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1. Where is the headquarters of the National Cadet Corps located?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Cochin
- D) Vishakapatnam



- ✓ National Cadet Corps is the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces with its headquarters located in New Delhi. Defence Secretary has recently launched Directorate General National Cadet Corps (NCC) Mobile Training App Version 2.0. This app will assist in conducting countrywide online training to NCC cadets during the COVID-19 pandemic conditions.

2. Which Indian personality has been removed as ambassador of Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)?

- A) Sonu Sood
- B) Randeep Hooda ☒
- C) Manoj Bajpai
- D) Sunil Shetty



- ✓ Actor Randeep Hooda has been removed as the ambassador of the Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), United Nation's environmental treaty.
- ✓ This announcement came after a controversy over his derogatory comments against Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati. CMS or Bonn Convention, is an international agreement signed in 1979, that aims to conserve migratory species throughout their ranges.

3. When is World Turtle Day celebrated annually, across the world?

- A) May 22
- B) May 23 ☒
- C) May 24
- D) May 25



- ✓ Every year, the World Turtle Day is observed on May 23, across the world. The day is celebrated to sensitise people about turtle and tortoise and their vulnerable habitats.
- ✓ A non-profit organization called American Tortoise Rescue, that was established in 1990 leads the World Turtle Day celebration since 2000. The 2021 theme of the day is, "Turtles Rock!"

4. What is the theme of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, 2021?

- A) Women in Peacekeeping: A Key to Peace
- B) Honouring Peacekeeping
- C) Women, Peace and Security
- D) The road to a lasting peace ☒



- ✓ The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on 29 May every year, to pay tribute to the contribution of the peacekeepers. This year the theme of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, 2021 is "The road to a lasting peace: Leveraging the power of youth for peace and security".
- ✓ UN honours more than 3,900 UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives during their service, since 1948.

5. What is the 2021 theme of World No Tobacco Day?

- A) Tobacco: deadly in any form or disguise
- B) Tobacco – a threat to development
- C) Tobacco kills, don't be duped
- D) Quit Tobacco to be a Winner ☒



- ✓ The World No Tobacco Day is observed every year on May 31 to encourage a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption around the globe.
- ✓ The day is further intended to draw attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to negative health effects, which currently lead to nearly 6 million deaths each year worldwide, including 600,000 of which are the result of non-smokers being exposed to second-hand smoke. The 2021 theme is "Quit Tobacco to be a Winner"

6. Which is the smallest state of India by area that celebrates its statehood day on May 30?

- A) Goa ☒
- B) Sikkim
- C) Tripura
- D) Meghalaya



- ✓ Goa is the smallest state of India, by area and the fourth-smallest state by population. It recently celebrated its statehood day on May 30. In 1961, Indian Army invaded and annexed Goa, Daman and Diu into the Indian union, through Operation Vijay.
- ✓ After that, Goa along with Daman and Diu, was categorised as a centrally administered Union territory of India. On 30 May 1987, the union territory was split and Goa was made the 25th state of India and Daman and Diu remained as a UT.

7. When is International Everest Day celebrated across the world?

- A) May 28
- B) May 29 ☒
- C) May 30
- D) May 31



- ✓ International Everest Day is celebrated on May 29, across the world every year. On the same day in the year 1953, Tenzing Norgay of Nepal and Edmund Hillary of New Zealand had successfully scaled the Mt. Everest. The mountaineer duo were the first human beings to achieve the prestigious feat.
- ✓ Nepal decided to observe the day as International Everest Day since the climber Edmund Hillary passed away in the year 2008.

8. What is the new name of the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), the top body of broadcasters?

- A) Indian Broadcasting Union
- B) Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation ☒
- C) Indian Broadcasting and OTT Union
- D) National Digital Broadcasting Federation



- ✓ The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), the top body of broadcasters, will be renamed the Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF). The apex body is also expanding its scope to cover digital streaming platforms, by forming a self-regulatory body, the Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC). This would bring broadcasters and OTT (over-the-top) platforms under one roof.

9. Which non-governmental organization, that won 1977 Nobel Peace Prize, is commemorated on May 28?

- A) United Nations
- B) World Health Organisation
- C) Amnesty International ☒
- D) World Bank



- ✓ Amnesty International, is a non-governmental organisation focused on human rights, which was founded in London in the year 1961.
 - ✓ Amnesty International Day is celebrated on May 28 every year, to honour its founding day. The organisation was awarded the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize for its campaign against torture and the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights in 1978.
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10. Which state has recently launched a solar-based electrification programme for its rural households?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Odisha
- C) Assam
- D) Goa ☒



- ✓ The State Government of Goa headed by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has launched a solar-based electrification programme to provide power connectivity to rural households of the state.
 - ✓ This project aims to deliver renewable power to the households, where grid connectivity is not possible. In this regard, the Goa Energy Development Agency has entered into an agreement with Convergence Energy Services Ltd.
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1. When is the World Milk Day celebrated every year?

