

1. Ruskin Bond, Vinod Kumar Shukla and six others were selected for which award/ fellowship recently?

- A) Sahitya Akademi Fellowship ☒
- B) Jnanpith Award
- C) Vyas Samman
- D) Dr BC Roy Award



- ✓ English author Ruskin Bond, Hindi writer Vinod Kumar Shukla and six others were selected for the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship. The National Academy of Letters said that the general council of Sahitya Akademi announced its highest honour, the Fellowship.
- ✓ The others who received the Fellowship are Sirshendu Mukhopadhyay (Bengali), M Leelavathy (Malayalam), Dr. Bhalchandra Nemade (Marathi), Dr Tejwant Singh Gill (Punjabi), Swami Rambhadracharya (Sanskrit), Indira Parthasarthy (Tamil).

2. Pankaj Advani, who was in the news recently, is associated with which sports?

- A) Weight-lifting
- B) Snooker ☒
- C) Tennis
- D) Table-tennis



- ✓ India's Pankaj Advani successfully lifted the Asian Snooker Championship, held in Doha, Qatar, outplaying Amir Sarkhosh of Iran 6-3. He won the title in 2019 but he was the runner-up in 2017. In 2019, Pankaj also became the only player in the world who won the titles in all forms of billiards, snooker, 6Reds, and 10Reds competitions.

3. The Ministry of Labour recently launched India's first national database on unorganised workers on which portal?

- A) e-Shram portal ☒
- B) Samadhan portal
- C) AtmaNirbhar Bharat portal
- D) None of the above



- ✓ The e-Shram portal is India's first national database on unorganised workers. The portal came into being after the Supreme Court directed the Government to complete the registration process of unorganized workers. Over 1 crore registered on e-shram portal. 68% of those registrations were done through Common Service Centres (CSC).

4. Researchers from which organization have designed a device that can generate electricity from raindrops?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Delhi ☒
- D) IIT Bangalore



- ✓ Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi have developed a device that can generate electricity from water droplets, raindrops, water currents and even ocean waves. The device is developed using electrostatic induction and triboelectric effect. It is called "liquid-solid interface triboelectric nanogenerator". The device is composed of a nanocomposite polymer and a contact electrode.

5. Who is the Chairperson of the recently set up 12-member committee for change in CBSE / NCERT curriculum?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Kasturirangan ☒
- C) Bimal Jalan
- D) Injeti Srinivas



- ✓ The Government of India has constituted a 12-member National Steering Committee, under the chairmanship of K Kasturirangan, for formulating guidelines for changes in the CBSE / NCERT curriculum.
- ✓ The Committee has a term of three years. The document, called as the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), was last prepared in 2005. Kasturirangan is the former Chief of ISRO and has also headed the committee that drafted the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

6. Which state has passed the Religious Structures (Protection) Bill, 2021 recently?

- A) Odisha
- B) Karnataka ☒
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Kerala



- ✓ The state assembly of Karnataka has recently passed Karnataka Religious Structures (Protection) Bill, 2021. The bill was introduced by the state Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, with an aim to protect the religious constructions on public places.
- ✓ As per the bill, a religious structure is defined as a "temple, church, mosque, gurudwara, Budh Vihar, Majar etc, constructed on a public place without authority of law"

7. The Odisha Forest department proposed to fit 'Radio Collars' on which animals, to eliminate animal - human conflict?

- A) Tigers
- B) Elephants ☒
- C) Deer
- D) Gharial



- ✓ The forest department of Odisha has proposed to fit radio collars on 7 Elephants of the state, to track their movement and prevent them from entering the human settlements.
- ✓ It aims to eliminate animal - human conflict. Three elephants of Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary and four elephants of the Similipal Tiger Reserve have been selected for this purpose. The device is fitted with a GPS device and the location can be tracked real time.

8. "Transforming Food Systems for Rural Prosperity" report has been released by which organization?

- A) UNESCO
- B) FAO
- C) IFAD ☒
- D) NABARD



- ✓ "Transforming Food Systems for Rural Prosperity" report has been released by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) which is an international financial institution and an UN specialised agency. The organization is headquartered at Rome, Italy. The report has laid emphasis on government investment in farming as well as in small and medium enterprises which support farm activities.

9. Which institution awards the 'Blue Flag certification'?

- A) UNESCO
- B) UNICEF
- C) Foundation of Environment Education ☒
- D) UNFCCC



- ✓ The Foundation for Environment Education - Denmark is an environment organisation with presently 77 member countries. This organisation awards the Blue Flag certification, which is an eco-label for sustainable beaches across the globe.

- ✓ Recently, the foundation has awarded Blue Flag certification to 2 more beaches in India – Kovalam in Tamil Nadu and Eden in Puducherry. With this, the number of Blue Flag certified beaches in India has gone up to 10.
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10. Where is the headquarters of Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) located?

- A) Dubai
- B) Davos
- C) Paris ☒
- D) Geneva



- ✓ Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is an intergovernmental economic organisation which aims to stimulate economic progress and world trade. It is headquartered at Paris, France and has 36 member countries.
  - ✓ Recently, the President of the United States has nominated veteran Indian-American diplomat Manisha Singh as America's next envoy to OECD. The diplomat had previously served in several significant positions which includes her present role as the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs.
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