

1. The Armed Forces of which country participated in the Republic Day Parade of India in the year 2021?

- A) Nepal  
 B) Bangladesh   
 C) United Kingdom  
 D) Bhutan



- ✓ A 122-member armed forces contingent of Bangladesh participated in the Rajpath at the Republic Day parade of India. This comes as a part of celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1971 Liberation War, by India and Bangladesh.
- ✓ While Bangladesh takes part in the parade for the first time, it is the third foreign country after France (2016) and the UAE (2017) to take part in India's Republic Day parade.

2. Which organisation releases the 'World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021'?

- A) World Bank  
 B) International Monetary Fund  
 C) United Nations   
 D) Asian Development Bank



- ✓ The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) released the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021.
- ✓ As per the report, India's economy is projected to grow at 7.3 percent in 2021 while it is estimated to contract by 9.6 percent in 2020. According to the UN, the reasons for the contraction are the lockdown and the fallen domestic consumption.

3. As per the International Monetary Fund, which is the only key country that would record a double-digit growth in FY22?

- A) China  
 B) India   
 C) United States of America  
 D) Germany



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund released its latest World Economic Outlook Update recently. As per the report, Indian economy would grow 11.5 percent in FY22.
- ✓ It has revised the earlier forecast of 8.8 percent growth. As per the IMF, India would be the only key country to record a double-digit growth and reclaim the status of the fastest-growing major economy of the world.

4. What is the name of the virtual intelligence tool recently launched, which can help in Government's policy decisions?

- A) Apna  
 B) Tejas   
 C) Surya  
 D) Vishnu



- ✓ Minister of Electronics and IT and Communications has recently launched virtual intelligence tool Tejas.
- ✓ The tool can extract critical information for policy decisions thereby improving efficiency in government services. The Minister also launched a virtual portal to access routine office applications called 'Work from Anywhere' portal and 'e-Auction India'.

5. Which Indian city recently unveiled a first-of-its kind Young Readers' Boat Library?

- A) Mumbai  
 B) Kolkata   
 C) Ahmedabad  
 D) Cochin



- ✓ The West Bengal Transport Corporation in association with a heritage book store has launched a Young Readers' Boat Library.
- ✓ Under the initiative, children can choose from a selection of 500 titles in English and Bengali on cruising on the waters of Hooghly river on a three-hour-long trip.

6. The CCEA approved hike in Minimum Support Price of Copra, in line with whose recommendation?

- A) K Santhanam  
 B) M S Swaminathan   
 C) Varghese Kurian  
 D) Charan Singh



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for milling copra and ball copra.
- ✓ As per M S Swaminathan recommendations, the increase in MSP has been approved. The MSP of copra was raised by Rs 375 from the previous year, 2020 to Rs 10,335 per quintal. Farmers of 12 coastal states are likely to impact by the price hike.

7. Who is the chairperson of the panel set up to review the proposed ban on 27 widely used pesticides?

- A) TP Rajendran   
 B) K Vijayakumar  
 C) C Sylendra Babu  
 D) K Sivan



- ✓ As per media reports, the Government has appointed an expert panel to review industry's objections to the proposed ban on 27 widely used pesticides. Former assistant director general of ICAR, TP Rajendran is to chair the committee, which will submit the report in next three months. The Government has proposed to ban 27 pesticides, which are said to be harmful to animals and humans.

8. Which organisation released a report titled 'Ageing water infrastructure: An emerging global risk'?

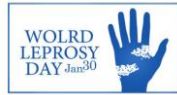
- A) United Nations   
 B) International Monetary Fund  
 C) Asian Infrastructure & Investment Bank  
 D) BRICS Bank



- ✓ The report, titled 'Ageing water infrastructure: An emerging global risk' was compiled by United Nations University's Institute for Water, Environment and Health.
- ✓ As per the report, over a thousand large dams in India will be almost 50 years old in 2025. It also warns about the threat posed by the aging structures across the world. As per the UN report, a large concrete dam begins to express signs of ageing at 50 years.

9. When is the World Leprosy Day observed in the year 2021?

- A) January 25
- B) January 27
- C) January 29
- D) January 31



- ✓ World Leprosy Day is observed around the world on the last Sunday of January every year. This year World Leprosy Day held on 31 January.
- ✓ The day is celebrated to raise global awareness of this deadly ancient disease and call attention to the fact that it can be prevented, treated and cured. This year theme of World Leprosy Day 2021 is "Beat Leprosy, End Stigma and advocate for Mental Wellbeing".

10. World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day is observed on which date?

- A) January 28
- B) January 29
- C) January 30
- D) January 31



- ✓ World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day is observed on January 30, 2021. The day is observed to create awareness about the neglected tropical diseases and discuss solutions to eliminate them. Caused by parasites and bacteria, the diseases affect more than a billion across the world. World NTD Day was announced by the Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi in November 2019.