand
D) Paan Singh Tomar



- ✓ Milkha Singh, who is also called as the "Flying Sikh", passed away recently due to COVID. He was 91 years old.
✓ Milkha Singh won India's first individual gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, in 1958 in Wales. Milkha Singh was a soldier and a track and field sprinter, who represented India in various international events and brought laurels to the country.

10. What is the Government's target to reduce road accident deaths by year 2024?

- A) 20%
- B) 25%
- C) 50%
- D) 75%

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- ✓ The Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Nitin Gadkari recently said that the Government's target is to reduce road accident deaths by 50% by year 2024. The World Bank and ADB have sanctioned a scheme by which the Government is allocating Rs.14,000 crores for states and NHAI to remove accident black spots.
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1. Which institution released the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction–Special Report on Drought 2021?

- A) FAO
B) UNDRR
C) WFP
D) UNESCO



- ✓ The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) has released the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction–Special Report on Drought 2021. As per the assessment, Drought has directly affected 1.5 billion people so far this century, more than any other disaster. This increased number is due to climate change, environmental degradation and demographic shifts.

2. What is 'ICMED 13485 PLUS', which was seen in the news recently?

- A) Quality Certification Scheme
B) Poverty Allevation Scheme
C) Road Project
D) Vaccination Scheme



- ✓ ICMED is the name of the scheme that was launched for Certification of Medical Devices in the year 2016. Recently, the Quality Council of India (QCI), and the Association of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices (AiMeD) have added some features to the scheme. The new scheme is renamed as ICMED 13485 PLUS. It will undertake verification of the quality, safety and efficacy of medical devices.

3. Which organisation has proposed to set up an International Carbon Price Floor?

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



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has proposed to set up an International Carbon price floor to help limit global warming. It aims to achieve the transition toward low carbon growth over this decade. As per the IMF chief, limiting global warming to 1.5 to 2 degrees will require emissions to be cut by a quarter to a half by 2030.

4. Which crop has been identified as an alternate feedstock source for Ethanol production in India?

- A) Cotton
B) Jute
C) Cassava
D) Potato



- ✓ ICAR–Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI) has found cassava (tapioca) as a promising raw material for bioethanol production. As a biofuel crop, cassava has several advantages compared to sugarcane. Cassava has high starch content and ability to grow under low management conditions. This will help meet India's Ethanol Blending Petrol (EBP) programme target of 2025.

5. Great Barrier Reef, which was seen in the news recently, is a famous coral reef situated in which country?

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



- ✓ Great Barrier Reef spans for 2300 km off Australia's north–east coast. It gained World Heritage ranking in 1981 due to its scientific and intrinsic importance. Recently, UNESCO recently said the Great Barrier Reef should be put on a list of World Heritage Sites.

6. M–Yoga application, launched by India recently, was developed in association with which organisation?

- A) UN
B) WHO
C) CDC
D) John Hopkins University



- ✓ India Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of M–Yoga app, which will host training videos to be available worldwide in different languages.
✓ The app is a collaborative work between the World Health Organisation and Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (Ministry of AYUSH), Government of India.

7. Laurel Hubbard, who is selected as the first transgender athlete to compete at the Olympics, is from which country?

- A) USA
B) Russia
C) New Zealand
D) South Africa



- ✓ 43–year–old Laurel Hubbard from New Zealand has been selected as the first transgender athlete to compete at the Tokyo Olympics.
✓ Hubbard will be the first Trans Olympian when she takes part in the super–heavyweight women's competition. She will compete in the super–heavyweight 87–kg category after testosterone levels required by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) are met.

8. What is the name of the Engine which can be used with 100 percent crude oil or 100 percent ethanol?

- A) Multi fuel Engine
B) Flex fuel Engine
C) Alternative Engine
D) Sustainable Engine



- ✓ The union minister for Road Transport and Highways announced that the Ministry will make the Flex–fuel engines, mandatory for the automobile industry. In a flex fuel engine, there will be choice for the people to use 100 percent crude oil or 100 percent ethanol. India has earlier preponed the cut–off date for mixing 20 per cent ethanol in petrol from 2030 to 2025.

9. Which organization has released the World Investment Report 2021?

- A) UNCTAD
B) WTO
C) IMF
D) World Bank



- ✓ The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has recently released the World Investment Report 2021. The report noted that global FDI has fallen by 35% due to COVID pandemic.
✓ UNCTAD has stated that India is the fifth largest recipient of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in the world for 2020 and its value stood at USD 64 billion.

10. Which state is set to form an economic advisory council composed of Esther Duflo and Raghuram Rajan?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) West Bengal
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The state Government of Tamil Nadu has proposed to set up an Economic advisory council, which would comprise of eminent economists like Nobel laureate Esther Duflo, former Reserve Bank of India governor Raghuram Rajan, Former Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian, development economist Jean Dreze and former Union Finance secretary S Narayan.
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1. Which Indian airport has won the Airport Council International's (ACI) honour for Airport Service Quality?

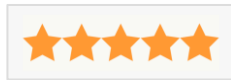
- A) Mumbai International Airport
- B) Delhi International Airport
- C) Cochin International Airport
- D) Chennai International Airport



- ✓ The Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) won the Airport Council International's (ACI) Director General's Roll of Excellence honour for Airport Service Quality.
- ✓ Those airports which have consistently delivered excellent services in the Airport Service Quality Survey, in the opinion of the passengers, are provided with the Roll of Excellence recognition by ACI.

2. Which country has launched the world's first exclusive 'Green rating system for High-Speed Rail'?

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



- ✓ India has launched the world's first exclusive green rating system for High-Speed Rail. CII-Indian Green Building Council has launched the IGBC Green High-Speed Rail Rating System. IGBC has collaborated with the National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL).
- ✓ This rating system will enable new High-Speed Rail (HSR) stations to apply energy efficient concepts during operations.

3. Which scheme of providing additional food-grain to NFSA beneficiaries, has been extended till November?

- A) PM KISAN
- B) PM Garib Kalyan Yojana
- C) PM Atmanirbhar Yojana
- D) PM Food grain Yojana



- ✓ The cabinet has recently approved further allocation of additional foodgrain to National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (Phase IV) till November.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the government will provide 5 kg foodgrains per person per month free of cost to maximum 81.35 crore beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA), including those covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

4. Which country is home to the world's largest variety of butterflies, as per a recent study?

- A) Colombia
- B) Fiji
- C) Papua New Guinea
- D) New Zealand



- ✓ As per a recent study published by the Natural History Museum, Colombia is home to the world's largest variety of butterflies. The South American country has approximately 20% of all known species.
- ✓ An international team of scientists prepared a document titled "Checklist of Colombian Butterflies." Over 200 butterfly species are found only in Colombia.

5. Ingenuity, the NASA's robotic helicopter, operating on which astronomical body?

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



- ✓ Ingenuity, the NASA's small robotic helicopter operating on the Mars, as a part of the Mars 2020 Mission of the American Space Agency. The helicopter completed its eighth flight to land on another new location. In its latest flight, Ingenuity flew 160 meters south to a new location, previously not surveyed by the helicopter or the Perseverance rover.

6. Which country plays host to the BRICS summit on Green Hydrogen initiatives?

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



- ✓ India's state-owned power sector major NTPC Ltd is anchoring a two-day summit on Green Hydrogen initiatives. The event would involve participation from BRICS nations.
- ✓ This summit creates a platform to share Green Hydrogen initiatives by the nations across the globe and present detailed road maps to take green energy to the next levels. The event is proposed to be held in a virtual format.

7. Which organisation released the 'Annual report on children and armed conflict'?

- A) UN
- B) UNESCO
- C) UNICEF
- D) IUCN



- ✓ As per the UN chief Antonio Guterres' annual report to the Security Council on children and armed conflict, more than 8,500 children were used as soldiers last year in various conflicts across the world. The most violations in 2020 were committed in Somalia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan, Syria and Yemen.

8. When is World Music Day observed every year?

- A) June.20
- B) June.21
- C) June.22
- D) June.23



- ✓ Every year, the 21st of June is celebrated as World Music Day. This day was first celebrated in the year 1982 in France. The day coincides with the summer solstice and is aimed to bring people out on the streets and enjoy themselves listening to the music.

9. What is the rank of India in the 'Digital News Report 2021', on levels of overall trust in news?

- A) 11
- B) 21
- C) 31
- D) 41



- ✓ The 10th edition of Digital News Report for the year 2021 has been released by Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism. It details

the impact of COVID 19 pandemic on news consumption across the globe.

- ✓ The report has been compiled based on the data collected from six continents and 46 markets, which includes India, Indonesia, Thailand, Nigeria, Colombia, and Peru for the first time. India ranked 31 out of 46 countries on levels of trust in news.

10. Which institution has launched a 'Centre for research on start-ups and risk financing' (CREST)?

- A) IIT Chennai
- B) IIT Mumbai
- C) IIT Ahmedabad
- D) IIT Bengaluru



- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Madras launched a 'Centre for research on start-ups and risk financing' (CREST). It would also create a data repository on Indian start-ups to address a major hurdle for engaging in high-quality research.
 - ✓ This information would be made accessible for researchers and policymakers that can result in international publications.
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1. Who is the head of the Delimitation commission on Jammu and Kashmir?

- A) AK Sikri
B) Ranjan Gogoi
C) Ranjana Desai
D) K V Kamath



- ✓ The Delimitation commission was set up six months after the abrogation of Article 370 and withdrawal of J&K's special status in August 2019. The commission is headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice Ranjana Desai.
- ✓ Recently, the Commission held a meeting with deputy commissioners (DCs) of all 20 districts in J&K. This is ahead of the all-party meeting called by the Prime Minister, with the leaders from J&K.

2. Which country supplied Dragunov sniper rifles to the Indian Army?

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



- ✓ Indian Army procured Dragunov sniper rifles from Russia in the 1990s. The rifles have fallen behind contemporary snipers used across the world. Recently, Russia agreed to offer the Indian Army, a comprehensive upgrade of the Dragunov sniper rifle.

3. Indian Air Force and Indian Navy have participated in a 'Passage-Exercise' south of Thiruvananthapuram, with which country's Naval force?

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



- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy participated in a passage exercise with the carrier strike group (CSG) of the US Navy. This exercise was carried out south of Thiruvananthapuram on the western seaboard. On Indian front, Sukhoi aircraft, Jaguars, IAF refuelling aircraft and warships and maritime patrol aircrafts participated.

4. As per Hurun Research and EdelGive Foundation report, who is the world's biggest philanthropist of the last century?

- A) Jamsetji Tata
B) Mukesh Ambani
C) Bill Gates
D) Rajinikanth



- ✓ As per Hurun Research and EdelGive Foundation report, India's industrialist and Tata Group founder Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata has been declared to be world's biggest philanthropist of the last century.
- ✓ He has made donations worth \$102.4 billion. Bill and Melinda Gates have been ranked the second. Wipro Founder and Chairman Azim Premji has been ranked at 12th position in the list.

5. Central Railside Warehouse Company Ltd (CRWC) is set to be merged with which entity?

- A) Central Warehousing Corporation B) IRCTC
C) GSRE Ltd D) NTPC



- ✓ The Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the merger of Government owned Central Railside Warehouse Company Ltd (CRWC), with its holding company Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC). This decision has been made in line with the 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance' policy of the Government, as spelt out in Budget 2021-22.

6. MSDC, an apex advisory body, formed in 1997, is associated with which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Skill Development
B) Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways
C) Ministry of Education
D) Ministry of Electronics and IT



- ✓ Maritime State Development Council (MSDC) is an apex advisory body formed in 1997, for the development of the Major and non-Major Ports. Recently, Union Minister of State (I/C) for Port, Shipping and Waterways Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the 18th meeting of MSDC through a video conference.
- ✓ He highlighted that the 'Indian Port Bill 2021' will ensure optimum management and utilization of the coastline.

7. Who is the composer of the official theme song of the Indian Olympic Team of Tokyo 2020?

- A) A R Rahman
B) Mohit Chauhan
C) Vishal Dadlani
D) Shankar Mahadevan



- ✓ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju launched the official theme song of the Indian Olympic Team of Tokyo 2020. The song has been composed and sung by popular playback singer Mohit Chauhan. Over 100 athletes are expected to represent India at the Tokyo Games.

8. Which country won the inaugural ICC World Test Championship?

- A) India
B) New Zealand
C) Australia
D) England



- ✓ New Zealand beat India in the inaugural ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Final to become the first World Test Champion. This is New Zealand's first ICC title in two decades.
- ✓ New Zealand chased down the 139-run target with eight wickets in hand on the reserve day of the final.

9. As per the UN data, what is the estimated number of widows across the world, as of 2021?

- A) 25 million
B) 258 million
C) 56 million
D) 568 million

258

- ✓ To empower women and safeguard the rights of widows, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution and declared June 23 as International Widows Day. International Widows Day is aimed at showing solidarity with women who have lost their partners. As per the United Nations, there are an estimated 258 million widows around the world, and nearly one in ten live in extreme poverty.

10. 'Tax Inspectors Without Borders' is an initiative of UNDP in association with which organization?

