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# SECOND WEEK CURRENT AFFAIRS



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1. 'Significant Economic Presence (SEP) principle', is a concept used to levy which category of tax?

- A) Income Tax
- B) GST
- C) Digital Tax ☒
- D) Customs Duty



- ✓ Significant Economic Presence (SEP) principle was introduced in the Finance Bill 2018-19. It widened the scope of 'business connection' to include download of data or software, if aggregate payments from such transactions exceed a prescribed amount, or a prescribed number of users. India recently notified a revenue threshold of Rs 2 crore and a limit of 300,000 users for non-resident technology firms such as Google, Facebook, to pay tax in India.

2. India announced a USD 1.4 billion of private-sector trade and investment, with which country?

- A) US
- B) UK ☒
- C) Russia
- D) Brazil



- ✓ India and UK announced 1 billion pounds (USD1.4 billion) of private-sector trade and investment. It also includes a 240 million pounds investment by the Serum Institute of India. The Serum Institute, in collaboration with Codagenix, has begun early-stage trials of a one-dose nasal vaccine against Covid-19. Trade between the India and UK accounts for about 23 billion pounds annually.

3. What is the limit of FDI permitted in the Road and Highways Sector in India?

- A) 10%
- B) 20%
- C) 50%
- D) 100% ☒

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- ✓ In India, 100% FDI has been allowed for roads and highways sector allowed under the automatic route. Recently, Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry has set a target of road construction worth Rs 15 lakh crores in next two years. The Ministry also aims to achieve the target of 40 kilometres per day of highways construction, in the current year.

4. Which institution approves the emergency use of vaccines around the world, using the Emergency Use Listing (EUL)?

- A) FAO
- B) WHO ☒
- C) UNICEF
- D) CDC



- ✓ The World Health Organisation, through its Emergency Use Listing (EUL) procedure, allows countries to use their own regulatory approval processes to import and administer the vaccine. It also enables UNICEF and Health Organizations to procure the vaccine for distribution to needy countries. WHO has recently given the approval for emergency use of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine.

5. As per OECD, which country stood as the top destination for FDI in 2020?

- A) India
- B) China ☒
- C) USA
- D) UK



- ✓ The OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) has reported that FDI globally has plunged to a 15 year low in the year 2020 and has dropped by 38% compared to previous years. Among the nations, China has emerged as the leading FDI destination in 2020 and has overtaken the USA in this regard.

6. A new species of duck-billed dinosaur, *Yamatosaurus izanagii* has been discovered in which country?

- A) China
- B) Greece
- C) Japan ☒
- D) Indonesia



- ✓ A team of palaeontologists has identified a new species of hadrosaur or duck-billed dinosaur, *Yamatosaurus izanagii*, on one of the southern islands of Japan. This discovery suggests new information about hadrosaur migration that the animals migrated from Asia to North America. It also highlights that the giant creatures evolved from walking upright to walking on all four limbs.

7. Which country's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released the 'New Climate Normals'?

- A) US ☒
- B) Russia
- C) China
- D) France



- ✓ The United States' National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has released the new climate normal. The data reveal that weather across the US is getting warmer. NOAA releases the climate normals every 10 years and they reflect the data from the past 30 years. The recently released data set comprises of the average temperature, precipitation and rainfall from 1991 to 2020.

8. INS Kolkata arrived Port Shuwaikh, to bring Liquid Medical Oxygen and medical supplies, from which country?

- A) UAE
- B) Kuwait ☒
- C) Oman
- D) Israel



- ✓ As a part of the Operation Samudra Setu II, INS Kolkata arrived Port Shuwaikh, Kuwait and will bring Liquid Medical Oxygen and medical supplies from Kuwait. Earlier the ship had boarded 200 bottles of oxygen and 43 oxygen concentrators from Doha, Qatar. Indian Navy has deployed seven Indian Naval ships for shipment of liquid medical oxygen from friendly countries.

