

1. What is the name of the online event launched by Agriculture Ministry, to promote innovation in agriculture?

- A) Atmanirbhar Agri
- B) Agri India Hackathon ☒
- C) Kisan Mela
- D) Krishi Sammelan



- ❖ Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the Virtual Agri India hackathon 2020 in New Delhi.
- ❖ It is the largest virtual gathering to organise dialogues and promote innovations in agriculture. This year, the event organized by Pusa Krishi, ICAR – IARI, ICAR & Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare. 24 best innovations will be awarded 1 lakh cash award and incubation support.

2. What is the expansion of 'IUC', which was recently seen in the news recently?

- A) Internet usage charges
- B) Intermediate usage charges
- C) Interconnect usage charges ☒
- D) Interconnect utility charges



- ❖ As per the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), the Interconnect usage charges (IUC) has been made zero from January 1, 2021. IUC is the charge paid by a telecom company, for every call made from its network to different service providers. Prior to this move, the telecom company has been paying 6 paise per minute as the IUC.

3. Zhong Shanshan, who replaced Mukesh Ambani as Asia's richest person, is from which country?

- A) Singapore
- B) China ☒
- C) Japan
- D) Thailand



- ❖ As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Zhong Shanshan's net worth rose to USD 70.9 billion making him the richest man in Asia above both Mukesh Ambani and China's Jack Ma. Zhong Shanshan is the founder of 'Nongfu Spring', the largest beverage company in China. He is also the owner of the Chinese pharmaceutical giant 'Wantai'.

4. Who has been appointed as the new Railway Board Chairman and CEO?

- A) A K Antony
- B) Suneet Sharma ☒
- C) Pradeep Kumar
- D) P S Mishra



- ❖ Former General Manager of the Eastern Railway, Suneet Sharma has been appointed as the new Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Railway Board (Ministry of Railways). He will also serve as the ex-officio Principal Secretary to Government of India.
- ❖ After the completion of the term of incumbent chief V K Yadav, the appointments committee of the Cabinet has approved Suneet Sharma as the new Chairman & CEO.

5. China has completed a railway line linking the Tibetan cities of Lhasa and Nyingchi, near the border of which Indian state?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Manipur



- ❖ As per media reports, China has recently completed the track-laying work for a railway line which links the cities of Lhasa and Nyingchi in Tibet. The cities are close to the Indian border in Arunachal Pradesh. This Sichuan-Tibet Railway is the second railway into Tibet, which starts from the capital of Sichuan Province, Chengdu and enters Tibet.

6. 'NAVARITI', which was released by the Prime Minister, is a certification course associated with which sector?

- A) Culture ☒
- B) Construction Technology
- C) AI
- D) Microbiology



- ❖ Prime Minister released a certification course on innovative construction technologies named NAVARITI (New, Affordable, Validated, Research Innovation Technologies for Indian Housing).
- ❖ He also laid the foundation stone of Light House projects (LHPs) under Global Housing Technology Challenge (GHTC)- at six sites across six states.

7. Which State was awarded the first place for excellence in implementation of PMAY (U) Mission?

- A) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Punjab
- D) Gujarat



- ❖ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi announced the annual awards for excellence in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) Mission.
- ❖ In the best performing states category, Uttar Pradesh bagged the first place, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. In the North East region and Hilly states, Tripura bagged the first place. Vishakhapatnam was named the best performing Municipal Corporation.

8. Which Union Ministry releases the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)?

- A) Ministry of Labor & Employment
- B) Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation ☒
- C) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs

- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) releases the quarterly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).
- ❖ As per the recent quarterly PLFS, the unemployment rate in urban areas increased to 9.1 per cent in January-March 2020 from 7.9 per cent in October-December 2019. Labour force participation rate increased to over a five-quarter high of 37.5 per cent.

9. Which Indian city is to play host to the 51<sup>st</sup> edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

- A) Goa ☒
- B) Chennai
- C) Cochin
- D) Kolkatta



- ❖ The 51st edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) to be held in Goa from 16th to 24th of January, 2021.
- ❖ Recently, the registrations have commenced for media delegates, who desire to attend the event, which will be held in a hybrid mode, on account of the Covid-19 pandemic. The registration will be open till January 10, 2021.

10. K-9 Journal, which was recently released, is associated with which field?

- A) Medicine
- B) Policing ☒
- C) Pandemic
- D) Robotics



- ❖ Union Home Minister Amit Shah released the inaugural issue of the National Police K-9 Journal in New Delhi.
- ❖ It is the India's first such publication on the subject of Police Service K9s, which is the name given for Police Dogs. A special Police K9 Cell was set up in November 2020. The biannual journal will be released in April and October, with sections in Hindi and English.