

1. RBI is set to conduct a special long-term repo operation of Rs 10,000 crore for which type of banks?

- A) Cooperative Banks
- B) Regional Rural Banks
- C) Small Finance Banks
- D) Payment Banks



- ✓ The Reserve Bank is to conduct the first auction for special long-term repo operations (SLTRO) of Rs 10,000 crore for Small Finance Banks (SFBs), at the repo rate, one auction each month. This will provide fresh lending of up to Rs 10 lakh per borrower and will support small business units, micro and small industries, and other unorganised sector entities. The facility will be available till October 31, 2021.

2. WHO approves emergency use of Sinopharm vaccine, developed by which country?

- A) China
- B) Russia
- C) India
- D) Israel



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) finally granted the conditional approval to Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use. The Sinopharm vaccine, developed by China, was already authorised by 45 countries.
- ✓ China has approved five of its vaccines for emergency use and it is using Sinopharm and Sinovac vaccines for domestic use and export.

3. Kabasura Kudineer, which was included in Ministry of Ayush distribution campaign, is a great medicine from which system of medicine?

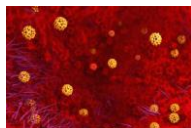
- A) Ayurveda
- B) Siddha
- C) Homeopathy
- D) Unani



- ✓ Ministry of Ayush is launching a massive nationwide campaign to distribute poly herbal Ayurvedic drug AYUSH 64 and Siddha drug Kabasura Kudineer, to benefit COVID patients, who are in home isolation. Kabasura Kudineer, a Siddha medicine was also subjected to clinical trials for studying the efficacy in Covid-19 patients by Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) under Ministry of Ayush.

4. Which country has classified the Indian COVID variant as Variant of Concern (VOC)?

- A) Australia
- B) UK
- C) China
- D) Russia



- ✓ Health authorities in England has elevated one subtype of the Indian variant from under investigation category to a Variant of Concern (VOC). This step has been taken following a rise in the number of cases in the UK and evidence of community transmission. The original India variant officially known as B.1.617 was first detected in October, and the variant B.1.617.2 is found to have more transmission capacity.

5. What is 'California condor', which was seen in the news recently?

- A) Museum
- B) Art form
- C) Bird Species
- D) Cryptocurrency



- ✓ The California condor is a vulture species belonging to 'New World' vulture species. It is the largest North American land bird. The bird is said to have become extinct in the wild in 1987. Recently, a flock of over 15 endangered California condors has reportedly descended on a house in the city of Tehachapi in California.

6. Climate & Clean Air Coalition, in association with which organisation has launched the Global Methane Assessment report?

- A) UNFCCC
- B) UNCTAD
- C) UNEP
- D) UNDP



- ✓ Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) in association with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has launched a report named "Global Methane Assessment". The assessment report brings out the benefits of cutting methane emissions especially from the fossil fuel industry and its impacts of global warming.

7. "ID-Art app" has been launched by which organisation?

- A) RBI
- B) CBDT
- C) CBIC
- D) Interpol



- ✓ Interpol has launched a mobile app named "ID-Art app". This app would help identify stolen cultural property, reduce illicit trafficking, and increase the chances of recovering stolen works and artefacts. This has been designed to be used by law enforcement agencies across the globe to get access to the Interpol's database of stolen works of art. It can also be accessed by the general public.

8. European Investment Bank has entered into a pact with which Indian Bank, for climate focused equity financing?

- A) Bank of Baroda
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Punjab National Bank
- D) HDFC Bank



- ✓ The European Investment Bank has entered into a pact with State Bank of India, for equity financing Indian small businesses which are focusses on climate change and sustainability. The pact has been signed for a value of Euro 100 million. The two banks have created a new fund named "NEEV FUND II" to implement this pact.

9. What is 'XcodeGhost', which was making news recently?

- A) Cryptocurrency
- B) Malware
- C) Launch Vehicle
- D) COVID Variant



- ✓ "XcodeGhost" is a malware, which is claimed for injecting malware into several iPhone and iPad apps that were subsequently uploaded to the App Store. It was originally found in 2015.
- ✓ Recently, more than 128 million iOS users were allegedly affected by the "XcodeGhost" malware. 55% of the affected users are in China while 18 million of them are in the U.S.

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10. What is the theme of 2021 World Red Cross Red Crescent Day?

- A) Everywhere for everyone
- B) Memorable smiles from around the world
- C) Get Together for the purpose of Humanity
- D) Together we are unstoppable



- ✓ The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed every year on May 8 to recognize the extraordinary contribution and incredible achievements of the stalwarts and volunteers around the world for helping the people in need anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ The day also marks the birth anniversary Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of International Committee of the Red Cross and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize. The 2021 theme "Together we are unstoppable".