

1. Which Ministry has approved the "National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021"?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Health ☒
- C) Ministry of Education
- D) Ministry of Finance



- ✓ The Union Health Ministry has recently approved the National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021. This national policy aims to bring down the high cost of treatment for rare diseases.
- ✓ This policy has been drafted and approved in consultation with multiple stakeholders of the nation. It is also stated that 40% of beneficiaries covered under PM-JAY will benefit from the policy.

2. 'The 18th century idol of Goddess Annapurna', which was stolen from Varanasi, is being returned by which country?

- A) Canada ☒
- B) Brazil
- C) Portugal
- D) China



- ✓ The 18th century idol of Goddess Annapurna that was stolen from a temple in Varanasi, is being returned by Canada. As per a government statement, the ancient idol was stolen about 100 years ago. The idol is said to have housed in Canada's MacKenzie Art Gallery. It was handed over to India's High Commissioner to Ottawa.

3. What is "Ingenuity", which is in news recently?

- A) NASA's Mars Helicopter ☒
- B) ISRO's Project
- C) COVID-19 vaccine
- D) New planet



- ✓ Ingenuity is a mini-helicopter developed by NASA for propulsion in Mars. This was fixed with the NASA's Perseverance rover that successfully landed in Mars recently. The helicopter has been dropped successfully on Mars's surface and is expected to make its flight through Mars atmosphere on 11th April.

4. Which organisation has allowed private sector firms to partner in production of missile systems?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO ☒
- C) BEML
- D) HAL



- ✓ The Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) has allowed private sector firms to join hands with it in development and production of missile systems. This announcement has been made under the Development-cum-Production Partner programme.
- ✓ The programmes covered under the programme include the Vertical Launched Short-Range Surface to Air Missile system (VL-SRSAM).

5. Which state has approved ordinance to regulate rent and tenancy agreements, which was promulgated in January 2021?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C) Bihar
- D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the Uttar Pradesh Regulation of Urban Premises Tenancy (second) Ordinance 2021. It aims to reduce tenancy disputes as it makes signing of contract compulsory to rent out a property. There is no clear mechanism for conflict resolution under the present law. It was promulgated and implemented in the state of January 2021.

6. Receivables Exchange of India (RXIL), which was making news recently, is associated with which sector?

- A) Agriculture
- B) Foreign Exchange
- C) MSMEs ☒
- D) Gold Import



- ✓ Receivables Exchange of India (RXIL) is the invoice discounting platform for MSMEs. It is a TRaDS (Trade Receivables Discounting System) Exchange Platform accredited by the RBI. The platform has over 7000 registered MSMEs and have processed over 5,00,000 invoices, since its launch in 2017.

7. Who has been appointed as the new Department of economic affairs secretary, succeeding Tarun Bajaj?

- A) Ajay Seth ☒
- B) B P Kanungo
- C) Anil Kumar Jha
- D) R Gandhi



- ✓ Ajay Seth, a 1987-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer and the Managing director of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation, has been appointed as the Department of economic affairs (DEA) secretary. Tarun Bajaj, the present Department of economic affairs (DEA) secretary, has been appointed as the new Revenue secretary.

8. Benjamin Netanyahu is set to form a new Government in which country?

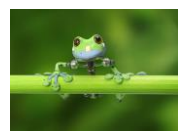
- A) Italy
- B) Israel ☒
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Iran



- ✓ Israel's longest-serving leader and the incumbent Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu received a mandate from Israel's president to form a new government. Israel's election on March 23, was its fourth in two years and ended with an inconclusive election.
- ✓ Netanyahu was in power consecutively since 2009, and now has 28 days to form a new Government.

9. Xenobots, which were seen in the news recently, are robots developed from the stem cells of which organism?

- A) Crocodile
- B) Frog ☒
- C) Rabbit
- D) Sheep



- ✓ Researchers at Tufts University have developed robots named 'Xenobots' from the stem cells of frogs. These robots are able to self-heal after damage and move using particles on their surface - cilia.
- ✓ They can work together in teams and can record information about their surroundings. The robots can be used in bio-medical and environmental studies.

10. Which group of companies has become 3rd in India to cross USD 100 billion in market capitalisation?

- A) Reliance
- B) TATA
- C) Microsoft
- D) Adani ☒



- ✓ Gautam Adani's Adani group of companies has become the 3rd in India to cross \$100 billion in market capitalisation, after Tata Group and Reliance Group. The total market capitalisation of Adani group's 6 listed companies touched Rs.7.84 lakh crore or \$106.8 billion, according to stock exchange data.
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