

1. In order to curtail the price rise in pulses, which of the following steps has been recently initiated by the Government of India?

- A) Decrease local production of pulses
- B) Impose stock holding limits on pulses
- C) Permit free import of pulses
- D) Incentivize pulses export



- ✓ In order to curb the price of pulses from further moving up, the Government of India has permitted for free import of tur, urad and moong pulses. These pulses have been placed in the non-restricted list of imports, since their prices were on the higher side in the recent past.

2. Which state has proposed to control microfinance, by way of a state legislation?

- A) Assam
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Kerala



- ✓ The state Government of Assam has enacted "The Assam Microfinance Institutions (Regulation of Moneylending) Act, 2020", through which it proposes to control microfinance and related institutions. Under this act, micro finance institutions require separate registrations for working in a selected village or city. In this regard, the Reserve Bank of India has expressed firm reservations and has stated that implementation of the Act would lead to dual regulation of the microfinance market.

3. Which organizations have stated that "Long working hours" have resulted in 7.45 lakh deaths per year around the globe?

- A) WB and IMF
- B) WHO and ILO
- C) UNICEF and UNESCO
- D) UN and UNCTAD



- ✓ In a joint research publication by the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization, published in the Environment International journal, it is stated that Long working hours have killed close to 7.45 lakh people across the globe. Of them 3.98 lakh people died from stroke and 3.47 lakh died from heart disease. Also, it is found that work related disease burden is found to be more prominent in men.

4. Which state has targeted to bring one million hectares under the Direct Seeding of Rice, due to anticipated shortage of migrant labour?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Punjab
- D) Assam



- ✓ The Government of Punjab has targeted to bring one million hectares of farm land under Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR) technique, during this cropping year. Under this method, seeds are directly drilled into the field by a tractor-powered machine. This target has been envisioned, in anticipation of a huge shortfall in migrant labour due to COVID 19 second wave pandemic in the nation.

5. Which financial institution has provided a sum of Rs 1,236 crore to Assam for Rural Connectivity Projects?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development



- ✓ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has extended financial assistance to the Government of Assam to the tune of Rs 1,236 crore in order to boost its rural connectivity. These funds have been lent by NABARD to the state out of its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) during the financial year 2020-21.

6. Which organization is developing the JUICE spacecraft?

- A) ISRO
- B) NASA
- C) ESA
- D) CASA



- ✓ The European Space Agency (ESA), in association with Airbus Defence and Space is developing the "The Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE)". It is an interplanetary spacecraft which has a mission to study three of Jupiter's moons, namely - Ganymede, Callisto, and Europa. The mission is set to be launched in June 2022. After an 88-month journey, the spacecraft would reach Jupiter in October 2029.

7. Cranes have been observed to return to which country, after a period of 300 years?

- A) India
- B) Ireland
- C) USA
- D) Australia



- ✓ Wildlife experts have observed that common cranes have returned to Ireland for shelter and breeding, after a period of 300 years. This is believed to be a sign that our environment is improving. The breeding location is kept confidential to protect the cranes from unlawful hands.

8. With reference to biology, CD4 count is related to the diagnosis of which disease?

- A) COVID
- B) AIDS
- C) Tuberculosis
- D) Typhoid



- ✓ In biology, CD4 is a glycoprotein found on the surface of immune cells. When a CD4 count is lower than 200 cell/mm³, a person will receive a diagnosis of AIDS. Each year, May 18 is celebrated as World AIDS vaccine day to acknowledge the efforts of thousands of scientists and health professionals, who are working on finding a vaccine against Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

9. Mongolian Kanjur is an important religious text of which religion?

- A) Sikhism
- B) Buddhism
- C) Jainism
- D) Hinduism



- ✓ Mongolian Kanjur, the Buddhist text in 108 volumes is considered to be the most important religious text in Mongolia. A meeting of the Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (IC) Prahlad Singh Patel with the Mongolian Minister of Culture was held in virtual mode. Ministry of Culture is to complete reprinting of 100 sets of sacred Mongolian Kanjur by next year to distribute in the main Buddhist centers in Mongolia.
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10. India's first Agriculture export facilitation centre has been set up in which city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Pune
- C) Chennai
- D) Cochin



- ✓ The Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture (MCCIA) has partnered with NABARD to launch India's first Agriculture export facilitation centre (AEFC) in Pune. It aims to boost agricultural exports from the region and adhere to global standards. It will also serve as the capacity-building platform for agri-food exports.
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