

1. 'National Safety Council' was set up by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
 B) Ministry of Labor   
 E) Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
 D) Ministry of Heavy Industries



- ✓ National Safety Council (NSC) was set up by the Ministry of Labour in 1966 as a not-for-profit body on Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) at the national level. As per a press statement by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, S.N. Subrahmanyam, CEO and Managing Director of L&T Ltd, has been recently appointed as Chairman of the National Safety Council, for a period of three years.

2. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, which crossed 1.75 crore beneficiaries, is a scheme under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
 B) Ministry of Women and Child Development   
 C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
 D) Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana is a scheme under Ministry of Women and Child Development. It was launched in the year 2016.  
 ✓ Under this scheme, pregnant women and lactating mothers receive Rs 5,000 on the birth of their first child in three instalments. The Ministry recently announced that the scheme has crossed over 1.75 crore beneficiary women till 2020.

3. What is the capital city of Barbados, which recently received COVID-19 vaccines from India?

- A) Bridgetown   
 B) Churchtown  
 C) Oistins  
 D) Bathsheba



- ✓ Barbados is an island country located in the Caribbean region of North America. It is an independent British Commonwealth nation with Bridgetown as its capital.  
 ✓ Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley has thanked the Indian government for donation of COVID-19 vaccine doses. The country has a population of over 2.87 lakhs with 1641 coronavirus cases.

4. As per the third round of the Sero survey by ICMR, how many Indians out of every five were infected by the coronavirus?

- A) 0.5  
 B) 1  
 C) 2  
 D) 5



- ✓ As per the third round of the serological survey by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) finds that nearly one in five Indians were infected by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.  
 ✓ This nation-wide survey found the affected cases till December 2020. A serological test detects whether a person has antibodies to the Sars-Cov-2, which indicates the occurrence of past infection.

5. India held its first High Level Dialogue on Trade and Investment with which association?

- A) EU   
 B) BRICS  
 C) ASEAN  
 D) BIMSTEC



- ✓ India held its first High Level Dialogue on Trade and Investment with the European Union. The dialogue was co-chaired by the Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal.  
 ✓ During the 15<sup>th</sup> India-EU Leader's Summit held in July 2020, the leaders from both the sides committed to establish this dialogue. It aims to provide ministerial-level guidance for promoting the bilateral trade and investment relations.

6. Srivilliputhur – Megamalai Tiger Reserve, which was recently approved, is located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu   
 B) Kerala  
 C) Telangana  
 D) Karnataka



- ✓ The Central government has given its approval for the creation of Srivilliputhur – Megamalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu.  
 ✓ This is the fifth tiger reserve in Tamil Nadu and will include the Meghamalai and Srivilliputhur Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuaries. The State government will notify its fifth tiger reserve, after the notification from the Centre.

7. Which Union Ministry is to set up 'Investment Clearance Cell' single window clearance system?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
 B) Ministry of Labor  
 C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry   
 D) Ministry of Heavy Industries



- ✓ As the Union Commerce and Industry, the Central Government is working on establishing a Single Window System for clearances and approvals of industries in the country.  
 ✓ A centralized Investment Clearance Cell was proposed last year, to prevent the investors from visiting various IT platforms and offices to obtain clearances. This one-stop digital platform will enable them receive all central and state clearances and approvals required.

8. Who is the first cricket player to score a double century in the 100<sup>th</sup> test match?

- A) Joe Root   
 B) Virat Kohli  
 C) M S Dhoni  
 D) Ben Stokes



- ✓ The England Cricket Team Captain Joe Root has become the first cricket player to score a double century in the 100<sup>th</sup> test match. Joe Root achieved this feat during the test match against India at Chennai. He scored fifth double century of his career.

9. *Brookesia nana*, which was making news recently, is one of the smallest species of which family?

- A) Chameleon   
 B) Frog  
 C) Lizard  
 D) Turtles



- ✓ A German-Madagascan expedition team has discovered a chameleon subspecies in Madagascar, which might be the smallest reptile on earth. Named as *Brookesia nana*, the male reptile has a body of only 13.5 mm and top to tail length of 22mm.

- ✓ As per the Scientists, the species native to northern Madagascar rainforest might be threatened by extinction.
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10. Which state has launched a project called 'Thozhi'?

- A) Tamil Nadu   
B) Kerala  
C) Telangana  
D) Karnataka



- ✓ A unit called 'Thozhi' has been set up at the Chennai Police to provide direct and psychological assistance and counseling to children, women and their families affected by sexual offenses in their place of residence.
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