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1. The only known white giraffe, which was seen in news, is found in which country?

- [A] Brazil
- [B] Peru
- [C] Kenya ☒
- [D] Australia



- ✓ The only known white giraffe, which was seen in the news, is found in Kenya. The giraffe has been fitted with a GPS tracking device to help protect it from poachers. Leucism, a genetic trait causes the white color in animals.
- ✓ The single male giraffe is in a dangerous state at the risk of poaching. The GPS tracking device, which is attached to one of the giraffe's horns, will alert wildlife rangers about its location.

2. Which country has pledged to ban sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030?

- [A] France
- [B] United Kingdom ☒
- [C] Germany
- [D] Netherlands



- ✓ United Kingdom has recently pledged to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans from 2030. This deadline is five years earlier than previously pledged by Britain. Earlier, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced "Green revolution", to cut emissions to net-zero by 2050. Last year, Britain became the first G7 country to set a net-zero emission target by 2050.

3. Hindon Airport, which was seen in news recently, is located in which state?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Uttar Pradesh ☒
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Bihar



- ✓ The first direct flight operations from Kalaburagi, Karnataka to Hindon Airport, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh were flagged off under the RCS-UDAN scheme.
- ✓ Under the 'Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik' scheme, 295 routes and 53 airports including 5 heliports and 2 Water Aerodromes have been operationalized till date. Star Air airline was awarded this airline route last year.

4. Vijayanagara has been created as the 31st district of which Indian state?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Karnataka ☒
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Telangana



- ✓ The Karnataka Cabinet has recently approved the formation of Vijayanagara district as the 31st district of the State. The new district would be carved out from the existing Ballari district. It is named after the Vijayanagara empire, which ruled from this region.

5. Which regional organisation has adopted a new counter-terrorism strategy?

- [A] SAARC
- [B] ASEAN
- [C] BRICS ☒
- [D] G-77



- ✓ The regional organisation comprising of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, BRICS has recently adopted a new counter-terrorism strategy. During the virtual annual summit of BRICS held recently, the BRICS countries reaffirmed their commitment to counter international terrorism and its financing. Russia hosted the virtual summit.

6. World Health Organisation has launched global strategy to eradicate which disease by 2050?

- [A] Tuberculosis
- [B] Cervical cancer ☒
- [C] Measles
- [D] Polio



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently launched a global strategy to eradicate cervical cancer by 2050. The strategy aims to reduce over 40% of new cases and 5 million related deaths by 2050 through vaccination, screening and treatment.
- ✓ The annual number of new cases of cervical cancer is expected to increase from 5.7 lakh to 7 lakhs between 2018 and 2030, without additional action.

7. Which Union Minister of India is to be honoured with Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award?

[A] Nirmala Sitharaman

[B] Ramesh Pokriyal 'Nishank' ☒

[C] Piyush Goyal

[D] Harsh Vardhan



- ✓ **Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will be conferred with the Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award.**
- ✓ **The Minister had earlier received various awards for governance and literature. He holds an honorary doctoral degree in the field of literature and has also penned over 75 books. Vatayan International Awards are presented to poets & artists by the Vatayan-UK organization in London.**

8. Operation 'Calypso', which was seen in news recently, is associated with which field?

[A] Drug Smuggling ☒

[B] Money Laundering

[C] Child Trafficking

[D] Tax Evasion



- ✓ **The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has recently cracked an international drug smuggling racket under the operation codenamed as 'Calypso'. It was carried out in Mumbai and Udaipur, Rajasthan for three days. More than half a kg of cocaine couriered from Trinidad & Tobago to Mumbai was seized by DRI. Four persons involved in the drug smuggling were also arrested.**

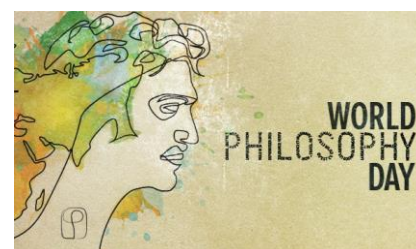
9. When is World Philosophy Day observed by UNESCO every year?

