

1. Researchers of IIT Kharagpur have developed food packaging material using which material?

- [A] Plastic
- [B] Nano Composite
- [C] Cucumber Peels
- [D] Banana Peels



- ✓ A team of researchers from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur have developed environment safe food packaging material using cucumber peels. According to them, cucumber peels have greater cellulose content and the nanocrystals derived from the peels makes it suitable for making bio-degradable food packaging material.

2. How many countries constitute the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)?

- [A] 5
- [B] 11
- [C] 17
- [D] 21



**Asia-Pacific  
Economic Cooperation**

- ✓ Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), an inter-governmental forum for 21 member nations is headquartered at Singapore. It is a free trade association among the Pacific Rim nations. Recently, the Ministers of all the 21 member countries have vowed for working together to support the economic recovery post the COVID-19 pandemic

3. When is the International Day of Tolerance observed by UNESCO?

- [A] November 16
- [B] November 17
- [C] November 18
- [D] November 19



- ✓ The International Day of Tolerance observed every year on November 16<sup>th</sup>. It aims to promote tolerance among cultures and people and make them understand that tolerance is an integral part of society. "The UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence" has been awarded to the NGO named Résolution Conflits (Centre for Resolution of Conflicts) in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

4. Which private bank has been placed under moratorium with a cap in deposit withdrawals, by the Reserve Bank of India?

[A] Lakshmi Vilas Bank

[B] Karur Vysya Bank

[C] Ratnakar Bank

[D] Dhanlakshmi Bank



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India has placed Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) under moratorium and has capped its deposit withdrawals. The RBI has also proposed to amalgamate the bank with DBS Bank India. This decision followed the steep deterioration of the financial position of LVB over the past three years. Due to the rise in bad loans and provisions, the bank has been witnessing heavy loans.**

5. Which organisation has launched 'Halo' initiative to counter the misinformation around COVID-19 vaccines?

[A] WHO

[B] UN

[C] WEF

[D] World Bank



- ✓ **The United Nations (UN) has collaborated with the Vaccine Confidence Project at the University of London, to launch a new initiative named 'Halo'. It aims to tackle the issue of misinformation around COVID-19 vaccines.**
- ✓ **Over 100 scientists have come together to share authentic information on safety and effectiveness of vaccines via the social media. Over 22 scientists have joined Team Halo from India.**

6. High Commission of India has launched Special Edition wrist watches in which country?

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] Bangladesh

[C] Nepal

[D] Myanmar



- ✓ **High Commission of India has launched Special Edition wrist watches to commemorate the Centenary year of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Bangladesh is celebrating the birth centenary year of its founder president and Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur**

Rahman as Mujib Centenary year 'Mujib Borsho'. The wristwatches in the limited–edition series bear the image and the signature of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

7. Which country has approved the first self–testing kit to detect coronavirus?

[A] India

[B] United States of America

[C] Russia

[D] China



- ✓ **The US Food and Drug Administration has approved the first coronavirus diagnostic kit for self–testing at home. The Lucira COVID–19 All–In–One Test Kit is a molecular single–use test. It is also the first test that can be fully self–administered and provide results in 30 minutes or less. It can be self–administered for those who are above 14 years old.**

8. Which state government is set to have “Cow Cabinet” for protection of cows in the state?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Bihar

[D] Gujarat



- ✓ **The Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has recently announced that a Cow cabinet will be formed for the protection of cows in the state. The state cabinet will also include Animal Husbandry, Forest, Panchayat and Rural Development, Revenue, Home and Farmers Welfare Department. The first meeting of the cabinet is to be held on November 22.**

9. The World Fisheries Day is observed on which date?

[A] November 21

[B] November 22

[C] November 23

[D] November 24



- ✓ **The World Fisheries Day is observed every year on 21<sup>st</sup> of November throughout the world by fishing communities. This day is celebrated through rallies, workshops, public meetings, cultural programs, dramas, exhibition, music show, and demonstrations to highlight the importance of maintaining the world's fisheries.**

10. Union Culture Minister has handed over bronze idols retrieved from London to which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Rajasthan



- ✓ **Union Minister of Culture Prahlad Singh Patel recently handed over the bronze idols of Lord Rama, Lakshmana and Goddess Sita to Idol Wing of Tamil Nadu Government. These Bronze idols were handed over to High Commission of India in London by the London Metropolitan Police, in September 2020. These idols belong to a temple in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu, from where they were stolen in 1978.**
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