

1. Which country has launched a hotline to report online defamatory comments done by "Historical nihilists"?

- A) North Korea
- B) China ☒
- C) Brazil
- D) Cuba



- ✓ "Historical nihilism" is a phrase used in China which describes public doubt over the description of past events by Chinese Communist Party. Recently, China's cyber regulator has launched a hotline to report online comments that tend to defame the ruling Communist Party and its history. The Party's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary falls on July this year.

2. Which movie won the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) – Best picture award?

- A) Nomadland ☒
- B) Soul
- C) Another Round
- D) Judas



- ✓ "Nomadland" won four prizes including the one for Best picture at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA). Chloe Zhao, became only the second woman to win the BAFTA for best director for the movie 'Nomadland'. Best actor award went to 83-year-old Anthony Hopkins while Best actress award was given to Frances McDormand.

3. Sputnik V, the COVID-19 vaccine, which was approved by the Indian Experts panel, was launched by which country?

- A) China
- B) Russia ☒
- C) Germany
- D) USA



- ✓ The expert committee recommended the emergency use of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine in India. Now, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) will consider this recommendation and authorise the restricted emergency use in India. The other two vaccines are Covishield by Serum Institute and Covaxin by Bharat Biotech. Sputnik V will be manufactured in India by several companies in India.

4. What is the original name of the Antarctica's "Doomsday Glacier", which was making news recently?

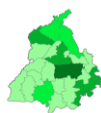
- A) Thwaites Glacier ☒
- B) Pine Island Glacier
- C) Jakobshavn Glacier
- D) Helheim Glacier



- ✓ Thwaites Glacier – also called the "Doomsday Glacier" is present in Antarctica and has been melting fast over the years. Due to its large size of 1.9 lakh square km, it contains enough water to raise the world sea level by more than half a metre. Recently, Researchers at Sweden's University of Gothenburg have found that the glacier is melting at a higher rate than it was originally thought.

5. Which state is to involve "Arhtiyas" in the direct payment process for Farmers?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Punjab ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Punjab government has said to the central government that it will pay the Minimum Support Price directly into the accounts of farmers. Earlier, the Arhtiyas (commission agents) used to pay the farmers.
- ✓ Punjab Chief Minister captain Amarinder Singh announced that the State Food Department has amended the procurement software so that the Arhtiyas will continue to be involved in the direct payment process.

6. With reference to the process of vaccination, what is the full form of AEFI, which was seen often in the news?

- A) Adequate events following immunisation
- B) Adverse events following immunisation
- C) Appropriate events following immunisation ☒
- D) Affected events following immunisation



- ✓ AEFI stands for "Adverse events following immunisation". India had earlier constituted a national committee on AEFI. Around 617 severe and serious (including deaths) AEFI and 180 deaths were reported. A member of the National committee on AEFI highlighted that Indian has elaborate machinery to monitor the situation.

7. Commerce and Industry Minister launched the 'Trade facilitation mobile app' of which office?

- A) DGFT ☒
- B) DGTR
- C) MPEDA
- D) APEDA



- ✓ Commerce and industry Minister Piyush Goyal recently launched the "Trade facilitation mobile app" of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade. The app has a state-of-the-art system and provides real-time trade policy updates, applications and real-time data.
- ✓ It will also provide artificial intelligence-based 24x7 assistance and all services of the DGFT.

8. What is the name of the movement to be launched by the Health Minister to emphasise on nutritionally balanced diet?

- A) POSHAN Kranti
- B) Aahar Kranti ☒
- C) Food India Movement
- D) No food waste Movement



- ✓ Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan is set to launch "Aahaar Kranti" mission, which aims to emphasis the need for a nutritionally balanced diet. Vijnana Bharati (Vibha) and Global Indian Scientists' and Technocrats' Forum (GIST) have partnered to launch the mission with the motto of "Good Diet-Good Cognition". The program will train teachers who will in turn teach the students and their families.

9. As per recent data, the population of which species has doubled in the Chilika lake?

- A) Dolphins ☒
- B) Crocodiles
- C) Cat-fishes
- D) Turtles



- ✓ Chilika Lake is India's largest brackish water lagoon, which is spread over the Puri, Khurda and Ganjam districts of Odisha.
- ✓ As per a recent data release by the State Forest and Environment Department, the number of dolphin populations in the lake has

doubled this year compared with last year. The state's Chilika lake is known for its Irrawady dolphins.

10. Artemis program is undertaken by which organization?

- A) DRDO
- B) ISRO
- C) NASA ☒
- D) World Bank



- ✓ The Artemis program is NASA's manned mission to the moon which is set to be executed in the year 2024. Recently, NASA has stated that it will land the first person of colour on the moon and the first woman on moon as a part of the mission in 2024.