- A) June 01 ☒
 B) June 02
 C) June 03
 D) June 04



- ✓ World Milk Day is celebrated on June 1, every year across the world. The first World Milk Day was held in the year 2001.
- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN chose June 1 as the World Milk Day, to highlight the role of milk and to publicise activities connected with milk and the milk industry.

2. When is the Global Parents Day celebrated every year?

- A) June 01 ☒
 B) June 02
 C) June 03
 D) June 04



- ✓ June 1 was declared as the Global Day of Parents by the UN General Assembly in 2012. Since then, June 1 is being celebrated as Global Day of Parents every year. The day is celebrated with an objective of honouring all the parents around the world for their commitment and sacrifice they do for their children. The 2021 theme of the Global Parents Day is, "Appreciate All Parents Throughout the World".

3. When is the World Bicycle Day celebrated every year?

- A) June 01
 B) June 02
 C) June 03 ☒
 D) June 04



- ✓ The UN's General Assembly had declared June 3 as World Bicycle Day. The UN encourage its stakeholders to encourage the use of bicycles as a means of promoting sustainable development and health. It also welcomes various initiatives to organise bicycle rides at the national and local levels and develop a culture of cycling in society.

4. When is 'International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression' observed?

- A) June 01
 B) June 02
 C) June 03
 D) June 04 ☒



- ✓ The UNGA decided to commemorate 4 June of each year as the 'International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression'. The objective of the day is to acknowledge the pain of the children across the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse. UN had also ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

5. What is the theme of the Environment Day, 2021?

- A) Climate Action
 B) Ecosystem Restoration ☒
 C) Enrich Our Environment
 D) Environment and SDG



- ✓ World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year by the United Nations, to encourage awareness & environmental protection. The theme of World Environment Day, 2021 is "Ecosystem Restoration".

6. When is the 'International Day for the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing' observed?

- A) June 02
 B) June 03
 C) June 04
 D) June 05 ☒



- ✓ The International Day for the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing is observed every year on June 5. The purpose of this day is to sensitise about the threats posed by unregulated fishing activities to the fisheries resources.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared June 5 as the International Day for the fight against IUU fishing in November 2017. The first such day was celebrated in the year 2018.

7. What is the theme of the World Food Safety Day, 2021?

- A) Safe Food Today for a Healthy Tomorrow ☒
 B) Food Safety, Everyone's Business
 C) Food Safety, First and Foremost
 D) Food Safety is still far



- ✓ World Food Safety Day has officially celebrated on 7th June 2020 to strengthen efforts to ensure that the food we eat is safe. The 2021 theme of the World Food Safety Day is, "Safe Food Today for a Healthy Tomorrow". The day is celebrated to promote global food safety awareness and to bring together countries, civil society and private firms to take required action.

8. What is the theme of the World Oceans Day, 2021?

- A) The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods ☒
 B) Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean
 C) Oceans are our real wealth
 D) Optimise our Oceans



- ✓ World Oceans Day is celebrated across the world on June 8, every year. The day is observed to encourage people to celebrate oceans and take steps to protect ocean health. The theme of World Oceans Day 2021 is "The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods".
- ✓ Canada proposed the concept for World Oceans Day in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. In December 2008, the United Nations designated June 8 as World Oceans Day for the oceans.

9. 'Litoria Mira', that has been discovered from the rainforest of New Guinea, is a?

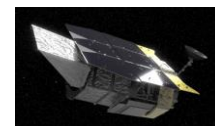
- A) Snake
 B) Frog ☒
 C) Otter
 D) Toucan



- ✓ A team of Australian scientists has discovered a new species of a tree frog from the rainforests of New Guinea. Also called as the "chocolate frog" due to its chocolate colour, it belongs to the Australasian tree frog genus Litoria. Hence the new species was named as 'Litoria mira'. The closest known relative of this new species is the Australian green tree frog.

10. Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope is being developed by which country?