- A) OECD
- B) IMF
- C) UNESCO
- D) UNICEF



- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) have launched a joint initiative named Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) in Bhutan. For this initiative, India has been chosen as a Partner Jurisdiction. This programme aims to aid Bhutan in strengthening its tax administration.
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1. Which space agency launched Baby Squids into space for experimental purposes?

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



- ✓ American space agency NASA has sent a few numbers of squids into space for experimental and research purposes. These Hawaiian bobtail squids were raised at the University of Hawaii – Kewalo Marine Laboratory and have been sent to space in a SpaceX resupply mission to the International Space Station.

2. India has recently signed a MoU with which country, in the field of agriculture and allied sectors?

- A) Malaysia
B) Fiji
C) Australia
D) South Africa



- ✓ The Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors with the government of Fiji, in a virtual mode.
- ✓ The MoU aims to increase the cooperation of both the countries in Dairy Industry, Rice Industry, Root crop diversification, Water Resources Management, Coconut Industry, etc.

3. In which Indian state the field trials of the world's first genetically modified (GM) rubber has commenced?

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



- ✓ The Rubber Board of India has launched the field trials of the world's first genetically modified (GM) rubber in Rubber Board's Sarutari research farm – Guwahati, Assam.
- ✓ This variant has been developed by the Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII) in Puthuppally, Kottayam, Kerala. The Government of Kerala had earlier denied the field trials of GM crops in the state.

4. Which is the only state to have all three species of crocodiles?

- A) Kerala
B) Bihar
C) Odisha
D) West Bengal



- ✓ Odisha has recently witnessed the first natural nesting of gharials. With this, it has become the only state to have all the three species of the reptile: freshwater gharials, muggers, and saltwater crocodiles.
- ✓ Gharials were first introduced in 1975 in Odisha. They are considered as the most critically endangered and genetically weak species, compared to saltwater crocodiles and muggers.

5. What type of satellite is 'Copernicus Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich, which was making news recently?

- A) Ocean Observing Satellite
B) Communication Satellite
C) Remote Sensing Satellite
D) Navigation Satellite



- ✓ The Copernicus Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich was launched in November 2020. It is an Ocean-Observing Satellite, dedicated to measuring sea-level rise. After six months of calibration works, the satellite has recently started functioning.
- ✓ It was a mission of the European Union, being implemented along with ESA, NASA and CNES French Agency. The Copernicus Sentinel-6B satellite will be launched in 2025.

6. When is the World Olympic Day celebrated every year?

- A) June.23
B) June.24
C) June.25
D) June.26



- ✓ Every year, the 23rd of June is celebrated as the World Olympic Day or International Olympic Day across the globe.
- ✓ This day was first introduced in the year 1948, to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games on June 23, 1894, at the Sorbonne in Paris. This day aims to promote participation in sport across the globe irrespective of age, gender, or athletic ability.

7. Which organization has released the "Suicide Worldwide 2019" report?

- A) WHO
B) UN
C) UNICEF
D) Amnesty International



- ✓ Recently, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has released a report titled "Suicide Worldwide 2019". As per the report 7 lakh people die due to suicide every year. The report reveals that nearly 77% of global suicides occur in low- and middle-income countries and suicide is the fourth leading cause of death in 15-19-year-olds.

8. Guillain-Barre Syndrome is reported to be associated with which vaccine?

- A) AstraZeneca-Oxford Vaccine
B) Covaxin
C) Sputnik
D) Sinovac



- ✓ Guillain-Barre Syndrome is a rare neurological disorder, in which the body's immune system attacks its own protective coatings on nerve fibres. This syndrome was first reported in Europe and the UK among some patients who undertook AstraZeneca-Oxford Covid-19 vaccine, but such a probability is found to be small.
- ✓ The syndrome may start with extreme weakness that can eventually paralyse the entire body. The vaccine is traded as Covishield in India, which also reported some cases.

9. What is the turnover limit of small and medium companies, as per the definition issued by the Corporate Affairs Ministry?

- A) Rs 50 crore
B) Rs 100 crore
C) Rs 250 crore
D) Rs 500 crore



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs has enlarged and expanded the definition of small and medium companies (SMC). As per the new definition, small and medium companies are unlisted entities which are not banks, financial institutions or insurance firms.

- ✓ They should have a turnover of up to Rs 250 crore and borrowings up to Rs 50 crore in the immediately preceding accounting year.

10. Which organization has released the report titled World Drug Report 2021?

- A) OECD
- B) IMF
- C) UNODC
- D) UNICEF



- ✓ World Drug Report 2021 has been released by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The report states that 275 million people used drugs worldwide in the year 2020 and that 36 million people suffered from drug use disorders.
- ✓ The report further reveals that, in the last 24 years, the cannabis potency has increased by about 4 times.

1. K K Shailaja, who has been awarded with the Central European University (CEU) Open Society Prize, belongs to which state?

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



- ✓ Ms K K Shailaja – commonly known as “Shailaja Teacher”, the former Health Minister of Kerala has been awarded with the Central European University (CEU) Open Society Prize, for her selfless commitment to the public health services. This price is awarded to personalities of exceptional distinction who have served the ideals of an open society.

2. Which Union Ministry implements the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
B) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
D) Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ Union Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment implements the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA).
✓ Union Social Justice Minister recently launched the website for the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA). Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the nodal ministry for Drug Demand Reduction in India.

3. When is the United Nations Public Service Day observed every year?

- A) June.21
B) June.22
C) June.23
D) June.24



- ✓ Every year, the United Nations Public Service Day is observed on 23rd of June. This day recognizes the role of public service, stresses the importance of the same and recognizes the work of public servants across the globe.
✓ The theme for this year is “Innovating the Future Public Service: New Government Models for a New Era to Reach the SDGs”.

4. Which country holds the G20 Presidency in 2021?

- A) Russia
B) Italy
C) Germany
D) France



- ✓ Italy holds the G20 Presidency in 2021. It has recently hosted the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting in hybrid mode. India's Union Minister for Labour and Employment Santosh Gangwar delivers Ministerial Address on Declaration and EWG Priorities. G20 Education Ministers' Meeting was also hosted by Italy in blended mode.

5. Union Cabinet of India approved agreement with which Caribbean country for tax information exchange?

- A) St Vincent and the Grenadines
B) Barbados
C) Dominica
D) Jamaica



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved an agreement between India and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for the exchange of tax information and assistance in the collection.
✓ The agreement between India and St Vincent and the Grenadines, will help in facilitate sharing of information held by the banks and other financial institutions including the information regarding the legal and beneficial ownership.

6. Which Indian institution is involved in CEOS COAST project, which was recently endorsed by a UN body?

- A) ISRO
B) Border Roads Organization
C) NTPC
D) Indian Navy



- ✓ CEOS COAST, a multinational project, stands for Committee on Earth Observation Satellites-Coastal Observations, Applications, Services, and Tools. The project is co-led by ISRO and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from the US.
✓ It aims to improve the accuracy of coastal data based on satellite and land-based observations. The project has been recently endorsed by International Oceanographic Commission (IOC).

7. Which Indian state is implementing the 'Kaval Plus programme'?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Odisha



- ✓ In December 2020, Kerala launched the pilot project of 'Kaval Plus programme', to support children in need of care and survivors of sexual abuse in the state.
✓ After the success of the pilot project, the Department of Women and Child Development in Kerala is set to expand Kaval Plus to five more districts. It covers the children at homes, child care institutes, and those in the community outside the ambit of child welfare committees.

8. What is the name of the new generation nuclear capable missile tested by the DRDO?

- A) Agni-P (Prime)
B) Bhim
C) Arjun-P (Prime)
D) Bharat



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested the new generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile, Agni-P from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam island off the coast of Odisha. Agni P is an advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles and is a canisterised missile with a range capability between 1000km and 2000 km.

9. Which Union Ministry implements the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
C) Ministry of Labour and Employment
D) Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana was launched to incentivize employers for creation of new employment along with social security benefits during COVID-19 pandemic. It is implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- ✓ In the recent package, the finance minister announced that Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana be extended till 31st March 2022.

10. What will be the name of India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC), which will be commissioned in 2022?

- A) Vikrant
- B) Aditya
- C) Patel
- D) Theeran



- ✓ Indian Navy's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) is proposed to be commissioned into service in the year 2022, and it would be named as INS Vikrant upon being commissioned.
- ✓ The vessel is being constructed at the Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi. Union Defence Minister has stated that the carrier would be an example of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

1. Which institution convened the National Convention on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity?

- A) NITI Aayog
 B) AIIMS
 C) World Health Organisation
 D) UNICEF



- ✓ India's premier think tank the NITI Aayog had convened a National Convention on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity. NITI Aayog described obesity as a silent epidemic. It also called for a multi-sectoral approach to target the adolescents for promoting activity and healthy lifestyle. Global experts and representatives from UN bodies including UNICEF, WHO and WFP participated.

2. Which Ministry implements the schemes: SCM, AMRUT and PMAY(U)?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
 D) Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) was launched on 25th June, 2015, with an aim to achieve Housing for all by the year 2022. 6 years completed after the launch of three schemes of MoHUA- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs: Smart Cities Mission, AMRUT and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U).

3. Which is the first country to ratify the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement?

- A) Denmark
 B) Finland
 C) Fiji
 D) Australia



- ✓ The International Solar Alliance is an intergovernmental coalition of over 120 countries, initiated by India and is headquartered at Gurugram. Recently, Denmark ratified the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement and by doing so, it became the first country to do so.

4. K417N mutation is associated with which classification of SARS-CoV-2 virus?

- A) Alpha
 B) Beta
 C) Delta
 D) Delta Plus



- ✓ Indian scientists identified the Delta Variant in October 2020 and submitted to Global Database. Delta variant, also known as SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617, has about 15-17 mutations.
 ✓ This Delta variant (B.1.617) has three subtypes B.1.617.1, B.1.617.2 and B.1.617.3, among which the B.1.617.2 (Delta Plus) has been classified as a Variant of Concern. The Delta Plus variant has an additional mutation named 'K417N mutation'.

5. Which institution released a study on the 'not-for-profit' hospital model in India?

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



- ✓ Indian Government's think tank NITI Aayog released a comprehensive study on the 'not-for-profit' hospital model in the country.
 ✓ It presents research-based findings on not-for-profit hospitals and makes comparisons with private hospitals and health schemes of the Union Government. It also discusses the cost-containment strategies implemented by not-for-profit hospitals.

6. Which institution hosts the Mobile World Congress 2021?

- A) IEEE
 B) GSMA
 C) ITU
 D) OMA



- ✓ The world's biggest mobile event of the year Mobile World Congress (MWC), began in hybrid form on June 28 in Barcelona, a city in Spain.
 ✓ Last year, the event got cancelled due to high number of cases of COVID-19. Top Brands like Google, Nokia, Xiaomi, Facebook and Sony are not attending this year's in-person event. MWC Barcelona, is an annual event focused on innovations in telecom industry, hosted by GSMA.

7. Which institution published a global report on Racial Justice and Inequality?

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



- ✓ The United Nations Human rights chief released a report on Racial Justice and Inequality and submitted to the UN Human Rights Council.
 ✓ As per the report, racism against people of African descent still remains systemic in many parts of the world. The report highlighted 190 deaths of Africans and people of African descent globally at the hands of law enforcement officials.

8. What is the theme of the 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' 2021?

- A) Share Facts on Drugs, Save Lives
 B) Better Knowledge for Better Care
 C) Justice for Health
 D) Listen First



- ✓ International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed on June 26. The Day is observed worldwide to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving the goal of a sustainable world free of substance abuse. The theme of the Day this year is 'Share Facts on Drugs, Save Lives'.

9. 'Grey List', which was sometimes seen in the news, is associated with which institution?

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



- ✓ Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is the Global Watchdog dog for money laundering and terror financing.
 ✓ When the FATF places a country in grey list, it means the country is subject to increased monitoring. Recently, it added Malta, Haiti, the Philippines and South Sudan to its grey list of countries and kept Pakistan on the list. It removed Ghana from the list after the country

showed progress.

10. Abhishek Verma, who recently won a gold medal for India, is associated with which sports?

- A) Badminton
- B) Shooting
- C) Archery
- D) Boxing



- ✓ Abhishek Verma created history by becoming the first man to win two World Cup gold medals in individual compound archery. He recently won the gold in the men's individual compound event at the Archery World Cup Stage 3, being held in Paris. He had previously won gold at the individual event in Wroclaw in 2015.
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1. As per the Finance Ministry's notification, what is the limit of tax exemption on Covid treatment expenses if received from another person?

- A) Rs 1 lakh
B) Rs 5 lakh
C) Rs 10 lakh
D) Rs 25 lakh



- ✓ As per the Finance Ministry's recent notification, tax on expenses incurred on Covid treatment of an employee, borne by employers or any another person, is exempted.
- ✓ This exemption is applicable to any amount paid by the employer, and limited to Rs 10 lakh if received from any other person. This covers treatment of Covid-19 during FY20 and subsequent years.