[A] 3rd Thursday of November ☒

[B] 3rd Thursday of October

[C] 3rd Saturday of November

[D] 3rd Saturday of October



- ✓ **World Philosophy Day was introduced by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO in 2002. The UNESCO General Conference proclaimed that World Philosophy Day would be celebrated on every third Thursday of November, in 2005. This year, the observance calls all countries to focus on the philosophical reflections of the current pandemic.**

10. What is the name of the challenge launched to prevent hazardous cleaning of Sewers and Septic Tanks?

[A] Safaimitra Suraksha ☒

[B] Pradhan Mantri Safaimitra

[C] Safe Safaimitra

[D] Swachh Bharat Safaimitra



- ✓ **Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri has recently launched the Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge, to ensure no life of any sewer or septic tank cleaner is lost due to 'hazardous' cleaning. The campaign is launched on the occasion of World Toilet Day, in 243 cities across the country. In the virtual event, representative of the 243 cities pledged to mechanize all sewer and septic tank cleaning operations by 30th April 2021.**
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1. Which Union Ministry implements the PM–FME Scheme, which was seen in the news recently?

[A] Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

[B] Ministry of Food Processing Industries ☒

[C] Ministry of Agriculture

[D] Ministry of Heavy Industries



- ✓ **The Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PM–FME) Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme, launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, under Food Processing Ministry. Recently, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the capacity building component of the scheme.**
- ✓ **With an outlay of Rs 10,000 crore over a period of five years it aims to formalise micro–enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry.**

2. Which Union Ministry launched 'Development of Wind Parks/Wind–Solar Hybrid Park'?

[A] Ministry of New & Renewable Energy ☒

[B] Ministry of Power

[C] Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

[D] Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has proposed the scheme of 'Development of Wind Parks/Wind–Solar Hybrid Park'. The Ministry has also sought feedbacks for developing wind and wind–solar hybrid parks in the country. The scheme with proper infrastructure including evacuation facilities in place has been proposed, to speed up installation of wind power projects.**

3. Which Union Ministry of India has launched a portal for Land management system (LMS), for the first time?

[A] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

[B] Ministry of Defence ☒

[C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs



रक्षा मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
DEFENCE

- ✓ **Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has launched a website in the presence of senior defense officials, the first of which has been implemented by the Ministry of Defense to improve the overall management of defense lands.**

4. Which financial services company has partnered with USAID to launch 'Project Kirana' for women entrepreneurs in India?

[A] VISA

[B] Mastercard ☒

[C] American Express

[D] Rupay



- ✓ Under Project Kirana, a two-year programme is to be rolled out in selected cities such as Kanpur, Lucknow and Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh. The project will work to increase revenue, digital payments and expand financial inclusion. The project aims to build digital literacy and financial literacy of the women in the state. It will improve business management skills of women. It is estimated that the GDP of the country will grow between 12% and 25% in the next five years by bringing in more women.

5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched RuPay Card phase-2 in which neighbouring country?

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] Bhutan ☒

[C] Myanmar

[D] Bangladesh



- ✓ A virtual ceremony for the joint launch of RuPay card Phase-II by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Bhutan Lyonchhen Dr. Lotay Tshering held on 20 November 2020. The implementation of Phase-I of RuPay cards in Bhutan has enabled visitors from India to access ATMs and Point of Sale (PoS) terminals across Bhutan.
- ✓ Phase-II will now allow Bhutanese card holders to access RuPay network in India. India and Bhutan share a special partnership, anchored in mutual understanding and respect, reinforced by a shared cultural heritage and strong people to people links.

6. What is the name of the festival, celebrated across Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh in November, dedicated to Sun God?

