

1. Which institution released the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction–Special Report on Drought 2021?

- A) FAO
 B) UNDRR
 C) WFP
 D) UNESCO



- ✓ The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) has released the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction–Special Report on Drought 2021. As per the assessment, Drought has directly affected 1.5 billion people so far this century, more than any other disaster. This increased number is due to climate change, environmental degradation and demographic shifts.

2. What is 'ICMED 13485 PLUS', which was seen in the news recently?

- A) Quality Certification Scheme
 B) Poverty Allevation Scheme
 C) Road Project
 D) Vaccination Scheme



- ✓ ICMED is the name of the scheme that was launched for Certification of Medical Devices in the year 2016. Recently, the Quality Council of India (QCI), and the Association of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices (AiMeD) have added some features to the scheme. The new scheme is renamed as ICMED 13485 PLUS. It will undertake verification of the quality, safety and efficacy of medical devices.

3. Which organisation has proposed to set up an International Carbon Price Floor?

- A) IMF
 B) World Bank
 C) ADB
 D) AIIB



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has proposed to set up an International Carbon price floor to help limit global warming. It aims to achieve the transition toward low carbon growth over this decade. As per the IMF chief, limiting global warming to 1.5 to 2 degrees will require emissions to be cut by a quarter to a half by 2030.

4. Which crop has been identified as an alternate feedstock source for Ethanol production in India?

- A) Cotton
 B) Jute
 C) Cassava
 D) Potato



- ✓ ICAR–Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI) has found cassava (tapioca) as a promising raw material for bioethanol production. As a biofuel crop, cassava has several advantages compared to sugarcane. Cassava has high starch content and ability to grow under low management conditions. This will help meet India's Ethanol Blending Petrol (EBP) programme target of 2025.

5. Great Barrier Reef, which was seen in the news recently, is a famous coral reef situated in which country?

- A) USA
 B) Australia
 C) Japan
 D) India



- ✓ Great Barrier Reef spans for 2300 km off Australia's north–east coast. It gained World Heritage ranking in 1981 due to its scientific and intrinsic importance. Recently, UNESCO recently said the Great Barrier Reef should be put on a list of World Heritage Sites.

6. M–Yoga application, launched by India recently, was developed in association with which organisation?

- A) UN
 B) WHO
 C) CDC
 D) John Hopkins University



- ✓ India Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of M–Yoga app, which will host training videos to be available worldwide in different languages.
 ✓ The app is a collaborative work between the World Health Organisation and Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (Ministry of AYUSH), Government of India.

7. Laurel Hubbard, who is selected as the first transgender athlete to compete at the Olympics, is from which country?

- A) USA
 B) Russia
 C) New Zealand
 D) South Africa



- ✓ 43–year–old Laurel Hubbard from New Zealand has been selected as the first transgender athlete to compete at the Tokyo Olympics.
 ✓ Hubbard will be the first Trans Olympian when she takes part in the super–heavyweight women's competition. She will compete in the super–heavyweight 87–kg category after testosterone levels required by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) are met.

8. What is the name of the Engine which can be used with 100 percent crude oil or 100 percent ethanol?

- A) Multi fuel Engine
 B) Flex fuel Engine
 C) Alternative Engine
 D) Sustainable Engine



- ✓ The union minister for Road Transport and Highways announced that the Ministry will make the Flex–fuel engines, mandatory for the automobile industry. In a flex fuel engine, there will be choice for the people to use 100 percent crude oil or 100 percent ethanol. India has earlier preponed the cut–off date for mixing 20 per cent ethanol in petrol from 2030 to 2025.

9. Which organization has released the World Investment Report 2021?

- A) UNCTAD
 B) WTO
 C) IMF
 D) World Bank



- ✓ The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has recently released the World Investment Report 2021. The report noted that global FDI has fallen by 35% due to COVID pandemic.
 ✓ UNCTAD has stated that India is the fifth largest recipient of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in the world for 2020 and its value stood at USD 64 billion.

10. Which state is set to form an economic advisory council composed of Esther Duflo and Raghuram Rajan?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) West Bengal
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The state Government of Tamil Nadu has proposed to set up an Economic advisory council, which would comprise of eminent economists like Nobel laureate Esther Duflo, former Reserve Bank of India governor Raghuram Rajan, Former Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian, development economist Jean Dreze and former Union Finance secretary S Narayan.
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