2. Which organisation test-fired enhanced Pinaka rocket and Caliber Rockets?

- A) HAL
B) DRDO
C) ISRO
D) L&T



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired an extended range version of indigenously developed "Pinaka" rocket.
- ✓ 25 Enhanced Pinaka Rockets were test fired at Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The 122 mm Caliber rockets were launched from a Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL).

3. Which fruit is scientifically referred to as 'Hylocereusundatus'?

- A) Dragon fruit
B) Orange
C) Custard Apple
D) Watermelon



- ✓ Scientifically referred to as Hylocereusundatus, the dragon fruit is called as 'Kamalam' in India, due to its resemblance to a lotus flower. Recently, India exported its first consignment of the Dragon Fruit sourced from the farmers of Sangli district, Maharashtra to Dubai, as per the announcement from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

4. Which Asian country was declared Malaria-Free by the World Health Organisation recently?

- A) Bangladesh
B) China
C) Thailand
D) Nepal



- ✓ China has been officially certified as 'Malaria-free' by the World Health Organization (WHO). It is only the second country in the Asia Pacific region to get the tag, after Sri Lanka in 2016. In the 1940s, it had an estimated 30 million cases and 300,000 deaths per year.

5. Which is the biggest air carrier in Saudi Arabia?

- A) Emirates Airlines
B) Etihad Airways
C) Saudi Arabian Airlines
D) Qantas Airlines



- ✓ Saudi Arabian Airlines, owned by the state is the biggest carrier in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Others include low-cost carrier Flyadeal and Flynas. Recently, Saudi Arabia announced plans to launch a second national airline. This would push the kingdom to the fifth rank globally in terms of air transit traffic.

6. Which is the first mRNA vaccine, to get Emergency Use License in India?

- A) Sputnik
B) Sinovac
C) Moderna mRNA 1273
D) Pfizer vaccine



- ✓ India approved its fourth Covid-19 vaccine, and its first mRNA vaccine, Moderna's mRNA-1273. It is sold under the brand name 'Spikevax' in the US. Now the vaccines can be imported to India without bridging clinical studies. Moderna vaccine which has 94.1 percent efficacy will be available in India through the Indian pharma company Cipla.

7. Which tax on crude Palm oil was recently reduced to 10 percent?

- A) Excise Duty
B) Customs Duty
C) Goods and Services Tax
D) None of the above



- ✓ As per a recent notification by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the basic customs duty on crude palm oil has been cut to 10 percent and refined palm oil to 37.5 percent.
- ✓ This tax cut could make palm oil more attractive than rival soyoil and sunflower oil, which will boost imports and bring down the edible oil prices. This lower tax rate will apply from June 30 to September 30.

8. Which pharma company manufactures the DRDO drug 2-DG to treat Covid patients?

- A) Dr Reddys
B) Sun Pharma
C) Serum Institute
D) Bharat Biotech



- ✓ 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) was developed by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences (INMAS), a laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with Dr Reddy's company.
- ✓ Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL) has commercially launched 2-DG drug, an oral drug used to treat moderate to severe Covid patients.

9. Which Indian state exported Burmese grapes, Red Rice and Lemon, to foreign countries?

- A) West Bengal
B) Bihar
C) Assam
D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ A shipment of fresh Burmese grapes referred as 'Leteku' in Assamese language has been recently exported to Dubai from Guwahati by air route.
- ✓ APEDA facilitated the export of the fruits rich in vitamin C and Iron. Recently, APEDA assisted in exports of the first consignment of 'red rice' to the USA and GI-certified KajiNemu (Assam lemon) to London.

10. Which Indian won the Japan's Fukuoka Prize for 2021?

- A) Amartya Sen
- B) P Sainath
- C) Urjit Patel
- D) Raghuram Rajan



- ✓ Veteran journalist P. Sainath has been selected as one of the three recipients of the Japan's Fukuoka Prize for 2021.
 - ✓ Sainath will receive the Grand Prize of the Fukuoka Prize, for spreading knowledge through writings and commentaries on rural India and for promoting civil cooperation. Eleven Indians have received the Fukuoka Prize so far.
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1. Which city's Suburban Rail Project, named India's most integrated rail project, is set to commence?

- A) Delhi
B) Kolkata
C) Chennai
D) Bengaluru



- ✓ The Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) was first proposed in 1983. The state government announced that the project is set to commence soon. It will connect Bengaluru to its satellite townships, suburbs, and surrounding rural areas, by a rail-based rapid-transit system.
- ✓ Rail Infrastructure Development Company, Karnataka, (K-RIDE) is in charge of the project. It is expected to be completed by 2026 at an estimated cost of Rs 15,767 crore.

2. Which organisation released the report titled 'Indigenous Peoples' Food System'?

- A) FAO
B) UN
C) WFP
D) UNDP



- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), along with the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) released a new report, titled Indigenous Peoples' Food System, Insights of sustainability and resilience from the front line of climate change.
- ✓ It identified hundreds of diverse plant and animal species that Indigenous people around the world depend on, to generate food sustainably and enhance biodiversity. The report also warned of increasing threats to these sophisticated food systems.

3. On which date, 'Chartered Accountants (CA) Day' is celebrated in India?

- A) July 1
B) July 2
C) July 3
D) July 4



- ✓ Chartered Accountants Day is celebrated on July 1 every year to commemorate the finding of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was established by the parliament of India in 1949 under an Act.

4. Recently Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has announced to launch which mobile application for students?

- A) ICAI-BOS
B) ICAI-COS
C) ICAI-DOS
D) ICAI-FOS



- ✓ Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICAI will launch a mobile app for students of foundation, intermediate and final course students. The mobile app named, "ICAI-BOS" will provide next-generation interactive learning and innovative ways to improve quality services to the students.

5. Which ministry recently launched UDISE+ for 2019-2020?

- A) Ministry of Education B) Ministry of Health
C) Ministry of Home Affairs D) Ministry of Finance



- ✓ Union minister of education, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank released Unified District Information System for Education Plus report (UDISE+) for 2019-2020.
- ✓ UDISE+ report highlighted some interesting facts, both positive and negative about Indian school education system.

6. Which state/UT recently ended 149-year-old practice of 'darbar move'?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir
B) Ladakh
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Government of Jammu & Kashmir recently ended 149-year-old practice of 'darbar move'. Darbar Move is the name given to the bi-annual shift of the secretariat and all other government offices of Jammu and Kashmir from one capital city to another.

7. Treaty of Good-Neighborliness and Friendly Cooperation (TGNFC) is a treaty between which two countries?

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



- ✓ Leaders of China and Russia officially announced to extend the China-Russia Treaty of Good-Neighbourliness and Friendly Cooperation. It is a 20-year-old bilateral agreement on friendship and cooperation signed between the two countries in 2001.
- ✓ The US and the EU have been pushing against both the countries over human rights and a set of other issues.

8. Rahi Sarnobat, who won gold in World Cup recently, represents Indian in which sports?

- A) Archery
B) Shooting
C) Boxing
D) Weight Lifting



- ✓ Rahi Sarnobat clinched the 25m pistol gold medal at the shooting World Cup, being held in Osijek, Croatia. It is India's first gold at the tournament. Rahi Sarnobat also won the Arjuna Award for Shooting.

9. Digital Green Pass, is the Covid Certificate of which group of nations?

- A) ASEAN
B) BRICS
C) European Union
D) BASIC



- ✓ The Digital Green Pass is the EU's Digital COVID Certificate (EUDCC), which permits movement of vaccinated people into the European Union countries for general and tourist purposes. It acts as an evidence of a person being vaccinated against COVID-19 disease.
- ✓ India's Covishield is not in the European Medicines Agency (EMA) approved vaccine list and hence people vaccinated with Covishield are denied Digital Green Pass.

10. Louisiana delta system is located in which country?

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



- ✓ Scientists from NASA and some universities are undertaking a \$15 million, five-year study on adjacent areas of Louisiana. The team aims to create computer models that can be used with satellite data. This will let countries around the world know which parts of their deltas can be shored up.
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1. Which Ministry has updated the atlas of glacial lakes that are part of the Ganga River basin?

- A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- B) Ministry of Environment and Forest
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Defence



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti has recently released the updated atlas of glacial lakes that are part of the Ganga River basin. As per the atlas, 4,707 glacial lakes have been mapped in the Ganga basin which have a spread area greater than 0.25 ha. Resourcesat-2 (RS-2) has been used for this purpose.

2. What was the theme of International Day of Cooperatives celebrated on July 3, 2021?

- A) Cooperatives for a Better World
- B) Cooperatives for Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
- C) Cooperatives for Every Community
- D) Rebuild better together



- ✓ The International Day of Cooperatives was celebrated on July 3, 2021 under the theme of 'Rebuild better together'. The day is celebrated every year on first Saturday of July.

3. Pushkar Singh Dhama, who recently became 11th and youngest CM of Uttarakhand, is an MLA from which constituency?

- A) Champawat
- B) Sitarganj
- C) Khatima
- D) Kotdwar



- ✓ Pushkar Singh Dhama (born 1975) has recently become the 11th and youngest Chief Minister of Uttarakhand. He is a member of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly from the Khatima constituency in Udham Singh Nagar district.

4. The Project BOLD (Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought) was recently launched from which state in India recently?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Haryana
- D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Project BOLD (Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought) is a project of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) that seeks to create bamboo-based green patches in arid and semi-arid land zones.
- ✓ It was launched on July 4, 2021 from tribal village Nichla Mandwa in Udaipur, Rajasthan. It is unique and first of its kind scientific exercise serving the combined national objectives of reducing desertification and providing livelihood and multi-disciplinary rural industry support.
- ✓ It has been launched as part of KVIC's "Khadi Bamboo Festival" to celebrate 75 years of independence "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav". KVIC is set to replicate the Project at Village Dholera in Ahmedabad district in Gujarat and Leh-Ladakh region by August this year. Total 15,000 bamboo saplings will be planted before August, 2021.

5. Which post is held by Amitabh Kant, whose tenure has been extended?

- A) SBI Chairman
- B) NITI Aayog CEO



- C) Deputy Election Commissioner
- D) Comptroller and Auditor General

- ✓ Amitabh Kant is serving as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Government think tank NITI Aayog. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has extended the tenure of Amitabh Kant to another one year. This is the third extension since he joined the NITI Aayog in 2016.

6. What is the rank of India in the Global Cybersecurity Index 2020?

- A) 35
- B) 25
- C) 16
- D) 10



- ✓ Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2020 has been launched by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a UN body. India has entered the top-10 list for the first time. It has moved up 37 places to be placed in the 10th best country in the world on key cyber-safety parameters. The US topped the index, followed by the UK and Saudi Arabia at the second position, and Estonia at third in the index.

7. Which Department released the national space transportation policy?

- A) Department of Space
- B) Department of Information Technology
- C) Department of Communication
- D) Department of Logistics



- ✓ The Department of Space, Government of India has recently come out with the draft space transportation policy, under which it has encouraged private participation in space technology. The policy also lays special emphasis on Research and Development in green fuel, robotic space exploration and reusable rockets.

8. When was the GST system of taxation implemented in India?

- A) 2019 June 01
- B) 2018 July 01
- C) 2017 July 01
- D) 2018 August 15



- ✓ July 1st 2021 marks the 4th anniversary of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), which was implemented on the same date in 2017. This date has been designated by the Central Government as GST DAY.
- ✓ This year, the Union Finance Ministry has proposed to issue certificates of appreciation to 54,000 GST payers for timely filing of returns to mark the GST Day.

9. The Communist Party of which country has celebrated its 100th foundation year recently?

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



- ✓ China's Communist Party has marked the 100th year of its inception recently. This was celebrated in a huge way at the country's Tiananmen Square. To mark this event, a 100-gun salute was made. Speaking at the occasion, the China's leader Xi Jinping addressed that the party was the only force capable of ensuring the country's rise.

10. Which international organisation has released the report titled 'COVID-19 and Tourism'?

- A) IMF
- B) UNCTAD
- C) WHO
- D) UNESCO



- ✓ The United Nation's trade and development body, UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) has recently released a report 'COVID-19 and Tourism'.
 - ✓ As per the report, the world's tourism sector could lose at least USD 1.2 trillion or 1.5% of the global gross domestic product (GDP). If the break in international tourism lasts for 8 months, the loss could rise to USD 2.2 trillion or 2.8% of the global GDP.
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1. When is the National Doctor's Day observed every year in India?

- A) July.01
 B) July.05
 C) July.10
 D) July.15



- ✓ Every year, 1st July is observed as the National Doctor's Day in India by the Indian Medical Association. This day is celebrated in memory of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, who was the former Chief Minister of Bengal, who has made enormous contribution to mankind by his service as a doctor.

2. Which Ministry instituted National Community Radio Awards?

- A) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
 B) Ministry of Power
 C) Ministry of Home Affairs
 D) Ministry of Defense



- ✓ Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had instituted National Community Radio (CR) Awards in the year 2011-12 to encourage healthy competition amongst Community Radio Stations (CRSs).
 ✓ In this year's awards, Radio Vishwas (Maharashtra) won first prize in Sustainability Model. Rimjhim Radio 90.4 FM (Bihar) won first prize in Innovative community Engagement. Radio Gunjan (Odisha) won First prize in Promoting Local Culture. Radio Mattoli (Kerala) won first prize in Thematic Category.