9. Who is the longest-serving female Chief Minister of any Indian state, as of May 2021?

- A) J Jayalalitha
- B) Mamata Banerjee
- C) Mayavati
- D) Sheila Dikshit ☒



- ✓ Mamata Banerjee was sworn as Bengal Chief Minister for the third time. She has been the Chief Minister of the state since 2011. Veteran leader Sheila Dikshit is the longest-serving Chief Minister of Delhi, as well as the longest-serving female chief minister of any Indian state. She served for a period of 15 years since 1998.

10. What is 'Mayflower 400', which was making news recently?

- A) Mining Robot
- B) Artificial Intelligence Ship ☒
- C) Solar Probe
- D) Vaccine Delivering Robot



- ✓ 'Mayflower 400' is the world's first Artificial intelligent ship. This ship is covered in solar panels and will study marine pollution and analyse plastic present in water and track aquatic mammals. Hundreds of individuals from different countries such as India, United States and Switzerland, were involved in the making of this ship.
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1. Nehru Zoological Park, where Asiatic Lions were tested Covid positive, is situated in which state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Telangana ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) Rajasthan



- ✓ Eight Asiatic lions at Hyderabad's Nehru Zoological Park have tested positive for Covid-19. This is the first case of lions or any other animals testing positive for the coronavirus infection in an Indian zoo.
- ✓ The samples were tested by Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and the RT-PCR tests turned out to be positive for COVID-19. However, there is no factual evidence that animals can transmit the disease to humans.

2. A white-toothed shrew species has been discovered for the first time in a volcanic island- Narcondam Island, located in which state?

- A) Andaman & Nicobar Islands ☒
- B) West Bengal
- C) Odisha
- D) Nagaland



- ✓ Scientists have discovered a new species of insectivorous mammal, a white-toothed shrew, from Narcondam Island of the Andaman and Nicobar group of islands. Shrews are small and mouse-like mammals with insects as the primary diet. This is the first discovery of a shrew from this volcanic island (Narcondam Island) and it increases the number of White-toothed shrew species in India from 11 to 12.

3. Which body permits Telecommunication companies to conduct trials for 5G technology in India?

- A) Department of Science and Technology
- B) Department of Telecommunications ☒
- C) TRAI
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Government of India's Department of Telecommunications (DoT), has permitted telecommunication companies to conduct trials for 5G technology in India. These companies would conduct trials in rural, semi-urban and urban regions for a period of six month, which includes a 2 months' time for procurement and setting up of equipment.

4. The first supply of UCO-based Biodiesel blended Diesel was flagged off recently. What is UCO?

- A) Unused Cooking Oil
- B) Used Cooking Oil ☒
- C) Unutilized Cooking Oil
- D) None of the Above



- ✓ The First supply of UCO (Used Cooking Oil) based Biodiesel blended Diesel was flagged off recently from Indian Oil's Tikrikalan Terminal, New Delhi. The flagging off ceremony was presided over by Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. Earlier in 2019, petroleum and health ministries had initiated Expressions of Interest for "Procurement of Biodiesel produced from Used Cooking Oil". IOCL has received 51KL of UCO-Biodiesel till March 2021.

5. GINA, a WHO collaborative organisation, is associated with which disease?

- A) Anaemia
- B) Asthma ☒
- C) Tuberculosis
- D) Cancer



- ✓ World Asthma Day (WAD) is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma, (GINA). It is a World Health Organization collaborative organization founded in 1993.
- ✓ Every year World Asthma Day is organised on May 5, every year, to raise awareness of Asthma worldwide. This year's World Asthma Day theme is "Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions". WHO estimates that over 339 million people had Asthma globally.

6. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Firefighters' Day is observed recently?

- A) May 04 ☒
- B) May 05
- C) May 06
- D) May 07



- ✓ The International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed every year on May 4 to recognize and honour the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that our communities and environment are as safe as possible. It was instituted after a proposal was emailed out across the world on January 4, 1999 due to the deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a bushfire in Australia.

7. Raniganj coalfield, the first field where the East India Company began coal mining, is located in which state?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Odisha
- C) West Bengal ☒
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The East India Company exploited the Raniganj coalfield along the western bank of Damodar River, West Bengal, thereby starting the Coal mining in India in 1774. Every year, Coal Miners Day is observed on May 4 in solidarity with the miners working in coal fields.

