

1. Which Union Ministry approves PLI scheme for pharmaceuticals?

- A) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers ☒
 B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 C) Ministry of External Affairs
 D) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas



- ✓ Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Ministry has approved Production Linked Incentive Scheme for promotion of Domestic manufacturing of Key Starting Materials, Drug Intermediates and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients. Earlier the Union Cabinet had approved PLI Scheme for Pharmaceuticals over a period of Financial Year 2020-21 to 2028-29.

2. 'Bharat e Market' is the e-commerce portal launched by which body?

- A) FICCI
 B) KVIC
 C) CAIT ☒
 D) TRIFED



- ✓ Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), launched a mobile application, to onboard vendors for its upcoming e-commerce portal 'Bharat e Market'. The application will enable businesses and service providers to register on the portal and create their own virtual shop. There will be no commission charged for creating their own shop.

3. India recently participated in the first historic virtual summit of which association in March 2021?

- A) BRICS
 B) QUAD ☒
 C) BIMSTEC
 D) G20



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the first historic virtual summit of QUAD leaders along with US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga. The leaders discussed economic & health impacts of Covid-19, combat climate change & address challenges, including in cyberspace, counterterrorism, quality infrastructure investment & humanitarian-assistance, disaster-relief.

4. The 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations were flagged off from which venue?

- A) Sabarmati Ashram ☒
 B) Raj Ghat
 C) Madurai
 D) Red Fort, New Delhi



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the celebration of 75 years of independence 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' by flagging off a symbolic 386-km "Dandi March" from Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad to Dandi.
 ✓ The event marked the 91st anniversary of the historic salt march led by Mahatma Gandhi. He also launched various other cultural and digital initiatives for the India@75 celebrations.

5. Mahamadou Issoufou, who recently won Africa's top prize for leadership, was the President of which country?

- A) Chad
 B) Namibia
 C) Niger ☒
 D) Sudan



- ✓ Mahamadou Issoufou, who is stepping down as the President of Niger after two terms in office, has won Africa's top prize for leadership. He was awarded the 2020 Ibrahim Prize, for facing significant challenges,

ranging from deep poverty to armed rebellion and desertification in the country.

6. What is "2001 F032" that is seen in news recently?

- A) Space Shuttle
 B) COVID Vaccine
 C) Asteroid ☒
 D) Rare Earth Metal



- ✓ The American space agency NASA has stated that the largest asteroid 2001 F032 would pass by the earth at a very close distance of 1.25 million miles, this year. The asteroid is estimated to be 3,000 feet in diameter and was discovered 20 years ago.

7. Which country is the chair of BRICS 2021?

- A) Brazil
 B) Russia
 C) India ☒
 D) China



- ✓ For the year 2021, India has assumed the chairmanship of BRICS. Recently, BRICS Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI) held its first meeting under India's chairmanship from March 9 to 11. The theme of this year's BRICS is "BRICS@15: Intra BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation, and Consensus".

8. Bhavani Devi is associated with which sport?

- A) Boxing
 B) Fencing ☒
 C) Javelin Throw
 D) Badminton



- ✓ Tamil Nadu's Fencing champion Bhavani Devi has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics to be held this year. She became the first Indian fencer to be qualified for the Olympics. She has been selected by Adjusted Official Ranking Method.
 ✓ The Tokyo Olympics that were to happen in 2020 have been postponed to July 2021 owing to COVID-19 pandemic.

9. Gowsalya Shankar who has been awarded with International Woman of Courage by the US Consulate, belongs to which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
 B) Kerala
 C) Karnataka
 D) Telangana



- ✓ Gowsalya Shankar belonging to Tamil Nadu has been awarded with the International Woman of Courage (IWOC) Award by the US Consulate in Chennai recently. She has been running a trust named Shankar Social Justice Trust since 2017 which aims to fight atrocities against caste-based violence.

10. National Vaccination Day is observed in which date?

- A) March 15
 B) March 10
 C) March 16 ☒
 D) March 14



- ✓ The National Vaccination Day, also known as National Immunisation Day, is annually observed across India on 16th March to create awareness about the importance of vaccination. The government of India aims to raise awareness about the vaccination against poliovirus and other deadly viruses.

- ✓ The National Vaccination day 2021 aims to eradicate both polio and the COVID-19. The day was first observed on 16th March 1995, the day on which the 'Pulse Polio' Immunisation Programme became operational.