- A) Japan
 B) USA ☒
 C) Russia
 D) Israel



- ✓ Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope is NASA's new next-generation space telescope, which is currently under development. Formerly known as Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope, it is named after NASA's first Chief of Astronomy, as the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope. Recently, NASA announced that thousands of exploding stars called supernovae are to be observed through this telescope.
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1. Aspergillosis, which was making news recently, is a disease?

- A) Viral
B) Bacteria
C) Fungi ☒
D) None of the above



- ✓ Aspergillosis is an infection, allergic reaction, or fungal growth caused by the Aspergillus fungus. Recently, after a sharp rise in black and white fungus cases in India, cases of aspergillosis infections have been reported. Those with weakened immune systems or lung diseases, which is common in COVID-19 patients, are said to be at high risk of infection.

2. Which state launched the Chief Minister's Sishu Sewa Scheme?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Assam ☒
C) Bihar
D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ The Assam government has recently announced Chief Minister's Sishu Sewa Scheme for the welfare of those children who lost parents due to COVID-19. Monthly scholarship of Rs. 3,500 per month would be given to those children who lost their parents but have their extended family members. Free residential educational facilities would be provided to children who don't have extended family members.

3. Which state has introduced India's 1st city sewage surveillance system?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Karnataka ☒
C) Maharashtra
D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The state government of Karnataka has introduced a city sewage surveillance system in Bangalore. This is aimed to track coronavirus at an early stage. This effort of Karnataka is supported by USAID (United States Agency for International Development) and COVIDactionCollab (CAC). CAC is supporting the state by providing training to sanitation workers in collecting samples and analysing them in labs.

4. Tasneem Aslam from Kerala has received the Golden Visa in the exceptional student category, to which country?

- A) USA
B) UAE ☒
C) Japan
D) Australia



- ✓ Tasneem Aslam, an Indian student belonging to Kerala has received United Arab Emirates (UAE) 10-year Golden Visa under the exceptional student category.
✓ The student is permitted to stay in the UAE till the year 2031. This visa is one of the most coveted documents, which is given to prominent global personalities for merit and academic credentials.

5. "Sea snot" which is in the news, has been reported to accumulate in the coast of which country?

- A) India
B) Singapore
C) Turkey ☒
D) Japan



- ✓ Marine mucilage or "sea snot" is reported to have accumulated along the coast of Turkey. The sea snot is a thick jelly-like layer of slime which is formed by the population explosion of microscopic plants called phytoplankton. Some Researchers believe that the increase in sea surface temperature due to climate change, has led to this effect while few others see over-fishing as the root cause.

6. Which state has launched the portal named "Akanksha"?

- A) Karnataka ☒
B) Odisha
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Haryana



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Karnataka B S Yediyurappa has launched a portal named Akanksha, which would provide details on all the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities in Karnataka.
✓ This comprehensive portal would help the state Government officials, corporates and donors. It seeks to improve transparency in utilisation of CSR funds by the Government.

7. Which country has introduced a new legislation named as EAGLE Act?

- A) USA ☒
B) UAE
C) UK
D) Syria



- ✓ A bill named "Ensuring American Global Leadership and Engagement" or EAGLE Act has been moved in the USA's legislative body. This bill is seen as a counter to the policy challenges posed by China. The bill seeks for increased investment to promote US manufacturing, trade and seeks for increased US intervention to Taiwan and Hong Kong.

8. What is the name of the undersea power cable project between Germany and Norway?

- A) GermanLink
B) NordLink ☒
C) NorwayLink
D) GeNorLink



- ✓ Germany and Norway have opened the operations of a 623-kilometer undersea power cable between the two countries. This project is called the NordLink and is aimed to exchange green energy between the two countries. The project has cost more than \$2.2 billion and is seen as a major initiative to shift to green energy.

9. As a COVID-19 distress mitigating measure, PSBs in India announced to provide unsecured loans to individuals up to which amount?

- A) Rs 1 lakh
B) Rs 2 lakh
C) Rs 5 lakh ☒
D) Rs 25 lakh



- ✓ As a measure to mitigate the distress caused due to COVID 19 pandemic, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in India have announced to provide financial assistance to individuals in the form of unsecured loans up to a limit of Rs 5 lakh. This is a part of the three new loan products introduced by the PSBs to provide financial support to vaccine manufacturers, hospitals/dispensaries, pathology labs etc.

10. Offshore patrol vessel "Sajag" has been commissioned to which armed force?

- A) Indian Coast Guard ☒
- B) Indian Navy
- C) Indian Army
- D) CRPF



- ✓ Offshore patrol vessel ICG Sajag has been commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard, by the National Security Advisor to India (NSA) Ajit Doval. The ship was commissioned by NSA virtually. This vessel is constructed by the Goa Shipyard Limited exclusively for the Coast Guard. At present, the Indian Coast Guard has 160 ships and 62 aircraft in its fleet.
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1. "Tianzhou-2" is a spacecraft of which country?