8. The International No diet day is observed on which date?

- A) May 04
- B) May 06 ☒
- C) May 08
- D) May 10



- ✓ The International No Diet Day is observed every year on May 6 to promote a healthy life style and to raise awareness of the potential dangers of dieting and the unlikelihood of success. Its symbol is a light blue ribbon.

9. Satyajit ray, the legendary film maker and author, was from which state?

- A) Odisha
- B) Assam
- C) West Bengal ☒
- D) Maharashtra



- ✓ Satyajit Ray was an Indian film maker, author, lyricist, magazine editor, illustrator and music composer. He belonged to West Bengal

and was recipient of Padma Bhushan in 1965, Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1985, and the Bharat Ratna.

- ✓ To commemorate his achievement, Union information and broadcasting ministry has announced that it will organize year long centenary celebrations of the filmmaker in India and abroad.

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10. Which organization has released the "Estimates of Global e-commerce Report 2019"?

- A) IMF
- B) ADB
- C) UNCTAD ☒
- D) WTO



- ✓ The "Estimates of Global E Commerce Report 2019" has been released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which is headquartered at Geneva, Switzerland. The report has noted that, due to COVID restrictions, there was a dramatic rise in e-commerce and online retail sales.
  - ✓ The report further stated that The United States, followed by Japan and China, continues to dominate the overall e-commerce market in the globe.
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1. Pigeon pea, Black Matpe and Greengram are examples of which type of major crop?

- A) Kharif ☒
- B) Rabi
- C) Zaid
- D) None of the above



- ✓ The crops that are sown in the rainy season are called kharif crops in India. They are also known as the summer or monsoon crop. Kharif crops are usually sown with the beginning of the first rains in July, during the south-west monsoon season.
- ✓ Tur/arhar (pigeon pea), urad (black matpe) and moong (green gram) are the major pulses in this season. The Ministry of Agriculture has recently formulated a special Kharif strategy to attain self-sufficiency in the production of pulses.

2. As per the Climate Action Tracker analysis, what would be the rise in global temperature by 2100?

- A) 0.5%
- B) 1.5%
- C) 2.4% ☒
- D) 3.0%

# 2.4%

- ✓ The Climate Action Tracker analysis said that the world will warm by 2.4C by the year 2100. This is only 0.2C less than the temperature without global action. But the estimate is much higher than the 1.5C goal agreed under the Paris Agreement on climate change, signed in 2016. Its report also suggested that the 1.5C target is still possible, but it requires action from major nations.

3. Which organisation is associated with waiving intellectual property protection for COVID-19 vaccines?

- A) WHO
- B) UNICEF
- C) WTO ☒
- D) FAO



- ✓ Several countries have approached the World Trade Organization (WTO) regarding the waiver of intellectual property (IP) protection for Covid-19 vaccines. Recently, the United States announced support for waiving IP protection for COVID-19 vaccines. US will pursue negotiations on the waiver at the WTO. All 164 WTO members must agree on the draft, and any one member can veto it.

4. DDoS attack, which was making news recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Defence
- B) Cyber security ☒
- C) Maritime Exercise
- D) Psychology



- ✓ A Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack is an attempt to make an online service unavailable by overwhelming it with traffic from multiple sources. A massive DDoS attack affected the websites of over 200 organisations across Belgium, including government, parliament, universities and research institutes.
- ✓ The DDoS attack started on 4 May and targeted Belnet, the government-funded ISP provider for the country's educational institutions and government services.

5. NASA's Parker Solar Probe detected a natural radio signal in the atmosphere of which planet?

- A) Mars
- B) Venus ☒
- C) Earth
- D) Jupiter



- ✓ NASA's Parker Solar Probe detected a natural radio signal, while flying through the upper atmosphere of Venus. This was the first direct measurement of the atmosphere of Venus in nearly 30 years. This recent glimpse looks very different from the past portrayal of the planet. The upper atmosphere of Venus undergoes a lot of changes and hence is different from the Earth.

