

1. The “Go for Zero” policy, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?

[A] United Kingdom

[B] New Zealand

[C] Australia ☒

[D] Germany



- ✓ “Go for zero” is a policy proposal released by Grattan Institute, a non-profit think tank that advises the government. As a part of the policy, the Australian Government introduced several measures with the goal of eventually reaching zero new cases and not just to flatten the curve. As a result, the country passed three weeks without any local transmission of Covid-19.

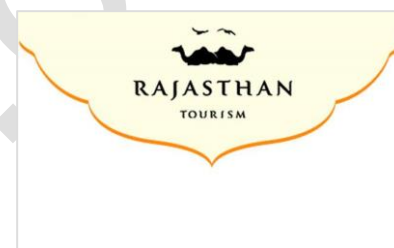
2. ‘Art of Life’ methodology, which was seen in news recently, is associated with which state?

[A] Odisha

[B] Gujarat

[C] Rajasthan ☒

[D] Punjab



- ✓ The Rajasthan state Tourism department has tied up with UNESCO and implementing a project by adopting ‘Art of Life’ methodology. Around 10 cultural tourism hubs are being created in Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, and Barmer districts. The project aims to connect the performing artists and handicraft artists with the admirers of the art and culture.

3. Which institution has created a technology to harvest water from air?

[A] IIT Madras

[B] IIT Guwahati ☒

[C] NIT Tiruchirapalli

[D] NIT Warangal



- ✓ Researchers at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati claimed to have developed a new technology to harvest water from the air. The researchers have used the concept of hydrophobicity, which is the property of a material to repel water. Slippery liquid-infused porous surfaces or SLIPS material is chemically patterned and used.

4. 'Starship', which was seen in the news recently, is the rocket-ship of which space company/organisation?

[A] Blue Moon

[B] Space X ☒

[C] NASA

[D] ISRO



- ✓ 'Starship' is the futuristic rocket-ship of SpaceX, the private space company owned by billionaire Elon Musk. It is being designed to carry people to Mars. The first high-altitude test flight of the Starship was aborted at the last second, due to an automatic engine abort just ahead of the count-down. SpaceX has conducted five Starship test flights but not at high altitude.

5. The 'Department of integrated medicine' is proposed to be setup by Ministry of Ayush and which institution?

[A] NITI Aayog

[B] AIIMS ☒

[C] IIT Bombay

[D] National Siddha Institute



- ✓ The Department of Integrative Medicine has been proposed to be set up by the Union Ministry of AYUSH in association with AIIMS. The department is to be set up at AIIMS. Also, it has been decided to develop a protocol for "Study on Post COVID treatment" with Ayurveda and Yoga, by Centre for Integrative Medicine and Research – AIIMS.

6. Companies of which two countries are leaders in global arms market, as per the recent SIPRI report?

[A] India and Israel

[B] USA and China ☒

[C] Russia and China

[D] USA and Japan



- ✓ The companies of USA and China have dominated the global arms market in the year 2019, as per a report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). The arms industry of USA accounts for nearly 61% of the sales by top 25 arms manufacturers. Chinese firms account for 15.7% of the sales by top 25 arms manufacturers.

7. Koilwar bridge, which was making news recently, is inaugurated in which Indian state?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Bihar ☒



- ✓ Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has recently inaugurated the Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar. This 1.5 km long bridge has been laid in parallel to the 138-year-old two-lane rail-road bridge. A six-lane bridge is being constructed with the outlay of Rs 266 crore. The three-lane carriageway has been opened for public.

8. Which state topped the Urban Governance Index (UGI)–2020?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Odisha ☒
- [D] Chhattisgarh



- ✓ The Urban Governance Index–2020 has released by the Mumbai-based non-profit organisation Praja Foundation. As per the index, Odisha tops the list of states in urban governance followed by Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. The study assessed the urban governance reforms across 40 cities in 28 states and NCT of Delhi.

9. Which Indian grabbed the highest rank in India, in the Forbes' ranking of 100 most powerful women in the world?

- [A] Nirmala Sitharaman ☒
- [B] Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- [C] Kiran Mazumdar–Shaw
- [D] Kiran Bedi



- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is ranked at 41st rank in the Forbes' ranking of 100 most powerful women in the world, grabbing the highest place. HCL Corporation CEO and Executive Director Roshni Nadar Malhotra in the 55th spot and Biocon Founder Kiran Mazumdar–Shaw in the 68th rank. German Chancellor Angela Merkel is placed at the first spot.

10. Which country rolled out the first COVID-19 vaccine in the world?

- [A] United Kingdom ☒
- [B] New Zealand
- [C] Australia
- [D] Germany



- ✓ **The United Kingdom became the first country in the world to start using the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech was approved by the regulators. Several hubs across the country are vaccinating the people. The vaccine is given as two injections with 21 days apart. The complete immunity is said to be reached seven days after the second dose.**
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