[A] Chhath Pooja ☒

[B] Dussehra

[C] Karva Chauth

[D] Kaarthikai Deepam



- ✓ The festival named 'Chhath Puja' dedicated to Sun God, is celebrated across Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh in November, dedicated to Sun God. Devotees from across the country observe fast, offer prayers to the Sun God. It is one of the biggest festivals celebrated in the states and in some parts of the neighbouring country, Nepal.

7. Tungabhadra Pushkaralu, which was seen in news recently, is celebrated in which state/UT?

[A] Andhra Pradesh ☒

[B] Telangana

[C] Karnataka

[D] Kerala



- ✓ The Tungabhadra Pushkaralu is a 12-day festival celebrated in the state of Andhra Pradesh, to honour the Tungabhadra river. It commenced on November 20, this year.
- ✓ Tungabhadra river starts from the state of Karnataka and continues to flow through two neighbouring states – Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. 12 major rivers across the country are worshipped by a festival named 'Pushkaralu or Pushkaram'.

8. The trilateral naval exercise 'SITEMEX' has started among India and which countries?

[A] Bangladesh & Myanmar

[B] Singapore & Thailand ☒

[C] Australia & Japan

[D] China & Philippines



- ✓ The trilateral exercise called 'SITEMEX-20' between the navies of India, Singapore and Thailand was recently completed. The exercise took place in the Andaman Sea. The Indian Navy-owned submarine INS Kamorta and the missile carrier Karmuk took part in the exercise.
- ✓ The first SITEMEX training took place in Port Blair last year. The exercise is aimed at strengthening mutual trust between the navies of Singapore and Thailand, building common understanding and adopting the best practices needed to improve maritime security. This year's exercise was led by the Singapore Navy.

9. The 'Indo–Thai CORPAT' is the exercise involving which armed force of India and Thailand?

[A] Army

[B] Navy ☒

[C] Air Force

[D] Coast Guard



- ✓ The 30th edition of India–Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo–Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy is conducted from 18 – 20 November 2020. Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette and His Majesty's Thailand Ship (HTMS) Kraburi, a Chao Phraya Class Frigate along with Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both the navies are participating in the CORPAT.
- ✓ As part of Government of India's vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region), the Indian Navy has been involved in assisting countries in the Indian Ocean Region with EEZ Surveillance, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), and other capacity building and capability-enhancement activities, on their request. To reinforce maritime links, the two navies have been carrying out CORPAT along their International Maritime Boundary Line twice a year since 2005, with the aim of keeping this vital part of the Indian Ocean safe and secure for commercial shipping and international trade.

10. Which district has been selected for the 'Best Marine District' award by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying?

- [A] Krishna ☒
- [B] Cuddalore
- [C] Thoothukudi
- [D] Kanyakumari



- ✓ For the first time in Fisheries Sector the Government of India will award best performing States for 2019–20 namely, Odisha (amongst Marine states), Uttar Pradesh (amongst Inland states) and Assam (amongst Hilly and NE states).
- ✓ The Government of India will also award best Organisations for 2019–20 [Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd. (for Marine); Telangana State Fishermen Cooperative societies Federation Ltd (for Inland), and Assam Apex Cooperative Fish Marketing and Processing Federation Ltd. (for Hilly region)]; Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh as best Marine District; Kalahandi, Odisha as best Inland District; Nagaon, Assam as Best Hilly and NE District.

1. What is the new-born mortality rate of India, as per the Sample Registration System (SRS), 2018?

- [A] 15 per 1,000 live births
- [B] 18 per 1,000 live births
- [C] 20 per 1,000 live births
- [D] 23 per 1,000 live births ☒



- ✓ **National New-born Week** was observed by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from Nov.15-21. This week is observed to emphasize the importance given to the health of young children and to take note of the fact that this is also one of the top priorities of the welfare sector. The theme of this year's (2020) National New-born week is "Quality, Equity, Dignity for every newborn at every health facility and everywhere".

