

1. The Cherry Blossom Mao Festival was organised in which state recently?

- A) Nagaland
B) Manipur ☒
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Sikkim



- ❖ The Annual Cherry Blossom Festival event was organised at Mao of Manipur recently. The event was held in a virtual format. The entire Mao town was adorned with cherry blossom flowers and it was streamed live on Face book, YouTube, Instagram etc. Traditional folk dances and Special ballet named Cherri Nachom was also a part of the event.

2. Where is the headquarters of the 'National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)' located?

- A) Mumbai
B) Delhi ☒
C) Hyderabad
D) Kolkata



- ❖ The National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) organised its first ever Red Ribbon club Quiz Competition. NACO was established in 1992 as a division of Health Ministry. Headquartered in New Delhi, it is implementing the 'Adolescence Education Programme' in schools, in association with NCERT. It has also established 12,500 Red Ribbon Clubs (RRCs) to create awareness among the college youth.

3. Ministry of Minority Affairs has decided to geo-tag all Waqf properties in which Indian state/UT?

- A) Delhi
B) Puducherry ☒
C) Goa
D) Sikkim



- ❖ The Union Ministry of Minority Affairs announced that it has decided to geo-tag all Waqf properties in the Union Territory of Puducherry. This step follows many complaints being received on illegal occupation of the properties by local goons.
- ❖ The Ministry is also working to constitute a Waqf Board in the UT. Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karykram, the Centre will also finance to construct socio-economic infrastructure.

4. Which organization has launched a portal regarding tax evasion, foreign undisclosed assets and benami properties?

- A) Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs
B) Enforcement Directorate
C) Central Board of Direct Taxes ☒
D) Reserve Bank of India



- ❖ The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has launched a dedicated portal for receiving and processing complaints related to regarding tax evasion, foreign undisclosed assets and benami properties. This step is seen a move to enhance e-governance and to involve public participation to abolish tax evasion.

5. 'Resolution 1373 on counter terrorism', that is seen in news recently, is associated with which organization?

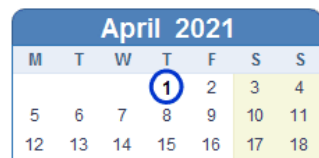
- A) RBI
B) SEBI
C) UNSC ☒
D) ICJ



- ❖ The resolution 1373 on counter terrorism was adopted by the United Nations Security Council unanimously on 28 September 2001. This was adopted following the 11 September terrorist attacks on the USA.
- ❖ Recently, an open debate was held at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) titled '20 years after the adoption of resolution 1373' that focused on combating terrorism on a globally. India was represented virtually by External affairs Minister Dr.S.Jaishankar.

6. When will India's New Foreign Trade Policy will come into effect?

- A) 2021 February 01
B) 2021 March 01
C) 2021 April 01 ☒
D) 2021 May 01



- ❖ The new Foreign Trade Policy of India, is set to take effect from 1st April 2021. The policy will be in effect for 5 years from 2021 to 2026. It aims to make India a leader in international trade. It is also known that the District Export Hubs initiative will form an important component of the new Foreign Trade Policy.

7. Which company has been ranked at the top in the "2020 Hurun Global 500" list?

- A) Apple ☒
B) Amazon
C) Samsung
D) Google



- ❖ As per the '2020 Hurun Global 500' list, Apple is the world's most valuable company with a value of USD 2.1 trillion followed by Microsoft and Amazon with USD 1.6 trillion each.
- ❖ The 2020 Hurun Global 500 is a list of 500 most valuable non-state-controlled companies in the world. 11 Indian firms are a part of the list, which is led by Reliance Industries worth USD 169 billion.

8. The researchers of Durham University have developed a supercomputer simulation to explain the formation of which space body?

- A) Sun
B) Moon ☒
C) Mars
D) Mercury



- ❖ Recently, researchers of Durham University have developed a supercomputer simulation to explain the formation of moon.
- ❖ The researchers have stated that Earth collided with a Mars like planet named Theia about 4.5 billion years ago. The resulting debris is found to be a self-gravitating body, which has a great resemblance to moon in term of mass and ferric properties.

9. Which arm of the Indian Army is to recruit women as Pilots for the first time from next year?

- A) Corps of Signals
B) Armoured Corps
C) Army Aviation Corps ☒
D) Corps of Engineers



- ❖ As per the recent announcement of the Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane, women will be inducted as Pilots in the Army Aviation Corps from next year.

- ❖ Prior to this, women were being allotted only ground duties in the Army Aviation Corps. Women pilots would fly helicopters and be part of operations at the borders.

10. The NASSCOM has partnered with which state's AI mission, to launch an Innovation Factory?

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



- ❖ The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has collaborated with Telangana Artificial Intelligence Mission (T-AIM) to launch an Innovation Factory.
- ❖ It aims to recognise and promote innovative Artificial intelligence (AI) solutions for challenges in agricultural sector. The start-ups, companies and institutions winning the challenge will get Rs 1 lakh prize money along with mentorship from state entities.