

1. On which date, the states of Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka were formed?

[A] November 1

[B] November 2

[C] November 3

[D] November 4



- ✓ On November 1, several Indian states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka were formed. The day is recognised as Statehood Day or State Formation Day. Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala were formed in 1956. Punjab and Haryana were formed in 1966.

2. Which Ministry has released the draft rules for the Industrial Relations Code, 2020?

[A] Ministry of Heavy Industries

[B] Ministry of Home Affairs

[C] Ministry of Commerce

[D] Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified draft rules for the Industrial Relations Code, 2020. This is expected to enhance the flexibility to employers to retrench workers. It also mandates that Labour Unions should give a prior notice before a strike. The Government has aimed to implement the labour codes from April 1, 2021.

3. Which country has hosted the BRICS Business Forum 2020?

[A] India

[B] Brazil

[C] Russia

[D] China



- ✓ BRICS Business Forum, which is an important annual event of the BRICS Business Council was hosted by Russia from October 20 to 28, 2020. President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Russia is the current Chairman of the BRICS Business Council. BRICS Business Forum was held in via Video Conferencing under the title "BRICS Business Partnership: Common Vision for Sustainable Inclusive Development".

4. The Government has asked which organisation to tie up with rice mills for increasing supply of fortified rice?

- [A] Food Corporation of India
- [B] Food and Agriculture Organization
- [C] The Energy and Resources Institute
- [D] World Food Programme



- ✓ The government has announced that the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been asked to tie up with rice mills for increasing supply of fortified rice. The state-run organisation is asked to supply fortified rice through ration shops and other welfare schemes. Out of the 15 states identified for 'Central scheme on fortified rice and its distribution via public distribution system (PDS)', five states are implementing it in one district each.

5. Rutuja Bhosale, who was seen in news recently, is associated with which sports?

- [A] Chess
- [B] Tennis
- [C] Badminton
- [D] Hockey



- ✓ Indian Tennis player Rutuja Bhosale won a singles title in the final of the \$15,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. In the final, she won Anna Siskova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 7-5. The 24-year-old sportsperson is a former Asian junior champion and National women's champion.

6. As per the recent report released by the World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), how many Indian cities will face water risks in the next few decades?

- [A] Five
- [B] Ten
- [C] Twenty
- [D] Thirty



- ✓ As per the recent report released by the World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), 30 Indian cities will face increasing water risks in the next few decades. According to the WWF Water Risk Filter report, 30 Indian cities, including Jaipur, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Mumbai among others, will face acute water

risks. The report estimates that hundreds of millions of people in cities across the globe could face water risks.

7. Which organisation has launched MSME Credit Health Index, along with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation?

- [A] State Bank of India  
 [B] Reserve Bank of India  
 [C] Small Industries Development Bank of India  
 [D] TransUnion CIBIL



- ✓ **TransUnion CIBIL in association with Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched the MSME Credit Health Index. The index measures the growth and strength of the MSME sector in India. MSME Credit Health Index is built by TransUnion CIBIL using credit data furnished by lending institutions / banks.**

8. The Business Expectation Survey is conducted by which body?

- [A] NITI Aayog  
 [B] National Council for Applied Economic Research   
 [C] National Statistical Office  
 [D] Confederation of India Industries



- ✓ **The Business Expectation Survey is conducted by National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER). As per the report of the survey, the Business Confidence Index (BCI) in India rose to 65.5 in the second quarter of FY 20 after recording a sharp drop to 46.4 in the first quarter. NCAER is a non-profit think tank of economics based at New Delhi. Nandan Nilekani is president of the governing body and Dr Shekhar Shah is current director general of NCAER.**

9. The Department of Posts has released what product to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Department of Science and Technology?

- [A] Commemorative Stamp  
 [B] Commemorative Coin  
 [C] Special Postal Cover   
 [D] New Currency Note



- ✓ **The Union Minister of Science and Technology Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Minister of State for Posts Sanjay Dhotre have released a Special Cover of Department of Posts. The special postal**

cover was released in New Delhi, in order to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Department of Science and Technology.

**10.** How much financial aid has been released by the Central Government to 15 states for air quality improvement?

[A] Rs. 1,000 Crore

[B] Rs. 2,000 Crore

[C] Rs. 2,200 Crore

[D] Rs. 2,400 Crore



- ✓ **Based on the recommendations of the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, the Central Government has released a financial aid of Rs.2200 crore to 15 states. The aid would be used to improve the air quality in these states by undertaking capacity building measures. This is the first instalment of the grant towards air quality improvement.**
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