

1. Which country has stated that it would distribute 80 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to the needy countries?

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



- ✓ The US President Joe Biden has stated that the USA would share 80 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines to the needy countries in the following weeks. This announcement has come in the backdrop of lower demand for vaccines in the USA and increased demand globally. The 80 million doses will include 20 million doses manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson.

2. Which treatment has been dropped from the list of COVID-19 treatments in India?

- A) Convalescent Plasma therapy
B) Vaccination
C) Oxygen Therapy
D) Hydrodilatation



- ✓ Convalescent plasma therapy has been dropped from the list of COVID-19 treatments by the Government of India. This decision has been made by the national Covid task force, since the experiments with the treatment have been found to be ineffective in treating COVID infection.

3. What is the "New Big 5 project" which is in news recently?

- A) Metro Rail Project
B) Wildlife Photography Project
C) Vaccination Project
D) Satellite Project



- ✓ The "New Big 5 project" is an international initiative involving more than 250 photographers, conservationists and wildlife charities across the globe to photograph five animals. The project aims to frame these five animals across the world instead of poaching it. These animals are elephant, polar bear, gorilla, tiger and lion. Two animals from the Kaziranga National Park have made it into the list. But, the legendary one horn rhino is out of the list.

4. Which basketball legend has been inducted posthumously into the Basketball Hall of Fame?

- A) Wilt Chamberlain
B) Tom Heinsohn
C) Kobe Bryant
D) John Havlicek



- ✓ Basketball Legend Kobe Bryant was inducted posthumously into the Basketball Hall of Fame in a ceremony that was delayed around nine months due to the coronavirus pandemic. There was an exhibit, called Kobe: Basketball Life, a video tribute, iconic pictures, vintage jerseys, shoes and basketballs, the playing of Bryant's Oscar award-winning film, Dear Basketball. In 2020, Bryant, along with his daughter Gianna and seven others, died in a helicopter crash in California.

5. Who is the first India descent player to win the Mixed Martial Artist (MMA) world championship?

- A) Arjan Bhullar
B) Giant Zanjeer
C) Guru Raaj
D) Dilsher Shanky



- ✓ Mixed Martial Artist (MMA) Arjan Bhullar made history as he became the first fighter of India descent to win a world title in the sport. Bhullar registered a second-round technical knockout (TKO) win over five-time heavyweight champion Brandon Vera to clinch the title of the Singapore-based One Championship tournament.

6. Ki Rajanarayanan, who recently passed away, was an award-winning writer of which language?

- A) Tamil
B) Malayalam
C) Telugu
D) Kannada



- ✓ Veteran Tamil writer and Sahitya Akademi winner Ki Rajanarayanan popularly known as Ki Ra, passed away due to age related illness at the age of 98. Since his first short story was published in 1958, the writer had an expansive literary career. Known as the pioneer of 'Karisal Literature', he won the Sakitya Akademi award in 1991 for the novel 'Gopallapurathu Makkal'. 'Karisal bhoomi' is the hot and dry land of southern Tamil Nadu.

7. Ministry, on the recommendation of the Ministry, released Rs 8,923.8 crore to 25 states for providing grant to rural local bodies?

- A) Panchayati Raj, Finance
B) Finance, Panchayati Raj
C) Home Affairs, Rural Development
D) Finance, Rural Development



- ✓ The Union Finance Ministry, on the recommendation of the Panchayati Raj Ministry, released Rs 8,923.8 crore to 25 states for providing grant to rural local bodies. The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance released the first installment of the Basic (Untied) Grants. It may be utilized among other things for various prevention and mitigation measures needed to combat the Covid pandemic

8. The Darwin Arch, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Ecuador
B) Spain
C) Italy
D) UK



- ✓ Darwin's Arch is a rock formation south-east of Darwin Island in the Galápagos archipelago, Ecuador. The structure has recently collapsed due to natural erosion. At present, only two rocky pillars are left at the northernmost island of the Pacific Ocean archipelago. Darwin's Arch is made of natural stone that would have been part of Darwin Island. This site is considered one of the best places to dive and observe sharks and other aquatic species.

9. Which country hosted the Paris Summit, which agreed on a plan to help Africa to tackle Covid pandemic?

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



- ✓ French President Emmanuel Macron hosted the Paris summit for African, European and financial leaders. They agreed on a plan to help Africa overcome the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic, called the 'New Deal for Africa and by Africa'. French president calls

for waiving of COVID vaccine patents so that Africa could begin to produce its own vaccines. The leaders have also urged WHO, WTP and Medicines Patent Pool to remove all constraints in terms of intellectual property.

10. Which state has been ranked first in setting up Health and Wellness Centres under Ayushman Bharat Program in 2020–21?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Kerala
- D) Odisha



- ✓ Karnataka has been ranked first in establishing Health and Wellness Centres under Ayushman Bharat Program in 2020–21. While the Centre had set a target of establishing 2,263 centres, the State has upgraded 3,300 centres till March 31, to provide comprehensive primary health care in rural areas.
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