

1. Which city has announced to remove the Statues of William Beckford and Sir John Cass, associated with slavery trade?

- A) Washington
- B) London ☒
- C) Rome
- D) Moscow



- ❖ London approved the removal of the Statues of William Beckford and Sir John Cass from its iconic Guildhall home of statues. After the Black Lives Matter protests, the city corporation set up a task force on tackling racism, which recommended removing the statues of the two figures. The city's elected representatives voted for the decision.

2. According to the recent "Global Risks Report" of the World Economic Forum, which is the biggest long-term risk?

- A) Business threats
- B) Climate threats ☒
- C) Weapon threats
- D) Medical threats



- ❖ The World Economic Forum (WEF) recently released the 15th edition of its report titled "Global Risks Report". For the first time in the history, Climate threats accounted for all of the top long-term risks in the report.
- ❖ Other long-term risks include technological risks such as Cyber attacks and data theft, Political risks like Global governance failure and Societal risks like water crisis. 'Economic confrontations' and 'Domestic political polarization' were reported to be the top short-term risks.

3. SAMVAD conference, which was seen in the news recently, is held between India and which country?

- A) Japan ☒
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Australia

SAMVAD

- ❖ India and Japan have been organising SAMVAD conference series for the past five years, in many places including New Delhi and Tokyo.
- ❖ This series of conference aims to highlight the shared values of the two countries. During the 6th India-Japan Samvad conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed the creation of a library of Buddhist literature and scriptures.

4. 'District Development Council (DDC)', is a local government body of which state/UT?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Nagaland
- C) Jammu & Kashmir ☒
- D) Assam



- ❖ 'District Development Council (DDC)' is a local government body of the Jammu and Kashmir Union territory. It was first introduced by the Ministry of Home Affairs in October 2020. It is facilitated by the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 and created under Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rule, 1996 of the constitution of India. Recently, the first DDC polls of the UT was held successfully.

5. The country's first advanced Hypersonic Wind Tunnel (HWT) test facility was inaugurated in which city?

- A) Chennai
- B) Mumbai
- C) Hyderabad ☒
- D) Thiruvananthapuram



- ❖ Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the advanced Hypersonic Wind Tunnel (HWT) test facility to Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO's) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex in Hyderabad.
- ❖ India is the third country to have such a large HWT Test facility. The system, which has been developed in collaboration with Indian industries, will play a major role on futuristic Aerospace and Defence Systems.

6. Kalaripayattu, which was seen in the news recently, is a famous game originating from which state?

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



- ❖ In the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 Games scheduled to take place in Haryana, four games including Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba will be included along with Yogasana. Kalaripayattu originated from Kerala and has been practised across the world.
- ❖ Mallakhamba is practised more in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, while Punjab's Gatka and Manipur's Thang-Ta are also included.

7. Which Indian mathematician has been named the winner of the 2021 Michael and Sheila Held Prize?

- A) Kannan Soundararajan
- B) Akshay Venkatesh
- C) Nikhil Srivastava ☒
- D) Neena Gupta



- ❖ Nikhil Srivastava, a young Indian mathematician, has been named winner of the prestigious 2021 Michael and Sheila Held Prize. He has been named the co-winner of the USD 100,000 award, along with two others for solving long-standing questions on the Kadison-Singer problem and on Ramanujan graphs. The mathematician is Associate Professor of Mathematics at the University of California, at present.

8. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed a four-tier regulatory framework for which type of financial institutions?

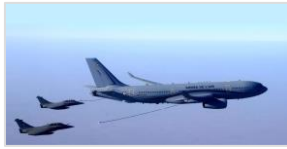
- A) Payment Banks
- B) NBFCs ☒
- C) Small Finance Banks
- D) Foreign Banks



- ❖ Reserve Bank of India recently released a discussion paper on revised regulatory framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- ❖ As per the paper, the regulatory and supervisory framework of NBFCs shall be based on a four-layered structure namely Base Layer, Middle Layer, Upper Layer and a possible Top Layer. RBI also recommended more power for the NBFC Boards on capital and risk management.

9. Which is the venue of the 'Exercise Desert Knight 21'?

- A) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- B) Goa
- C) Jodhpur ☒
- D) Kolkata



- ❖ The first edition of the exercise Desert Knight-21 was organised at Jodhpur Air Force Station, Rajasthan, from January 20 to 24, 2021.
- ❖ Four French Rafale fighters, Airbus A-330 Multi-Role Tanker Transport (MRTT), A-400M Tactical Transport aircraft participated from the French side. Mirage 2000, Su-30 MKI, Rafale, IL-78 Flight Refuelling Aircraft, AWACS and AEW&C aircraft participated from the IAF.

10. Road Transport Ministry signed MoU with which institution for Research and Development?

- A) IIT Roorkee ☒
- B) NIT Warangal
- C) Central Institute of Road Transport
- D) IIT Chennai



- ❖ The Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to continue the MoRTH Professorial Chair focusing on research and development.
- ❖ The Chair focusses on teaching and training in the field of Development of Highway Infrastructure. The Ministry aims to develop indigenous technologies to lower cost of construction and reduce construction period of transport projects.