3. Which country launched autonomous long range missile system named 'Sea Breaker'?

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



- ✓ Israel's Defence major Rafael Advanced Defense Systems launched Sea Breaker, a 5th generation long range, autonomous, precision-guided missile system. It is a naval and artillery unit force-multiplier, which can hit high-value maritime and land targets. It has ranges of up to 300 km, can be fired both from land and surface ships.

4. Which country announced the 'Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code'?

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



- ✓ India announced the 'Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code' and it came into force from May 2021. As per the rules, all significant social media intermediaries had to publish monthly reports on the details of complaints, actions taken and monitoring details.
 ✓ Facebook recently launched its first monthly report for the period between May 15 and June 15. As per the report, Facebook took action against about 30 million pieces of content.

5. The Central Government imposed stock limits on wholesalers, retailers, millers and importers of which commodity, to control price rise?

- A) Rice
 B) Pulses
 C) Vegetables
 D) Sugar Cane



- ✓ The Central Government has brought into effect Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order 2021. As per the order, stock limits have been imposed on wholesalers, retailers, millers and importers of pulses.
 ✓ Stock limits are prescribed for all pulses except Moong Daal until October 31, for all states and UTs. This decision was taken amidst the continuous rise in the prices of pulses.

6. In which state, India's first Central Drug Laboratory was established?

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



- ✓ Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL), Kasauli is the National Control Laboratory for testing of Immunobiologicals (vaccines and antisera) meant for human use.
 ✓ Recently, the Union Government has set up two laboratories including one at Autonomous Research Institutes National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune, and another at National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) Hyderabad as Central Drug Laboratory (CDL).

7. Panchmuli lake, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Kerala
 B) Punjab
 C) Gujarat
 D) Haryana



- ✓ Panchmuli lake, situated near the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel 'Statue of Unity' in Kevadia, Gujarat. It was seen in the news because as many as 194 crocodiles have been relocated from the lake in the last two years for the safety of tourists.
 ✓ As per the officials, 143 crocodiles were relocated in 2019-20 and 51 crocodiles were shifted to two rescue centres in 2020-21.

8. India's Maana Patel is associated with which sports?

- A) Shooting
 B) Gymnastics
 C) Archery
 D) Swimming



- ✓ Maana Patel made history on July 2, 2021 as she became the first Indian female swimmer to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics through the 'Universality quota'. Maana Patel, 21, will join Sajjan Prakash and Srihari Natarajan in India's swimming squad for this month's Summer Olympics.

9. The Rampal Power Station, that was making up news recently, was located in which country?

- A) Bangladesh
 B) Pakistan
 C) Nepal
 D) Kenya



- ✓ The Rampal Power Station is a 1320-megawatt coal-fired power station currently under construction at Rampal Upazila of Bagerhat District in Khulna, Bangladesh.

- ✓ It will be the country's largest power plant. It is being setup by BIFPCL (Bangladesh India Friendship Power Company Limited).
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10. Who has taken over as new Vice Chief of the Air Staff on July 1, 2021?

- A) Air Marshal Balabhadra Radha Krishna
- B) Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- C) Air Marshal Harjit Singh Arora
- D) Air Marshal Gurucharan Singh Bedi



- ✓ Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari took over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff on July 1, 2021. He was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Air Force on December 29, 1982, and has a flying experience of more than 3800 hrs on a wide variety of fighter and trainer aircrafts.
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1. Which is the top state of India in production of Coal?

- A) Jharkhand
 B) Chhattisgarh
 C) Odisha
 D) Telangana



- ✓ As per the provisional statistics of 2020–21 of the Coal Ministry, India's total coal production registered a decline of 2.02 per cent to 716.084 million tonnes during 2020–21. Of the total production, 671.297 MT was non-coking coal and 44.787 MT was coking coal. Chhattisgarh registered highest coal production of 158.409 MT, followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. Jharkhand was the top producer of coking coal.

2. NEOWISE, which got for two-year mission extension, is the telescope of which space agency?

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



- ✓ NASA's Near-Earth Object Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (NEOWISE) was recently given a two-year mission extension.
 ✓ It is a near-Earth object (NEO) hunting space telescope, which searches for asteroids and comets – including objects that could pose a hazard to Earth. The telescope has provided an estimate of the size of over 1,850 near-Earth objects.

3. Which country has recently become 15th nation to be part of the world's largest weapons project, Joint Strike Fighter program?

- A) South Africa
 B) Netherlands
 C) Switzerland
 D) Germany



- ✓ F-35 Lightning II is a next generation fighter jet developed by the US-based Lockheed Martin. This stealth multirole aircraft is capable of conducting airstrikes, reconnaissance missions and air-to-air combats. Its development was funded by the US and several of its NATO allies.
 ✓ Switzerland has ordered these fighter jets, making it the 15th nation to be part of the world's largest weapons project, Joint Strike Fighter program.

4. Which is the largest milk producing country in the world?

- A) India
 B) United States
 C) China
 D) Denmark



- ✓ India is the largest producer of milk globally, with an estimated production of 208 million tonnes in FY2021.

5. Virachey National Park, that was recently making news, is located in which country?

- A) Thailand
 B) Malaysia
 C) Cambodia
 D) Singapore



- ✓ Virachey National Park is one of the two Cambodian ASEAN Heritage Parks located at the northeastern part of the country and spanning across more than 3,000 square kilometres. It overlaps Ratanakiri and Stung Treng Provinces.
 ✓ Illegal logging is a major concern in this national forest since the 2000s, leading to a vast expanse of forest being degraded at an exponential scale. However, this situation has improved over the recent years. The rare sighting of giant muntjac in the recent months is the outcome of this progress.

6. Valmiki National Park, which was seen in the news recently, is the only National Park of which state?

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



- ✓ Valmiki National Park and Tiger Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary is located at the India-Nepal border in Bihar, on the bank of river Gandak. It is the only National Park in the state of Bihar.
 ✓ The Authorities of the Bihar's Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) have identified 150 vultures in different ranges of the protected area. A proposed plan for vulture conservation is sent to the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (IDWH).

7. What is the name of the tropical storm that has hit Cuba recently?

- A) Elsa
 B) Bill
 C) Danny
 D) Erin



- ✓ Tropical storm Elsa recently hit Cuba. It subsequently exited Cuba, east of the city of Havana, towards Florida. Cuba faced heavy rains due to the storm, causing light flooding in the capital in lower lying coastal areas.

8. Which Ministry launched 'Ayurveda dataset on Clinical Trials Registry- India CTRI Portal'?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 B) Ministry of AYUSH
 C) Ministry of Science and Technology
 D) Ministry of Electronics and IT



- ✓ Union AYUSH Ministry recently launched Ayurveda dataset on The Clinical Trials Registry- India CTRI Portal. The Ayurveda Dataset of CTRI has been jointly developed by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under the Ministry of AYUSH. Union AYUSH Minister also launched four more portals namely AMAR, SAHI, e-MEDHA and RMIS.

9. Which country hosted the CoWIN Global Conclave?

- A) USA
 B) India
 C) Canada
 D) Australia



- ✓ India recently hosted the CoWIN Global Conclave. Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the virtual conclave. As per the CEO of the National Health Authority (NHA), Dr RS Sharma, about 50 countries have shown interest in adopting CoWIN.

- ✓ India is set to provide the open-source version of the platform to the interested countries. CoWIN is a digital platform, developed by India, to efficiently run its vaccination drive.
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10. Which country hosted the 7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) in 2021?

- A) India
- B) France
- C) South Africa
- D) Australia



- ✓ The French Navy hosted the 7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS). It was concluded at Réunion island, a French department in the Indian Ocean. Indian Ocean Naval Symposium is a biennial event, which was conceived by the Indian navy in 2008. IONS includes 24 member nations that touch or lie within the Indian Ocean Region and 8 observer nations.
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1. Which is the highest ranked Indian city in Global Startup Ecosystem Index - 2021?

- A) New Delhi
B) Bengaluru
C) Pune
D) Noida



- ✓ Bengaluru is the highest ranked Indian city in Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021, released by StartupBlink. It is on the 10th position worldwide and on 1st position in India. India was placed at 20th place. New Delhi and Mumbai were at 14th and 16th position (worldwide).
- ✓ 43 Indian cities got placed in the list of 100 countries. The top five countries are USA, UK, Israel, Canada and Germany. The top five cities in the Index are San Francisco, New York, Beijing, Los Angeles and London.

2. Who has been named the flag bearer of the Indian contingent in Tokyo Paralympics 2021?

- A) Mariyappan Thangavelu
B) Sundar Singh Gurjar
C) Varun Singh Bhati
D) Devendra Jhajharia



- ✓ Mariyappan Thangavelu is announced as the flag bearer of the Indian contingent in Tokyo Paralympics 2021. Mariyappan Thangavelu is India's first Paralympian gold medallist since 2004.
- ✓ He won gold medal in the 2016 Summer Paralympic games in High jump. He was awarded Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award for Para-Atheletics, Arjuna Award for Para-Atheletics and Padma Shri.

3. Who won the Goldmoney Asian Rapid online chess title 2021?

- A) Vladimir Artemiev
B) Magnus Carlsen
C) Ding Liren
D) Levon Aronian



- ✓ Levon Aronian won the Goldmoney Asian Rapid online chess title 2021. Levon Grigori Aronian is an Armenian-American chess grandmaster.
- ✓ He won the title after defeating Vladimir Artemiev. Magnus Carlsen, the current world champion was on the 3rd position. The Goldmoney Asian Rapid is the seventh tournament of the Champions Chess Tour 2021 or Meltwater Champions Tour.

4. Which sports federation has been granted recognition as the National Sports Federation by the Sports Ministry recently?

- A) WAKO India Kickboxing Federation
B) Taekwondo India Federation
C) Freestyle Boxing Federation
D) None of the above



- ✓ WAKO India Kickboxing Federation has been granted recognition as the National Sports Federation by the Sports Ministry recently.
- ✓ Popularly known as "WAKO India", it was formed in 1993 and its Headquarter is in Faridabad. It is affiliated to World Association of Kickboxing Organization (WAKO).

5. Which state recently became the 5th Indian state and 125th global state to join the "Under2 Coalition"?

- A) Haryana
B) Goa
C) Bihar
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ Maharashtra has become the 5th state in India and 125th global state to join the "Under2 Coalition" to fight the climate change.
- ✓ The other four states are: Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Telangana and West Bengal. The Under2 Coalition is a global community of state and regional governments committed to ambitious climate action in line with the Paris Agreement. It started as a MoU which was signed by 12 founding jurisdictions in 2015 in Sacramento, California.

6. Which racing driver won the Austrian Grand Prix 2021?

- A) Valtteri Bottas
B) Lewis Hamilton
C) Max Verstappen
D) Lando Norris



- ✓ Max Verstappen won the Austrian Grand Prix 2021. Max Verstappen is a Belgian-Dutch racing driver currently competing in Formula One, under the Dutch flag, with Red Bull Racing. The race was the ninth round of the 2021 Formula One World Championship.
- ✓ Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas was the runner-up. McLaren's Lando Norris and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton were on the 3rd and 4th positions respectively.

7. In which city, India's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre has been established?

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



- ✓ India's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre has been established in Pune. It will work as a one-stop centre for the exporters in agricultural sector.
- ✓ The centre was established by the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) in association with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

8. In which city, new centre of National Horticulture Board has been recently inaugurated?

- A) Gwalior
B) Bhopal
C) Kolkata
D) Lucknow



- ✓ A new centre of National Horticulture Board (NHB) has been inaugurated in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh by Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers welfare. National Horticulture Board (NHB) was set up by Government of India in April 1984 on the basis of recommendations of the "Group on Perishable Agricultural Commodities", headed by Dr M. S. Swaminathan.

9. Which country hosted the BRICS Education Ministers 2021?

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



- ✓ India hosted the BRICS Education Ministers 2021. This meeting is being held as part of the 13th BRICS Summit being hosted by India this year. Sanjay Dhotre, Minister of State for Education, chaired the meeting of the 8th BRICS Education Ministers in virtual mode.

- ✓ Education Ministers from the five BRICS member states resolved to enhance academic collaboration in higher education.
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10. Stan Swamy, the tribal rights activist, who passed away recently, was booked under which act?

- A) Unlawful Activities Prevention Act
- B) Prevention of Terrorism Act
- C) Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act
- D) None of the above



- ✓ Stan Swamy, the Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist spent nine months in custody after being booked under the UAPA, Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. UAPA is the primary counter-terror law in India. Though it was originally enacted in 1967, the law has undergone over 6 amendments, the last one in 2019.
 - ✓ Stan Swamy was among the 16 activists, academics, and lawyers booked and arrested for their alleged links to Maoists in connection with the Bhima Koregaon violence.
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1. India joined OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS. What is the expansion of BEPS?

