

1. What is the name of the farthest gamma-ray emitting galaxy that has been discovered recently?

- A) Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 ☒
- B) Andromeda
- C) Sky Way
- D) Milk Line



- ✓ Recently, space scientists have discovered a new active galaxy, which is considered to be the farthest gamma-ray emitting galaxy discovered so far. This galaxy is named Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 (NLS1) galaxy, which is about 31 billion light-years away from earth. This has been described as a rare space entity.

2. By what percentage, the net indirect tax collection in 2020-21 has grown over the previous year?

- A) 1%
- B) 10%
- C) 12.3% ☒
- D) 15%

12.3%

- ✓ As per the data released by the Union Finance Ministry, net indirect tax collection in 2020-21 grew 12.3% over the previous financial year. The total collection stood at Rs.10.71 lakh, thereby exceeding the indirect tax collection target of Rs.9.89 lakh set for the FY 2020-21.

3. "Central Asia" center for trade and economic cooperation is being constructed by which countries?

- A) Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan ☒
- B) USA and India
- C) China and Japan
- D) USA and UK



- ✓ 'Central Asia' is the name of an international center for trade and economic cooperation, being constructed by Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan at the borders of the two countries.
- ✓ The center would have a capacity of accommodating 35,000 people and 5,000 trucks per day in both directions. It would serve as a large industrial, trade and logistics platform for both countries.

4. Who has been appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner?

- A) Sushil Chandra ☒
- B) Prasanna Chandra
- C) Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- D) Injeti Srinivas



- ✓ The Government of India has appointed Sushil Chandra as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India. He succeeds Sunil Arora who retired on 2021 April.13. Sushil Chandra is the former CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes) Chairman and was appointed as an election commissioner on February 14, 2019.

5. Over 4200 tonnes of salmon have been killed by a killer alga in which country?

- A) United Kingdom
- B) United States of America
- C) Canada
- D) Chile ☒



- ✓ In the South American country of Chile, has witnessed the spread of a killer algae which has claimed the lives of more than 4,200 tonnes

of salmon. The algal bloom has led to decreased water availability that led to suffocating the salmon.

- ✓ This is considered to be the latest mass mortality event recorded in Chile, which is the world's second largest producer of salmon.

6. The European Commission has planned to raise what amount annually until 2026, to make its economy green and digital?

- A) 150 billion euros ☒
- B) USD 1000 million
- C) Rs.1000 crore
- D) USD 50 million



- ✓ The European Commission has proposed to make borrowings amounting 150 billion euros till the year 2026. The proceeds of the borrowing will be used to make its economy greener and more digitalized. The funds are proposed to be raised through auctions and syndication through a primary deal network.

7. Which Pakistani Player has topped the ICC men's ODI batting rankings, surpassing Virat Kohli?

- A) Babar Azam ☒
- B) Hasan Ali
- C) Mohammad Amir
- D) Fakhar Zaman



- ✓ Pakistani cricketer Babar Azam has topped the ICC men's ODI batting rankings. He has clinched the top spot after a huge gap by any one from the country since 2003. He has replaced Indian Skipper and Batsman Virat Kohli after he gained 13 points in the Pakistan South Africa series.

8. Which country has mandated banks, insurers and investment managers operating in the country to report the impacts of climate change on their business?

- A) India
- B) New Zealand ☒
- C) Australia
- D) Switzerland



- ✓ The Government of New Zealand has introduced a new legislation, whereby banks, insurers and investment managers operating in the country are required to report the impacts of climate change on their business. New Zealand is the first country to bring such legislation.
- ✓ As per the new legislation, banks with total assets of more than NZ\$1 billion and insurers with more than NZ\$1 billion in total assets have to make the disclosure.

9. What does "C" in NEGVAC stand for?

- A) Commission
- B) Collection
- C) Corruption
- D) COVID-19 ☒



- ✓ The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) was constituted by the Government of India for vaccine procurement, inventory management, vaccine selection, vaccine delivery and tracking mechanism.
- ✓ Recently, the expert group recommended that COVID-19 vaccines manufactured in foreign countries and granted emergency approval by authorities of US, Europe, the UK, Japan or those listed with WHO Emergency Use listing may be given emergency use approval in India.

10. Which board or organisation has launched the National Nursery Portal?

- A) National Housing Board
- B) National Horticulture Board ☒
- C) National Tea Board
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The National Nursery Portal has been launched by National Horticulture Board. It is a platform which is available both in the form of a web portal and a mobile application. It intends to create an online market place where nurseries and buyers can interact for sale of plants.
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