2. Micro Irrigation Fund, which was seen in the news recently, is created with which organisation?

- [A] NABARD ☒
- [B] RBI
- [C] SEBI
- [D] FCI



- ✓ **Micro Irrigation Fund** with a corpus of Rs. 5000 crores created with NABARD was operationalised in 2019-20. The objective of the Fund is to facilitate the States in availing an interest subvented loan for expanding coverage of Micro Irrigation by taking up special and innovative projects and also for incentivising micro irrigation beyond the provisions available under PMKSY-Per Drop More Crop to encourage farmers to install micro irrigation systems.
- ✓ **Steering Committee of MIF** has approved projects for loan of Rs. 3971.31 crore comprising Tamil Nadu, Rs. 616.13 for Tamil Nadu.

3. Which organisation has given nod for Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) to be used for navigation in the Indian Ocean Region?

- [A] International Maritime Organization ☒
- [B] United Nations
- [C] International Telecommunication Union
- [D] World Tourism Organisation



- ✓ The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) has been recognised by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) as a part of the World-Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS) for operation in the Indian Ocean Region.
- ✓ India has become the fourth country in the world to have its independent regional navigation satellite system recognised by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). The other three countries that have its navigation systems recognised by the IMO are the US, Russia and China.

4. What is the theme of the 15th G20 Summit of the year 2020?

[A] Realising the Opportunities of the 21st Century for All ☒

[B] Extraordinary times; Extraordinary Steps

[C] Pandemic preparedness

[D] Sustainable Growth and Climate Resilience



- ✓ Prime Minister Modi attends the 15th G20 Summit convened by Saudi Arabia. The summit, which was attended by leaders of 19 member states, the European Union and other invited countries and multinational organizations, was held on video due to the COVID-19 infection. The theme of the conference was "Realizing the Opportunities of the 21st Century for All".

5. Seismic survey campaign is launched by which Indian Company?

[A] Oil India Ltd ☒

[B] ONGC

[C] BHEL

[D] GAIL



ऑयल इंडिया लिमिटेड
Oil India Limited

- ✓ Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the Oil India Ltd's (OIL) seismic survey campaign worth Rs 220 crore. He said at the time, that oil and gas produced from the Mahanadi basin would play a key role in the socio-economic development of Odisha.

6. Which state has enacted emergency law against online gambling?

[A] Tamil Nadu ☒

[B] Kerala

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Karnataka



- ✓ Governor Banwarilal Purohit has approved an ordinance banning online games such as online gambling in Tamil Nadu. The law provides for a fine of Rs 5,000 and imprisonment for six months for violating the ban.

7. Which State Government issued a notification to rename the Haveri Railway station as Mahadevappa Mailara Railway Station after a freedom fighter?

[A] Andhra Pradesh

[B] Telangana

[C] Karnataka ☒

[D] Kerala



- ✓ The Government of Karnataka issued a notification to rename the Haveri Railway station as Mahadevappa Mailara Railway Station, after Mahadevappa Mailara, a freedom fighter from Haveri district, Karnataka. Following the State Government's request to rename, The Ministry of Home affairs issued the no objection for the name change of the Haveri Railway station as Mahadevappa Mailara Railway Station.

8. Where did PM Narendra Modi launch "Har Ghar Nal Yojna" worth Rs 5,555.38 crore for drinking water projects?

[A] Uttar Pradesh ☒

[B] Telangana

[C] Karnataka

[D] Kerala



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched "Har Ghar Nal Yojna" (tap water to every household) worth Rs 5,555.38 crore for drinking water projects in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts in Vindhyachal region of Uttar Pradesh. In this regard, Rs 3212.18 crore will be spent in Sonbhadra and Rs 2343.20 crore will be utilized in Mirzapur. This will benefit 41,41,438 families in both the districts by ensuring water supply through pipelines to 2,995 villages. The scheme will be completed within 24 months.

