

1. Mannu Bhandari, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?

- A) Sports
B) Literature
C) Politics
D) Business



- ✓ Mannu Bhandari a famous author in Hindi literature, passed away recently at the age of 90. She is the author of classic works such as 'Mahabhoj' and 'Aapka Bunty'. She published her autobiography in the title - 'Ek Kahani Yeh'. She received several prominent literary awards in the country including Vyas Samman.

2. As per the data on e-Shram portal, which occupation sector has seen the maximum registrations from informal workers?

- A) Construction
B) Agriculture
C) Domestic and household workers
D) None of the above



- ✓ e-Shram portal is the country's first centralised database of unorganised workers seeded with Aadhaar. The occupation-wise registration data shows the maximum registrations have been seen in the agriculture sector (53.6 percent), followed by construction (12.2 percent) and domestic and household workers (8.71 percent).
- ✓ Of the over 7.86 crore registrations on the database, 40.5 percent belong to Other Backward Classes, 27.4 percent to the general category, 23.7 percent to the Scheduled Castes and 8.3 percent to the Scheduled Tribes.

3. The Annual Council of Ministers meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) was recently held in which city?

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



- ✓ The 21st Annual Council of Ministers (COM) meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) was held in a hybrid format in Dhaka. India virtually participated in the meeting. The Dhaka Communiqué was adopted at the end of the meeting.
- ✓ India also congratulated Bangladesh for assuming the Chairship of IORA and welcomed the Russian Federation as the new Dialogue Partner of IORA. Ambassador Salman Al-Farisi has been selected as the next Secretary-General (SG) of IORA.

4. Which Union Ministry is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) scheme?

- A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
B) Ministry of Rural Development
C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave its approval for continuation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-I and II upto September 2022, at a cost of Rs 33,822 crore. Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the PMGSY scheme. The Cabinet approved the construction of 32,152 km of roads which are to be completed in tribal and backward areas, including those affected by left wing extremism. CCEA also approved continuation of Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas up to March, 2023.

5. Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), which is seen in the news sometimes, is associated with which sector?

- A) Coal Mining
B) Telecommunication
C) Automobile
D) Textiles



- ✓ The Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003 gave statutory status to the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). It is the pool of funds generated by the Levy that is charged upon all the telecom fund operators on their Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR).
- ✓ Cabinet clears proposal for mobile services in 7,287 uncovered villages in 44 Aspirational Districts of 5 states by utilisation of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). The five states are Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Odisha.

6. Department of Animal husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) functions under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
B) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
C) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ An MoU was signed between the Department of Animal husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) and the Ministry of Food Processing Industry (MoFPI). DAHD functions under the aegis of Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
- ✓ This MoU will facilitate extension of benefits to dairy entrepreneurs and dairy industries through convergence of various schemes of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

7. What is the position of India in producing footwear and leather garments in the world?

- A) First
B) Second
C) Fourth
D) Tenth



- ✓ India is the second largest producer of footwear and leather garments in the world. Exports of leather, footwear and leather products reached \$3.67 billion during 2020-21 (April to Feb). Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal addressed the National Export Excellence Awards presentation ceremony of the Council for Leather Exports (CLE).

8. The United Nations General Assembly has designated the year 2021 as?

- A) International Year Against Terrorism
B) International Year of Health Care
C) International Year to fight COVID
D) International Year of Fruits and Vegetables



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has declared the year 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables, with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as the lead agency to celebrate this year, along with other relevant organizations.
- ✓ This year seeks to spread awareness on the role played by fruits and vegetables in human nutrition, and in food security.

9. Which institution released the report titled "Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India"?

- A) FAO
- B) WEF
- C) IMF
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ World Economic Forum released a research report titled "Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India", in collaboration with Kearney and Observer Research Foundation. In the latest research report, the World Economic Forum has highlighted that a Green New Deal for India could bring a \$15 trillion economic opportunity by 2070.

10. When is the 'National Legal Services Day' observed in India?

- A) 9 November
- B) 11 November
- C) 13 November
- D) 15 November



- ✓ 'National Legal Services Day' is observed across the country annually on 9 November. It aims to commemorate the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act and to create awareness about the provisions related to the act. The Legal Services Authorities Act was enacted in 1987 to provide a "statutory base to legal aid programmes" in India on a uniform pattern.
- ✓ The Act came into existence on 9 November 1995. The purpose of the Act is to provide competent and free legal aid to people who belonged to marginalised socio-economic communities in the country.