

1. The first Khelo India Sports school of the North-East India, is situated in which city?

- A) Shillong ☒
- B) Imphal
- C) Guwahati
- D) Gangtok



- ❖ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju has recently launched the Assam Rifles Public School in Shillong. This school has become the first Khelo India Sports school of the North-East India. At present, nine Sports Schools have been approved across the country.
- ❖ The schools aim to integrate sports with education with the Government bearing the expenses of the athletes of the school.

2. Which research body has organized the National Metrology Conclave 2021?

- A) CSIR ☒
- B) DRDO
- C) ICMR
- D) ICAR



- ❖ The National Metrology Conclave 2021 has been organized by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL), New Delhi.
- ❖ This research organization has entered its 75th year of inception. The theme of the function was 'Metrology for the Inclusive Growth of the Nation'. The inaugural function was attended by the Prime Minister of India via video conferencing.

3. 'Thai Poosam' is a festival celebrated in which Indian state?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
- B) Kerala
- C) Nagaland
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ❖ People of Tamil Nadu celebrate the 'Thai Poosam' festival, which is dedicated for the worship of the Tamil God Lord Muruga. After the devotees requested to declare the day as a public holiday, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami issued an order for the same.
- ❖ It is also celebrated in some parts of Kerala and in other countries like Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Mauritius and Indonesia

4. What is the accuracy of 'National Atomic Timescale', which was recently launched?

- A) 2.7 Nano seconds
- B) 2.8 Nano seconds ☒
- C) 2.1 Nano seconds
- D) 2.0 Nano seconds



- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'National Atomic Timescale', during the inauguration of the National Metrology Conclave. With this move, the Indian Standard Time is aligned with the International Standard Time, only by less than 3 nano seconds.
- ❖ The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of the 'National Environmental Standards Laboratory'.

5. The Kochi - Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline that is seen in news recently is constructed by which PSU?

- A) ONGC
- B) GAIL ☒
- C) IOCL
- D) CIL



- ❖ The 450 km long Natural Gas Pipeline between Kochi in Kerala and Mangaluru in Karnataka is constructed by GAIL (India) Ltd. The 3000-crore project has been inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, for commercial operations. The pipeline has the transportation capacity of 12 million metric standard cubic metres per day.

6. When is World Braille Day observed every year, across the world?

- A) January 2
- B) January 3
- C) January 4 ☒
- D) January 6



- ❖ World Braille Day is observed annually on 4 January, after it was established by the UN General Assembly in December 2018.
- ❖ The date also marks the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, who invented the system for reading and writing, used by people who are visually impaired. This year, the UN highlights the importance of the universal touch-based communication system.

7. The PM CARES Fund Trust has allocated Rs 201 crores for installation of which equipment?

- A) Oxygen Generation Plants ☒
- B) Air Purifiers
- C) RO- Water Purifiers
- D) Make Shift Hospitals



- ❖ The Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Fund Trust has allocated Rs 201.58 crore rupees for installation of 162 dedicated Medical Oxygen Generation Plants.
- ❖ The Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants are to be procured by the Central Medical Supply Store, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The PSA plants are source of medical-grade oxygen.

8. Which organisation recently deployed its all-women team for contingency duties?

- A) Central Armed Police Force
- B) Indo-Tibetan Border Police
- C) National Disaster Response Force ☒
- D) Central Industrial Security Force



- ❖ An all-female team of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was recently deployed for contingency duties in Uttar Pradesh's Garh Mukteshwar town, on the banks of the Ganga river.
- ❖ The team who are professionally trained handled the rescue boats and related equipment. The first batch of over a hundred women disaster combatants and rescuers was also inducted in the NDRF.

9. 'SwasthVayu', a Non-invasive Ventilator, which was seen in the news recently, was developed by which organisation?

- A) DRDO
- B) CSIR ☒
- C) ISRO
- D) BARC



- ❖ Scientists at the CSIR - National Aerospace Laboratories recently developed a non-invasive ventilator named Swasthya Vayu.
- ❖ The scientists have collaborated with the medical professionals from CSIR-IGIB, to develop the ventilator. It has been certified by the Health

Ministry's Expert Committee to be used for Covid-19 patients who require oxygen supplementation up to 35%.

10. How many Ministries have partnered for the Toycathon Initiative, which was recently launched?

- A) 5
- B) 6 ☒
- C) 7
- D) 8



- ❖ The Government of India has launched a new initiative called the 'Toycathon', to promote indigenous toy industry and reduce imports.
- ❖ Six Ministries, including Education, Women & child development, Textile, Commerce and industries, MSME, I&B and AICTE are collaborating for this initiative. Students, Teachers, Design experts and start-ups will work together to develop indigenous toys and games.