

**1. Which Union Ministry presents the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Awards?**

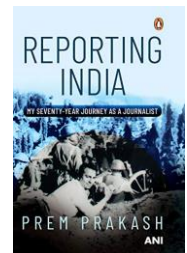
- [A] Ministry of Skill Development
- [B] Ministry of Power
- [C] Ministry of Communication ☒
- [D] Ministry of Electronics and IT



- ✓ **Department of Telecommunication, Ministry of Communication presents the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Awards. The Award scheme was originally launched in the year 2017, to recognise the successful telecom skilled people and to enable them apply telecom related solution in various fields like health and Education. This year's awards were recently presented by the Communications Minister.**

**2. Who is the author of the book 'Reporting India', which was recently launched?**

- [A] S Jaishankar
- [B] Prem Prakash ☒
- [C] Sushant Sareen
- [D] Sheela Bhatt



- ✓ **Union External Affairs Minister of India S Jaishankar recently launched a book titled 'Reporting India' in Delhi. It describes the history of India since independence. The book is written by Prem Prakash, Chairman of the Leading news agency, the Asian News International (ANI). He established the agency in the year 1971 and it was the first agency in India to syndicate video news.**

**3. Who has been conferred with the 'ASSOCHAM Enterprise of the Century Award'?**

- [A] Adi Godrej
- [B] Mukesh Ambani
- [C] Ratan Tata ☒
- [D] Uday Kotak



- ✓ **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address at ASSOCHAM Foundation Week 2020 via video conferencing. During the occasion, he presented the 'ASSOCHAM Enterprise of the Century Award' to Ratan Tata, who received the award on behalf of the TATA Group. Ratan Tata served as the Chairman of Tata Sons and Tata Group. He is now heading various Charitable Trusts of the Group.**

4. As per IUCN's recent assessment, which species in the Indian EEZ, are classified as Critically Endangered (CE)?

[A] Sharks, Rays and Chimaeras ☒

[B] Great Indian Bustards

[C] Black Buck Antelopes

[D] Blackshell Turtles and Himalayan Serow



- ✓ The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s Shark Specialist Group conducted an assessment of sharks, rays and chimaeras in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). As per the assessment, out of the 170 species found across the oceans of the country, 19 species, which is about 11%, are classified as Critically Endangered (CE) and are facing high risk of extinction.

5. What is the name of the automobile fuel that has 20% ethanol and 80% gasoline?

[A] Aviation Turbine Fuel

[B] Petrol

[C] Bio – Petrol

[D] E20 Fuel ☒

Ethanol



- ✓ The Government of India has recently proposed to adopt E20 fuel in Indian automobiles. The E20 fuel is a blend of 20% ethanol and 80% gasoline. This move is aimed at reducing the vehicular emissions and at the same time bring down the crude oil import cost of the country.

6. What is "Shinkansen" that was making the news recently?

[A] Buddhist Monument

[B] High Speed Train ☒

[C] COVID Vaccine

[D] New Planet



- ✓ Recently, the Embassy of Japan in India has rolled out some images of E5 series Shinkansen – High speed bullet trains used in Japan, which would be modified for use in Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) project. Once the project is completed, the travel time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad would be reduced to 2 hours. The project is expected to be completed by 2023.

7. Which is the state bird of Uttar Pradesh, that has been adopted as new logo of NOIDA international airport?

- [A] Sparrow
- [B] Lesser Falcon
- [C] Sarus Crane ☒
- [D] Peacock



- ✓ The new green field airport that is being constructed at Jewar of Uttar Pradesh has been named NOIDA international airport. The new logo of the airport contains a Sarus Crane, which is the state bird of Uttar Pradesh. The contract to construct the airport has been awarded to Zurich Airport International AG. The first phase of the airport is expected to be functional by 2024.

8. The National Farmers' Day is celebrated on which date?

- [A] December 21
- [B] December 22
- [C] December 23 ☒
- [D] December 24



- ✓ The National Farmer's Day is celebrated every year in India on December 23 to acknowledge the role of farmers in India's socio-economic development and to mark the birth anniversary of 5<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister Late Chaudhary Charan Singh. He used to be referred to as the 'Champions of India's peasants' for his strive for the betterment of farmer's lives in the country. The day is popularly known as 'Kisan Diwas'.

9. Which state government has inaugurated 'Farmer Registration and Unified Beneficiary Information System (FRUITS) Portal for farmers?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Himachal Pradesh
- [D] Karnataka ☒



- ✓ The state government of Karnataka has inaugurated the 'Farmer Registration and Unified Beneficiary Information System (FRUITS)', an e-Governance Portal for farmers. It aims to create a single repository of all details of the farm lands and farm loans of all farmers of the state. Farmers

will be given an identification number on the portal, using which banks can access the details before lending. Canara Bank is set to run FRUITS portal on a pilot basis.

**10. A Committee to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, is to be constituted under which Minister?**

[A] Rajnath Singh

[B] Amit Shah ☒

[C] S Jai Shankar

[D] Piyush Goyal



- ✓ **The Indian Government has decided to constitute a High-Level Committee to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Committee headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah will work on the activities for a yearlong commemoration starting 23rd January, 2021. Other members of the Committee will include historians, authors, family members of Netaji, as well as persons associated with Azad Hind Fauj-INA.**
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