- A) Base Erosion and Profit Shifting
- B) Business Erosion and Profit Shifting
- C) Business Expansion and Profit Shifting
- D) Base Expansion and Profit Shifting



- ✓ India joined the global tax deal under the G20-OECD Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS). It seeks to reform international tax rules and ensure that multinational companies pay their fair share wherever they operate. However, when the global tax regime is implemented, India will have to roll back the equalisation levy that it imposes on MNCs such as Google, Amazon and Facebook.

2. What is the priority sector lending target for Micro Enterprises, as mandated by the RBI?

- A) 5%
- B) 7.5%
- C) 10%
- D) 12%



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India mandated that 7.5% of the bank's total credit (ANBC or CEOBE) should be provided to Micro enterprises. Recently, the Union MSME Ministry announced the inclusion of retail and wholesale trade under MSMEs (Micro, small and medium enterprises).
- ✓ As per this categorisation, the traders will now get the benefit of priority sector lending under RBI guidelines. They will also be eligible for availing immediate-term finance as part of the schemes announced under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

3. Which institution gave its approval to implement 'Satellite TV classrooms' in India?

- A) DRDO
- B) ISRO
- C) CDAC
- D) NASSCOM



- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) gave its nod to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education to provide technical assistance for satellite TV classrooms in India. This aims to bridge the learning gap due to COVID-induced lockdown.
- ✓ ISRO scientists made a presentation before the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Education, MEITY and Doordarshan, about the proposed satellite TV classroom for students.

4. Which country's Investment agency won the world's most innovative Investment Promotion Agency 2021 by OCO Global?

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



- ✓ Invest India, has been awarded the world's most innovative Investment Promotion Agency 2021 by OCO Global. Invest India was set up in 2009, as a non-profit venture under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It is the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency of India and act as the first point of reference for investors in India.

5. Which Union Ministry is associated with the Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Care and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2021?

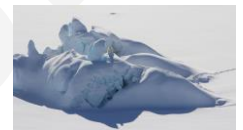
- A) Ministry of Women and child development
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Law and Justice
- D) Ministry of Education



- ✓ The Ministry of women and child development has invited suggestions for the draft of the Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Care and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2021.
- ✓ The objective of the bill is to prevent and counter trafficking in persons, especially women and children. According to the draft bill, a person found guilty of trafficking can be imprisoned for seven years to 10 years. Those convicted shall be imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh to 5 lakhs.

6. "Last Ice Area", which was seen in the news, is located in which Ocean?

- A) Arctic Ocean
- B) Antarctic Ocean
- C) Pacific Ocean
- D) Indian Ocean



- ✓ A part of the Arctic's ice is known as the 'Last Ice Area' and is located north of Greenland. Recently, researchers have found that the region has melted before expected. Scientists had earlier believed this area was strong enough to withstand global warming.
- ✓ But as per a recent research paper, the area where the Last Ice Area (LIA) is located, experienced a record low concentration of sea ice. The thinning of sea ice is due to climate change.

7. Saiga, which was seen in the news sometimes, is a rare type of which species?

- A) Antelope
- B) Snake
- C) Bandicoot
- D) Bull



- ✓ According to the first aerial survey in two years, the number of Saiga in Kazakhstan has increased from 334,000 to 842,000. Saiga is a rare type of antelope, which was considered to at the brink of extinction following a mass die-off in 2015.
- ✓ After a series of conservation measures, the population of the rare antelope has more than doubled since 2019.

8. Taal Volcano, which was seen in news recently, is situated in which country?

- A) Thailand
- B) Philippines
- C) Indonesia
- D) Japan



- ✓ Taal Volcano is the second most active volcano of Philippines, and is located on the Luzan island of the country. Recently, the Taal volcano emitted lava and ash clouds up to nine miles into the air. Several lakhs of people are being evacuated from the capital city of Philippines Manila, fearing a major and explosive volcanic eruption.
- ✓ The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) has made the alert level to four, the highest being five.

9. Which organisation/body organised the Indo-Pacific Business Summit 2021, in association with the External Affairs Ministry?

- A) FICCI
- B) CII
- C) NASSCOM
- D) ASSOCHAM



- ✓ The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organised the first edition of Indo-Pacific Business Summit 2021, in association with the ministry of External Affairs. The Business Summit, organised over virtual platform, had participation of Governments, Enterprises & Business Chambers from the countries in the Indo-pacific region.

10. Which multilateral association recently held a Conference on Biodiversity?

- A) BRICS
- B) G20
- C) ASEAN
- D) G7



- ✓ The third ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Conference on Biodiversity was held recently.
- ✓ The fifth and the final session of the Conference focussed on the theme of 'Towards 2050: Living in Harmony with Nature.' As per the ASEAN nations, developing countries will need resources for proper implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
- ✓ The ASEAN includes 10 countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

1. Experts from which state have identified native grasses and trees to improve elephant habitats?

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



- ✓ A group of experts from the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) and its Forest College and Research Institute (FC&RI) has undertaken a project to identify native grasses and trees, suitable for elephants. This project aims to standardise mass multiplication techniques.
- ✓ Earlier this year, the Forest Department set up the eight-member team, which recently submitted a report after identifying 29 native grass species and 14 fodder tree species that are eatable for elephants and other herbivores. The team have started a nursery to grow these species.

2. In which Olympics, International Olympic Committee made provisions for flagbearers from both genders at the opening ceremony?

- A) Tokyo 2020
 B) Rio De Janeiro 2016
 C) London 2012
 D) Beijing 2008



- ✓ The International Olympic Committee, for the first time, had made provisions for flagbearers from both genders at the opening ceremony only last year. This will be made effect from the Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- ✓ Indian Boxer M.C. Mary Kom and men's hockey team skipper Manpreet Singh will be flagbearers for India at the opening ceremony of Tokyo Olympics. Wrestler Bajrang Punia will be the flagbearer at the closing ceremony on August 8.

3. What is the expansion of ONDC, a recent project initiated by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)?

- A) Open Network for Digital Commerce
 B) Outsourced for Digital Commerce
 C) Open Network for Development Commerce
 D) Output Network for Development Commerce



- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recently appointed an advisory committee for its Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) project. It aims to promote Open networks developed in open-source methodology.
- ✓ This can also make e-commerce processes open source. National Health Authority CEO RS Sharma and Infosys non-executive chairman Nandan Nilekani are appointed in this council.

4. Haribhanga mangoes, which were making news, are grown in which country?

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



- ✓ The Haribhanga mango variety is grown in Bangladesh, especially in the Rangpur district. Recently, the Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has sent 2,600 kg mangoes as gift for PM Modi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The consignment of the famous 'Haribhanga' mangoes was sent across the land border via the Benapole checkpoint. This is also dubbed as 'Mango Diplomacy'.

5. What is the maximum fine, to be imposed by the Department of Telecommunications, for fraud messages with fake headers?

- A) Rs.10000
 B) Rs.5000
 C) Rs.2500
 D) Rs.1000



- ✓ The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) will impose a fine of up to Rs 10,000 per violation of commercial SMS senders who send fraudulent SMS with fake headers.
- ✓ Apart from the fine of Rs 1000 to Rs 10000 per violation, the DoT will also undertake permanent suspension of the sending mobile number or sender ID, depending on the number of violations.

6. Which country releases the Trafficking in Persons report, annually?

- A) USA
 B) Sweden
 C) Norway
 D) Australia



- ✓ The Trafficking in Persons report is an annual study released by the U.S. State Department. As per the report, the pandemic caused an increase in vulnerability to human trafficking and damaged existing anti-traffic efforts.
- ✓ The U.S. has also determined that governments of twelve countries, including China, had a policy of trafficking in the reporting period.

7. As of 2021, which actor holds the record of receiving most Filmfare Awards for Best Actor?

- A) Dilip Kumar
 B) Rajinikanth
 C) Vijay
 D) Ajith



- ✓ Legendary actor Dilip Kumar died recently at the age of 98. He holds the record of receiving most Filmfare Award for Best Actor, by winning the award for 8 times.
- ✓ He had won various awards during his 5-decade journey in Cinema, including Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1994, Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2015) and Pakistan's Nishan-e-Imtiaz (1998). He was nominated as the Member of Parliament in Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra in 2000-2006.

8. Which institution released the report titled "The Hunger Virus Multiplies"?

- A) World Bank
 B) UNICEF
 C) Oxfam
 D) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



- ✓ Oxfam has recently released a new report titled "The Hunger Virus Multiplies". As per the report, eleven people die every minute of hunger. The report also found that the number of those facing famine-like conditions globally has increased by six times over the past year. It highlighted that famine outpaces COVID-19, which kills about seven people per minute.

9. Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2021 is associated with which country?

- A) India
- B) Pakistan
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Kuwait



- ✓ Pakistan passed the Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2021, which aims to protect women, children, the elderly and other vulnerable groups from domestic violence.
- ✓ The bill states that any act of domestic violence will be punishable with imprisonment of a maximum period of three years and not less than six months, along with fines up to Rs 1 lakh. It was also passed by the Senate and awaiting presidential assent.

10. Who has been appointed as the first Union Minister of the new 'Ministry of Cooperation'?

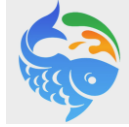
- A) Kiren Rijju
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Anurag Thakur
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman



- ✓ Union Minister Amit Shah, has been appointed as the first Union Minister of the newly-set up Ministry of Cooperation along with his current Home Affairs portfolio. The setting up of the Ministry of Cooperation was aimed at providing more focus to the cooperative movement in the country.
- ✓ "Sahkar se samridhi" (Prosperity from cooperation) is its vision statement, according to a release from the Cabinet Secretariat. This ministry will provide a separate administrative, legal, and policy framework to strengthen the cooperative movement in the country.

1. What is 'Matsya Setu', which was released by the Union ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying?

- A) GPS Application
 B) Online Course Application
 C) Fishing Robot
 D) AI-powered Boat



- ✓ Union ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the Online Course Mobile App named "Matsya Setu".
- ✓ The app was developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar. Matsya Setu app has species-wise/ subject-wise self-learning online course modules. It also teaches the latest freshwater aquaculture technologies to the aqua farmers of the country.

2. Which Article in the Indian Constitution is associated with 'Abolition or creation of Legislative Councils in States'?

- A) Article 123
 B) Article 169
 C) Article 69
 D) Article 196



- ✓ Article 169 of the Indian constitution is associated with 'Abolition or creation of Legislative Councils in States'. West Bengal Assembly has recently passed a resolution to set up Legislative Council with a two-thirds majority. The resolution moved under the Article 169, was favoured by 196 and opposed by 69. The Legislative Council existed till 1969 till a resolution was passed for its dissolution.

3. The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) has been shifted to which Union Ministry, from the Heavy Industries Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 B) Ministry of MSME
 C) Ministry of Finance
 D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Union Government has brought Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) under the Finance Ministry, to facilitate its ambitious disinvestment programme. Earlier, the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) was under the aegis of Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.
- ✓ This will be the sixth department under the Finance Ministry. Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises will be called the Ministry of Heavy Industries.

4. Jovenel Moise, who was assassinated recently, was the President of which country?

- A) South Africa
 B) Haiti
 C) Papua New Guinea
 D) Iraq



- ✓ Haiti Prime Minister Jovenel Moise, a 53-year-old who took office in 2017, was shot dead recently by a group of heavily armed assassins, at his home. Subsequently, the country's Security forces in Haiti have shot dead four suspected killers of President Jovenel Moise and captured two others. Haiti is a Caribbean country near to the Dominican Republic.

5. Which Indian military ship participated in the Military exercise with Italian Navy?

- A) INS Tabar
 B) INS Talwar
 C) INS Trishul
 D) INS Trikand



- ✓ Indian Naval Ship Tabar participated in military exercises with the Italian Navy after entering the Port of Naples. The ship also undertook a Maritime Partnership Exercise with ITS Antonio Marcegaglia, a frontline frigate of the Italian Navy, in the Tyrrhenian Sea.
- ✓ Indian Army chief Manoj Mukund Naravane is on a four-day visit to the UK and Italy.

6. Dashly Island, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which Sea?

- A) Mediterranean Sea
 B) Caspian Sea
 C) Black Sea
 D) Arabian Sea



- ✓ Dashly ada or Dashly Island is one of the islands of Baku Archipelago, located in the Caspian Sea. The volcanic island is also called as the Ignaty Stone Island. Recently, an explosion occurred near an oil field in the Caspian Sea off Azerbaijan.
- ✓ As per media reports, a mud volcano is the cause of the explosion. Mud volcanoes are driven by hot water and natural gas. They tend to occur where layers of water-saturated clay rocks, in Earth's interior, are under pressure from the layers above.

7. Which country issued a commemorative coin marking the centenary of the Chinese Communist Party?

- A) India
 B) Sri Lanka
 C) Thailand
 D) Pakistan



- ✓ Sri Lanka's Central Bank announced that it has minted two coins in gold and silver, in connection with the Party's 100th anniversary, and 65 years of Sri Lanka-China relations.
- ✓ One of the coins, bears the words 'Communist Party of China' in Sinhala, Tamil and English, while the other has a view of the China-built Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre, located in Colombo and the words 'Sri Lanka-China 65 Years'.