6. The CCEA approved the strategic disinvestment of which bank, owned by the Government of India and LIC?

- A) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- B) IDBI Bank ☒
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment along with transfer of management control in IDBI Bank. However, the extent of shareholding to be divested by the Government of India and LIC shall be decided at the time of the transaction in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

7. Who was Manas Bihari Verma?

- A) Politician
- B) Aeronautical Scientist ☒
- C) Social Activist
- D) Doctor



- ✓ Manas Bihari Verma – a reputed aeronautical scientist and Padma Shri Awardee died recently of suffering a massive heart attack. He was 78 years old. He has been the man behind the country's first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas' and has closely worked with former president Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam.

8. "Road Map 2030", which was in the news recently, has been adopted by India with which country?

- A) China
- B) USA
- C) UK ☒
- D) Japan



- ✓ India and UK have jointly adopted 'Roadmap 2030', during a virtual bilateral between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and British counterpart Boris Johnson. The two leaders pledged to elevate this road map into a comprehensive strategic partnership. An Enhanced Trade Partnership was also announced by the two leaders along with an intent to form a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

9. Which state provided work to the highest number of people in MGNREGA during FY21?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) West Bengal ☒
- C) Bihar
- D) Madhya Pradesh





- ✓ West Bengal provided work to 11.8 million people through MGNREGA in FY21, which is the highest in the country. It utilised around Rs 10,403.13 crore for implementing the scheme and stands third in spending the funds after only to Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Around 27.3 million households demanded work under MGNREGA in April 2021.

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10. Which organization has produced the "The Global Report on Food Crises 2020"?

- A) UNCTAD
- B) UNEP
- C) UNWTO
- D) GNAFC ☒



- ✓ "The Global Report on Food Crises 2020" has been released recently, which is produced by the Global Network against Food Crises. It is an international alliance working to address the root causes of extreme hunger.
- ✓ The report analyses the factors which contribute to food crises across the globe, and explains how COVID pandemic could worsen the crisis.

1. Channel Islands are an archipelago in the English Channel, located between which two countries?

- A) France and the UK ☒
- B) France and Italy
- C) France and Canada
- D) Italy and Germany



- ✓ Channel Islands are an archipelago in the English Channel, located between France and the UK, 22 kilometres from the coast of Normandy, France. They include two Crown dependencies: The Bailiwick of Jersey and the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
- ✓ They recognise Queen Elizabeth II as their head of state and the UK is responsible for the defence and international relations of the islands. Recently, 60 French fishing boats made a blockade in the Jersey islands, which followed a deployment of two Royal Navy vessels from the UK.

2. The Supreme Court has recently struck down the Housing Industry Regulation Act of which state, as unconstitutional?

- A) Kerala
- B) West Bengal ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Supreme Court has struck down West Bengal's Housing Industry Regulation Act (HIRA) 2017, saying it was 'unconstitutional' as it is in direct conflict with the Centre's Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA). As per the verdict, Sections 88 and 89 of the RERA did not implicitly permit the states to create their own legislation creating a parallel regime.

3. Giant wood moth, the heaviest moth in the world, are typically found in which country?

- A) Japan
- B) India
- C) Australia ☒
- D) China



- ✓ Giant wood moth is the heaviest moth in the world, with the wingspan of about 23 cm. Their scientific name is 'Endoxyla cinereus' and they belong to the family of Cossidae. The moth is typically found in Australia and New Zealand.
- ✓ A giant moth with a wingspan measuring up to 25cm has been recently found at a Queensland school in Australia. They have an extremely short life cycle with only a few days. They die after mating and laying eggs.

4. Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?

- A) UK
- B) Uganda ☒
- C) Nigeria
- D) Iran



- ✓ The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) is a rebel group which operates in African countries including northern Uganda, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- ✓ Recently in a landmark judgment, the international criminal court has sentenced a former militia leader from Uganda and commander in the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), to 25 years in prison after he was found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

5. Which institution releases the monthly 'Food Price Index'?

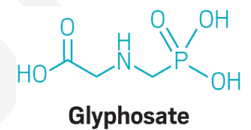
- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Finance Ministry
- C) FAO ☒
- D) Asian Development Bank



- ✓ The United Nations food agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization releases the Food price index, which measures monthly changes for a basket of cereals, oilseeds, dairy products, meat and sugar. In the recent food price index, World food prices increased for an 11th consecutive month in April at 120.9 points.
- ✓ This is also the highest level of the index since May 2014. The rise in the main indices was led by the price rise of Sugar, as per the United Nations food agency.

