

1. 'BrahMos Aerospace' is a joint venture company set up by Russia's Mashinostroyeniya and which other company of India?

[A] ISRO

[B] DRDO ☒

[C] BHEL

[D] HAL

- ✓ 'BrahMos Aerospace' is a joint venture company set up by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Mashinostroyeniya of Russia. Recently, Indian Navy test-fired the naval version of BrahMos missile in the Bay of Bengal. The missile was test-fired from a Rajput-class destroyer INS Ranvijay, hitting a decommissioned target ship. Earlier, the Indian Army and Air Force test-fired the missile.

2. Which Indian bank co-launched a contactless debit card along with Japan's JCB International?

[A] Punjab National Bank

[B] State Bank of India ☒

[C] HDFC Bank

[D] Axis Bank



- ✓ State Bank of India has partnered with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Japan's JCB International Co to launch new 'SBI RuPay JCB Platinum Contactless Debit Card'. This card has a dual interface feature, under which customers can use it for both contact and contactless transactions, both in the domestic market as well as overseas. The card has been launched on the RuPay network.

3. In which year, did China launch its ambitious 'One Belt and One Road' initiative?

[A] 2000

[B] 2005

[C] 2013 ☒

[D] 2017



- ✓ China launched the ambitious 'One Belt and One Road' (OBOR) initiative in 2013, to link Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Gulf region, Africa and Europe with a network of land and sea routes. During the 19th meeting of the Council of Heads of Governments of the SCO, all other member

nations of SCO, except India reaffirmed their support to the OBOR project of China. India is critical of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a part of OBOR.

4. Which Indian Minister delivered key note address Sri Lanka Economic Summit (SLES) 2020?

[A] Piyush Goyal

[B] Nirmala Sitharaman ☒

[C] Nitin Gadkari

[D] S Jai Shankar



- ✓ **Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman delivered a Keynote Address at the 20th Edition of Sri Lanka Economic Summit (SLES) 2020 in virtual format. SLES is annually organized by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC). The theme for this year's event is "Roadmap for Take-off: Driving a People –Centric Economic Revival".**

5. Which Indian PSU has launched the country's first 100 Octane petrol?

[A] HPCL

[B] IOCL ☒

[C] ONGC

[D] GAIL



- ✓ **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has recently launched the nation's first 100 Octane petrol. Union Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the petrol. The 100–octane petrol also called as XP100 premium petrol will be initially available at select outlet of IOC in 10 cities.**
- ✓ **The fuel is manufactured at IOC's Mathura refinery in Uttar Pradesh. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) had earlier launched Octane 99. Higher the octane number of a fuel, higher will be its compression and performance.**

6. 'Balsnehi (Child–Friendly) Police Station', which was seen in the news recently, was inaugurated in which city?

[A] Chennai

[B] Pune ☒

[C] Thiruvananthapuram

[D] Lucknow



- ✓ Pune City Police has recently inaugurated the 'Balsnehi (Child-Friendly) Police Station', on the premises of Lashkar Police Station in Pune Camp.
- ✓ The Police Station has a room designated for children, who would come to report cases to the station. It also aims to create a set-up to rehabilitate children in need. Earlier, a Child-friendly Police Station was set up in Krishna District on the premises of Machilipatnam.

7. 'Defence Geo Informatics Research Establishment' is the new lab of which organisation?

[A] ISRO

[B] DRDO ☒

[C] BHEL

[D] HAL



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has created a new laboratory named Defence Geo Informatics Research Establishment. It has been formed by merging two existing labs namely Manali-headquartered Snow and Avalanche Studies Establishment (SASE) and the Delhi-based Defence Terrain Research Establishment. The new lab will focus on research on the terrain along the borders with China and Pakistan.

8. In which state, the first ever virtual edition of Aadi Mahotsav is celebrated?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Madhya Pradesh ☒

[C] Maharashtra

[D] Assam



- ✓ The Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda has launched a virtual edition of the first ever Aadi Mahotsav celebrated in the state of Madhya Pradesh. This is a festive being celebrated for 10 days. It would be hosted by Tribes India. The key focus on this year's Aadi Mahotsav is "tribal craft and culture of Madhya Pradesh".

9. Which country's rubber plantations have been recently affected by Leaf Fall Disease?

[A] India

[B] Indonesia

[C] Bhutan

[D] Thailand ☒



- ✓ The recent spread of Leaf Fall Disease in rubber plantations of Thailand has been a cause of worry to Indian Plantations. In November, the total affected area of rubber plantation of Thailand was 90,000 ha and there is a potential production loss of 1.30 lakh tons of rubber. It has been cited by Rubber Board officials that the disease has the potential to spread to India.

10. The United Nations' Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare is observed on which day?

[A] November 30 ☒

[B] December 01

[C] December 02

[D] December 03



- ✓ The United Nations Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare is annually observed across the globe on 30th November to pay tribute to the victims of chemical warfare and to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons and promote world peace, security and multilateralism.
 - ✓ The day was first observed on 30th November 2016. The Chemical Weapons Convention was adopted in 1993 and came into force on 29th April 1997.
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