1. When is the 'International Day of Banks' celebrated by the UN for the first time in 2020?

[A] December 2

[B] December 4 ☑

[C] December 6

[D] December 8



- ✓ In 2019, the United Nations General Assembly designated December 4 as the International Day of Banks. It is celebrated for the first time in 2020. The day is celebrated to recognise the importance of multilateral development banks and international development banks in financing sustainable development. It also recognises the role of the banking systems in improving the standard of living.
  - 2. Which start—up has partnered with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) to launch India's private remote—sensing satellite?

[A] Pixxel ☑

[B] Bellatrix Aerospace

[C] Agnikul

[D] Vesta Space



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- ✓ Leading space start—up Pixxel has signed an agreement with the NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) to launch the country's first private remote—sensing satellite. The satellite is to be launched on an ISRO PSLV rocket in early 2021. Earlier, regulatory body under the Department of Space called 'IN—SPACe' was established to enable private players undertake space activities in India.
  - **3.** Which Ministry has issued advisory guideline to private satellite channels on online gaming and betting?
  - [A] Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
  - [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
  - [C] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting 

    ✓
  - [D] Ministry of Information Technology



✓ The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has recently issued an advisory to all the private satellite channels to ensure that no advertisements that promote prohibited activities are telecasted. The advisory mentioned that advertisements on online gaming, betting and fantasy sports were misleading and are inconsistent with the Ministry's Advertising Code.

## 4. Waqf Boards and Waqf Council are administered under which Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [B] Ministry of External Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Minority Affairs 

  ✓
- [D] Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ Waqf Boards and Waqf Council is administered under the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The central Waqf council has decided recently that the Waqf Boards will be set up in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, soon. This is the first time, Waqf Boards will be established in the J&K and Leh–Kargil areas of India.
  - 5. Which High Court in India has the highest number of Women Judges, as of 2020?
  - [A] Madras 🗹
  - [B] Bombay
  - [C] Ahmedabad
  - [D] Thiruvananthapuram



- ✓ The Madras High Court has the highest number of women Judges among all the High Count of India. Among the additional 13 Judges who sworn in recently, 4 were women. As of now, the total number of women judges in Madras High Court stands at 13. Justice AP Sahi is the present Chief Justice of Madras High Court.
  - 6. First ever radish crop has been grown in space by which organisation?
  - [A] ISRO
  - [B] NASA ☑
  - [C] European Space Agency
  - [D] Russian Space Agency

- ✓ NASA astronaut Kate Rubins has for the first-time harvested radish crop at the International Space Station. This is a part of NASA's planet experiment named Plant Habitat-02 (PH-02), which is aimed to understand the plant growth in micro gravity conditions. The crops have been harvested in a time of 27 days.

## 7. India Empowerment Fund is set to be launched by which body?

[A] NABARD

[B] RBI



- [C] IIT Alumni Council ☑
- [D] Institute of Engineers
- ✓ India Empowerment Fund is set to be launched by the IIT Alumni Council for investing a sum of Rs.50,000 crore in India's research system. The fund would be invested in a period of 10 years. The fund will be operated as IIT Angel Fund and would be regulated under Angel Investor Funds.
  - **8.** The "Sikandra to Taj Gate" corridor, which is to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister, is a part of which Metro Rail service?

[A] Delhi Metro

[B] Noida Metro

[C] Meerut Metro

[D] Agra Metro 🗹



- ✓ The Government of India is set to inaugurate the construction of 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Agra Metro. The first phase of the metro would connect Sikandra to Taj Gate. The estimated project cost for the first phase construction is Rs.8379 crore. This project would have 6 stations.
  - 9. Which Union Ministry is the organiser of the India Mobile Congress?
  - [A] Ministry of Education
  - [B] Ministry of Science and Technology
  - [C] Ministry of Electronics and IT



✓ The India Mobile Congress (IMC) is organised by the Department of Telecommunications, Communication Ministry and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI). Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered the inaugural address at the Mobile Congress. The event is to be held in virtual mode from December 8 to 10. The theme for IMC 2020 is "Inclusive Innovation – Smart, Secure, Sustainable".

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10. Hampi Chariot is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located in which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Karanataka ☑

[C] Kerala

[D] Andhra Pradesh



✓ The famous stone chariot in front of the Vijaya Vittala Temple in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Hampi, has been covered by a protective ring by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). This chariot is among three famous stone chariots in India while the other two are in Konark, Odisha, and Maamallapuram, Tamil Nadu. Hampi chariot, was built during the dynasty of Vijayanagara rulers who ruled from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> century CE.