

1. Which institution releases the annual flagship report "World Economic Outlook"?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) International Monetary Fund ☒
- D) United Nations Development Program



- ✓ "World Economic Outlook" is the annual flagship report released by the International Monetary Fund. This year, the report is to be released on April 6. The International Monetary Fund has announced that India's economy is on the path of gradual recovery.

2. Who is the Principal Scientific Advisor of India, whose term has been extended?

- A) B P Kanungo
- B) K Vijay Raghavan ☒
- C) N S Viswanathan
- D) R Gandhi



- ✓ K Vijay Raghavan has been given a one-year extension as the principal scientific advisor to the Government of India. As per the order issued by the Personnel Ministry, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the extension as the PSA for a period of one year. He provides objective advice to the Prime minister and Cabinet on matters related to science, technology and innovation.

3. What is 'Ever Given', that was making news recently?

- A) COVID Vaccine
- B) Cargo Ship ☒
- C) Cruise missile
- D) UN resolution



- ✓ A skyscraper-sized cargo ship MV Ever Given recently stuck in the Suez Canal near Suez, Egypt. As it stuck across the canal, over 150 other vessels which were to pass the waterway were waiting for the obstruction to clear. Ever Given vehicle was carrying cargo between Asia and Europe. The Suez Canal is a narrow, man-made canal that divides continental Africa from the Sinai Peninsula.

4. Which Indian legendary singer won the Maharashtra Bhushan award, the state's highest honour?

- A) S P Balasubramaniam
- B) Asha Bosle ☒
- C) Lata Mangeshkar
- D) Mukesh Chand



- ✓ The Maharashtra government announced that legendary singer Asha Bhosle has been selected for the Maharashtra Bhushan award for the year 2020, the State government's highest honour. A committee chaired by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray made the decision. The award was instituted in 1996 by the State government to recognise outstanding achievements of eminent persons from the state.

5. Who has been selected as the EY Entrepreneur for 2020?

- A) Harsh Mariwala ☒
- B) Prathap Chandra Reddy
- C) Byju Raveendran
- D) Peyush Bansal



- ✓ Chairman of the fast-moving consumer goods firm Marico, Mr Harsh Mariwala has been selected as the EY Entrepreneur for 2020. Prathap

Chandra Reddy, founder and executive chairman of Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd. was given the lifetime achievement award. Byju Raveendran was awarded for business transformation, while Peyush Bansal of Lenskart was awarded in the start-up category.

6. 'DIKSHA' web portal is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Education ☒
- B) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- C) Ministry of Skill Development
- D) Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched 100+ comic books created by teachers and students of CBSE schools. The comics, which are aligned with topics of NCERT textbooks, can be accessed online on DIKSHA web portal or via the DIKSHA app on any android Smartphone. They can also be accessed through a new WhatsApp powered Chatbot. DIKSHA is an online learning portal.

7. National Science Day is being observed in India, to commemorate the discovery of which scientist?

- A) Sir C V Raman ☒
- B) Sir Isaac Newton
- C) Alexander Graham Bell
- D) Louis Pasteur



- ✓ National Science Day is being observed in India every year on 28th of February to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect'. On the same day, CV Raman announced the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' and he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930.
- ✓ The theme for National Science Day 2021 is 'Future of Science and Technology and Innovation: Impact on Education Skills and Work'.

8. What is the name of India's first earth observation satellite which is to be placed in a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit?

- A) RISAT 11
- B) GISAT 1 ☒
- C) GSAT 7
- D) INSAT 11



- ✓ GISAT-1 is India's first agile earth observation satellite that will be placed in a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit. The Indian Space Research Organisation has revised the launch schedule of the geo imaging satellite GISAT-1 on board GSLV-F10 launch vehicle. The 2,268 kg satellite is expected to be launched on April 18, this year.

9. Which Union Ministry has chalked out a four-point strategy to handle the blockage at Suez Canal?

- A) Ministry of Petroleum
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
- C) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- D) Ministry of External Affairs



- ✓ The Union Commerce Ministry laid down a four-point strategy to handle the situation of total blockage at the Suez Canal. It organised a meeting with the Ministry of ports, shipping and waterways and other stake holders. As per the government's assessment, total backlog at the waterway will likely be cleared in a week's time.

10. 'Shaheen 1-A' is the nuclear capable ballistic missile, recently launched by which country?

- A) Pakistan ☒
- B) Afghanistan
- C) UAE
- D) Israel



- ✓ Pakistan has successfully test-fired a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile named Shaheen-1A. The missile has a range of 900 kilometres with sophisticated and advanced guidance system. In February, Pakistan successfully tests-fired a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile which can strike targets up to 290 km.
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