- A) Japan
B) Russia
C) China ☒
D) South Korea



- ✓ Tianzhou-2, or "Heavenly Vessel" is China's cargo spacecraft which carried supplies, equipment and propellant to the space station which is being developed by China. It has successfully docked itself to the module Tianhe, which is a part of a space station. The spacecraft was launched from earth using the Long March-7 Y3 rocket.

2. Pooja Rani Bohra is associated with which sport?

- A) Table Tennis
B) Boxing ☒
C) Athletics
D) Archery



- ✓ Indian woman boxer Pooja Rani Bohra has clinched her second continental title at the Asian boxing championships, being held in Dubai. The Olympic bound boxing champion registered this victory against Mavluda Movlonova of Uzbekistan in the 75kg category with a score of 5-0.

3. When is the "World No Tobacco Day" observed by WHO every year?

- A) May 29
B) May 30
C) May 31 ☒
D) June 01



- ✓ Every year, 31st May is observed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as the "World No Tobacco Day". The theme for this year is "Commit to quit". This day was created by the WHO members in the year 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the deaths associated with using tobacco. A resolution was passed in 1988 to observe 31st May as the No Tobacco Day.

4. Which of the following sectors have been included in ECLGS 4.0?

- A) Civil Aviation ☒
B) Agriculture
C) Construction
D) Ship Building



- ✓ The Union Government has launched the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 4.0 and has expanded the scope of the scheme by including the civil aviation sector and loan to health institutions for on-site oxygen generation. Under ECLGS 4.0 a maximum loan of 40% of the outstanding loan, or Rs 200 crore whichever is lower can be availed by borrowers from financial institutions.

5. ESIC and EPFO schemes are implemented by which ministry?

- A) Finance Ministry
B) Labour Ministry ☒
C) MSME Ministry
D) Ministry of Social Justice



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has announced additional benefits for workers enrolled under ESIC and EPFO schemes, to remove fear and anxiety about the well-being of their

family. As per the new benefit, in case of an employee's death due to COVID, all dependent family members of the insured person would be entitled to receive the same benefits as in the case of death resulting from employment injury.

6. What is the Child helpline number of the Ministry of Women and Child Development?

- A) 1075
B) 1098 ☒
C) 1091
D) 14567



- ✓ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting urged the private TV news channels to display four new national helpline numbers to help the citizens during the COVID-19 awareness initiative.
✓ In a letter to all private TV news channels, the said these national helpline numbers should be displayed in appropriate way: The National helpline number of Health Ministry -1075, Child helpline of the Ministry of Women and Child Development-1098, Senior citizens helpline of the Social Justice Ministry - 14567 and helpline of NIMHANS for psychological support - 08046110007.

7. NASA's Curiosity rover captured images of a cloud over the Gale Crater, situated in which astronomical body?

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



- ✓ NASA's Curiosity rover captured the images of the clouds seen above Gale Crater of the Mars. The crater is 154 km in diameter and estimated to be about 3.5-3.8 billion years old. The image is a combination of 21 individual photographs the rover took recently to study a strange type of cloud over the Gale Crater.

8. Which company has introduced the world's first 'Nano Urea'?

- A) IFFCO ☒
B) National Fertilizers Ltd
C) Rashtriya Chemical and Fertilizers
D) Chambal Fertilizers



- ✓ Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) said that it has introduced the world's first Nano Urea Liquid for farmers across the world. The technology was developed at Nano Biotechnology Research Centre, Kalol. This is expected to reduce the input cost of farmers and will significantly bring down the cost of logistics and warehousing.

9. Hubble Space Telescope has captured a detailed photo of NGC 691, a

- A) Galaxy ☒
B) Meteor
C) Cloud
D) Exoplanet



- ✓ The NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope has captured a detailed photograph of a spiral galaxy called NGC 691. NGC 691 is a spiral galaxy located at around 125 million light-years away in the constellation of Aries. It is the foremost member of the NGC 691 group, a collection of nine galaxies of varied shapes and colors.

10. When is World Brain Tumor Day observed across the world, every year?

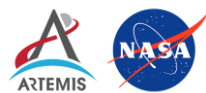
- A) June 08 ☒
- B) June 10
- C) June 12
- D) June 14



- ✓ World Brain Tumour Day is observed on 8 June every year, across the world. The objective of the day is to raise awareness and educate general public about brain tumour. The World Brain Tumour Day was initially designated by Leipzig based non-profit organisation German Brain Tumour Association in the year 2000.
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1. The Artemis Accord, that was recently making news, an agreement for space exploration of New Zealand and which agency?

