

1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Indian Sign Language Dictionary includes how many terms?

- A) 5,000  
B) 10,000   
C) 3,000  
D) 4,500



- ✓ Social Justice & Empowerment Minister Thaawarchand Gehlot released the third edition of the Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary.  
✓ This edition has 10,000 terms of daily use and technical terms including academic, legal, medical terms. The second edition of the dictionary released in 2019 had 6,000 terms and the first edition released in 2018 had 3,000 terms.

2. Who has been conferred with the SKOCH Chief Minister of the Year Award?

- A) Edappadi K Palaniswamy  
B) Pinarayi Vijayan  
C) Mamta Banerjee  
D) Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy



- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has been conferred the Skoch Chief Minister of the Year Award. The award has been provided based on a year-long study of results of the projects being implemented by various state governments of the country. Over 123 projects were implemented in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

3. Who has been elected as the next Director General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- A) Ajay Mathur   
B) Upendra Tripathy  
C) Ajay Kumar Bhalla  
D) Subash Chandra Khuntia



- ✓ India nominated Ajay Mathur was elected as the next Director General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). He succeeds Upendra Tripathy, who has serving as DG since 2017. The Director-General has a four-year term, which can also be renewed for an additional term.  
✓ Mathur is the chief of the New Delhi-based The Energy and Research Institute, at present.

4. Giant Leatherback turtle nests in which location in India?

- A) Goa  
B) Odisha  
C) Andaman & Nicobar   
D) West Bengal



- ✓ Giant Leatherback turtle are the largest of the seven species of sea turtles. They are found in all oceans except the Arctic and the Antarctic.  
✓ In the Indian ocean, they nest at Indonesia, Sri Lanka and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Government's proposal for tourism promotion and port development will threaten this species, which is accorded legal protection by listing in Schedule I of India's Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

5. Mandu festival is celebrated in which state?

- A) Gujarat  
B) Madhya Pradesh   
C) Andhra Pradesh  
D) Odisha



- ✓ The three-day Mandu Festival began at Mandu, the historic town of Madhya Pradesh. The state also inaugurated Dino Adventure Park & Fossils Museum. During the Mandu Utsav, Handicrafts related to handmade art are displayed to encourage local artisans.  
✓ Dinosaur Park is the country's first modern fossil park to display 24 eggs and various fossils of dinosaurs.

6. Which Union Ministry is to organise an event named 'Mushaira', in which poets across the country recite their poems?

- A) Ministry of Education  
B) Ministry of Culture  
C) Ministry of Minority Affairs   
D) Ministry of External Affairs



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Minority Affairs is to organise a 'Mushaira' event, in which renowned poets from across the country will recite their poems. The event is to be conducted on 2021 Feb.20, on the theme 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat'.  
✓ 'Mushaira', which is regarded as a poetic symposium is part of the Culture of India and Pakistan. It aims to make younger generation aware of the country's art and culture

7. 'Pey Jal Survekshan' is the initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development  
B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs   
C) Ministry of Jal Shakti  
D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has recently launched the 'Pey Jal Survekshan' survey under the Jal Jeevan Mission - Urban.  
✓ This survey is conducted on a pilot basis in 10 cities- Agra, Badlapur, Bhubaneswar, Churu, Kochi, Madurai, Patiala, Rohtak, Surat and Tumkur. The survey would assess distribution of water, reuse of wastewater and mapping of water bodies.

8. World PetroCoal Congress and World Future Fuel Summit was organised in which Indian city?

- A) Mumbai  
B) Varanasi  
C) New Delhi   
D) Bengaluru



- ✓ The Joint Conference of the 11th World PetroCoal Congress and World Future Fuel Summit was organised in New Delhi.  
✓ Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan addressed the joint conference. He highlighted that the Public sector companies in the oil industry have invested Rs 34,000 crore to upgrade plants for producing BS-VI fuel.

9. Who won the 'Prani Mitra' award for 2021, by the Animal Welfare Board of India?

- A) Theodre Bhaskaran  
B) S Chinny Krishna   
C) Gauri Maulekhi  
D) Anjali Gopala



- ✓ S. Chinny Krishna, the co-founder of Blue Cross of India, has been conferred with the prestigious 'Prani Mitra' award for 2021 by the Animal Welfare Board of India.

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Giriraj Singh presented the award to Mr. Krishna in New Delhi, for his lifetime service to animals. It is the country's highest award for animal welfare.

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10. Which Union Ministry has unveiled the draft blue economy policy?

- A) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- C) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D) Ministry of External Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Earth Sciences has unveiled the draft blue economy policy in the public domain, inviting suggestions and inputs from various stakeholders. The draft policy document highlights the strategy that can be adopted by the government to utilise the oceanic resources available in the country.
  - ✓ It also has recognised seven thematic areas.
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