9. Which State received maximum FDI According to the report titled "FDI in India: Now, Next and Beyond" by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?

[A] Maharashtra ☒

[B] Telangana

[C] Karnataka

[D] Kerala



- ✓ In accordance with the report titled "FDI in India: Now, Next and Beyond" by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY), India may attract foreign direct investment (FDI) of \$120-160 billion per year by 2025. States-wise Maharashtra remains the most attractive destination (28%), followed by Karnataka (19%), Delhi (16%) and Gujarat (10%). These four alone received 75% of the FDI between October 2019 and June 2020.

10. Which Indian web television series has won the award under the 'drama series' category at the 48th International Emmy Awards 2020?

- [A] Breathe
- [B] Mission Over Mars
- [C] Special Ops
- [D] Delhi Crime ☒



- ✓ The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced the winners of the 48th International Emmy Awards 2020 during a live ceremony hosted by actor Richard Kind in New York City, USA. Netflix's India Original series 'Delhi Crime' written and directed by Richie Mehta won the award under the 'drama series' category. Delhi Crime wins the 1st Emmy for a program from India.
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1. CEFPPC, a scheme that was seen in the news, is associated with which Union Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Food Processing Industries ☒

[B] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

[C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

[D] Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports



- ✓ **The Union Government has recently approved 28 Food Processing Projects worth more than 320 crore rupees. They are supported with a grant of over Rs 107 crore by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. They are approved under the Scheme for Creation and Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC). The aim of the scheme is to create processing and preservation capacities and expansion of existing food processing units.**

2. What is the theme of the National Pharmacy Week 2020?

[A] Pharmacists: Frontline Health Professionals ☒

[B] COVID-19 Warriors

[C] Responsible Pharmacy

[D] Ethical Pharmacy



- ✓ **The 59th National Pharmacy Week (NPW) was celebrated throughout the country from November 16–22, 2020. The theme of the NPW 2020 is "Pharmacists: Frontline Health Professionals. The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) organises NPW during the third week of November every year.**
- ✓ **The main aim to this week is to make all stakeholders aware of the presence of pharmacists in the society and to know the role played by registered pharmacists with respect to medicines, their usage, handling and dispensing.**

3. Government of India issued orders to block 43 mobile apps (total 220 Chinese apps till date) under which Ministry?

[A] Ministry of External Affairs

[B] Ministry of Home Affairs

[C] Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

[D] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ☒



- ✓ **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India today issued an order under section 69A of the Information Technology Act blocking access to 43 mobile apps.**

- ✓ This action was taken based on the inputs regarding these apps for engaging in activities which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has issued the order based on the comprehensive reports received from Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Center, Ministry of Home Affairs. Earlier on June, 2020 the Govt., of India had blocked access to 59 mobile apps and on Sep, 2020 118 more apps were banned under section 69A of the Information Technology Act.

4. What was the 2020 theme for the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women observed on November 25?

- [A] Orange the World: HearMeToo
- [B] Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape
- [C] Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect! ☒
- [D] Orange the World: Men Against the Rape & Discrimination



- ✓ United Nations (UN) International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is annually observed around the world on November 25 to raise awareness about the fact that women globally are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence.
- ✓ Theme of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2020 – “Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!”

5. ‘Chang’e–5 probe’, which was seen in the news recently, is a lunar mission launched by which country?

- [A] United States of America
- [B] China ☒
- [C] Russia
- [D] Israel



- ✓ China recently launched the Change–5 Lunar Mission. The mission is the first probe in four decades to bring back rock samples from the moon from its previously unexplored portions. Change–5 is the first probe to land on the far side of the moon. As the rotation and revolution time period of the moon is same, only one side of the moon is constantly visible to the earth. The other side of the moon till date remains unexplored and is called the far side of the moon.

