

1. The MRSAM (Medium Range Surface to Air Missile), which was test-fired recently, was developed in association with which country?

[A] Russia

[B] Israel ☒

[C] United States

[D] France



- ✓ India has successfully conducted the first Army version test of the Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) from a test range off Odisha coast. This advanced missile has been jointly developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Israel Aerospace Industries. The new generation MRSAM can neutralise airborne threats including projectiles.

2. National Film Development Corporation which was making news recently, is based at which city?

[A] New Delhi

[B] Mumbai ☒

[C] Ahmedabad

[D] Pune



- ✓ National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) is a Central Public Sector Undertaking, based at Mumbai. It was incorporated in the year 1975. The objective of the agency is to promote the integrated development of Indian Film industry. Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved to merge four of its film media units, namely Films Division, Directorate of Film Festivals, National Film Archives of India, and Children's Film Society, India with NDFC.

3. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is to establish a Regional Academic Centre for Space (RAC-S) at which institution?

[A] IIT- BHU ☒

[B] IIT- Guwahati

[C] IISC, Bengaluru

[D] IIT- Roorkee



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is to establish a Regional Academic Centre for Space (RAC-S) at Indian Institute of Technology (BHU). The Academic Centre would be set up to facilitate short- and long-term projects at the institute, to promote the culture of research and

development among students. Capacity building programmes like conferences, exhibitions will also be organised.

4. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, along with which Ministry launched a contest to strengthen CoWIN?

[A] Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

[B] Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒

[C] Ministry of External Affairs

[D] Ministry of Education



- ✓ **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Electronics and IT have jointly launched a contest to strengthen digital platform CoWIN. The contest has been developed to invite solutions from IT companies and start-ups the platform, which will be used for rolling out COVID vaccine distribution across the country. The top 5 applicants will be provided CoWIN Application Programming Interface.**

5. What is the share of the Centre in the recently approved Post Matric Scholarship for SC students?

[A] 40%

[B] 50%

[C] 60% ☒

[D] 90%



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet has recently approved ₹59,000 crore Post Matric Scholarship for more than four crore Scheduled Caste (SC) students. In the scheme, which is to be implemented in the next five years, the total investment is ₹59,048 crore, out of which 60% will be borne by the Central Government. The rest will be spent by the state Government. Transfer of financial assistance to the students would be on DBT method.**

6. As per the 'Status of Leopard in India 2018' released recently, which state has the highest number of leopards?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Madhya Pradesh ☒

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Gujarat



- ✓ The Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar released the Status of Leopard in India 2018' report. As per the report, the population of leopard in India has increased by 60 per cent with 12,852 leopards. Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of leopards (3421). It is followed by Karnataka and Maharashtra.

7. National Startup Awards was first launched in which year?

[A] 2017

[B] 2018

[C] 2019 ☒

[D] 2020

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- ✓ Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry had initiated the first National Start up Awards in 2019. The Award aims to reward outstanding start-ups that build innovative products or solutions and have a social impact. The second edition of the award NSA 2021 has been recently launched. The awards will be presented in 49 areas classified into 15 broad sectors.

8. On which date, the International Human Solidarity Day was observed recently?

[A] December 20 ☒

[B] December 21

[C] December 22

[D] December 23



- ✓ The International Human Solidarity Day is observed every year on December 20 to raise public awareness of the importance of solidarity. This day aims to celebrate unity in diversity and remind people of the importance of solidarity in working towards eradicating poverty. It is a day to encourage debate on the ways to promote solidarity for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including poverty eradication.

9. Where did PM Narendra Modi virtually launch India's 1st Driverless operated train?

[A] Chennai

[B] Delhi ☒

[C] Mumbai

[D] Bengaluru



- ✓ On December 28, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated India's 1st ever Driverless Train Operations on Delhi Metro's Magenta Line which connects Janakpuri West and Botanical Garden in Noida. Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated the fully operational National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) services on the Airport Express Line of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

10. Who received "Scientist of the Year Award-2018" by DRDO?

[A] Hemant Kumar Pandey ☒

[B] Tessy Thomas

[C] Sudhir Kamath

[D] Pravin K Mehta



- ✓ Dr Hemant Kumar Pandey has been conferred 'Scientist of the Year Award – 2018' by Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) for his contributions towards developing herbal medicines which includes 'Lukoskin' a drug for treatment of leucoderma. Pandey has been undertaking research at DRDO's Defence Institute of Bio-Energy Research (DIBER) at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand for 25 years.
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