

1. Which organisation is to adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Labs across the country, to promote 'STEM' Education?

- A) DRDO
- B) ISRO ☒
- C) BARC
- D) Indian Air Force



- ❖ Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) jointly announced that ISRO will adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Labs across the country.
- ❖ This step aims to provide mentorship, promote education in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Space Education among the young students of the country.

2. 'The Heritage Conversation Committee', which was in the news recently, is headed by the official of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) Ministry of Tourism



- ❖ The Heritage Conversation Committee' (HCC) is headed by the Additional Secretary of the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The Committee has recently cleared the proposal of the Central Government for the new Parliament building.
- ❖ The Supreme Court approved the Central Vista project and mandated the clearance from HCC for developing the project. The Committee also includes officials from other departments.

3. What percent of the total geographic area of India is occupied by the Protected Areas?

- A) 2.5%
- B) 5% ☒
- C) 7.5%
- D) 10%



- ❖ Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar released Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of 146 National Park and Wildlife Sanctuaries as well as that of the zoos in the Country. At present, India has 903 Protected Areas, which covers about 5% of the total geographic area of the country.
- ❖ 10 best National Parks, 5 coastal and Marine parks and top five Zoos in the country will be ranked and awarded every year.

4. 'Sea Vigil-21' is a Defence Exercise undertaken by which country?

- A) India ☒
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) China
- D) United Kingdom



- ❖ The Indian Navy is undertaking a two-day military exercise, also claimed to be India's largest coastal defence drill. The exercise is to cover India's coastline spanning over 7500 kilometers, involving 13 coastal States and Union Territories. The second edition of the exercise aims to enhance maritime security and surveillance.

5. Which is to be the country in focus at the 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa?

- A) France
- B) Russia
- C) Bangladesh ☒
- D) Sri Lanka



- ❖ Bangladesh is to be the focus country at the 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI), scheduled from January 16 to 24, this year. Four films from Bangladesh have been included in the focus section, to recognise the cinematic contribution of the country. It is noteworthy that the 51st Indian International Film Festival has included Tamil films Asuran and Then in the list of Indian films selected for 2020.

6. Which is the first North-Eastern state to complete urban local bodies reforms and was approved for additional borrowing?

- A) Nagaland
- B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Manipur ☒
- D) Tripura



- ❖ Manipur has become the fourth State in the country to complete urban local bodies reforms. It is also the first North-Eastern state, joining the list of three states namely Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana.
- ❖ In response, the state also received the Union Finance Ministry's approval to mobilise additional financial resources of Rs 75 crore through open market borrowings.

7. NITI Aayog has partnered with which e-commerce major to launch "revamped Women Entrepreneurship Platform"?

- A) Amazon
- B) Flipkart ☒
- C) Myntra
- D) Snapdeal



- ❖ The nation's premier think tank NITI Aayog has partnered with e-commerce major Flipkart, to launch the revamped Women Entrepreneurship Platform. This is seen as an effort to enhance the community experience for women entrepreneurs in India.
- ❖ This portal brings together women from different parts of India to realize their entrepreneurial aspirations.

8. The Financial Stability Report (FSR) is released by which organisation?

- A) World Bank
- B) IMF
- C) Reserve Bank of India ☒
- D) Asian Development Bank



- ❖ The Financial Stability Report (FSR) released by Reserve Bank of India has predicted that gross non-performing assets of Banks in India, may rise to 13.5% by September 2021 from the level of 7.5% in September 2020. The report has also stated that in case of a severe stress scenario, the Gross NPA may further worsen to 14.8%.

9. On which date, 'Armed Forces Veterans Day' celebrated across India?

- A) January 11
- B) January 12
- C) January 13
- D) January 14 ☒



- ❖ The Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated on January 14 every year and was instituted in the year 2017, to commemorate the retirement date of the first Indian Chief of Army Staff, K M Cariappa. He served as the Chief of Army Staff from 1949 to 1953.

10. When is the Army Day celebrated across India, every year?

- A) January 12
- B) January 13
- C) January 14
- D) January 15 ☒



- ❖ Army Day is celebrated every year on January 15, across the country to honour the contributions made by the soldiers to the country. The 73rd Army day was recently observed on January 15, 2021. On January 15, 1949, General KM Cariappa became the first Commander-in-Chief of Indian Army after Independence. This day is being commemorated every year as Army Day.