

1. Pandit Deendayal Energy University, that was in news recently, is in which state?

- A) Maharashtra  
B) Gujarat  
C) Uttar Pradesh   
D) Karnataka



- ✓ The Gujarat government has decided to grant Centre of Excellence (CoE) status to seven private universities in the state. The Chief Minister Vijay Rupani gave in-principle approval to grant CoE status to seven universities including Nirma University, CEPT University, Pandit Deendayal Energy University, DAIICT, Ahmedabad University, Charotar University of Science and Technology and Marwadi University.

2. What is Canadarm2, which was making news recently?

- A) COVID Vaccine  
B) Civil Aviation Project  
C) Robotic Arm of International Space Station   
D) No Cannabis Project



- ✓ Recently, a piece of space debris hit and damaged a part of the ISS's robotic arm, called as Canadarm2. The astronomers confirmed that the arm's functions will not be impacted by the damage. Canadarm2, the Space Station Remote Manipulator System (SSRMS), is used to move objects outside the station and to help in repairing works in the station.

3. 'Red Tourism', which was seen in the news, is associated with which country?

- A) Indonesia  
B) India  
C) China   
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ China launched 'Red Tourism' in the year 2004 to promote locations with historical and cultural significance to the history of the Communist Party. It also aimed at promoting tourism and local businesses in the country. Recently, there has been a record high footfall in the historic places under the Red Tourism.
- ✓ Some of them include Nanhu Lake, where the First National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party was held in 1921, and Mao Zedong's birthplace Shaoshan.

4. Oleg Novitsky and Pyotr Dubrov, who performed a 7-hour spacewalk recently, are from which country?

- A) USA  
B) Russia   
C) Israel  
D) France



- ✓ Two Russian cosmonauts named Oleg Novitsky and Pyotr Dubrov ventured out of the International Space Station on a 7-hour spacewalk to prepare for the arrival of a new Russian module. It's the first spacewalk for both the cosmonauts, who arrived at the space station in April. They conducted technical works including replacing the old batteries outside the International Space Station, before the arrival of the new Nauka (Science) multipurpose laboratory module.

5. APEDA identified Mathura and Banaskantha as clusters for export development in which sector?

- A) Textile                       B) Dairy  
C) Cotton                                      D) Fruits



- ✓ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has set up an Export Promotion Forum (EPF) to promote exports of dairy products. It also aims to address various issues in the sector. The authority has recognized two clusters: Mathura in Uttar Pradesh and Banaskantha in Gujarat, to develop dairy merchandise. Farmers and small dairy owners in these clusters shall be given coaching and aid in capability building in exports.

6. CSIR-NCL developed a technology called 'SWASTIHK', to disinfect water using which medicinal system?

- A) Siddha  
B) Ayurveda   
C) Homeopathy  
D) Sowa-Rigpa



- ✓ CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL) Pune has developed a hybrid technology called "SWASTIHK", for disinfecting water by using natural oils.
- ✓ With support from the Water Technology Initiative of the department of science and technology, the team has developed the technology. It involves boiling of a liquid as a result of pressure reduction (cavitation) and also uses natural oils having antimicrobial properties, to disinfect.

7. Which is India's first institution to be declared as Standard Developing Organization (SDO)?

- A) RDSO   
B) IRCTC  
C) DRDO  
D) RITES



- ✓ The Research Design & Standards Organization (RDSO), which functions under the Indian Railways has recently become the country's first institution to be declared as Standard Developing Organization (SDO). Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) launched the scheme of 'Recognition of SDO', to attain the "One Nation One Standard" of the Government.

8. As per the new system in PMGKP, the Insurance companies will approve and settle the claims based on the certificate of \_\_\_

- A) Home Ministry  
B) District Collector   
C) Registrar General  
D) District Court



- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19 was launched to provide personal accident cover of Rs. 50 lakhs to all healthcare providers.
- ✓ Recently, a new system for approval of claims has been introduced. The District Collector will certify that the claim is in accordance with SoP of the Scheme and on the basis of this certificate, Insurance Company will approve and settle the claims within a period of 48 hrs.

9. Which country's environmental agency hosted the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI) 2021?

- A) France  
B) USA  
C) Germany   
D) Australia



- ✓ International Nitrogen Initiative (INI) is being hosted by the Germany's Federal Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt-UBA). The United

Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the main focus of the eighth triennial conference of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI). It is being held virtually from May 31–June 3, 2021.

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10. What is the profession of Mahesh Jethmalani, who has been nominated to Rajya Sabha by the Union Government?

- A) Doctor
- B) Advocate
- C) Scientist
- D) Banker



- ✓ Mahesh Jethmalani, who is a noted advocate has been recently nominated by the Union Government to the Rajya Sabha. Additionally, former journalist Swapan Dasgupta has also been nominated to the upper house. Mahesh Jethmalani has been nominated to Rajya Sabha to fill the vacancy of seat due to the demise of Raghunath Mohapatra.
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