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

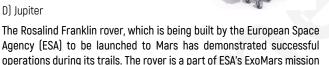
- A) USA
- B) UK 🗹
- C) India
- D) Germany



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

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

- A) Ministry of Defence
- B) Ministry of Health
- C) Ministry of Commerce
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology
- The Union Ministry of Science and Technology's Department of Science and Technology has launched the "NIDHI4COVID2.0", which would fund start-ups & companies registered in India which offers solutions in areas like oxygen, medical accessories, portability of equipment, diagnostic etc.
- This is done to encourage make in India since various medical equipment & devices required for COVID treatment are being imported.
  - 3. Rosalind Franklin Rover is being built by ESA to be launched to which planet?
  - A) Moon
  - B) Venus
  - C) Mars 🗹
  - D) Jupiter



- Earlier, the mission was planned to be launched in 2020, but has been delayed due to the ongoing COVID pandemic.
  - 4. Mount Nyiragongo is located in which country?

which is scheduled to be launched in 2023.

- A) Nigeria
- B) Albania
- C) Congo 🗹



- Mount Nyiragongo is an active stratovolcano located in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It has an elevation of 3,470m. The volcano has erupted recently and has flushed out a river of lava. The lava has destroyed houses and highways.
  - 5. When is the World Turtle Day observed every year?
  - A) May 22
  - B) May 23 🗹
  - C) May 21
  - D) May 20
  - Every Year, 23rd May is observed as World Turtle Day, which is aimed to make people aware of turtles - tortoises and their habitats. The theme for this year's turtle day is "Turtles Rock!". This day has been

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

- 6. What is the theme of 'World Metrology Day' 2020?
- A) Precision in Measurement
- B) Measurement for Health
- C) Accuracy Matters
- D) Measurement for Science



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

- 7. When is 'Africa Day' celebrated across the world, every year?
- A) May 25 🗹
- B) May 26
- C) May 27
- D) May 28



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

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

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



- Every year, May 25 has been observed as the World Thyroid Day since 2008, across the world. The European Thyroid Association and American Thyroid Association established World Thyroid Day to promote public awareness of thyroid disease.
- Thyroid is the most common endocrine disorder. Jal Shakti Ministry has said that water plays a crucial role in treating the symptoms of thyroid and helping in weight loss.
  - 9. India has signed a 3-year work programme with which country for cooperation in agriculture?
  - A) UAE
  - B) Israel **Ø**
  - C) France
  - D) USA
- India and Israel have signed a 3-year work program agreement for development in Agriculture cooperation. India and Israel are already implementing the 'INDO-ISRAEL Agricultural Project Centres of Excellence' and 'INDO-ISRAEL Villages of Excellence'.



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

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



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

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