6. The International version of which government application has been launched by the Union IT Minister?

- [A] UMANG ☒
- [B] FAME
- [C] Swachh Bharat
- [D] m-AWAS



- ✓ The Union Information Technology Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the International version of the UMANG application. UMANG is Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance. It was launched in UK, US, Australia, Canada, Netherlands, UAE, Australia, Singapore and New Zealand. The International version was launched on the completion of three years of UMANG. It was launched in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs.

7. The martyrdom day of which Sikh Guru is observed in the month of November, as 'Shaheed Diwas'?

- [A] Guru Tegh Bahadur ☒
- [B] Guru Hargobind
- [C] Guru Gobind Singh
- [D] Guru Ram Das



- ✓ The Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur is observed across the country as Shaheed Diwas every year on November 24. In the year 1675, Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth of the ten Gurus of the Sikhism was executed. He was the youngest son of Guru Hargobind. He had also contributed many hymns to the Guru Granth Sahib.

8. ATAL Faculty Development Programmes, which were launched by the Education Minister, are organised by which institution?

- [A] AICTE ☒
- [B] UGC
- [C] NASSCOM
- [D] NCTE



- ✓ The Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated 46 online AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programmes (FDP). It was launched to train the teachers in higher education institutions association with AICTE (All India Council of Technical Education).

- ✓ The main objective of the academy is to provide quality technical education all over India. It promotes research and entrepreneurship.

9. Where is the headquarters of the Airports Authority of India located?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] New Delhi ☒
- [C] Lucknow
- [D] Hyderabad



- ✓ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Civil Aviation. It was founded in 1995 and is headquartered in New Delhi. Airports Authority of India (AAI) commenced Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2020 from 23rd – 27th November, 2020. It is being observed at all airports and Airport Navigation Service locations managed by AAI across India.

10. 'RE-INVEST 2020', an investing meet which was seen in the news recently, is organised by which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- [B] Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ☒
- [C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Corporate Affairs



- ✓ RE-INVEST (Renewable Energy Investors Meet & Expo) is organised by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), to promote investment in renewable energy. The 3rd edition of the Meet is scheduled to be held from Nov.26–28, 2020 with the theme of "Innovations for Sustainable Energy Transition". Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the virtual meeting. The first two editions were held in 2015 and 2018.

1. What is the name of the training modules launched for primary cooperative societies, by National Cooperative Development Corporation?

[A] Sahakar Pragya ☒

[B] NCDC Sahakar

[C] Coop Educate

[D] PACS Skillcare



- ✓ **Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched 'Sahakar Pragya', the 45 new training modules developed by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). The modules will impart training to primary cooperative societies in rural areas of the country. The National Cooperative Development Corporation is a statutory Corporation, under the aegis of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.**

2. Which state has passed ordinance to ban unlawful religious conversions for marriage?

[A] Uttar Pradesh ☒

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Gujarat

[D] Assam



- ✓ **Uttar Pradesh government has passed an ordinance to ban unlawful religious conversions for marriage. As per the ordinance, unlawful conversion for the sake of getting married through force, deceit, undue pressure will be considered a non-bailable offence and can lead to imprisonment of a maximum of 10 years and penalty of Rs. 50,000.**

3. The 10th edition of the National Science film festival is inaugurated in which state?

[A] West Bengal

[B] Assam

[C] Tripura ☒

[D] Uttarakhand



- ✓ **The 10th edition of the National Science film festival has been inaugurated in the state of Tripura. The festival will be held in virtual mode. Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous agency under the Department of Science and Technology, has been organizing this festival. This year, Vigyan Prasar is collaborating with the Tripura State Council of Science and Technology. As many as 372 films in different languages have been received.**

4. As per a recent survey conducted by CII and Ernst & Young, which country is the top destination of investors?

- [A] China
- [B] India ☒
- [C] USA
- [D] Mauritius



- ✓ As per a recent survey conducted by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and Ernst & Young, Multi-national Companies regard India as their first option, in terms of investments across the globe. Out of the total key decision makers of those MNCs, 82 per cent of them said that they have plans to expand their business in the next 2 to 3 years. After India, the second most favourable place is North America followed by the rest of Asia-Pacific.

