

1. Bureau of Energy Efficiency is a statutory body under which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of New & Renewable Resources
- C) Ministry of Power ☒
- D) Ministry of Earth Sciences



- ❖ The Union Power Ministry in partnership with Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), has recently organised the 30th "National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA)" function.
- ❖ The event was organised at Vigyan Bhawan – New Delhi and telecasted as a virtual event. BEE is a statutory body under the Ministry of Power that has a mandate to implement policy and programs in energy efficiency and conservation.

2. Which Indian state announced free data card to college students for attending online classes?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
- B) Kerala
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Bihar



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government is to provide free data cards of 2 GB per day to college students to enable them attend online classes till April 2021. The data cards will be provided to over 9 lakh students studying in government and aided Arts and Sciences colleges, engineering colleges and polytechnic institutions. The Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) will implement the scheme for self-finance college students.

3. Siruvani hills, which has been identified as a butterfly super-hotspot, is located in which district of Tamil Nadu?

- A) Theni
- B) Coimbatore ☒
- E) Tenkasi
- D) Kanyakumari



- ❖ After a six-year study conducted by 'The Nature and Butterfly Society (TNBS)', the Siruvani hills in the state of Tamil Nadu has been identified as a butterfly super-hotspot. 240 out of the total 325 species found in Tamil Nadu, are from the hills between 2015 and 2020.
- ❖ As per TNBS, if 25% of the state checklist species are found in a single area, it can be identified as a hotspot. Here around 74 per cent of the total species is found in the hills, from six families.

4. What is the rank of India in the 'Digital Evolution Scorecard', prepared jointly by Mastercard?

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth ☒

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- ❖ The 'Digital Evolution Scorecard' is developed by Fletcher School, Tufts University in partnership with Mastercard. In the recently released third edition of the index, India is ranked fourth among the 'Break Out Economies', which means the countries that are digitalising very fast. China leads the index with high demand and innovation.

5. What is 'Khadi Prakritik', which was making news recently?

- A) Paint ☒
- B) Agarbatti
- C) Floor cleaner
- D) Disinfectant



- ❖ Khadi Prakritik Paint is the first-of-its-kind paint product, which has been developed by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission.
- ❖ It is an eco-friendly, non-toxic paint which is also claimed to have anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties. The paint is based on cow dung as its main ingredient and has been certified by Bureau of Indian Standards.

6. Tenzin Lekphell, the new Secretary General of BIMSTEC, is from which country?

- A) Bhutan ☒
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) India
- D) Myanmar



- ❖ Tenzin Lekphell is the newly appointed Secretary General of the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation).
- ❖ He was seen in the news for his visit to Bangladesh. The country is also in the process of building a new premise for the Secretariat. BIMSTEC is a regional organization with 7 countries namely Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand.

7. Which country's passport is declared the most powerful, as per the Henley Passport Index?

- A) Singapore
- B) Japan ☒
- C) India
- D) United States



- ❖ As per the recent report of the Henley Passport Index, Japanese passport has retained the rank of topmost powerful passport in the world. With the Japanese passport, one can travel to as many as 191 countries by visa-free or visa-on-arrival mode.
- ❖ India ranks 85th in the list while Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan remain the the countries with the worst passport to hold.

8. Which scheme of the Union Agriculture Ministry has recently crossed the 5-year mark?

- A) Prime Minister's Fasal Bima Yojana ☒
- B) Prime Minister's Kisan Mann-Tan Yojana
- C) Prime Minister's Krishi Sinchai Yojana
- D) Prime Minister's Awas Yojana



- ❖ The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) of the Union Agriculture Ministry has recently completed 5 years since its launch. It is a crop insurance scheme that was launched on January 13, 2016. The Ministry has stated that claims worth Rs.90,000 crore have so far been disbursed to farmers since the launch.

9. Which country has recently hosted the "One Planet Summit"?

- A) Belgium
- B) Sweden
- C) France ☒
- D) Australia



- ❖ France has hosted the One Planet Summit recently, in which 30 leaders, government officials and heads of international organizations participated. The summit was held in a virtual mode due to the ongoing COVID pandemic. During the summit, which focussed on protecting terrestrial and marine ecosystems, and agroecology, 50 countries pledged to protect 30% of land and sea by 2030.

10. Sweden's Autoliv Inc. has proposed to establish its manufacturing unit in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ❖ Autoliv Inc., headquartered in Sweden has proposed to establish its manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu. The company is to invest a sum of Rs.100 crore for its plant and is expected to create 400 job opportunities. The company is involved in design, manufacturing and marketing of air-bags, seat belts and steering wheels.