

1. As per the Finance Ministry's notification, what is the limit of tax exemption on Covid treatment expenses if received from another person?

- A) Rs 1 lakh  
B) Rs 5 lakh  
C) Rs 10 lakh   
D) Rs 25 lakh



- ✓ As per the Finance Ministry's recent notification, tax on expenses incurred on Covid treatment of an employee, borne by employers or any another person, is exempted.
- ✓ This exemption is applicable to any amount paid by the employer, and limited to Rs 10 lakh if received from any other person. This covers treatment of Covid-19 during FY20 and subsequent years.

2. Which organisation test-fired enhanced Pinaka rocket and Caliber Rockets?

- A) HAL  
B) DRDO   
C) ISRO  
D) L&T



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired an extended range version of indigenously developed "Pinaka" rocket.
- ✓ 25 Enhanced Pinaka Rockets were test fired at Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The 122 mm Caliber rockets were launched from a Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL).

3. Which fruit is scientifically referred to as 'Hylocereusundatus'?

- A) Dragon fruit   
B) Orange  
C) Custard Apple  
D) Watermelon



- ✓ Scientifically referred to as Hylocereusundatus, the dragon fruit is called as 'Kamalam' in India, due to its resemblance to a lotus flower. Recently, India exported its first consignment of the Dragon Fruit sourced from the farmers of Sangli district, Maharashtra to Dubai, as per the announcement from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

4. Which Asian country was declared Malaria-Free by the World Health Organisation recently?

- A) Bangladesh  
B) China   
C) Thailand  
D) Nepal



- ✓ China has been officially certified as 'Malaria-free' by the World Health Organization (WHO). It is only the second country in the Asia Pacific region to get the tag, after Sri Lanka in 2016. In the 1940s, it had an estimated 30 million cases and 300,000 deaths per year.

5. Which is the biggest air carrier in Saudi Arabia?

- A) Emirates Airlines  
B) Etihad Airways  
C) Saudi Arabian Airlines   
D) Qantas Airlines



- ✓ Saudi Arabian Airlines, owned by the state is the biggest carrier in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Others include low-cost carrier Flyadeal and Flynas. Recently, Saudi Arabia announced plans to launch a second national airline. This would push the kingdom to the fifth rank globally in terms of air transit traffic.

6. Which is the first mRNA vaccine, to get Emergency Use License in India?

- A) Sputnik  
B) Sinovac  
C) Moderna mRNA 1273   
D) Pfizer vaccine



- ✓ India approved its fourth Covid-19 vaccine, and its first mRNA vaccine, Moderna's mRNA-1273. It is sold under the brand name 'Spikevax' in the US. Now the vaccines can be imported to India without bridging clinical studies. Moderna vaccine which has 94.1 percent efficacy will be available in India through the Indian pharma company Cipla.

7. Which tax on crude Palm oil was recently reduced to 10 percent?

- A) Excise Duty  
B) Customs Duty   
C) Goods and Services Tax  
D) None of the above



- ✓ As per a recent notification by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the basic customs duty on crude palm oil has been cut to 10 percent and refined palm oil to 37.5 percent.
- ✓ This tax cut could make palm oil more attractive than rival soybean and sunflower oil, which will boost imports and bring down the edible oil prices. This lower tax rate will apply from June 30 to September 30.

8. Which pharma company manufactures the DRDO drug 2-DG to treat Covid patients?

- A) Dr Reddys   
B) Sun Pharma  
C) Serum Institute  
D) Bharat Biotech



- ✓ 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) was developed by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences (INMAS), a laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with Dr Reddy's company.
- ✓ Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL) has commercially launched 2-DG drug, an oral drug used to treat moderate to severe Covid patients.

9. Which Indian state exported Burmese grapes, Red Rice and Lemon, to foreign countries?

- A) West Bengal  
B) Bihar  
C) Assam   
D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ A shipment of fresh Burmese grapes referred as 'Leteku' in Assamese language has been recently exported to Dubai from Guwahati by air route.
- ✓ APEDA facilitated the export of the fruits rich in vitamin C and Iron. Recently, APEDA assisted in exports of the first consignment of 'red rice' to the USA and GI-certified KajiNemu (Assam lemon) to London.

10. Which Indian won the Japan's Fukuoka Prize for 2021?

- A) Amartya Sen
- B) P Sainath
- C) Urjit Patel
- D) Raghuram Rajan



- ✓ Veteran journalist P. Sainath has been selected as one of the three recipients of the Japan's Fukuoka Prize for 2021.
  - ✓ Sainath will receive the Grand Prize of the Fukuoka Prize, for spreading knowledge through writings and commentaries on rural India and for promoting civil cooperation. Eleven Indians have received the Fukuoka Prize so far.
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