

1. The birth anniversary of which freedom fighter is to be celebrated as "Parakram Diwas" every year?

- A) Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel
- B) 'Netaji' Subash Chandra Bose ☒
- C) Tiruppur Kumaran
- D) Bal Gangadhar Tilak



- ❖ The Union Culture Ministry announced that the birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose, January 23, would be celebrated as "Parakram Diwas" every year. It means the 'Day of courage'.
- ❖ The Ministry also said that the government is to celebrate the leader's 125th birth anniversary year starting from January 23, 2021. A series of events from January 23 till January 23, 2022 is also planned.

2. Which state has raised the number of working days under MGNREGA from 100 to 150 days?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Uttarakhand ☒
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Gujarat



- ❖ Uttarakhand Government announced that the number of working days under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) will be increased from 100 to 150. As per the Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, the entire cost will be borne by the state government. He also launched the 'Uttarakhand Aajeevika App' to help unemployed people in the state to search for job opportunities.

3. As per the Inter Country Transport Vehicles Rules-2021, which authority has the power to grant Inter Country Transport Permit?

- A) Ministry of Road Transport
- B) State Transport Authority ☒
- C) Regional Transport Office
- D) National Highways Authority of India



- ❖ Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has recently notified Inter Country Transport Vehicles Rules, 2021. As per the rules, the State Transport Authority can grant the Inter Country Transport Permit, which will remain valid for a period of one year.
- ❖ The new rules regulate the movement of passenger and goods vehicles between India and its neighbouring countries.

4. Tepesia, which was making news recently, is located in which Indian city?

- A) Assam ☒
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Manipur
- D) Tripura



- ❖ The Assam Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of Science City at Tepesia, in the outskirts of Guwahati. It would be built at a total expenditure of Rs. 184 crores. The main building is being built by National Council of Science Museum, Union's Cultural Affairs department and state's Science and Technology Department.

5. As per the RBI's recent announcement, how many banks in India are classified as Domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs)?

- A) Two
- B) Three ☒
- C) Four
- D) Five



- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has retained State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs), by data collected as on March 31, 2020. D-SIBs are also called as the banks which are considered as "too big to fail" meaning its failure will impact the country significantly.

6. Which famous commercial passenger train has been renamed as the 'Netaji Express'?

- A) Howrah - Kalka Mail ☒
- B) Mumbai - Thane Mail
- C) Lucknow - Delhi Mail
- D) Kanpur - Delhi Mail



- ❖ The Indian Railways has recently renamed one of the oldest trains, the Howrah-Kalka Mail, as the 'Netaji Express'. The Mail was started in the 19th Century as one of the early commercial passenger train services in India. This has been announced as a part of the 125th birth anniversary of Subash Chandra Bose. It is said Netaji took this train from Bihar, when he escaped from his house in Kolkata in 1941.

7. What is the name of the veteran oncologist and Chairman of the Adyar Cancer Institute, who recently passed away?

- A) Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy
- B) Dr V Shanta ☒
- C) Dr Anandi
- D) Dr Kadambini



- ❖ India's senior oncologist and chairperson of the Adyar Cancer Institute Dr V Shanta passed away at the age of 93. She was known for serving the poor and downtrodden at the institute during her 50 yearlong medical service career.
- ❖ The veteran was presented various awards Padma Shri, Magsaysay Award, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan.

8. 'Dragon Fruit', which was making news recently, is native to which region?

- A) Australia
- B) United States of America ☒
- C) Europe
- D) Asia



- ❖ Dragon fruit is a wild cactus species native to the Americas and it is called pitahaya in those regions. The fruit-bearing species was first introduced to India after 1990. Many states of India including Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal cultivate the fruits.
- ❖ However, India imports the fruit to meet its demand. Recently, Gujarat state government proposed to rename dragon fruit as 'Kalamam'.

9. Road Transport and Highways Ministry has partnered with which organisation for Geo-hazard management?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO ☒
- C) BARC
- D) CSIR



- ❖ The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) signed an agreement with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to collaborate in sustainable geo-hazard management.
- ❖ The expertise of one of the DRDO labs, Defence Geo Informatics Research Establishment (DGRE), would be used. This move aims to ensure Road safety of users on National highways (NHs) against the effects of landslides and other natural calamities.

10. 'Chintan Baithak' is the Brainstorming Conference cum Review Meeting of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Communication
- B) Ministry of Culture
- C) Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways ☒
- D) Ministry of Tourism



- ❖ Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has organised a three-day Ports Review Meeting named 'Chintan Baithak' at Kutch, Gujarat. Chairpersons of Major Ports and Officials of the Ministry will participate in the brainstorming conference.
- ❖ The resulting ideas from the meeting will be used to finalise the Maritime Vision – 2030. Improving Port performance, infrastructure and Ease of Doing Business are focus areas.