

1. Which global institution released an independent appraisal report on India's Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP)?

- A) FAO  
 B) UNDP   
 C) IMF  
 D) World Bank



- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) released an independent appraisal report on India's Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP).
- ✓ As per the report, the programme has resulted in sectoral growth and improvements in governance and administration. It analyses the progress of ADP and made recommendations for improvement. UNDP India representative handed over the report to NITI Aayog.

2. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is a ..... member body.

- A) 10  
 B) 15   
 C) 20  
 D) 30



- ✓ The United Nations Security Council is a 15-member body. Five veto-wielding permanent members of the council are the United States, Russia, China, United Kingdom and France. Recently, five countries namely Brazil, the United Arab Emirates, Albania, Ghana and Gabon have been selected for to join the U.N. Security Council.

3. Sero survey is used to determine the prevalence of ..... in the community.

- A) Antigen  
 B) Antibody   
 C) Virus Strain  
 D) None of the above



- ✓ Sero survey is used to determine the prevalence of antibodies in the community. In the process, blood samples are tested for the presence of IgG (Immunoglobulin G) antibodies, which determine a past infection due to COVID-19. NITI Aayog Member Dr VK Paul announced that the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) will start the fourth nation-wide COVID-19 serosurvey.

4. As per the recent data from the Commerce Ministry, the exports of India's organic farm products rose by ..... percent in 2020-21.

- A) 11  
 B) 31  
 C) 51   
 D) 71



- ✓ As per the recent data from the Commerce Ministry, Exports of India's organic farm products rose 51 percent in 2020-21. Outward shipments of organic products touched 1,040 million dollars last year compared to 689 million dollars a year before.

5. As per the recent data from IMD, India received the second highest monthly rainfall for which month in the last 121 years?

- A) April 2021  
 B) May 2021   
 C) June 2021  
 D) July 2021



- ✓ As per the recent data from the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), India as a whole received the second highest monthly rainfall for the month of May in the last 121 years since 1901. The average maximum temperature over India this May, 34.18 degrees Celsius, was the fourth lowest temperature since 1901. There was formation of a cyclone each in the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, during May.

6. What is the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education, as per the AISHE Report 2019-20?

- A) 27.1   
 B) 37.1  
 C) 47.1  
 D) 57.1



- ✓ The Ministry of Education has recently released the All-Indian Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) report 2019-20. The Gross enrolment ratio (GER) during 2019-20 is 27.1%, which is an increase of 0.8% from the previous year. Total enrolment in higher education stands at 3.85 crore in 2019-20. The rise in female enrolment in higher education during the period is 18.2%.

7. Firmina, the longest cable in the world when built, is being constructed by which technology company?

- A) Microsoft  
 B) Google   
 C) Apple  
 D) Amazon



- ✓ Tech Major Google announced that it is building an undersea cable called 'Firmina', that would connect the United States, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. The cable, which will be the longest cable in the world, aims to bolster internet connection capacity between these regions.
- ✓ The cable will run from the East Coast of the US to Argentina and improve access to Google services for users in South America.

8. Which Indian state is constructing a 'Smog Tower' to curb pollution?

- A) Karnataka  
 B) Gujarat  
 C) New Delhi   
 D) Maharashtra



- ✓ As per the Environment Minister of Delhi, the National capital is all set to get its first smog tower by August 15. Though the pilot project was inaugurated last year, the construction had been delayed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The 25-meter structure will address 10 issues, from dust pollution, vehicle pollution to pollution caused by stubble burning in neighbouring areas.

9. Which space agency announced 'Envision' probe, as a part of its Venus mission?

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



- ✓ The European Space Agency has recently announced a probe called Envision, as a part of its Venus Mission. ESA announced this one week after its American counterpart, NASA, chose two Venus projects of its own, known as Veritas and Davinci+. As per the team of EAS, the probe will be ready by 2034-35.

10. Which bank was named in the first position in India in the Forbes' World's Best Banks 2021 list?

- A) Indian Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Canara Bank
- D) DBS



- ✓ DBS has been named by Forbes in their list of World's Best Banks 2021, based on global customer survey. DBS was ranked in the first position out of 30 domestic and international banks in India.
  - ✓ This is the third edition of the 'World's Best Banks' list by Forbes, conducted in partnership with market research firm Statista. The second bank in the list is Kerala-based CSB Bank, followed by ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank.
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