

1. 'APEDA' was established under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture
B) Ministry of Rural Development
C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
D) Ministry of Food Processing



- ✓ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was established by the Government of India under the APEDA Act passed by the Parliament in December, 1985. It was set up under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. APEDA recently launched its first virtual trade fair to boost export of agricultural and processed food products.

2. Gahirmatha beach, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
B) Odisha ☒
C) Maharashtra
D) Gujarat



- ✓ The endangered Olive Ridley female turtles have started arriving at the Gahirmatha beach in Odisha state. It is said to be the world's largest known rookery of these species to lay eggs.
✓ This phenomenon of converging on the nesting ground for mass laying of eggs is otherwise called "Arribada" in Spanish. Last year, around 4.50 lakh turtles turned up in the beach for mass nesting.

3. As per a recent study, the warming of oceans is proved to have affected the metabolism of which species?

- A) Sea Turtles
B) Whales
C) Sharks ☒
D) Dolphins



- ✓ As per a recent study published in the journal Scientific Reports, the warming of oceans is said to have affected the metabolism of sharks. The sharks reared in the warmest temperatures weighed less than those raised in average temperatures. The baby sharks are at risk of being born smaller, without the energy needed to survive.

4. Where is the Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research (IISR) located?

- A) Lucknow ☒
B) Thanjavur
C) Varanasi
D) Sivagangai



- ✓ The ICAR – Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research (IISR) is located in Lucknow, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Ministry of Civil Aviation and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have granted a conditional exemption to IISR to use drones.
✓ The institute would conduct trials to evaluate drone spraying solution for controlling pest and diseases of sugarcane crop using drones.

5. Which organisation is to commission India's largest floating solar power plant at Telangana?

- A) NHPC
B) NTPC ☒
C) REC
D) BHEL



- ✓ NTPC (Southern Region) is set to commission India's largest floating solar power plant at Ramagundam, Telangana. It is a 100 MW project and will be the single location largest floating solar plant in the country as of now. NTPC is in the process of implementing about 450 MW of solar capacity and 217 MW floating solar capacity.

6. Who has been re-elected as president of the International Olympic Committee?

- A) Thomas Bach ☒
B) George McNager
C) Mary Kom
D) Richard Carrion



- ✓ The German lawyer Thomas Bach has been re-elected as president of the International Olympic Committee. He has been re-elected for a four-year term with the committee. His immediate task would be to successfully conduct the Tokyo Olympics. He won the elections with a majority vote of 93-1.

7. What percentage of customs duty would be levied on import of solar modules in India?

- A) 5%
B) 10%
C) 15%
D) 40% ☒

40%

- ✓ The Government of India has decided to impose a 40% customs duty for import of solar modules and 25% customs duty for import of solar cells to India. This measure has been made to reduce imports and boost the local manufacturing of solar components. The new customs duty would come to force from April 2022.

8. Which Ministry has launched the convergence of the ESI scheme with PM JAY?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
B) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
C) Ministry of Labor & Employment ☒
D) Ministry of Social Justice



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has launched the convergence of ESI Scheme with Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM JAY) in 113 districts of Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
✓ With this convergence, 1.35 crore ESI beneficiaries can avail the benefits of cashless treatments under PM JAY scheme.

9. Which Indian Research Institute has recently won the International King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award 2020?

- A) NHPC
B) NTPC
C) ICAR ☒
D) HAL



- ✓ ICAR (Indian Council of Agriculture Research), New Delhi has recently won the International King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award 2020. It has been awarded for its commitment to raise awareness about importance of healthy soils.

10. ISRO has partnered with which country's space agency for air quality monitoring using satellite data?

- A) USA
B) Japan ☒
C) France
D) Russia



- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) have decided to partner to undertake activities on rice crop area and air quality monitoring using satellite data. The authorities also reviewed on-going cooperation in earth observation, lunar cooperation, and satellite navigation.
✓ The countries agreed to explore space situational awareness and professional exchange programme.