5. Which Indian state has launched an exclusive WhatsApp number to help women in distress?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Goa ☒
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Telangana



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Goa has launched an exclusive WhatsApp helpline number, to help women in distress in the state. The dedicated WhatsApp number 7875756177 will be functional round the clock at the State Police Control Room, Panaji.
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Defence and AYUSH Shripad Naik handed over a medically well-equipped ambulance to Chief Minister for the use of Goa Police.

6. Ajay Lodha, who recently passed away, was associated with which profession?

- [A] Writer ☒
- [B] Physician
- [C] Politician
- [D] Scientist



- ✓ Veteran Indian-American physician Ajay Lodha has passed away due to complications from Covid-19, at the age of 58, in the United States. He is the former President of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI).

- ✓ The physician has received several honours including the Ellis Island Medal of Honour in 2016. He was known for his contribution to the diaspora in the U.S, especially the Rajasthani community.

7. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed MoU with which southern state to develop MSME ecosystem?

- [A] Tamil Nadu ☒
- [B] Andhra Pradesh
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Kerala



- ✓ A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) with the Tamil Nadu government to develop the ecosystem for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the state. Under the MoU, SIDBI will deploy a project management unit in the government of Tamil Nadu. It will undertake the process of designing the training and capacity-building programmes to be taken up by the state government in areas.

8. Which country lifted 93 million people out of poverty since 2013 and has announced eradication of extreme poverty in its country?

- [A] India
- [B] China ☒
- [C] Pakistan
- [D] Indonesia



- ✓ China has removed the last remaining counties (regions) from a list of 832 extremely poor regions, drawn up in the year 2014. China also announced that it has lifted 93 million people out of poverty since 2013. China sets its own national standard of extreme poverty, based on a per capita income threshold of 4,000 yuan per year, or around USD 1.52 per day, and other social factors.

9. 'Har Ghar Nal Yojana' has been implemented in which Indian state?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Telangana
- [C] Uttar Pradesh ☒
- [D] Kerala



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Har Ghar Nal Yojana' in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The scheme aims to provide piped water supply to over 4.1 million people in the two districts of

Sonbhadra and Mirzapur. The outlay of the project is Rs 5,555 crore. The scheme will also benefit over 3,000 villages to access piped water supply.

10. What is the name of the heavy weight torpedo, flagged off by DRDO and was delivered to the Indian Navy?

[A] BrahMos

[B] Varunastra ☒

[C] Akash

[D] Dhanush



- ✓ The Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has recently flagged off the first heavy weight torpedo, Varunastra. The torpedo was delivered to the Indian Navy at a ceremony held at Bharat Dynamics Limited, Visakhapatnam Unit. It has been designed and developed by Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam.
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1. Which Union Ministry has launched a portal for transgender persons to apply gender identity certificate?

[A] Ministry of Women and Child Development

[B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒

[C] Ministry of Home Affairs

[D] Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has recently launched a portal that will enable transgender persons to apply online for certification of their self-perceived gender identity. Transgender persons can upload declaration of their gender identity, which will be the basis for their identity certificates to be issued by the district magistrate. The Minister opened 'Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons' in Gujarat.

2. Which Film is India's official entry for the Academy Awards?

[A] The Disciple

[B] Shakuntala Devi

[C] Jallikattu ☒

[D] Chhapaak



- ✓ Malayalam film Jallikattu, directed by Lijo Jose Pellissery, has been selected as India's official entry for the 93rd Academy Awards, 2021. It is also the third Malayalam film to be shortlisted for the Oscar Award. This film is based on writer S. Hareesh's acclaimed story titled 'Maoist'. As of now, only three Indian films Lagaan, Mother India and Salaam Bombay! have won the coveted award.