6. What is 'Glyphosate', which was recently banned by Telangana Government?

- A) Herbicide ☒
- B) Fertilizer
- C) Pesticide
- D) Fungicide



- ✓ Glyphosate is an herbicide, which used to kill weeds, especially used in cotton farms and to kill annual broadleaf weeds and grasses that compete with crops. The Telangana Government has imposed a total ban on glyphosate, a controversial herbicide, as the chemical's rampant use, especially in cotton, is polluting soil and causing health hazards to human beings.

7. Which technology company has created a 2-nanometer chip, the smallest and most powerful microchip?

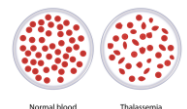
- A) Qualcomm
- B) IBM ☒
- C) AMD
- D) Samsung



- ✓ IBM announced that it has created a 2-nanometer chip, which is the smallest and most powerful microchip ever developed. At present, most of the computer chips powering devices use 10-nanometer or 7-nanometer process technology.
- ✓ Some companies have introduced 5-nanometer chips. The lower the number, more advanced is the processor.

8. What is the name of the blood disorder, which involves lesser haemoglobin and red blood cells?

- A) Anemia
- B) Thalassemia ☒
- C) Leukaemia
- D) Haemophilia



- ✓ Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder characterised by less oxygen-carrying protein- haemoglobin and less red blood cells in the body than normal. May 8 is observed as World Thalassemia Day every year. The day commemorates the struggles of the patients suffering from this genetic disorder.
- ✓ This years' theme for the day is "Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassemia Community".



9. What is the theme of the 2021 International Nurses Day?

- A) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Safe Motherhood
- B) Nurses A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human Right
- C) Nurses: Working with The Poor; Against Poverty
- D) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A vision for future healthcare ☒



- ✓ The World Nurses Day is celebrated every year across the world on May 12 to mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.
- ✓ The day is also mark to recognize the strong commitment and dedication that nurse's display in the practice of their profession.

10. Which day is celebrated in India on May 11, to mark the achievement of its nuclear tests made at Pokhran in 1998?

- A) National Nuclear Power Day
- B) National Technology Day ☒
- C) National Nuclear Weapon Day
- D) Pokhran Day



- ✓ May 11 is celebrated as National Technology Day in India every year, to mark the day on which India conducted its nuclear tests at Pokhran, Rajasthan in the year 1998. India conducted its 1st nuclear test, code named "Smiling Buddha" in 1974. In 1998, under the code name Operation Shakti, the next nuclear mission was carried out.
- ✓ Dr APJ Abdul Kalam led the scientific team which carried out the nuclear weapon tests on May 11. At present, India is among eight countries in the world that own a nuclear weapons program.

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?

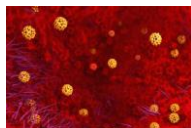
- A) Ayurveda
- B) Siddha ☒
- C) Homeopathy
- D) Unani



- ✓ 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".
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1. Which institution released the 'Dost For Life' mobile application for mental well-being?

- A) AICTE  
B) NTA  
C) CBSE ☒  
D) UGC



- ✓ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has recently launched a new application for psycho-social wellness of students. The new app will help the class 9-12 students and parents from CBSE-affiliated schools. Live counselling sessions will be conducted free of cost, thrice a week by trained counsellors. Earlier, there was a practice of counselling through toll-free number.

2. '3<sup>rd</sup> Arctic Science Ministerial' was jointly organised by which two countries?

- A) Germany and France  
B) Iceland and Japan ☒  
C) Italy and France  
D) Japan and India



- ✓ India has recently participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3), the international platform for discussing research and cooperation in the Arctic region. The first two meetings—ASM1 and ASM2, were held in the USA in 2016 and Germany in 2018, respectively.  
✓ ASM3, jointly organised by Iceland and Japan, is the first Ministerial meeting being held in Asia. India enjoys 'Observer' status in the Arctic Council with twelve other countries.

