

1. The Indian Government has set up a control room to control the spread of Bird Flu in which state/UT?

- A) Delhi ☒
- B) Karnataka
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Telangana



- ❖ The Central Government has set up a control room in the national capital, amidst the spread of the bird flu or avian flu viruses across the country in four states. The control room aims to monitor the situation and record the preventive and control measures undertaken by the state authorities, on a daily basis.

2. India recently signed an MoU with which country regarding the partnership in "Specified Skilled Worker"?

- A) Japan ☒
- B) USA
- C) South Korea
- D) Australia



- ❖ The Indian Government has approved the memorandum of cooperation on a framework for partnership related to "Specified Skilled Worker" between India and Japan.
- ❖ As per the agreement, the skilled Indian workers, who have qualified the skill test and Japanese language test, will be granted a new status of residence of 'Specified Skilled Worker' by the Government of Japan. They will work in fourteen specified sectors in Japan.

3. As per the NSO's first advanced estimates, what would be the GDP growth/contraction in India, in FY 2020-21?

- A) + 3.2%
- B) + 1.2%
- C) - 6.4%
- D) - 7.7% ☒



- ❖ As per the first advanced estimates of the national income released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in FY 2020-21 is estimated to contract by 7.7%.
- ❖ This is against the growth rate of 4.2% in the fiscal year 2019-20. There is an estimated contraction in all sectors except the agriculture in the current fiscal. While manufacturing sector is likely to contract by 9.4%, Agri sector is estimated to grow by 3.4% compared to the last year.

4. Who is the head of the panel constituted by the Health Ministry, to look into the adverse findings of the NFHS-5?

- A) Harsh Vardan
- B) Preeti Pant ☒
- C) Radha Krishnan
- D) Abhinav Gupta



- ❖ The Health and Family Welfare Ministry has set up a technical expert group to study the adverse findings from the National Family Health Survey-5. The committee, chaired by Joint Secretary Preeti Pant, will also recommend policy interventions to improve the factors associated with malnutrition, stunting, anaemia, and C-section.
- ❖ The panel includes experts from medicine and nutrition and State programme officers.

5. Indian-American Dr Raj, has been named the first Chief Information Officer of the Army of which country?

- A) Singapore
- B) USA ☒
- C) Japan
- D) UK



- ❖ Indian-American Dr Raj has been named as the first Chief Information Officer of the US Army. The position is equivalent in rank to a three-star General, and it was created in July 2020.
- ❖ He will supervise an annual budget of USD 16 billion for the IT operations of the US Army. He will also direct the execution of policies and programmes to modernise the US Army. He serves as the principal advisor to the Secretary of the Army.

6. 'Fatah-1', which was successfully tested, is the indigenous Rocket system of which country?

- A) UAE
- B) Israel
- C) Pakistan ☒
- D) Afghanistan



- ❖ Pakistan has successfully conducted the test-flight of an indigenously developed Guided Multi Launch Rocket System.
- ❖ Named as 'Fatah-1', the system is capable of hitting targets up to a range of 140 km. The Guided Multi Launch Rocket System can deliver conventional warheads with utmost precision, as per the Army sources of the country.

7. Who is the head of the panel for conserving Ladakh's land and culture?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) G Kishan Reddy ☒
- C) Rao Inderjit Singh
- D) Jitendra Singh



- ❖ The Government of India has decided to form a committee to protect the language, culture and land of Ladakh. The Committee will be headed by the Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy.
- ❖ It will also include elected representatives from Ladakh, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, central government, and the Ladakh administration.

8. Which organisation releases the World Food Price Index?

- A) UNICEF
- B) FAO ☒
- C) WWF
- D) WFP



- ❖ The United Nations food agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization releases the World Food Price Index. As per the latest edition, the World food prices increased for a seventh consecutive month in December at 107.5 points against 105.2 in November. All major categories of the food index recorded rise, except sugar.

9. Which country launched the world's first double stack long-haul container train?

- A) Japan
- B) China
- C) India ☒
- D) Russia



- ❖ India recently launched the world's first double stack long-haul container train. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the train on the 306 km-long Rewari-Madar section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC).
- ❖ One such train carries freight equivalent to 270 high-capacity trailer trucks. The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India is constructing the Western and Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor.

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10. Who is the Chairperson of the academic advisory council, recently set up by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) B P Kanungo
- B) R Gandhi
- C) N S Vishwanathan ☒
- D) Urjith Patel



- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up an academic advisory council to advise the full-time director of the RBI's College of Supervisors (CoS). Former RBI Deputy Governor N S Vishwanathan has been named the chairperson of the council.
- ❖ This move aims to strengthen supervision over regulated entities and supervisory skills among its regulatory and supervisory staff.