3. As per the recent notification from Department of Telecom, calls from landline to mobile should be prefixed with which number, from January 2021?

[A] 9

[B] 2

[C] 3

[D] 0 ☒

0

- ✓ The Department of Telecommunications has taken a new decision accepting the recommendation of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority to provide adequate number of resources for telephone and mobile services. Accordingly, '0' should be pressed during calls made from landline

phone to mobile from Jan.15, 2021. Before dialing the mobile number to be contacted, press 'Zero' on the landline phone and then call.

4. Which is the third University in India to have a commemorative coin of Rs 100 issued on its centenary year?

- [A] University of Lucknow ☒
- [B] University of Madras
- [C] University of Kolkata
- [D] Jawaharlal Nehru University



- ✓ **University of Lucknow, a public University in Uttar Pradesh, became the third University in India to have a commemorative coin of Rs 100 issued on its centenary year. Prior to this, only Mysore University and Banaras Hindu University had received the honour.**
- ✓ **Prime Minister attended the celebration of Centennial Foundation Day of the University virtually and released special stamp and Rs 100 coin.**

5. Which organisation was awarded the Platinum Partner Award in the newly instituted UMANG Awards?

- [A] ESIC
- [B] EPFO ☒
- [C] LIC
- [D] GIC



- ✓ **UMANG App has completed three years since its launch. On the occasion, Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the newly instituted UMANG Awards. The awards will be presented for Departments of Centre and States, based on average transactions in the past six months.**
- ✓ **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been conferred with Platinum Partner Award for registering more than 25 lakh transactions on UMANG App.**

6. Which Indian state has approved the Ganga Expressway project?

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] Uttar Pradesh ☒
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Jharkhand



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government has approved the 594-km Ganga Expressway project worth Rs 36,402 crore. The project will have Expressway running along the river Ganga from Haridwar to Allahabad. The state Cabinet also approved a district-wise alignment of the Expressway. The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority will implement the project.

7. 'Fit India School Week' is celebrated in a week of which month?

[A] September

[B] October

[C] November

[D] December ☒



- ✓ The 'Fit India School' week program was launched in November last year, to inculcate the awareness of physical activity and sports to school children. The schools, after registering themselves on the 'Fit India' website, will select a week in the month of December. It will then make the children follow the activities listed by the Sports Ministry for the program. Last year, over 15000 schools participated in the program.

8. Which new type of Farmer Produce Organisation (FPO) of NAFED has been inaugurated by the Agricultural Minister?

[A] Bamboo FPO

[B] Honey FPO ☒

[C] Silk FPO

[D] Rubber FPO



- ✓ The Honey FPO Programme of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) has been inaugurated by Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar. Beekeeping will be promoted as an occupation for unemployed women and tribal populations, through these Honey FPOs. A new Central Sector Scheme for Formation & Promotion of new 10,000 FPOs was launched and 2200 FPO clusters for 2020-21 are already allocated.

9. Where has the largest Solar Power Project at a highest altitude named as "Provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Powerplant 1.5 MW" been established?

[A] Jammu & Kashmir

[B] Ladakh ☒

[C] Rajasthan

[D] Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ **Leh, in the Union Territory of Ladakh gets the largest Solar Power Project at a highest altitude. The project has been established at the Leh Indian Air Force (IAF) Station. The Rs.122 crores worth Project named "Provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Powerplant 1.5 MW" was conceptualised under the 'Make in India' initiative of the Government of India.**

10. Ayodhya Airort in Uttar Pradesh is set to be renamed as _____?

[A] Purushottam Sri Ram Airport

[B] Sri Ram Airport

[C] Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport ☒

[D] Ayodhya Naresh Sri Ram Airport



- ✓ **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, cleared the proposal to rename the Ayodhya airport as Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.**
 - ✓ **The proposal for the same will be sent to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt of India after it is passed by the state Assembly.**
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