

1. 'Kalanamak Rice Festival' is set to be held in which state?

- A) Assam
B) Uttar Pradesh ☒
C) Karnataka
D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that the state will organise the 'Kalanamak Rice Festival'. Kala Namak Rice, grown in the state, is One District One Product of some Eastern UP districts.
✓ The state had earlier organised Strawberry Festival in Jhansi and the Jaggery Festival in Lucknow.

2. Which Indian body released the report 'India FinTech: A USD 100 Billion Opportunity'?

- A) ASSOCAM
B) FICCI ☒
C) CAIT
D) NASSCOM



- ✓ The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and Boston Consulting Group (BCG) released 'India FinTech: A USD 100 Billion Opportunity' report. The total valuation of India's fintech industry is estimated at USD 50- USD 60 billion. The report sees the fintech industry's valuation at USD 150-160 bn by 2025.

3. Which Union Ministry is set to unveil the draft e-Commerce Policy?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and IT
B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
C) Ministry of Heavy Industries
D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is set to unveil the draft e-Commerce Policy.
✓ The policy is expected to lay down the principles for data usage in industrial development. It also aims to put in place protective measures to prevent misuse and access of data by unauthorised persons.

4. India's first centralised Air-Conditioned railway terminal is to come up in which city?

- A) Chennai
B) Bengaluru ☒
C) Madurai
D) Ahmedabad



- ✓ India's first centralised Air-Conditioned railway terminal at the city of Bengaluru is set to be operational soon. It is named after one of the veteran civil engineer Bharat Ratna Sir M Visvesvaraya. The new coach terminal is planned at Baiyappanahalli in the city and is built at an estimated cost of Rs 314 crore.

5. 'Carbon border agreements', which was making news recently, has been proposed by which global association?

- A) G7
B) G20
C) QUAD
D) European Union ☒



- ✓ The European Commission released the European Green Deal in December 2020 and set a deadline of March 2021 to propose the first-ever European Climate Law. The document highlights plan to implement a carbon border agreement.

6. Who was the Chairperson for the government's Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region?

- A) Injeti Srinivas
B) MM Kutty ☒
C) Siddhartha Mohanty
D) Arundhati Mech



- ✓ The Government of India's "Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region" headed by MM Kutty has been dissolved within five months of its constitution. The commission was set up vide an ordinance in October 2020 and the ordinance has lapsed recently. Hence, it failed to become an act.

7. Who has written the poetry collection "When God is a Traveller"?

- A) Harish Meenakshi
B) Arundhati Subramaniam ☒
C) Anamika
D) R S Bhaskar



- ✓ The poetry collection titled "When God is a Traveller" has been written by this year's Sahitya Akademi Award winner Poet Arundhati Subramaniam. She is among the 20 writers to receive the Sahitya Akademi Award for the year 2020. The list of awards included seven books of poetry, four novels, five short stories, two plays, and one each of memoirs and epic poetry in 20 Indian languages.

8. The 2021 Pi Day is observed on which date?

- A) March 14 ☒
B) March 15
C) March 16
D) March 17



- ✓ 'Pi' day is the day that celebrates the famous mathematical constant π . March 14th is observed as 'Pi' day every year.
✓ According to the American calendar, 3/14 is March 14. This number, i.e., 3.14, also roughly represents π . It is also celebrated on March 14 at 1:59:26. ($\pi = 3.1415926$).

9. Vanvasi Samagam, a tribal congregation was organised in which state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Uttar Pradesh ☒
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Odisha



- ✓ A tribal congregation-Vanvasi Samagam was organised in Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh. President Ramnath Kovind participated in the congregation as Chief Guest. The President also inaugurated the newly constructed building of Seva Kunj Ashram. The construction of school and hostel buildings were undertaken by NTPC.

10. An advisory committee has been set up to study which Indian river for the next two years, chaired by the Culture Minister?

- A) Saraswati ☒
B) Sarayu
C) Mahanadi
D) Narmada



- ✓ The Centre has reconstituted an advisory committee to create a plan for studying the mythical Sarasvati river for the next two years. The term of the previous panel, which was set up by the Archaeological Survey of India in 2017, ended in 2019. The 27-member panel would include officials from various ministries, archaeologists and other experts.