

1. India Meteorological Department and ICMR have formed an Expert Committee on which disease?

- A) AIDS
B) Malaria
C) COVID
D) Dengue



- ✓ India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), in association with Malaria No More, a NGO, has created an India Interagency Expert Committee on Malaria and Climate (IEC). It aims to to explore and provide climate-based solutions for fast-tracking Malaria elimination in India.

2. Which country has developed a ceiling-mounted 'COVID alarm' that can detect COVID infection?

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



- ✓ Scientists from the United Kingdom have developed a ceiling-mounted 'Covid alarm' that can detect the persons infected in 15 minutes.
✓ This accurate device can be used for screening in aircraft cabins, classrooms, care homes and offices. The sensor works by detecting chemicals produced by the skin or in the breath of the persons infected with coronavirus.

3. New Shephard, which was in the news recently, is the rocket system of which space agency?

- A) SpaceX
B) NASA
C) Blue Origin
D) ROSCOSMOS



- ✓ Amazon founder and billionaire Jeff Bezos's space company Blue Origin recently concluded the online auction for the first seat on New Shephard. It is a rocket system developed to take tourists to space. Over 7,600 people registered from 159 countries to bid for this seat. It went for a winning bidder of USD 28 million, who would fly aboard New Shephard along with Bezos.

4. Which Indian state is ranked first in the Anemia Mukht Bharat Index?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Maharashtra
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Kerala



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh is at the first position with a score of 64.1, in the Anemia Mukht Bharat Index. It is released by the National Health Mission. M.P is followed by Odisha with a score of 59.3.
✓ Himachal has jumped to third spot this year, against its rank 18 in the year 2018-19. Almost 50% of the pregnant women, 59% of children less than five years of age, 54% of adolescent girls and 53% of non-pregnant non-lactating women in India are anemic.

5. As per ICAN's recent report, which country spent the highest amount on nuclear weapons?

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



- ✓ Geneva-based International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear-weapons (ICAN) has released a report titled "Complicit: 2020 Global Nuclear Weapons Spending". The report details the spending of nine countries on their weapons, the companies that profited, among others.
✓ The amount had an increase of \$1.4 billion from last year. USA tops the list with an expenditure of \$37.4 billion, followed by China at \$ 10.1 billion. Russia, UK and France are in the next places.

6. Which institution releases the 'World Giving Index 2021'?

- A) Charities Aid Foundation
B) World Bank
C) Amnesty International
D) World Health Organisation



- ✓ The World Giving Index (WGI) for the year 2021 has been released by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). The report states that COVID 19 and associated lockdowns have changed the giving behaviour of countries across the globe. India stands at 14th most generous countries in the world. Indonesia has been ranked at the 1st spot.

7. Which Chess player has won the Gelfand Challenge 2021?

- A) Koneru Humpy
B) D Gukesh
C) Viswanathan Anand
D) Pentala Harikrishna



- ✓ Indian Chess Player D. Gukesh won the \$15,000 Gelfand Challenge chess title and eventually a 'wild card' for the elite Meltwaters Champions Chess Tour. 15-year-old Gukesh won all four rounds, including the key fight against Praggnanandhaa. He is the second youngest person to qualify for the title of Grandmaster, in March 2019.

8. When 'World Elder Abuse Awareness Day' celebrated every year?

- A) June.10
B) June.15
C) June.20
D) June.25



- ✓ Every year, the United Nations observes June 15th as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This was initiated by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) in 2006 and the UN General Assembly passed a resolution in this regard in the year 2011. This year's June 15 is observed under the title "Safeguard older persons during COVID-19 and beyond".

9. Which country topped the SDG Index as per the 'Sustainable Development Report 2021'?

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



- ✓ The Sustainable Development Report 2021 has been released recently by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). As per the report, Finland topped the SDG index with a score of 85.9, followed by Sweden and Denmark. Among 193 countries, India has been ranked at 120 with a score of 60.1.

10. Which recently-released report was titled "The race against time for smarter development"?

- A) World Development Report
- B) Global Economic Prospectus
- C) UN Sustainable Development Report
- D) UNESCO Science Report



- ✓ The 7th edition of the UNESCO Science report has been released recently under the title "The race against time for smarter development". This report makes a detailed analysis of the development path that countries have been following over the last five years in the field of science.
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