8. India adopted 2030 Roadmap and held its inaugural meeting of Financial Markets Dialogue with which country?

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



- ✓ India and the UK held the inaugural meeting of the India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue. It was established at the 10th Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD) in October 2020.
- ✓ Financial Cooperation is a key pillar of the 2030 Roadmap adopted by the two countries during the recent meeting of the two Prime Ministers. The Dialogue focused on four themes: (1) GIFT City 2) banking and payments, (3) insurance, and (4) capital market

9. As per the WWF-UNEP report, 35% of the ranges of which Indian animal lie outside protected areas?

- A) Elephant
- B) Tiger
- C) Lion
- D) Leopard



- ✓ A new report by WWF and UNEP has found that 35 per cent of India's tiger ranges currently lie outside protected areas. The report was titled "A Future for All – A need for Human-Wildlife Coexistence".
- ✓ 40% of the African lion range and 70% of the African and Asian elephant ranges fall outside protected areas. As the protected areas disconnected from each other, many animals depend on human-dominated spaces for their survival.

10. ICESat-2 is a satellite of which country?

- A) USA
- B) China
- C) Germany
- D) Israel



- ✓ As per a recent study, NASA's 'Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite 2' or ICESat-2, allowed scientists to precisely map the sub-glacial lakes. The satellite measures the height of the ice surface. ICESat-2 maps the elevation changes of the ice surface with a precision, using a laser altimeter system that can measure Earth's surface, with more details.

1. Satkosia Tiger Reserve, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

- A) West Bengal
B) Odisha
C) Uttarakhand
D) Bihar



- ✓ Paradoxurus hermaphrodites, the common palm civet has been spotted in Odisha after 129 years, in the Satkosia Tiger Reserve (STR). It is also called as the Asian palm civet, found in southern and south-eastern Asia. It is a small mammal belonging to the family Viverridae. Their long body is covered with coarse hair, which is usually grey in colour.

2. Which institution released a report titled 'Suffering in Silence', to highlight the plight of Niger during Covid-19?

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



- ✓ UNICEF has recently released a report titled 'Suffering in Silence', to highlight the plight of Niger during Covid-19. As per the report, more than 2.1 million children need humanitarian help in the country. In 2021, 3.8 million people will need humanitarian assistance in Niger. In addition to the armed conflict, displacement, floods, diseases and malnutrition, Niger has also been affected by the impacts of Covid-19 recently.

3. Cambridge-1, which was making news recently, is the supercomputer of which country?

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



- ✓ The UK's most powerful supercomputer, named Cambridge-1 is operational now. It is expected to make the process of preventing, diagnosing and treating disease faster and cheaper.
✓ It is a \$100m investment by US-based computing company Nvidia. Cambridge-1 can integrate different datasets. It collaborates with various pharma companies and start-ups for data.

4. Indian biologists have identified a new plant species named 'Bryum bhartiensis', in which continent?

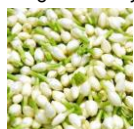
- A) Africa
B) Antarctica
C) Asia
D) Europe



- ✓ Indian biologists have identified a species of moss during an expedition to Antarctica in 2017. This has been published in an international journal recently. The biologists, based in the Central University of Punjab, have named the species as Bryum bhartiensis. Bharati is the name of one of India's Antarctic research stations. The most astonishing fact is how the moss survives in the landscape of rock and ice.

5. GI-certified jasmine flowers, which were making recently, belong to which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu B) Kerala
C) Andhra Pradesh D) Karnataka



- ✓ Geographical Indications (GI) certified Madurai jasmine and other traditional flowers such as button rose, lily, chamanthi, and marigold

were exported to the US and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Tamil Nadu.

- ✓ As per the Commerce & Industry Ministry, this export initiative generated employment for 130 women workers. The flowers sourced from places near Madurai are processed in APEDA registered centre.

6. Nihal Sarin, who was seen in the news recently, is associated with sports?

- A) Tennis
B) Table Tennis
C) Chess
D) Swimming



- ✓ 16-year-old Indian Grandmaster Nihal Sarin recently became champion in the Masters' section of the Serbia Open Chess Championship in Belgrade.
✓ This is the second consecutive tournament victory for Nihal Sarin after he claimed the title in Silver Lake Open tournament. Sarin became a Grandmaster in 2018 at the age of 14. In this tournament, he won six games and drew three, to remain unbeaten.

7. Bhalia variety of wheat, which is a GI tagged product, belongs to which state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Gujarat
C) Assam
D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ The Bhalia variety of wheat, which has a high protein content and a peculiar sweet in taste was awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in the year 2011. This is grown across the Bhal region of Gujarat. Recently, the Government of India has commenced the exports of Bhalia variety of wheat to Kenya and Sri Lanka from Gujarat.

8. The world's tallest sandcastle has been built in which country?

- A) Denmark
B) Scotland
C) France
D) Norway



- ✓ In the seaside town of Blokhus - Denmark, the world's tallest sandcastle has been built. The castle is more than 20 metres in height and has been built using nearly 5,000 tonnes of sand. This is 3 metres taller than one built in Germany in 2019, which was previously the tallest sand castle to be built on earth.

9. Where is the National Forensic Science University located in India?

- A) Ahmedabad
B) Mumbai
C) Mysuru
D) Chennai



- ✓ National Forensic Science University, erstwhile known as 'Gujarat Forensic Science University' is dedicated to forensic and investigative science. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the newly built Center of Excellence for Research & Analysis of Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances of the National Forensic Science University in Ahmedabad. Virtual training on Investigation of Crimes Against Women was also inaugurated.

10. The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) issued framework to set up ITFS Platform. What does ITFS stand for?

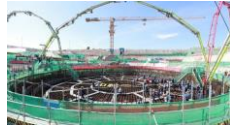
- A) Indian Trade Finance Services
- B) International Trade Finance Services
- C) Indian Trade Finance Secretariat
- D) International Trade Finance Secretariat



- ✓ International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) was set up to develop and regulate the financial products, financial services and financial institutions in the International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs). IFSCA has issued a framework for setting up and operating International Trade Finance Services Platform (ITFS).
- ✓ This will help the Exporters and Importers to avail various types of trade finance facilities for their international trade transactions.

1. Which country is building LingLong One, the world's 1st commercial small modular reactor?

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



- ✓ China has officially begun the construction of the world's first commercial modular small reactor 'Linglong One' at its Changjiang Nuclear Power Plant. Once completed, the generation capacity of the small modular reactor can reach 1 billion kilowatt hours.
- ✓ This is expected to cater to more than 5 lakh households in China. This multipurpose small modular reactor was the first to be approved by the International Atomic Energy Agency in 2016.

2. When is World Malala Day celebrated every year?

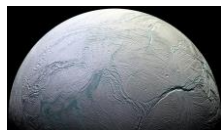
- A) July.4
 B) July.8
 C) July.10
 D) July.12



- ✓ The United Nations declared July 12, Malala's birthday, as World Malala Day in honour of the young education activist from Pakistan. In 2012, Malala was shot at by Taliban insurgents while she was on her way to school. This day is observed to make an appeal to world leaders, to ensure compulsory and free education for every child in their country.

3. Enceladus is the moon of which planet?

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



- ✓ Enceladus is the sixth-largest moon of Saturn. NASA's Cassini spacecraft has recently detected an unusually high concentration of methane, along with carbon dioxide and dihydrogen, in the moons of Saturn. The spacecraft has found that Titan, another moon of Saturn has methane in its atmosphere and Enceladus has a liquid ocean with gas and water. Researchers assume that there may be methane-producing processes on Enceladus.

4. Coconut Development Board is a statutory body established under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
 B) Ministry of Agriculture
 C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 D) Ministry of MSME



- ✓ Coconut Development Board is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Agriculture, for the integrated development of coconut and coconut-related products. The Union Cabinet has approved the amendment in the Coconut Development Board Act, 1979, to make the post of chairman non-executive. Centre will nominate six members in the board from the current practice of four members from four states.

5. What is the duration of the 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund' scheme?

- A) 1 year
 B) 10 years
 C) 20 years
 D) 25 years



- ✓ The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund scheme launched by the Government of India, is a medium – long term debt financing facility aimed to enhance the post gravest infra in India. The duration of this scheme is 10 years from FY2020 to FY2029.
- ✓ The Union cabinet headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved some changes in this scheme, in terms of eligibility, location of the units, interest subvention etc.

6. Which state has witnessed a rise in cases of Zika virus infection?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
 B) Punjab
 C) Haryana
 D) Kerala



- ✓ The count of persons infected with the Zika virus in the state of Kerala has been on the rise. The infection is a viral disease spread through mosquito bites from one person to another. It is said that in most cases, it is asymptomatic, but sometimes it can lead to paralysis.
- ✓ The neighbouring states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have intensified their checks at inter-state borders to prevent the infection from spreading.

7. Which member country of BRICS proposed the STI-led BRICS Innovation Cooperation Action Plan (2021–24)?

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



- ✓ India had proposed the Science, Technology Innovation- led BRICS Innovation Cooperation Action Plan (2021–24). Recently, during the 12th meeting of the BRICS S&T Steering Committee, hosted by the Department of Science and Technology, all BRICS countries agreed to the STI-led Action Plan.
- ✓ It enables sharing of experiences of each other's innovation ecosystem and networking of innovators and entrepreneurs.

8. Which country has exported apples to India, for the first time on 50 years?

- A) China
 B) Israel
 C) UK
 D) Australia



- ✓ The United Kingdom has exported apples to India for the first time in over 50 years. This is seen as a sign of the UK-India Enhanced Trade Partnership. The Enhanced Trade Partnership was agreed by British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Prime Minister Narendra Modi during their virtual summit in May.
- ✓ After that, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal signed the agreement, setting a target to double UK-India bilateral trade by 2030.

9. Who is the first Managing Director of the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd?

- A) K V Kamath
 B) Shyam Srinivasan
 C) Padmakumar Madhavan
 D) M K Jain



- ✓ India has formally set up a bad bank, registered as the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. has been registered in Mumbai with a paid-up capital of ₹74.6 crore (\$10 million). Padmakumar Madhavan Nair has been appointed as the Managing Director.
- ✓ He had earlier handled stressed assets resolution in the SBI. Sunil Mehta, CEO of the Indian Banks' Association, will be a director. Initially, public sector banks will transfer 22 bad loan accounts worth ₹89,000 crore to NARCL.

10. Which is the first Indian state/UT to achieve 100% first dose coverage, for Covid-19?

- A) Goa
- B) Ladakh
- C) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- D) Puducherry



- ✓ The Administration of UT of Ladakh has achieved 100 per cent vaccination with the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine to all its eligible population, i.e., people above 18 years.
- ✓ The UT Administration has given the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine to all beneficiaries, by covering all Health Care Workers, Front line Workers, all those in the age group of above 45 and 18 to 45. India's vaccination drive has crossed 38 Crore mark of administered doses, as on July 14, 2021.

1. As per a recent NASA study, 'Nuisance floods' will occur frequently in 2030, due to the wobble in the orbit of which satellite?

- A) Moon
 B) Titan
 C) Phobos
 D) Deimos



- ✓ As per the recent study conducted by USA's NASA, a 'wobble' in Moon's orbit combined with rising sea levels due to climate change will lead to devastating floods on Earth. Called 'Nuisance floods', these usually occur in coastal areas when the tide reaches about 2 feet above the daily average high tide. As per the study, these nuisance floods will become more frequent and irregular by mid-2030s.

2. When is the 'World Population Day' observed every year?

- A) July.11
 B) July.12
 C) July.14
 D) July.16



- ✓ The 'World Population Day' is observed across the world, on July 11 every year. The day was first celebrated in the year 1990. Inspired by the awareness created by 'Five Billion Day' on the same day in 1987 when the world's population reached 5 billion, UNDP recommended the observance of Population Day on July 11. The 2021 theme for the day is "The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility".

3. KVIC is a statutory body formed in which year?

- A) 1947
 B) 1957
 C) 1988
 D) 1999



- ✓ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is a statutory body under the Union Ministry of MSME, formed in April 1957 under the act of Parliament - 'Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956'. Recently, KVIC has secured the trademark registration for its brand "Khadi" in Bhutan, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Mexico.

4. Which Indian University has partnered with ICCR, to set up Bangabandhu Chair?

- A) Madras University
 B) Delhi University
 C) Anna University
 D) Periyar University



- ✓ An MoU was signed between the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Delhi University to set up the 'Bangabandhu Chair' at Delhi University. The Chair will focus on the common heritage of the two countries and several subjects including Buddhist Studies, languages including Bangla, Geography, History, Music, Fine Arts, Political Science, International relations and Sociology. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the first President of Bangladesh.

5. Which city is the venue of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting 2021?

- A) Dushanbe
 B) Moscow
 C) Shanghai
 D) New Delhi



- ✓ The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting was recently held in the city of Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan. India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar participated in the meeting, representing India. He urged the SCO to stop terror financing.
 ✓ Foreign Ministers of Russia, China and Pakistan also attended the meeting. Situation in Afghanistan as well as public health and economic recovery were discussed.

