

1. Union Home Minister is to launch the 'Single Window Clearance System' in which sector?

- A) Coal Mines ☒
- B) DISCOMs
- C) Steel Plants
- D) Copper Mines



- ❖ Union Home Minister Amit Shah is set to launch the 'Single Window Clearance System', for coal mines. It is an online platform to obtain clearances for smooth and seamless functioning of coal mines. Union Minister of Coal Pralhad Joshi will also attend the virtual ceremony.

2. The first edition of National Youth Parliament Festival was held in which year?

- A) 2015
- B) 2017
- C) 2019 ☒
- D) 2020



- ❖ The first National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) was organised in February 2019 at District, State and National levels. The second edition of the festival was launched in the month of December 2020.
- ❖ After District and State-level events, the final event was held recently Central Hall of Parliament. Youth between 18 to 25 years will speak before the National jury and out of them, three will be declared winners.

3. The LiDAR survey was started for which high speed rail project, from Noida?

- A) Delhi-Varanasi High-Speed Rail Corridor ☒
- B) Delhi-Patna High-Speed Rail Corridor
- C) Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor
- D) Chennai-Bengaluru High Speed Rail Corridor

- ❖ The Light Detection and Ranging Survey (LiDAR) for Delhi-Varanasi High-Speed Rail (DVHSR) Corridor was recently started from Greater Noida.
- ❖ Under the survey, a helicopter is fitted with the Aerial LiDAR and imagery sensors. The first flight captured the data and details related to ground survey in three-four months. The survey uses 60-megapixel cameras, to capture minute details.

4. World Hindi Day commemorates the anniversary of first World Hindi Conference held in which city?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Nagpur ☒
- C) Pune
- D) Delhi



- ❖ World Hindi Day is celebrated every year on January 10. Also known as the Vishwa Hindi Divas, it commemorates the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference held in Nagpur on the same day in 1975.
- ❖ World Hindi Day was first celebrated in the year 2006. Hindi is not most-spoken language of the country, and also the third most-spoken language in the world.

5. As per Geological Survey of India (GSI), which Indian state could contain Vanadium Deposits?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Bihar
- C) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- D) Odisha



- ❖ Geological Survey of India (GSI) has been exploring the state of Arunachal Pradesh and said that it could be India's prime producer of vanadium.
- ❖ Vanadium is a high-value metal used for strengthening steel and titanium. The Geologists assured that a deposit will be soon identified. It is recovered as a by-product from the slag collected during the processing of vanadiferous magnetite ores.

6. Which Indian bank has collaborated with IIT Kanpur to set up a Fintech Innovation Centre (FIC)?

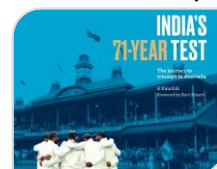
- A) State Bank of India
- B) Canara Bank
- C) Punjab National Bank ☒
- D) ICICI Bank



- ❖ The country's second largest public sector bank, Punjab National Bank has partnered with IIT Kanpur and FIRST (Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology), to establish Fintech Innovation Centre (FIC).
- ❖ The Innovation centre will be set up at the IIT campus, which will facilitate research and development in technological solutions used in the Banking and Finance Sector.

7. Who is the author of the book titled 'India's 71-Year Test: The Journey to Triumph in Australia', which was released recently?

- A) R Kaushik ☒
- B) VVS Lakshman
- E) Harbajan Singh
- D) Sunil Gavaskar



- ❖ The head coach of Indian cricket team and former India all-rounder Ravi Shastri launched a book titled 'India's 71-Year Test: The Journey to Triumph in Australia'. The book is authored by the cricket journalist R Kaushik and it is an initiative of Bradman Museum.
- ❖ It describes the first 12 tours of India to Australia. It also includes over 200 rare pictures from the Bradman Museum. A portrait of former Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar was unveiled at the Sydney Ground.

8. What is the theme of the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas?

- A) Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat ☒
- B) Redefining engagement with the Indian diaspora
- C) Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India
- D) Contributing to New India

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is inaugurating the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on January 9, virtually.
- ❖ It aims to encourage the Indian diaspora to be part of socio-economic development in India. The theme of this year's convention is "Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat". President of the Republic of Suriname is to deliver the key note address.

9. Subodh Kumar Jaiswal has taken charge as the new Director General of which armed force?

- A) CISF ☒
- B) CRPF
- C) ITBP
- D) NSG



- ❖ Veteran IPS Officer Subodh Kumar Jaiswal took charge as the new Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
- ❖ He was serving as the DGP heading the Maharashtra Police since 2019. He had earlier served with the Special Protection Group (SPG) of the country, securing the Prime Minister.

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10. Which bank has partnered with NABFOUNDATION to assist self-help groups?

A) State Bank of India

B) Canara Bank

C) Central Bank of India ☒

D) ICICI Bank



- ❖ Central Bank of India (CBoI) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NABFOUNDATION.
- ❖ As per the MoU, CBoI will provide collateral-free working capital to those self-help groups having an account with it and are undertaking the Nabard-sponsored 'My Pad My Right' project. NABFOUNDATION, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NABARD.