

1. Which Indian-American has been appointed as the White House Senior adviser?

- A) Swati Mohan
 B) Neera Tanden
 C) Vivek Murthy
 D) M Rangaswami



- ✓ The U.S administration has announced that Indian-American Neera Tanden is set to join the White House as a senior adviser to President Joe Biden. She had withdrawn her nomination to lead the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) amid bipartisan criticism. Tanden serves as president and CEO of CAP and has served as the CEO of the Center for American Progress Action Fund.

2. UN Global Road Safety Week (UNGRSW) is a biennial global road safety campaign hosted in which month?

- A) April
 B) May
 C) June
 D) July



- ✓ UN Global Road Safety Week (UNGRSW) is a biennial global road safety campaign hosted by WHO in the month of May. The theme for the 6th UNGRSW, which is to be held 17-23 May 2021, is Streets for Life #Love30. It calls for 30 km/h default speed limits to be imposed wherever people live, walk and play in all parts of the world.

3. Which state has launched the wellness programme 'AYUSH Ghar Dwar' for COVID-19 patients?

- A) Uttarakhand
 B) Himachal Pradesh
 C) Uttar Pradesh
 D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ In Himachal Pradesh, AYUSH Department launched a state-wide wellness programme 'AYUSH Ghar Dwar' for COVID-19 patients. The initiative aims to provide a holistic healthcare through AYUSH. It is expected to reach around 30,000 COVID patients who are currently on home isolation and hospitalized in institutions.

4. SPOT, which was making news recently, is a technology developed for which purpose?

- A) Space Exploration Project
 B) Testing Coronavirus
 C) Checking Nutrition values
 D) Computer Programming Language



- ✓ Researchers from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign have developed a new technology called Scalable and Portable Testing-SPOT. It can be used as a coronavirus test to get accurate results from a saliva sample in less than 30 minutes. It does not require the complicated process of heating and cooling each sample to get results. SPOT also can detect multiple genes per sample and it can detect as little as one viral particle per 1-microliter drop of fluid.

5. Which institution releases the 'State of the Economy' report?

- A) NITI Aayog
 B) Reserve Bank of India
 C) Department of Economic Affairs
 D) Asian Development Bank



- ✓ India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India releases the 'State of the Economy' report along with its monthly bulletin. As per the recent report for the month of April, it said that the impact of the second wave on the real economy appears limited so far in comparison with the first wave. It also highlighted the highest collection of GST in April 2021.

6. What is the name of the tele counselling service provided by the Government for psychological support to children to address Covid related issues?

- A) SWAMITVA
 B) SURAKSHA
 C) SAMVEDNA
 D) SAMASTHA



- ✓ The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has been providing Tele Counselling to children through the SAMVEDNA service, through a network of qualified medical professionals / Doctors. SAMVEDNA stands for "Sensitizing Action on Mental Health Vulnerability through Emotional Development and Necessary Acceptance". It is a tele counselling service for psychological support to children to address their stress and fear regarding COVID.

7. What is the name of Social Justice Ministry's scheme to provide emotional support to elderly citizens of the country?

- A) ElderLine
 B) OldAge
 C) HelpAge
 D) Helping Hands



- ✓ In order to address the problems of elders in the context of the ongoing COVID pandemic, the Ministry of Social Justice has started state wise call centres in major states under the ELDERLINE project.
 ✓ The facility is already made operational in 5 major States of UP, MP, Rajasthan, TN and Karnataka. In Telangana, this facility has been working for more than a year. These call centres can be reached by toll free number 14567. All elders may be advised to use this facility. The ELDERLINE is a facility operationalised with the assistance of Tata Trusts and NSE foundation.

8. When the International Museum Day celebrated every year?

- A) May 16
 B) May 18
 C) May 20
 D) May 22



- ✓ The International Museum Day is observed every year on May 18 to raise awareness of the fact that, "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples". The 2021 theme is "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine".

9. What is the objective of Vande Tripura, a recent initiative of the state of Tripura?

- A) COVID Awareness
 B) Tele-Education
 C) Tourism Revival
 D) Support to Farmers



- ✓ Tripura recently launched Vande Tripura, a 24x7 dedicated educational channel to offer lessons on the school syllabus.

- ✓ The channel initially has started with recorded lessons. It would shift to live classes, discussions on different academic topics, various information relating to the education department from June 1.
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10. Who is Shahid Jameel, who has been in news recently?

- A) Virologist
B) Politician
C) Sports person
D) Agriculturalist



- ✓ Mr. Shahid Jameel, the eminent virologist who was the head of "Indian SARS-COV-2 Genomics Consortia (INSACOG)" – an advisory group to the Indian Government, has stepped down from the post and has tendered his resignation. He has not stated any reason for this decision. INSACOG is a group of 10 laboratories in India which has been tasked with combating evolving variants of the coronavirus.
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