3. Alexander Zverev and Aryna Sabalenka are the winners of which Masters 100 tournament?

- A) Miami Open  
B) Madrid Open ☒  
C) Italian Open  
D) Shanghai Masters



- ✓ German Tennis player Alexander Zverev defeated Italian Matteo Berrettini to claim his fourth Masters 1000 crown and second Madrid Open title. The player has been in the top 10 since July 2017 and he was also the US Open runner-up last year. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarusian tennis player has won her 10<sup>th</sup> career title at the Mutua Madrid Open. She defeated the World No.1 Ashleigh Barty.

4. What is the theme of 'National Technology Day' 2021?

- A) Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future ☒  
B) Restart and Recycle  
C) Atmanirbhar Vigyan  
D) Science and Technology for Atmanirbhar India



- ✓ National Technology Day is celebrated on May 11 every year to commemorate the technological advancements made by the country.  
✓ The theme this year is "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future". The day was first observed on May 11, 1999, as on the same date in 1998, India successfully conducted three nuclear tests at Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan. On 11<sup>th</sup> May 1998, India also tested its first indigenous aircraft Hansa-3 and Trishul.

5. A new species *Ampelorhiza heteroxylon*, that was recently found, belongs to which category?

- A) Insect  
B) Plant ☒  
C) Aquatic Animal  
D) Land Animal



- ✓ Researchers have found an 18.5-million-year-old fossil in Panama. It is said to be the oldest reliable species of a climbing plant. The new species is named as '*Ampelorhiza heteroxylon*', belonging to the climbing vine known as a liana from the soapberry family.  
✓ This discovery is expected to shed more light on the evolution of climbing plants.

6. Which is the only aircraft carrier being operated in India?

- A) INS Virat  
B) INS Vikramaditya ☒  
C) INS Vikrant  
D) INS Vishal



- ✓ India's only aircraft carrier is INS Vikramaditya, a modified Kiev-class 44,500-tonne aircraft carrier and the flagship of the Indian Navy. The aircraft recently reported a minor fire at its home port, Karwar in Karnataka. India bought the aircraft carrier from Russia and it joined the naval fleet seven years ago. The Indian Navy operates MiG-29K maritime fighters from the deck of this aircraft carrier.

7. Long March 5B, whose debris landed in the Indian Ocean, is the launch vehicle of which country?

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



- ✓ The debris of China's biggest rocket landed in the Indian Ocean, after most of its components destroyed during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. The Long March 5B rocket, launched the main module of China's next space station, Tiangong, in April. There were speculations for long days about where would the debris hit on the Earth. Last year, pieces from the first Long March 5B fell on Ivory Coast.

8. The report titled "Conflict and Conservation" is released by which organisation?

- A) IUCN ☒  
B) UNFCCC  
C) IMF  
D) WHO



- ✓ "Conflict and Conservation" is a report which is released by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).  
✓ In the report, IUCN explores the intricate relationships between nature and conflict and suggests policies aimed towards peace building and conservation. IUCN is an international organisation, working for the conservation and sustainability of nature and resources. It is headquartered at Gland, Switzerland.

9. When is the International Nurses Day observed every year?

- A) May 10  
B) May 11  
C) May 12 ☒  
D) May 13



- ✓ The International Nurses Day is observed on May 12 every year. On the same day in 1820, the famous social reformer and nurse Florence

Nightingale was born. She was an English statistician and a social reformer who founded the key pillars of modern nursing.

- ✓ The ICN (International Council of Nurses) observes the International Nurses Day. International Council of Nurses is a federation of more than 130 national nurses' associations.

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10. Which Indian city won the 32<sup>nd</sup> rank in the Global Prime Residential Index?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Bengaluru



- ✓ London-based property consultant Knight Frank released the Global Prime Residential Index. As per the index, New Delhi and Mumbai are ranked in 32<sup>nd</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> positions respectively.
- ✓ The Prime Global Cities Index is a valuation-based index, which tracked the movement in prime residential prices in local currency across more than 45 cities. Globally, Chinese city Shenzhen ranked first with 18.9% annual change for the period Q1 2020 – Q1 2021.