

1. The traditional 'Lantern Festival', which was making news recently, is celebrated in which country?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) China ☒
- C) Japan
- D) South Korea



- ✓ China celebrates its traditional Lantern festival, on the 15th day of the first Chinese lunar month. The festival also marks the final day of the Chinese New Year or 'Spring Festival' period. This year, the country entered the 'Year of the Ox' on February 12, 2021. This Festival also falls the first full moon night in the Chinese calendar.

2. The 'Technology and Innovation Report 2021' has been released by which organisation?

- A) FAO
- B) UNCTAD ☒
- C) WTO
- D) IMF



- ✓ The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has recently released a report titled 'Technology and Innovation Report 2021'. The UNCTAD Technology and Innovation Report 2021 examines whether modern technologies widen the existing inequalities and create more inequalities. The report shows that with a present USD 350 billion market, the technologies could grow to USD 3.2 trillion by 2025.

3. Which Ministry has finalised the list of products for One District One Focus Product?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industries
- C) Ministry of Agriculture ☒
- D) Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has finalised the list of products to be covered under One District One Focus Product (ODOFP). This list has been prepared in consultation with the Union Ministry of Food Processing and Industries for 728 districts across the country. The identified products belong to agricultural, horticultural, animal, poultry, milk, fisheries and aquaculture, marine sectors.

4. Which bird has been spotted in Indonesia after 170 years?

- A) Black-browed Babbler ☒
- B) White Sparrow
- C) Forest Owlet
- D) Bengal Florican



- ✓ Black-browed Babbler, which was considered to be extinct, has reappeared after 170 years.
- ✓ The bird has been spotted in Borneo of Indonesia. The bird was first described by scientists around 1848 and it was then considered to be extinct. According to Global Wildlife Conservation, two men accidentally photographed the bird in Borneo, Indonesia.

5. What is the new name of the merged entity of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha channels?

- A) India TV
- B) Sansad Channel ☒
- C) LRS TV
- D) RS TV



- ✓ Indian Parliament has integrated its two TV channels for the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha to create a new entity named Sansad TV. This new platform will continue to live telecast house proceedings and with news and current affairs programme in Hindi and English. Former textiles secretary Ravi Kapoor has been appointed as the CEO of the new channel.

6. Which leader is set to receive CERAWEEK global energy and environment leadership award?

- A) Narendra Modi ☒
- B) Ramnath Govind
- C) Mamta Banerjee
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has been conferred with the CERAWEEK global energy and environment leadership award. He is set to be presented the award at the CERAWEEK international energy conference, which is an annual conference organized by the information and insights company IHS Markit in Houston, Texas.

7. How many satellites were launched by the ISRO using its PSLV-C51 rocket?

- A) 18
- B) 19 ☒
- C) 20
- D) 21



- ✓ The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C51 (PSLV-C51) rocket of India successfully lifted off from Sriharikota launch pad. It was carrying 19 satellites from Brazil, USA and India with the Brazil's 637-kilogram optical earth observation satellite Amazonia 1, as its primary passenger.

8. National Science Day is being observed in India, to commemorate the discovery of which scientist?

- A) Jagdish Chandra Bose
- B) C V Raman ☒
- C) Srinivasa Ramanujan
- D) Homi J Bhabha



- ✓ National Science Day is being observed in India every year on 28th of February to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect'. On the same day, CV Raman announced the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' and he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930.

- ✓ The theme for National Science Day 2021 is 'Future of Science and Technology and Innovation: Impact on Education Skills and Work'.

9. Pramod Chandra Mody is the Chairman of which organisation?

- A) SEBI
- B) CBIC
- C) CBDT ☒
- D) IRDAI



- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has extended the re-appointment of Pramod Chandra Mody as Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). PC Mody, a 1982-batch Indian Revenue Service officer, was appointed as the CBDT Chairman in February 2019. His tenure was extended in August last year for six months.

10. India has donated a 'Digital cobalt therapy machine' developed by BARC, to which country?

- A) Mauritius
- B) Madagascar ☒
- C) Myanmar
- D) Maldives



- ✓ India has donated an advanced 'Digital cobalt therapy machine' for cancer treatment, developed by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, to the island nation of Madagascar.
- ✓ 'Bhabhatron-II', the telecobalt machine was recently inaugurated in Antananarivo, capital of Madagascar by the country's President Andry Rajoelina. It is one of the few countries that have received the Bhabhatron-II radio therapy machine from India.