6. The Union Cabinet has approved MoU with which country, on cooperation regarding Coking Coal?

- A) Russia
 B) Sweden
 C) Japan
 D) Australia



- ✓ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Steel of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation on cooperation regarding Coking Coal.
 ✓ Coking Coal is used for Steel making. The MoU shall benefit the steel sector in India by reducing their input cost and cost of steel in domestic market. The Cabinet also approves MoU between India and Denmark for cooperation in health and medicine.

7. North Eastern Institute of Folk Medicine (NEIFM) is situated in which state?

- A) Assam
 B) Sikkim
 C) Arunachal Pradesh
 D) Meghalaya



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has given its approval for changing the name and mandate of North Eastern Institute of Folk Medicine (NEIFM) as North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Folk Medicine Research (NEIAFMR). The NEIFM is located in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. It was established for systemic research, documentation of traditional folk medicine and medicinal practices of the region.

8. Which Union Minister has been appointed as the Leader of House in Rajya Sabha?

- A) Piyush Goyal
 B) Amit Shah
 C) Rajnath Singh
 D) Nirmala Sitharaman



- ✓ Union Minister Piyush Goyal was appointed as the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha, filling the vacancy created by Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is now the Governor of Karnataka.
 ✓ Piyush Goyal, who is a Rajya Sabha member from Maharashtra, is in charge of several Ministries including Commerce and industry, Consumer affairs, food and public distribution, and Textiles. The Leader will play a key role in ensuring the smooth functioning of the House and better coordination with all parties.

9. Who is the head of the Commission set up to examine the issue of Sub-categorization within OBCs in the Central List?

- A) A K Sikri
 B) G Rohini
 C) Ranjan Gogoi
 D) S A Bobde



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the Eleventh Extension of the term of the Commission constituted under Article 340 of the Constitution to examine the issue of Sub-categorization within Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the Central List by 6 months, up to 31st January 2022.
- ✓ The commission, which took charge on October 11, 2017, is headed by retired Delhi High Court Chief Justice G Rohini.

10. Which Indian state/UT had maximum deaths due to lightning strikes during 2020–21, as per annual Lightning Report?

- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka
- C) Assam
- D) Bihar



- ✓ According to India's second annual Lightning Report, Bihar reported the most deaths due to lightning between April 1, 2020– March 31, 2021 (401 deaths), followed by Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ According to the report, the most number of deaths are due to people standing under isolated tall trees. The Odisha–West Bengal–Jharkhand belt is more prone as lightning strikes originate from Chot Nagpur Plateau. India witnessed 1.85 crore strikes in 2020–2021 compared to 1.38 crore strikes in 2019–2020.

1. Which company supplied the 10th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I, to the Indian Navy?

- A) Boeing
 B) Airbus
 C) Dassault Aviation
 D) Tesla



- ✓ The Indian Navy has received the 10th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I from the US-based aerospace company Boeing. The Defence Ministry had first signed a contract for eight P-8I aircraft in 2009.
- ✓ Later, in 2016, it signed a contract for four additional P-8I aircraft. P-8I is deployed during disaster relief and humanitarian missions.

2. Which IT consulting company has been engaged by Coal India Ltd, for Digitalisation of mines?

- A) Accenture
 B) TATA Consultancy Services
 C) Cognizant
 D) Infosys

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- ✓ Coal India Ltd (CIL) has formally engaged Accenture as consultant, for digitalization of mine process in seven select opencast mines of the company. The seven identified mines are Kusmunda, Gevra, Dipka of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL) and Nigahi, Jayant, Dudhichua, Khadia of Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL).
- ✓ SECL and NCL are subsidiaries of Coal India. This tie-up aims to use data analytic techniques to raise mine productivity and efficiency.

3. Which Indian pharma company is set to produce the Russian Covid-19 vaccine Sputnik V in India?

- A) Dr Reddy Labs
 B) Serum Institute of India
 C) Bharat Biotech
 D) Biocon



- ✓ Pune-based Serum Institute of India will produce the Russian Covid-19 vaccine Sputnik V in India from September. The Russian RDIF (Russian Direct Investment Fund) announced that SII has already received cell and vector samples. As their import approved by the Drug Controller General of India, the cultivation process has started.

4. The 1st ever Draft "Global Biodiversity Framework" has been released by which entity?

- A) UN Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat
 B) World Health Organization
 C) International Solar Alliance
 D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The 1st ever Draft "Global Biodiversity Framework" has been released by the UN Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat. This framework contains guidelines to be converted into world wide actions to be performed by 2030, for conservation and protection of nature. The framework includes 21 targets to be achieved by the year 2030.

5. NTPC REL has proposed to set up India's single-largest solar photovoltaic project in which state?

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



- ✓ The state-run PSU – NTPC's renewable energy arm NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL) has proposed to set up India's single-largest solar photovoltaic project at Rann of Kutch in Gujarat, with a capacity of 4750 MW. The company has received approval from the Union Energy Ministry. The company has been given a target of building 60 GW renewable energy capacity by 2032.

6. 'Lower Arun Hydropower project' is to be set up in which country?

- A) India
 B) Bhutan
 C) Sri Lanka
 D) Nepal



- ✓ India's state-owned PSU Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam has signed a MoU with the Government of Nepal, to establish 679-Megawatt Lower Arun Hydropower project in eastern Nepal.
- ✓ The cost of the project is approximately \$1.3 billion and is the single biggest foreign investment project of Nepal. This is the second mega project being undertaken by India in Nepal.

7. As per the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World report, how many people went hungry in 2020?

- A) 112 million
 B) 222 million
 C) 553 million
 D) 811 million



- ✓ 'State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World' is an annual flagship report jointly prepared by FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO. It aims to inform on progress towards ending hunger, achieving food security and improving nutrition. As per the report, nearly one-tenth of the world population, up to 811 million people went hungry in 2020.
- ✓ World Hunger increased last year, after remaining virtually unchanged for five years. It also projected that around 660 million people may still face hunger in 2030.

8. NTPC Renewable Energy is set up India's first 'Green hydrogen-based mobility project' in which Indian state/UT?

- A) Sikkim
 B) Himachal Pradesh
 C) Ladakh
 D) Goa



- ✓ NTPC Renewable Energy (NTPC REL) has inked a pact with the Union Territory of Ladakh to set up a 'Green hydrogen mobility project' in the region. Leh would be the first city in the country to implement a green hydrogen-based mobility project, once completed. NTPC is set to set up a solar plant and a green hydrogen generation unit in Leh.

9. National Ayush Mission is classified as which category of scheme?

- A) Central Sector Scheme
 B) Centrally Sponsored Scheme
 C) Core Scheme
 D) Core of the Core Scheme



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved to continue the National AYUSH Mission as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for another five years till 2026. A financial outlay of Rs 4,607.30 crores to be spent during the period. The scheme which was launched on September 15, 2014, is being implemented by the AYUSH Ministry.

- ✓ The objective of providing cost-effective services, with a universal access through upgrading.
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10. As per data published by WHO and UNICEF, how many children have missed out their routine immunization in the year 2020?

- A) 3 million children
B) 23 million children
C) 80 million children
D) 100 million children



- ✓ As per the data released by World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF, 23 million children across the globe have missed their routine immunization in the year 2020 and this figure is 3.7 million more than the 2019 value. This reflects the global service disruptions due to COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.
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1. In which year was the OECD founded?

- A) 1940
B) 1957
C) 1961
D) 1999



- ✓ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an intergovernmental economic organization, founded in the year 1961 with its headquarter in Paris, France.
- ✓ As per the OECD FAO Agricultural Outlook 2021-2030 released recently, the global pulse market would increase by 22 million tons by 2030 from the present level of 92 million tons. The report further states that the projected increase would come mostly from Asian countries, especially India.

2. Which Union Ministry implements the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana?

- A) Ministry of Mines
B) Ministry of Coal
C) Ministry of Home Affairs
D) Ministry of Women and Child Welfare



- ✓ The Centre has taken complete control of the district mineral foundation (DMF) funds. It has rejected the states' right to sanction or approve any expenditure out of the funds accrued from mandatory contribution from mining lease holders.
- ✓ Under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana, The DMFs are required to use these funds for the welfare of persons and areas affected by mining-related operations. The tribal population are the main targeted beneficiaries.

3. "Vikas Engine" is associated with which organization?

- A) ISRO
B) DRDO
C) HAL
D) BHEL



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the third long-duration hot test of the Vikas Engine - the liquid propellant engine to be used for India's human mission to space, the Gaganyaan. The engine would be used at the core L110 liquid stage of GSLV Mk III rocket for the Gaganyaan mission.

4. Which institution has launched a new scheme named 'FASTER' or 'Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records'?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
B) Supreme Court of India
C) Election Commission of India
D) Central Bureau of Investigation



- ✓ Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana launched a new scheme called 'FASTER' or 'Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records'.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the Supreme Court will instantly transmit bail and other orders to the jail authorities, district courts and the High Courts. This will be done in a secure way electronically. As per the present practice, hard copy of the bail order received by hand mandated.

5. Which country chaired the 7th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting, held in July 2021?

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



- ✓ The Labour Ministers of five BRICS nations -Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa took part in the BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Declaration. India's Union Minister for Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav chaired the 7th BRICS meeting.
- ✓ The five countries resolved to recover with stronger national economies, inclusive labour markets and social protection systems. Russia organized the 6th meeting of Labour and Employment Ministers in Moscow on October 9, 2020.

6. India recently held a virtual maritime exercise 'Exercise Shield', with which countries?

- A) Sri Lanka and Maldives
B) Bangladesh and Maldives
C) Japan and Thailand
D) USA and Russia



- ✓ Indian and Sri Lankan Navies and Maldives National Defence Force held a tri-nation table top anti-narcotics and maritime search and rescue exercise, 'Exercise Shield'.
- ✓ The Table top Exercise held virtually, aims to share best practices and fine-tune procedures to curb narcotics smuggling in the region. Indian Navy's Western Naval Command was the lead agency and the exercise was coordinated by Maritime Warfare Centre, Mumbai.

7. What is the theme of the World Youth Skills Day 2021?

- A) Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic
B) Leaving No one Behind
C) Skillful World, Safe World
D) Skill Development in Schools



- ✓ In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day, to celebrate the importance of providing young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. This year, the theme of the World Youth Skills Day is 'Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic'.
- ✓ As per UNESCO, COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the widespread disruption of the technical and vocational education and training sector. 6th anniversary of Skill India Mission was also observed in India.

8. Which country's National Plastic Surgery Day is celebrated as World Plastic Surgery Day?

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



- ✓ Plastic surgery is said to have originated in India. Association of Plastic Surgeons in India (APSI) introduced the concept of National Plastic Surgery Day in 2011. Since then, on July 15, the day has been observed in India, when Plastic surgeons across the country perform free operations and conduct awareness programmes.
- ✓ At the World Council of Leaders organised recently, July 15 is accepted as World Plastic Surgery Day.

9. Which Union Ministry designed and launched the 'School Innovation Ambassador Training Program'?

- A) Skill Development Ministry
B) Education Ministry
C) Women and Child Development Ministry
D) Information and Broadcasting Ministry



- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan along with Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda launched the 'School Innovation Ambassador Training Program'. The program is jointly designed by Innovation Cell of Education Ministry and AICTE. It aims at training 50,000 school teachers on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, IPR, Design Thinking, Product development, among others.
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10. What is the name of the operation launched by the Indian Navy to protect Indian vessels in the Gulf region?

- A) Operation Vanilla
- B) Operation Sankalp
- C) Operation Purple
- D) Operation Crude



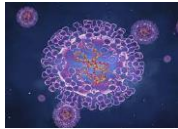
- ✓ Operation Sankalp was launched by the Indian Navy in June 2019, after there were explosions on board two oil tanker ships in the Gulf of Oman. As per the official statement of the Indian Navy, the operation has provided safe passage to an average of 16 Indian-flagged merchant vessels in the Gulf region every day.
 - ✓ The Indian Navy ship with an integral helicopter has been continuously deployed in the north-west Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman and Persian Gulf from June 2019.
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1. What is the new nomenclature of the 'Common High Court of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and UT of Ladakh'?

- A) High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh
- B) Common High Court of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh
- C) Special High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh
- D) High Court of Reorganised Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh
- ✓ The long and cumbersome nomenclature 'Common High Court of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and UT of Ladakh' has been changed to 'High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh'. The order was notified by the Department of Justice in the Law Ministry. President Ram Nath Kovind has signed the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2021, which spelled out the original name.

2. The first case of monkeypox in humans was recorded in 1970 in which country?

- A) Kenya
- B) Democratic Republic of Congo
- C) USA
- D) Nigeria
- ✓ A rare case of monkeypox was detected in Texas, in the United States, as per the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Monkeypox belongs to the same family of viruses as smallpox. It induces flu-like symptoms, swelling of the lymph nodes and rashes.
- ✓ Scientists have discovered two distinct genetic groups of monkeypox virus—Central African and West African. The first case of monkeypox in humans was recorded in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



3. Which country is the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum host in 2021?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) USA
- D) New Zealand
- ✓ New Zealand is the revolving host of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. It is headquartered in Singapore. Recently, New Zealand chaired an extraordinary meeting ahead of a formal meeting in November.
- ✓ US President Joe Biden, Russia's Vladimir Putin, China's Xi Jinping and other world leaders met virtually. They discussed on collective actions to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic and its economic impacts.



