

1. What is the theme of the National Safety Day 2021?

- A) Sadak Suraksha ☒
- B) Nari Suraksha
- C) Social Suraksha
- D) Cyber Suraksha



- ✓ March 4 is observed every year as National Safety Day in India with the aim of creating awareness among people with respect to safety measures. This year, the focus of National Safety Day is on road safety and the theme is 'Sadak Suraksha' (road safety). The celebrations this year have also been spread over a week and National Safety Week will be observed from March 4 to March 10.

2. Which day is celebrated as International Women's Day?

- A) March 7
- B) March 8 ☒
- C) March 9
- D) March 10



- ✓ The International Women's Day is being celebrated across the world on March 8, 2021. This day is observed on March 8 every year in order to help in shaping a gender equal world. The day is being observed this year under the theme "Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world".

3. Which country has launched the satellite Arktika-M?

- A) Brazil
- B) France
- C) Russia ☒
- D) Australia



- ✓ The Russian Space Agency has launched its satellite Arktika-M. This satellite is intended to monitor the climate in the Arctic region.
- ✓ A Soyuz rocket took off from the Russian cosmodrome in Kazakhstan carrying Russia's first satellite launched for monitoring the Arctic's climate. Russia seeks to utilise the energy-rich region for the nation's developmental interest.

4. Fall Armyworm (FAW) infestation on crops has been reported recently in which place?

- A) Theni, Tamil Nadu
- B) Wayanad, Kerala ☒
- C) Nellore, Andhra Pradesh
- D) Mysore, Karnataka



- ✓ Recently, Wayanad of Kerala has witnessed infestation of fall armyworm (FAW), which has caused excessive damage to crops in the place. The attack has been reported on maize and plantain cultivations.

5. Which organisation is the implementing agency for Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana?

- A) Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India ☒
- B) Drugs Corporation of India
- C) Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd
- D) IFFCO



- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PM-BJP) is an initiative of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, under which quality medicines are provided to the general public at affordable cost.
- ✓ This scheme is being implemented through Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI). The organisation is celebrating the 3<sup>rd</sup> Janaushadhi Diwas on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021, with the theme being "Seva bhi - Rozgar bhi".

6. Which country is the host of the multinational Exercise Desert Flag?

- A) UAE ☒
- B) USA
- C) UK
- D) France



- ✓ 'Desert Flag' is a multinational exercise, which is to be held in the United Arab Emirates. Ten countries are to take part in this exercise including India, France and the U.S. This exercise will be held for three weeks this month. This semi-annual exercise will involve multiple, intensive air combat sorties. IAF's Su-30-MK1 and C-17s fighter jets took off recently to participate in this exercise.

7. The fossils of Titanosaur have recently been unearthed in which country?

- A) Argentina ☒
- B) USA
- C) UAE
- D) Russia



- ✓ Titanosaur is a group of long-necked plant-eating dinosaurs that walked on four legs. Scientists have recently discovered the fossils of a dinosaur species named 'Ninjatitan zapatai' which lived 140 million years ago during the Cretaceous Period.
- ✓ The fossils which have been unearthed, is said to be the oldest-known member of the dinosaur group known as titanosaurs.

8. The Land Ports Authority of India works under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs ☒
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C) Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways
- D) Ministry of Jal Shakti



- ✓ The Land Ports Authority of India was founded in 2012. It is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It is responsible for creating, upgrading, maintaining and managing border infrastructure in India. It manages several Integrated Check Posts all across Borders of India. The 9<sup>th</sup> foundation day of the Land Ports Authority of India was observed on March 1, 2021.

9. Sagar-Manthan: Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre (MMDAC) has been launched in which summit?

- A) Ports India Summit
- B) Maritime India Summit ☒
- C) Shipping India Summit
- D) Indian Waterways Summit



- ✓ Prime Minister Modi inaugurated 'Maritime India Summit 2021', organised by the Ministry of Sports, Shipping and Waterways. India also launched a real-time vessel tracking system called 'Sagar-Manthan: Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre (MMDAC)'.
- ✓ It is to be operated by DG Shipping and can also track foreign vessels as well as foreign vessels.

10. Sindhu Netra satellite has recently been successfully launched using which PSLV?

- A) PSLV-C51 ☒
- B) PSLV-C52
- C) PSLV-C53
- D) PSLV-C54



- ✓ Sindhu Netra satellite was successfully launched into space recently. It was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to boost India's surveillance capability and improve monitoring of activities in the Indian Ocean Region. The launch was made using ISRO's PSLV-C51. The satellite is capable of automatic identification of warships and merchant ships in IOR.
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