

1. India signed an agreement with which country for Submarine Rescue Support and cooperation between the Navies?

- A) Japan
- B) Singapore ☒
- C) France
- D) Sri Lanka



- ❖ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh co-chaired the 5th India-Singapore Defence Ministers Dialogue along with the Minister for Defence, Singapore. During the dialogue, the Implementing Agreement on Submarine Rescue Support and cooperation between the Indian Navy and Singapore Navy were signed.

2. Which Public sector Unit has joined hands with Himachal Pradesh, to improve telecom connectivity in the hilly areas?

- A) PFC Ltd
- B) PowerGrid ☒
- C) REC Ltd
- D) GAIL Ltd



- ❖ The Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), PSU under Ministry of Power, has recently signed an agreement with Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board.
- ❖ Under the agreement, the PSU aims to provide telecom connectivity in the hilly areas of the state including Kangra, Una, Mandi, Kullu, Bilaspur, Sirmour, Palampur, Sundernagar among others. The state has been facing limited telecom connectivity due to rough weather conditions and landslides.

3. What is the name of the military exercise that would involve assets of Indian Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard?

- A) Exercise HimVijay
- B) Exercise Kavach ☒
- C) Exercise Kapil
- D) Exercise Darshan



- ❖ 'Exercise Kavach' is a large and joint military exercise that would involve technical, electronic and human intelligence and assets of the Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force and Indian Coast Guard. This exercise is conducted under the aegis of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), which is the only Joint Forces Command of the country.

4. Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is a Mini Ratna company under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Textiles ☒
- B) Ministry of Agriculture
- C) Ministry of MSME
- D) Ministry of Environment & Forests



- ❖ The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is a public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Textiles. It is a Mini Ratna company headquartered at Mumbai.
- ❖ The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) announced recently that it has planned to export at least 10 lakh bales of cotton during the current cotton season (October 2020-September 2021). Bangladesh would be the main focus country.

5. Which is the venue of the first Khelo India Zaskar Winter Sports Festival?

- A) Ladakh ☒
- B) Shimla
- C) Udagamandalam
- D) Dehradun



- ❖ The Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju launched the first Khelo India Zaskar Winter Sports Festival in Zaskar of Kargil district, Ladakh. The 13-day festival, organised by the Ladakh UT Administration, aims to promote Zaskar as an important destination for the winter tourists. The Sports Ministry is to promote Ladakh as a centre for Ice Hockey.

6. What is the name of the OTT Channel managed by the Union Science and Technology Ministry?

- A) India Knowledge
- B) New India
- C) Indian Science
- D) India Science ☒



- ❖ The OTT (Over-the-top) channel managed by the Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous organization of the Department of Science & Technology, was launched in 2019. The OTT Channel 'India Science', has completed two years since its launch. It aims to create scientific awareness amongst the citizens of the country. The channel was also started on the DTH (Direct to Home) mode.

7. Which state has launched the door delivery programme for supply of ration to general public?

- A) Kerala
- B) Andhra Pradesh ☒
- C) Telangana
- D) Bihar



- ❖ The Government of Andhra Pradesh headed by Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched the door delivery programme for ration, wherein 9,260 "Mobile Dispensing Units" / vehicles will supply ration (rice and other essential commodities) at the door steps of ration cardholders in the State.
- ❖ This move aims to eliminate adulteration of food commodities and also prevent formation of long queues at the fair price shops.

8. When is the International Day of Education observed every year?

- A) January 21
- B) January 22
- C) January 23
- D) January 24 ☒



- ❖ January 24 is observed as the International Day of Education every year by UNESCO. It celebrates the role of education for Development and Peace. The theme for this year's International Day of Education is "Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation".
- ❖ On December 2018, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted a resolution, which declared January 24 as 'International Day of Education'.

9. What is the theme of the 2021 National Voters Day?

- A) Proud to be a voter – Ready to vote
- B) Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed ☒
- C) No Voter to be Left Behind
- D) Proud to be a voter



- ❖ The National Voters Day is celebrated every year in India on January 25 since 2011 to enhance participation of citizens in the electoral process. The day also marked the foundation day of Election Commission of India, which was established on 25th January 1950.
- ❖ The main purpose of the celebration is to encourage, facilitate and maximize the enrollment, especially for the new voters. "Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed" has been selected as the theme for the 11th National Voters' Day.

10. Which country has rejoined the "Paris climate agreement" recently?

- A) Australia
- B) United States of America ☒
- C) India
- D) Japan



- ❖ The United States of America (USA) has rejoined the Paris Agreement on climate change. The new President Joe Biden reversed his predecessor Donald Trump's order to exit the agreement.
- ❖ The Paris Agreement on climate change is an international treaty under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), that came into effect in 2015.