

1. What is the rank of India in the production of silk, globally?

- A) 1  
B) 2   
C) 3  
D) 5



- ✓ China is the largest producer of silk, in the world. It is followed by India in the second place.
- ✓ India is the only country in the world which produces all four major varieties of silk namely – Mulberry, Eri, Tassar, and Muga. Recently, the Textiles Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated India's biggest silk fair, the 8<sup>th</sup> India International Silk Fair. It is held on the virtual platform of Indian Silk Export Promotion Council.

2. 'Neptune Declaration', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which sector?

- A) Astronomy  
B) Maritime   
C) Planetary Research  
D) Galaxy Research



- ✓ The 'Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Change', is a declaration released by the global maritime industry recently.
- ✓ The declaration focusses on recognising seafarers as key workers by all governments in line with the UNGA resolution adopted recently. The Maritime Union of India urged the Centre to consider the declaration while formulating 'Maritime India Vision 2030'.

3. Who won the men's singles final at badminton World Tour held in Bangkok?

- A) Anders Antonsen   
B) Viktor Axelsen  
C) Kidambi Srikanth  
D) Wang Tzu-wei



- ✓ Anders Antonsen of Denmark won the men's singles final at badminton World Tour held in Bangkok recently. In the final match, he defeated Viktor Axelsen of Denmark. The tournament contained no spectators, to guard against the pandemic.

4. Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is associated with which sport?

- A) Hockey  
B) Cricket   
C) Basketball  
D) Badminton



- ✓ In this year's Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 cricket tournament held at Ahmedabad, Tamil Nadu team defeated Baroda to win the trophy title. During this year's tournament, Tamil Nadu remained unbeaten till the final match. At the finals, the team chased Baroda's with 7 wickets remaining.

5. Soma Mondal is the new Chairperson of which Public sector enterprise?

- A) SAIL   
B) ONGC  
C) NTPC  
D) GAIL



- ✓ Soma Mondal has recently taken charge as the new Chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). Prior to this, she was the Director (Commercial) of the Public Sector enterprise.
- ✓ She replaces the incumbent Chairman Anil Kumar Chaudhary Soma Mandal also had served as the Director (Commercial) at the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), before her venture in SAIL.

6. Who has taken charge as the Vice Chief of Army Staff in India?

- A) M M Naravane  
B) C P Mohanty   
C) Yogesh Kumar Joshi  
D) Anil Chauhan



- ✓ Lieutenant General C P Mohanty assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff. Prior to this appointment he was the Army Commander of the Southern Army.
- ✓ The area of responsibility of the Southern Army includes 11 states and four Union Territories. C P Mohanty has replaced the previous Vice Chief of the Army Staff, Lieutenant General Satinder Kumar Saini.

7. 'MITRA' scheme, which was announced in the recent Union Budget is related to which sector?

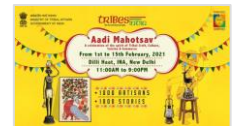
- A) Agriculture  
B) Textile   
C) MSME  
D) Banking



- ✓ In the Union Budget 2021-22, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a scheme of Mega Investment Textiles Parks (MITRA).
- ✓ The scheme is to be launched in addition to the Production Linked Incentive scheme. It aims to help the industry become competitive, attract investments and boost employment generation. Under the scheme, 7 Textile Parks will be established over 3 years.

8. Aadi Mahotsav is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A) Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry  
B) Tribal Affairs Ministry   
C) Culture Ministry  
D) Tourism Ministry



- ✓ Vice President M. Venkaiah inaugurated Aadi Mahotsav, a National Tribal Festival at Dilli Haat, New Delhi. The event is scheduled to be held from Feb.1 to Feb.15, this year.
- ✓ Aadi Mahotsav is a national-level tribal festival and a joint initiative of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED). The event showcases traditional art, handicrafts and cultural heritage of the country. It has been organised from 2017.

9. Pattachitra, which was making news recently, is a popular art form of which state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh  
B) Kerala  
C) Odisha   
D) Karnataka



- ✓ Pattachitra is one of the oldest and most popular art forms of Odisha. It is a traditional style of painting performed on a cloth-based scroll. This unique artform is known for its intricate artistic work and details about the mythological stories.

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned the name of a Orissa student in his Mann ki Baat radio programme, for practising the art form during COVID-19.

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10. Which Indian city is the venue of the Global Air show 'Aero India'?

- A) Cochin
- B) Chennai
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Mumbai



- ✓ The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Aero India, the Global Air show 'Aero India' is being organised at the Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru.
- ✓ The exhibition is hosted by the Ministry of Defence's Defence Exhibition Organisation. This show enables the manufacturers and service providers from the Indian aviation industry meet buyers.