

1. Pigeon pea, Black Matpe and Greengram are examples of which type of major crop?

- A) Kharif
 B) Rabi
 C) Zaid
 D) None of the above



- ✓ The crops that are sown in the rainy season are called kharif crops in India. They are also known as the summer or monsoon crop. Kharif crops are usually sown with the beginning of the first rains in July, during the south-west monsoon season.
- ✓ Tur/arhar (pigeon pea), urad (black matpe) and moong (green gram) are the major pulses in this season. The Ministry of Agriculture has recently formulated a special Kharif strategy to attain self-sufficiency in the production of pulses.

2. As per the Climate Action Tracker analysis, what would be the rise in global temperature by 2100?

- A) 0.5%
 B) 1.5%
 C) 2.4%
 D) 3.0%

2.4%

- ✓ The Climate Action Tracker analysis said that the world will warm by 2.4C by the year 2100. This is only 0.2C less than the temperature without global action. But the estimate is much higher than the 1.5C goal agreed under the Paris Agreement on climate change, signed in 2016. Its report also suggested that the 1.5C target is still possible, but it requires action from major nations.

3. Which organisation is associated with waiving intellectual property protection for COVID-19 vaccines?

- A) WHO
 B) UNICEF
 C) WTO
 D) FAO



- ✓ Several countries have approached the World Trade Organization (WTO) regarding the waiver of intellectual property (IP) protection for Covid-19 vaccines. Recently, the United States announced support for waiving IP protection for COVID-19 vaccines. US will pursue negotiations on the waiver at the WTO. All 164 WTO members must agree on the draft, and any one member can veto it.

4. DDoS attack, which was making news recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Defence
 B) Cyber security
 C) Maritime Exercise
 D) Psychology



- ✓ A Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack is an attempt to make an online service unavailable by overwhelming it with traffic from multiple sources. A massive DDoS attack affected the websites of over 200 organisations across Belgium, including government, parliament, universities and research institutes.
- ✓ The DDoS attack started on 4 May and targeted Belnet, the government-funded ISP provider for the country's educational institutions and government services.

5. NASA's Parker Solar Probe detected a natural radio signal in the atmosphere of which planet?

- A) Mars
 B) Venus
 C) Earth
 D) Jupiter



- ✓ NASA's Parker Solar Probe detected a natural radio signal, while flying through the upper atmosphere of Venus. This was the first direct measurement of the atmosphere of Venus in nearly 30 years. This recent glimpse looks very different from the past portrayal of the planet. The upper atmosphere of Venus undergoes a lot of changes and hence is different from the Earth.

6. The CCEA approved the strategic disinvestment of which bank, owned by the Government of India and LIC?

- A) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
 B) IDBI Bank
 C) HDFC Bank
 D) Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment along with transfer of management control in IDBI Bank. However, the extent of shareholding to be divested by the Government of India and LIC shall be decided at the time of the transaction in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

7. Who was Manas Bihari Verma?

- A) Politician
 B) Aeronautical Scientist
 C) Social Activist
 D) Doctor



- ✓ Manas Bihari Verma - a reputed aeronautical scientist and Padma Shri Awardee died recently of suffering a massive heart attack. He was 78 years old. He has been the man behind the country's first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas' and has closely worked with former president Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam.

8. "Road Map 2030", which was in the news recently, has been adopted by India with which country?

- A) China
 B) USA
 C) UK
 D) Japan



- ✓ India and UK have jointly adopted 'Roadmap 2030', during a virtual bilateral between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and British counterpart Boris Johnson. The two leaders pledged to elevate this road map into a comprehensive strategic partnership. An Enhanced Trade Partnership was also announced by the two leaders along with an intent to form a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

9. Which state provided work to the highest number of people in MGNREGA during FY21?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
 B) West Bengal
 C) Bihar
 D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ West Bengal provided work to 11.8 million people through MGNREGA in FY21, which is the highest in the country. It utilised around Rs 10,403.13 crore for implementing the scheme and stands third in spending the funds after only to Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Around 27.3 million households demanded work under MGNREGA in April 2021.

10. Which organization has produced the "The Global Report on Food Crises 2020"?

- A) UNCTAD
- B) UNEP
- C) UNWTO
- D) GNAFC



- ✓ "The Global Report on Food Crises 2020" has been released recently, which is produced by the Global Network against Food Crises. It is an international alliance working to address the root causes of extreme hunger.
- ✓ The report analyses the factors which contribute to food crises across the globe, and explains how COVID pandemic could worsen the crisis.