

1. Which country topped the Economic Freedom Index 2021?

- A) India
B) Sri Lanka
C) Singapore
D) Bhutan



- ✓ Singapore topped the Economic Freedom Index 2021 released by the US think-tank, The Heritage Foundation. With 89.7 points, Singapore is followed by New Zealand in second place, Australia, Switzerland and Ireland in the top-5. India is ranked 26th in Asia-Pacific.

2. 'Dustlik' is a military exercise between India and which country?

- A) France
B) Myanmar
C) Uzbekistan
D) Japan



- ✓ 'Dustlik' is a military exercise between India and Uzbekistan. The second edition of the joint military exercise "Dustlik-2" started at Chaubatia in Uttarakhand. Around 45 military personnel of armies of both the countries are participating in the exercise. The first edition of the joint military exercise was carried out in Tashkent in November 2019.

3. Who is the head of the committee formed to commemorate the 75 years of India's independence?

- A) Prime Minister
B) President
C) Home Minister
D) Defence Minister



- ✓ The Central government formed a committee to commemorate the 75 years of India's independence, headed by the Prime Minister. The committee held its first meeting recently. It will discuss procedures related to activities for the celebrations. The committee consists of 259 members including former President Pratibha Patil, former prime ministers Manmohan Singh and HD Devegowda.

4. When is the International Day of Action for Rivers is observed?

- A) March 10
B) March 12
C) March 14
D) March 16



- ✓ International Day of Action for Rivers is observed every year on March 14. This year, it is the 24th edition of the International Day of Action for Rivers. It is a day dedicated to save, celebrate and make people around us aware about our life-giving source of water. The theme of International Day of Action for Rivers - 2021 is 'Rights of Rivers'.

5. Which telescope is being manufactured in collaboration between NASA, ESA and CSA, as a successor of Hubble Telescope?

- A) James Webb Space Telescope
B) Kepler Space Telescope
C) Spitzer Space Telescope
D) Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite



- ✓ The James Webb Space Telescope is being manufactured in collaboration between European Space Agency (ESA), Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and NASA. It is a successor of NASA's Hubble Telescope

and will complement its discoveries. The telescope is scheduled for launch from French Guiana on an Ariane 5 rocket on 31 October 2021.

6. What is the name of the All-Women's Art Exhibition inaugurated by the Minister of Culture and Tourism?

- A) Nari Shakti
B) Akshya Patra
C) Shakti Kala
D) Nari Samridhi



- ✓ Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the All-Women's Art Exhibition titled 'Akshya Patra'.
✓ The exhibition was inaugurated at Lalit Kala Akademi on International Women's Day. The exhibition will and showcase more than 250 artworks from over 12 countries.

7. What is the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) in India, as per the PLFS and Annual survey by the Labour Bureau?

- A) 27.3%
B) 37.3%
C) 47.3%
D) 57.3%

47.3%

- ✓ As per the results of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted during 2017-18 and 2018-19 and the Annual Employment-Unemployment surveys conducted by the Labour Bureau, the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) is 47.3 per cent while the unemployment rate is 5.8 per cent. This information was given by the Union Labour Ministry in the Lok Sabha.

8. 'SMS scrubbing', which was making news recently is related to which organisation?

- A) TRAI
B) RBI
C) Telecom Ministry
D) Finance Ministry



- ✓ The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) issued a guideline that the verification process of every SMS content should be done before it is delivered. The process is known as SMS scrubbing.
✓ Recently, when the telecom service providers (TSPs) started implementing the second phase of SMS regulation, several unverified and unregistered SMS messages were blocked.

9. National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal is being operated by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and IT
B) Ministry of Home Affairs
C) Ministry of Defence
D) Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs launched the 'National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal' in 2019, to provide a centralised mechanism for online reporting of cybercrime incidents. Recently, the Union Home Ministry announced that a total of 3,17,439 cybercrimes and 5,771 FIRs were registered online through the portal in the last 18 months.
✓ Maharashtra and Karnataka registered a significant number of cases.

10. What is the name of the Health reserve fund from the proceeds of Health and Education Cess?

- A) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi
- B) Pradhan Mantri Arogya Nidhi
- C) Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Nidhi
- D) Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Nidhi



- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, has approved the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi (PMSSN).
 - ✓ It is a single non-lapsable Health reserve fund from the proceeds of Health and Education Cess levied under Finance Act, 2007. It ensures that the amount does not lapse at the end of the financial year.
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