

1. What is the cost of LED bulbs under the GRAM UJALA Programme, launched by Convergence Energy Services Ltd?

- A) Rs.5
B) Rs.10 ☒
C) Rs.25
D) Re.1



- ✓ A new scheme GRAM UJALA Programme for providing LED bulbs at a price of Rs.10 per bulb has been launched by Power and New and renewable energy minister Raj Kumar Singh. The scheme has been launched from Bihar. These bulbs are priced lowest in the world and are manufactured by Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) - a subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL).

2. Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL), that was seen in news, is a public sector enterprise under which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting ☒
B) Ministry of Home Affairs
C) Ministry of Power
D) Ministry of Textiles



- ✓ Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL) is a central public sector enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The CPSE was seen in news as it has recently released a tender that invited agencies to provide solutions and services related to fact verification and detection of misinformation on social media platforms. BECIL seeks to empanel the agencies.

3. What is India's rank in the World Happiness Report 2021?

- A) 139 ☒
B) 145
C) 108
D) 5

139

- ✓ The World Happiness Report 2021 has been released recently by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
✓ The report measures the well-being by relying on three main indicators: life evaluations, positive emotions, and negative emotions. Out of 149 countries, India has been ranked at 139. Finland is adjudged as the world's happiest country as per the report.

4. India recently launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI) research and development initiative with which country?

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



- ✓ The Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) launched the US India Artificial Intelligence (USIAI) initiative, in the presence of the Department of Science & Technology Secretary. IUSSTF is a bilateral organisation established by the two countries in 2000, to promote Science, Technology and innovation through mutual interactions. Under the USIAI initiative, new R&D areas and opportunities will be identified.

5. The Indian Navy inducted a landing craft utility ship L58, built by which organisation?

- A) DRDO
B) ISRO
C) GRSE ☒
D) HAL



- ✓ The Indian Navy inducted a landing craft utility ship L58 at an event in Port Blair. It is the eighth and last of the landing craft utility (LCU) mark-IV class ship. The ship was indigenously designed and built by

state-run Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Kolkata. It will be used for several activities like transporting battle tanks and heavy weapons systems.

6. Indian Navy carried out Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with which country in the Persian Gulf under Operation Sankalp?

- A) UAE
B) Qatar
C) Bahrain ☒
D) Oman



- ✓ Indian Navy carried out Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Royal Bahrain Naval Force in the Persian Gulf under Operation Sankalp. PASSEXs are conducted regularly by the Indian Navy with the navies of friendly foreign countries. Maritime Security Operations, code-named Op Sankalp were initiated in the Gulf in 2019.

7. As per the Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2021, what is the new FDI limit in the insurance sector?

- A) 26%
B) 49%
C) 74% ☒
D) 100%

74%

- ✓ The Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was approved by the Rajya Sabha recently. It seeks to increase foreign direct investment limit in the insurance sector to 74 per cent from the current 49 per cent. As per the bill, majority of those in board of directors and key management persons would be resident Indians, with at least 50 per cent of directors being independent directors.

8. NITI Aayog has partnered with which technology major to train students on Cloud Computing?

- A) HP
B) Amazon ☒
C) Samsung
D) Huawei



- ✓ NITI Aayog has partnered with IT major Amazon Web Services (AWS) to train students on the fundamentals of cloud computing through Atal Tinkering Labs. Under the program, AWS will introduce the concepts of cloud computing such as cloud storage, web hosting, artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and virtual reality (VR) to students.

9. Which institution developed the 'Energy Swaraj Yatra' bus?

- A) IIT Bombay ☒
B) IIT Madras
C) IIT Guwahati
D) IISc, Bangalore



- ✓ The Union Education Minister Shri. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' took a ride in the Energy Swaraj Yatra' bus. This bus has been designed and developed by Dr Chetan Singh Solanki, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. It is a vehicle that runs on solar energy.

10. Which organisation has extended its support for India's H2Ooooh! - Waterwise Program?

- A) World Bank
B) UNESCO ☒
C) UNICEF
D) OECD



- ✓ UNESCO has partnered with United Schools Organization India (USO India), Water Digest magazine and Toonz Media Group for water conservation awareness programme.

- ✓ The H2Ooooh! - Waterwise Program is conducted for school students, in partnership with National Mission for Clean Ganga. The animation videos created by students will be launched on March 22, the World Water Day.