

1. Which Union Ministry launched 'Swachhata Abhiyan' mobile application to geotag insanitary latrines and manual scavengers?

[A] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

[B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒

[C] Ministry of Rural Development

[D] Ministry of Road Transport and Highways



- ✓ **Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot launched a Mobile Application "Swachhata Abhiyan". The application aims to identify and geotag the data of insanitary latrines and manual scavengers. With this, the insanitary latrines can be replaced with sanitary latrines and rehabilitate all the manual scavengers.**

2. What is the name of the online learning platform for it is, launched by the Skill Development Ministry?

[A] Bharatskills ☒

[B] India Skills

[C] Skill on line

[D] Skill on board



- ✓ **The Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) launched an online learning platform called the Bharatskills, for the students and teachers of Industrial Training Institutes (ITI). The DGT joined hands with Microsoft and NASSCOM Foundation to provide digital employability skilling program for nearly 1.2 lakh ITI students in around 3000 ITI's across India.**

3. Which Indian state has announced Rs 10,000 crore worth development projects to be completed in 100 days?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala ☒

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Karnataka



- ✓ **The state government in Kerala has announced Rs 10,000 crore worth development projects would be completed or launched in the next 100 days. The Chief Minister also announced that nine new**

industrial units, including the Defence Park in Palakkad would be inaugurated. The state also targets job openings through poverty eradication mission, Kudumbashree.

**4. The 'Brahmaputra Aamantran Abhiyaan', which was seen in the news recently, is to be held in which two states?**

[A] Arunachal Pradesh and Assam ☒

[B] Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya

[C] Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram

[D] Assam and Meghalaya



- ✓ **Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has flagged off the "Brahmaputra Aamantran Abhiyaan", a river rafting expedition. The 917 km long expedition cum public outreach programme is to be held in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. The month-long expedition is organised by the Ministry of Jal Shakti with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & NDRF.**

**5. Which Indian company has developed the country's first indigenous vaccine against pneumonia?**

[A] Serum Institute of India ☒

[B] Dr Reddy's

[C] Sun Pharma

[D] Cipla Ltd



- ✓ **India's first indigenous vaccine against pneumonia has been developed by Serum Institute of India (SII), for active immunisation against invasive disease and pneumonia caused by 'Streptococcus pneumonia' in infants. This vaccine is expected to be more affordable than existing vaccines manufactured by two foreign companies – Pfizer and GlaxoSmithKline.**

**6. Exercise Yogdan is associated with which category of association?**

[A] ISRO

[B] National Cadet Corps ☒

[C] Red Cross

[D] Intelligence Bureau



- ✓ **The DGNCC Digital Forum was launched recently in New Delhi. This Forum will provide a platform to National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets across the country to share their experiences of various NCC activities. Since April 2020, over one lakh NCC Cadets served as the frontline volunteers in the fight against COVID-19 across the country under Exercise NCC Yogdan.**

7. Which organisation released report on the State of Mediterranean and Black Sea Fisheries (SoMFi 2020)?

- [A] IMF
- [B] FAO ☒
- [C] World Bank
- [D] WTO



- ✓ The State of the Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries – 2020 (SoMFi 2020) was released by the Food and Agricultural Organisation's General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM). As per the report, 75 percent of fish stocks in the Mediterranean and Black Sea marine ecosystems were subject to overfishing. But the number of such overfished stocks has decreased for the first time in the past decades.

8. In which year, did the Consumer Protection Act come into effect?

- [A] 1995
- [B] 1986 ☒
- [C] 1984
- [D] 1996



- ✓ On December 24, 1986, the Consumer Protection Act received the approval of the President of India and came into effect. To mark the occasion, the National Consumer Day is observed every year on December 24 in India, to spread awareness about consumer importance, their rights and responsibilities. The theme of the National Consumer Day is 'The Sustainable Consumer'.

9. The 100<sup>th</sup> Kisan Rail of India has been flagged off between Maharashtra and which other state?

- [A] Bihar
- [B] West Bengal ☒
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently flagged off the 100<sup>th</sup> Kisan Rail from Sangola in Maharashtra to Shalimar in West Bengal. The multi-commodity train service will carry vegetables and fruits. The Government of India has also extended a subsidy of 50% on transportation of fruits and vegetables. Kisan Rail enables the farmers to transport their agricultural produce across the country.

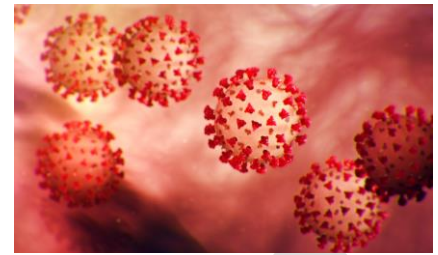
**10. When was the 1<sup>st</sup> ever 'International Day of Epidemic Preparedness' observed globally by the United Nations?**

[A] 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

[B] 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

[C] 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 ☒

[D] 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020



- ✓ **The United Nations observed the first ever International Day of Epidemic Preparedness across the globe on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The day recognises the role of government and other stakeholders like healthcare workers in controlling and managing the outbreak of epidemic. to promote the importance of the prevention of, preparedness for and the partnership against epidemics.**
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