4. "North-South Gas project" is a gas pipeline agreement between which of the two countries?

- A) India and Iran
- B) India and Russia
- C) Pakistan and Russia
- D) USA and Canada
- ✓ Pakistan and Russia have signed an agreement for construction of a 1,100-km gas pipeline from Port Qasim in Karachi to Lahore.
- ✓ This project is commonly named as North-South Gas project and is also called the Pakstream Gas Pipeline Project. A special purpose vehicle has been formed between Pakistan & Russia, with a shareholding of 74:26 %.



5. Which Union Ministry launched the 'COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam' programme?

- A) Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
- B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs



C) Ministry of Home Affairs

D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- ✓ Arjun Munda, Minister of Tribal Affairs, virtually launched the nationwide campaign "COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam". It aims to fast-track the pace of COVID vaccination among tribals, in India.
- ✓ The campaign will focus on the 45,000 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVK) of the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED). It will be implemented with the help of traditional village headmen, SHGs and ground level workers in villages.

6. Which Ministry is associated with the National Logistics Excellence Awards, launched recently?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- D) Ministry of Power
- ✓ The Government has launched the National Logistics Excellence Awards. The awards are in two categories, the first group includes logistics infrastructure/service providers and second one is for various user industries. Organisations will be invited to submit entries through the Ministry of commerce and industry website. The winners will be announced on 31 October 2021



7. When is 'Passport Seva Divas' celebrated in India every year?

- A) June.24
- B) June.25
- C) July.01
- D) July.03
- ✓ Every year 'Passport Seva Divas' is celebrated on 24 June in India, to commemorate the enactment of the Passports Act on 24 June, 1967. Passport Seva Puraskars were announced for the best performing Passport Offices and their personnel.



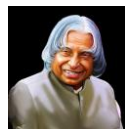
8. What is the theme of the "Day of the Seafarer", celebrated by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)?

- A) Seafarers are Key Workers
- B) Importance of Seafarers
- C) Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future
- D) Support Seafarers
- ✓ Every year, 25 June is celebrated as the "Day of the Seafarer", to recognise the contribution of seafarers in international trade and the global economy. The Day of the Seafarer was first celebrated in 2011 after it was designated by a resolution in the Conference of Parties to the International Convention, held in Philippines, in 2010.
- ✓ The theme of the Day of the Seafarer is "Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future".



9. The birth anniversary of which Indian personality has been celebrated as 'World Students' Day'?

- A) RadhaKrishnan
- B) A P J Abdul Kalam
- C) Homi J Bhabha
- D) Vikram Sarabhai
- ✓ The birth anniversary of 11th President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, October 15 has been recognised by the United Nations to be celebrated as World Students' Day.



- ✓ Recently, the country remembered the Missile Man of India on his 6th death anniversary, on July 27. While addressing students at IIM – Shillong, the former President died of cardiac arrest.
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10. Indian Institute of Heritage has been proposed to be set up in which city?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Ahmedabad
- C) Noida
- D) Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ The Union Government has decided to set up the Indian Institute of Heritage in Noida, under which all heritage institutes in the country will operate. The institute will offer masters and PhD courses in history of arts, archaeology, manuscriptology among others.
 - ✓ It will be a “deemed to be university” institute formed by integrating the Institute of Archaeology, National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property, National Museum Institute of History of Conservation and Museology (NMICHM) and the academic wing of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts.
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1. Government of India has signed loan agreement with which Bank to develop Green National Highway Corridors (GNHCP)?

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



- ✓ Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Jairam Gadkari announced that the Government had signed loan agreement with the World Bank to develop Green National Highway Corridors (GNHCP).
- ✓ The project includes upgradation of about 781 km length of various National Highways passing through the states of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Out of total length of 781 km, work on 287.96 km with an outlay of Rs. 1664.44 cr. has been awarded. The project is estimated to be completed by December, 2025.

2. July 18 is the birth anniversary of which Nobel Prize winning leader?

- A) Aung San Suu Kyi
B) Nelson Mandela
C) Kofi Annan
D) Yasser Arafat



- ✓ July 18 is celebrated as Nelson Mandela International Day marking his birth date. He is known and remembered all over the world for his efforts to promote peace and reconciliation. He became the first Black President of South Africa and was awarded the Noble Prize for Peace in the year 1993. The South African anti-apartheid revolutionary served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

3. Which country supplied the MH-60R multi-role helicopters to India?

- A) China
B) England
C) USA
D) New Zealand



- ✓ The Indian Navy has received two MH-60R multi-role helicopters from the US. The Indian Navy formally received the choppers from the US Navy in a ceremony held at a naval air station in San Diego. The helicopters were manufactured by Lockheed Martin Corporation.

4. As per the UN Data, which country recorded the greatest increase in children not receiving a first dose of DTP-1 vaccine?

- A) Zimbabwe
B) Sri Lanka
C) India
D) Bangladesh



- ✓ As per the recent data from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the UN children's agency UNICEF, India recorded the greatest increase in the world in the number of children who didn't receive the first dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis combined vaccine in 2020.
- ✓ The data highlights that 23 million children globally missed the basic vaccines through routine immunisation services in 2020, due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.

5. Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company and Snehakunja Trust, which won the UNDP Equator Prize are from which state?

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



- ✓ Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company and Snehakunja Trust are the two Indian institution among the 10 awardees of the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP) Equator Prize 2021.
- ✓ This is a biennial award to recognize community efforts for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company Limited is a 1,700-member cooperative, run by indigenous people from the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve in Tamil Nadu. Snehakunja Trust has protected wetland and coastal ecosystems in the Western Ghats and the Karnataka coast.

6. FIDE is the international federation of which game?

- A) Football
B) Chess
C) Basketball
D) Hockey



- ✓ Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) is the World Chess Federation, headquartered at Lausanne, Switzerland. It was founded on July 20, 1924 and has as many as 195 member countries.
- ✓ To commemorate the formation of FIDE, World Chess Day is celebrated on July 20, every year since 1966. The day encourages more people to play and enjoy the game of chess. Chess originated in India, moved to Persia and spread across the Southern Europe.

7. Which country has invited India for the first time to the Troika Plus meet on Afghanistan?

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



- ✓ Russia has invited India for the first time to the Russia-US-China Troika Plus meet on Afghanistan.
- ✓ The meeting aims to discuss the role of Taliban and the future of the landlocked country, among other issues. As per media reports, Iran has also been invited for the meeting. Pakistan and representatives from Afghanistan are also expected to take part in the meeting.

8. Ganymede, which was making news recently, is the moon of which planet?

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



- ✓ Ganymede is a satellite of Jupiter and is the largest and most massive of the moons present in the Solar System. It is also the ninth-largest object of the Solar System, including the Sun.
- ✓ The US space agency NASA has recently released a new video in which its Juno spacecraft was seen flying close to Jupiter's moon Ganymede. The video shows several of the moon's dark and light regions as well as the crater Tros, one of the largest and brightest crater scars on Ganymede.

9. Which Union Ministry has formulated a Draft National Strategy and Roadmap for Development of Rural Tourism in India?

- A) Ministry of Tourism
- B) Ministry of Labour
- C) Ministry of Law
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism has formulated a Draft National Strategy and Roadmap for Development of Rural Tourism in India - An initiative towards Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- ✓ The Ministry has also invited feedback from all the State Governments/UT Administrations regarding the policy. The strategy focusses on new ideas like Digital technologies, Developing clusters among others. It has also identified Rural Circuit as one of the thematic circuits under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

10. NEA Scout, is the new Spacecraft of which space agency?

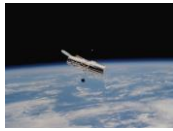
- A) ISRO
- B) JAXA
- C) NASA
- D) ESA



- ✓ NASA recently announced that its new spacecraft, named NEA Scout (Near-Earth Asteroid Scout) has completed all required tests and has been safely tucked inside the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket. NEA Scout is one of several payloads that will ride on Artemis I, which is expected to be launched in November. Under the Artemis programme, NASA has aimed to land the first woman on the Moon in 2024.

1. Which space agency is building a telescope named 'SuperBIT'?

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



- ✓ NASA and the Canadian space agency are building a telescope named the Superpressure Balloon-borne Imaging Telescope or SuperBIT. It is said to be the successor to the Hubble telescope.
- ✓ As per recent media reports, a stadium-sized helium balloon is going to be used to lift up the telescope, which is to be sent to the upper levels of the earth's atmosphere. It has been designed by the University of Toronto, Princeton University and Durham University in England together, in conjunction with NASA and the Canadian Space Agency.

2. *Chrysilla volupae*, a rare organism spotted in Kerala, belongs to which category of species?

- A) Spider
B) Turtle
C) Snake
D) Frog



- ✓ A pair of rare *Chrysilla volupe* spiders was recently spotted at Puttenahalli lake in Kerala. The *Chrysilla volupe* was believed to be extinct for 150 years, until it was discovered at the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary in 2018.
- ✓ The spider belongs to the family of jumping spiders (Salticidae). Male spiders are 5.44 mm long including stretched legs and 1.76 mm wide. Females measure 2.61 mm long and 0.88 mm wide.

3. "Faster, Higher, Stronger - Together" is the updated motto of which of the following events?

- A) BRICS Summit
B) G20 Summit
C) Olympics 2021
D) Monsoon session of Indian Parliament



- ✓ On 20th July, 2021, "Faster, Higher, Stronger," the Olympic motto was updated to "Faster, Higher, Stronger - Together". This updating was done to show solidarity around the globe at the time of the Covid-19 pandemic. At its session ahead of the Tokyo Olympics, the International Olympic Committee has approved the change.
- ✓ Since 1894, the Olympic motto has been "Citius, Altius, Fortius" in Latin or "Faster, Higher, Stronger," when it was adopted at the suggestion of Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the International Olympic Committee. "Citius, Altius, Fortius, Communiter" is the latin version of the new motto.

4. Which institution has successfully flight tested indigenously developed Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)?

- A) BEL
B) DRDO
C) ISRO
D) HAL



- ✓ The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight tested indigenously developed low weight, fire and forget Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM). The DRDO also successfully flight tested the New Generation Akash Missile (Akash-NG), a surface to air missile, from Integrated Test Range (ITR) off the coast of Odisha.

5. Liverpool, which was removed from UNESCO World Heritage sites, is located in which country?

- A) USA
B) UK
C) Denmark
D) Russia



- ✓ UNESCO has removed the Liverpool city of the United Kingdom from its World Heritage status. This decision was taken after the UN Committee found some developments threatening the value of the city's waterfront.
- ✓ UNESCO had announced that the developments, including the proposed Everton FC stadium, had resulted in serious deterioration of the historic site. Liverpool is only the third site to lose its World Heritage status since the list began in 1978, the others being Oman's Arabian Oryx Sanctuary in 2007 and the Dresden Elbe Valley in Germany in 2009.

6. Which country has launched a high-speed maglev train, which can attain a top speed of 600 kmph?

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



- ✓ China has launched a high-speed train that works on magnetic levitation (maglev), which is designed to achieve a top speed of 600 kmph. This is stated to be the world's fastest ground vehicle.
- ✓ This project was launched by China in the year 2016 and the prototype was made ready in the year 2019. The model was tested in 2020 and now it is made operational.

7. Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP) is a sub-scheme of which programme?

- A) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana
B) PM Fazal Bima Yojana
C) PM Matru Vandana Yojana
D) PM KISAN



- ✓ Union Government is implementing Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP) as a sub scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) since 2020-21. It aims to promote traditional indigenous practices.
- ✓ The scheme focusses on exclusion of all synthetic chemical inputs and promotes on-farm biomass recycling. Under BPKP, financial assistance of Rs 12200 per hectare for 3 years is provided for cluster formation.

8. How many ordnance factories are operational across India?

- A) 11
B) 41
C) 91
D) 181



- ✓ Essential Defence Services Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha recently. The Bill empowers the government to declare services mentioned in it as essential defence services.
- ✓ The Essential Defence Services Bill is aimed at preventing the staff of the government-owned ordnance factories from going on a strike. Around 70,000 people are working at 41 ordnance factories located around the country.

9. Taipei is the capital of which country?

- A) Taiwan
- B) Zimbabwe
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Thailand



- ✓ Taipei is the capital city of Taiwan and has New Taiwan dollar as its official currency. The Government of Taiwan has proposed to establish its first office in Lithuania, a European Nation, using its own name "Taiwan". All the other diplomatic outposts are operational under the name "Taipei". This move is set to have angered China and has been welcomed by the USA.
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10. Which Indian has been appointed as the member of UN tax committee?

- A) Urjit Patel
- B) Rasmi Ranjan Das
- C) Raghuram Rajan
- D) Atanu Chakraborty



- ✓ Rasmi Ranjan Das, a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, has been appointed as member of the UN tax committee for the 2021 to 2025 term.
 - ✓ A group of 25 tax experts from around the world are appointed as members of the UN tax committee, formally known as the UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. It aims to guide the efforts of countries to adopt stronger tax policies.
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