- A) ROSCOSMOS
B) ISRO
C) NASA ☒
D) ESA



- ✓ New Zealand has entered into an agreement for space exploration with NASA. With this, New Zealand becomes the eleventh country to sign the Artemis Accord, which is an agreement with NASA to be a part of its plans to send humans to the moon by 2024 and further to Mars.

2. The recently reported H10N3 is a strain of ___?

- A) Bird Flu ☒
B) Corona virus
C) Anthrax
D) Swine Fever



- ✓ China has reported the first human infection of a rare strain of bird flu known as H10N3. The case has been confirmed in a 41-year-old man, by China's National Health Commission.
- ✓ This bird flu variant is supposed to be low pathogenic, which means it causes relatively less severe disease in poultry. No other case of this infection has been reported in the world.

3. Which bank has recently published the economic research report "Ecowrap"?

- A) State Bank of India ☒
B) Punjab National Bank
C) Axis Bank
D) HDFC Bank



- ✓ The State Bank of India, in its economic research report "Ecowrap" has predicted India's GDP to grow at 7.9% for the FY 2021-22.
- ✓ Earlier the report had predicted a growth of 10.4%, and it has now been downgraded due to the large impact of the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic in the country.

4. Japanese player Naomi Osaka plays which sports?

- A) Badminton
B) Tennis ☒
C) Archery
D) Weight Lifting



- ✓ Leading Tennis champion and world number two Naomi Osaka has announced that she would withdraw from the French Open and would spend some time away from the court.
- ✓ She had posted that she would boycott the mandatory post-match press conferences on the grounds of mental health reasons. In turn, the organisers imposed a penalty on the player.

5. What is the theme of World Milk Day, 2021?

- A) Sustainability in the dairy sector ☒
B) Milk For All
C) Leaving No one Behind
D) Milk and SDG



- ✓ Every year, on 1st of June, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations observes World Milk Day. This day was first established in the year 2001 to recognize the importance of milk as a

global food and to cherish the dairy sector. This year, the theme / prime focus would be on Sustainability in the dairy sector.

6. In context with recent news of Goa, what does the abbreviation GIFT stand for?

- A) Goa Institution For Future Transformation ☒
B) Goa Institution For Financial Transformation
C) Goa Institution For Fin Tech
D) Goa Institution For Foreign Affairs



- ✓ The State Government of Goa has constituted a Think Tank named Goa Institution For Future Transformation (GIFT). This institution would assist, advise and guide the state government on various policy matters and welfare decisions. The functions of GIFT would be very similar to that of NITI Aayog.

7. Which country has recently come up with a policy for three children, as against the present two children limit?

- A) India
B) USA
C) Japan
D) China ☒



- ✓ China has announced that it would permit couples to have three children as against the present two children limit, which was brought in 2016. This decision has been made by the Chinese government, since the country's birth rates have registered a steep decline as per the latest census release.

8. Which country has hosted the P4G summit 2021?

- A) India
B) USA
C) South Korea ☒
D) North Korea



- ✓ P4G – Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 summit is hosted by the Republic of Korea / South Korea and was organised at Seoul. It is an acceleration event for promoting market-based partnerships to build sustainable and resilient economies. The theme of the event is "Inclusive Green Recovery Towards Carbon Neutrality".

9. Which institution implements the "Horticulture Cluster Development Programme"?

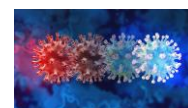
- A) Food and Agricultural Organization
B) National Horticulture Board ☒
C) NABARD
D) Ministry of Food Processing Industries



- ✓ The Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the Horticulture Cluster Development Programme. The programme has been launched on a pilot basis in 12 clusters covering 11 States / UTs. This is a central sector programme implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB), which aims to make identified horticulture clusters globally competitive.

10. With reference to Covid, what are 'Kappa' and 'Delta'?

- A) New Measure of COVID spread
B) New Labels for COVID Variants ☒
C) New Category in COVID Positive Rate
D) New Global Vaccine Initiatives



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced new labels, using Greek alphabets, for various variants of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19). As per the WHO, Covid variant first found in India (B.1.617.2) will be referred to as Delta, while earlier found variant in the country (B.1.617.1) will be known as Kappa.
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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, DAICT, 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.

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.