

1. "Woman Sitting Near a Window" is a famous painting of which artist?

- A) Pablo Picasso   
 B) Leonardo da Vinci  
 C) Vincent van gogh  
 D) Salvador Dal



- ✓ Pablo Picasso's famous "Woman Sitting Near a Window (Marie-Therese)" painting was sold for USD 103.4 million at Christie's in New York. This is the first time in two years that a work has broken the USD 100 million mark. The painting, completed in 1932, was originally estimated to be sold USD 55 million. Five works by Picasso have now crossed the threshold of USD 100 million.

2. KP Sharma Oli, has been reappointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Bangladesh  
 B) Myanmar  
 C) Nepal   
 D) Bhutan



- ✓ Nepal's Prime Minister, KP Sharma Oli has formed a minority government after opposition parties failed to form a coalition. He has become the Prime Minister for the third time. The 43rd PM had earlier lost a vote of confidence in Parliament. President Bidya Devi Bhandari appointed Mr Oli as Prime Minister, as he is the leader of the largest party in Parliament. He is the Parliamentary leader of Communist Party of Nepal- Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML).

3. Which is the first country to ban all synthetic cannabinoids?

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



- ✓ The Chinese government has announced that all synthetic cannabinoids will be included in the list of banned drugs. Synthetic cannabinoids come under the category of manufactured chemicals that target the same receptors in the brain as the natural cannabinoids in marijuana. The authorities announced a ban on 18 other psychoactive substances.

4. "Tianwen-1", which has successfully landed on Mars, was launched by which country?

- A) USA  
 B) UAE  
 C) North Korea  
 D) China



- ✓ The Chinese spacecraft named Tianwen-1 has successfully landed on the Mars planet. This makes China the second country after the USA to land its rover on the red planet. The landing has been confirmed by the China National Space Administration (CNSA) and has stated that the spacecraft has landed on Utopia Planitia which is a large plain in the northern hemisphere of Mars.

5. Which government scheme aims to improve the income of farming households by providing them with Rs.6000 per year directly to their bank accounts?

- A) PM FBY  
 B) PM KISAN   
 C) PM JJBY  
 D) PM JDY



- ✓ The Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN) was launched to augment income of farming households in India, by providing them with an amount of Rs.6000/- per year in three instalments of Rs.2000/- each. Recently, the Government of India has released the 8th instalment of ₹2,000 to each farmer since the launch of the scheme, which were directed to the farmers of West Bengal.

6. Which of the following cyclones have formed in the Arabian Sea, in the past?

- A) Vardah  
 B) Fani  
 C) Gaja  
 D) Nilofar



- ✓ Nilofar is a very severe and intensified cyclone, which was formed in the year 2014 in Arabian Sea. Winds reached a maximum speed of close to 250 kmph, during the formation of the cyclone. Recently, Cyclone Tauktae has formed in the Arabian sea, which is expected to become a very severe storm and is expected to cross the coast of Gujarat.

7. As per the research by Aalto University, which condition would lead to fall in global food production by 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the present levels?

- A) Greenhouse Gas emission   
 B) US/EU Protectionism  
 C) USA China Trade War  
 D) El Nino



- ✓ As per a recent research by Aalto University, the global food production would fall by more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the present production levels in future, if there exists out-of-control growth of greenhouse gas emissions in the world. The research report has been published in the prestigious journal "One Earth" and presents a detailed analysis on the relationship between food production and greenhouse gases.

8. The anniversary of the first successful operation of Laser in 1960 by Theodore Maiman is observed as which international day?

- A) International Laser Day  
 B) International Light Day   
 C) International Physics Day  
 D) International Engineering Day



- ✓ The International Day of Light is celebrated on 16 May each year, the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman. The message of the International Day of Light 2021 is "Trust Science". The Day is a global initiative to provide a platform for the appreciation of light and the role it plays in diverse fields.

9. Professor MS Narasimhan, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?

- A) Physics  
 B) Mathematics   
 C) Textile Design  
 D) Architecture



- ✓ Famous mathematician Professor MS Narasimhan has recently passed away at the age of 88. He was known for the Narasimhan-Seshadri theorem, propounded along with another mathematician C. S. Seshadri and both were elected as Fellows of the Royal Society,

London. He was the only Indian to receive the King Faisal International Prize in the field of science.

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10. Which tennis player has clinched the Italian Open tennis tournament?

- A) Roger Federer
- B) Rafael Nadal
- C) Novak Djokovic
- D) Andy Murray



- ✓ Spanish Tennis veteran Rafael Nadal beat ace player Novak Djokovic to clinch the Italian Open title, for a record 10<sup>th</sup> time. In the women's final, reigning French Open champion Iga Swiatek defeated Karolina Pliskova 6-0 6-0, to clinch the title.
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