

1. As per a recent NASA study, 'Nuisance floods' will occur frequently in 2030, due to the wobble in the orbit of which satellite?

- A) Moon   
 B) Titan  
 C) Phobos  
 D) Deimos



- ✓ As per the recent study conducted by USA's NASA, a 'wobble' in Moon's orbit combined with rising sea levels due to climate change will lead to devastating floods on Earth. Called 'Nuisance floods', these usually occur in coastal areas when the tide reaches about 2 feet above the daily average high tide. As per the study, these nuisance floods will become more frequent and irregular by mid-2030s.

2. When is the 'World Population Day' observed every year?

- A) July.11   
 B) July.12  
 C) July.14  
 D) July.16



- ✓ The 'World Population Day' is observed across the world, on July 11 every year. The day was first celebrated in the year 1990. Inspired by the awareness created by 'Five Billion Day' on the same day in 1987 when the world's population reached 5 billion, UNDP recommended the observance of Population Day on July 11. The 2021 theme for the day is "The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility".

3. KVIC is a statutory body formed in which year?

- A) 1947  
 B) 1957   
 C) 1988  
 D) 1999



- ✓ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is a statutory body under the Union Ministry of MSME, formed in April 1957 under the act of Parliament - 'Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956'. Recently, KVIC has secured the trademark registration for its brand "Khadi" in Bhutan, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Mexico.

4. Which Indian University has partnered with ICCR, to set up Bangabandhu Chair?

- A) Madras University  
 B) Delhi University   
 C) Anna University  
 D) Periyar University



- ✓ An MoU was signed between the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Delhi University to set up the 'Bangabandhu Chair' at Delhi University. The Chair will focus on the common heritage of the two countries and several subjects including Buddhist Studies, languages including Bangla, Geography, History, Music, Fine Arts, Political Science, International relations and Sociology. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the first President of Bangladesh.

5. Which city is the venue of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting 2021?

- A) Dushanbe   
 B) Moscow  
 C) Shanghai  
 D) New Delhi



- ✓ The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting was recently held in the city of Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan. India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar participated in the meeting, representing India. He urged the SCO to stop terror financing.  
 ✓ Foreign Ministers of Russia, China and Pakistan also attended the meeting. Situation in Afghanistan as well as public health and economic recovery were discussed.

6. The Union Cabinet has approved MoU with which country, on cooperation regarding Coking Coal?

- A) Russia   
 B) Sweden  
 C) Japan  
 D) Australia



- ✓ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Steel of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation on cooperation regarding Coking Coal.  
 ✓ Coking Coal is used for Steel making. The MoU shall benefit the steel sector in India by reducing their input cost and cost of steel in domestic market. The Cabinet also approves MoU between India and Denmark for cooperation in health and medicine.

7. North Eastern Institute of Folk Medicine (NEIFM) is situated in which state?

- A) Assam  
 B) Sikkim  
 C) Arunachal Pradesh   
 D) Meghalaya



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has given its approval for changing the name and mandate of North Eastern Institute of Folk Medicine (NEIFM) as North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Folk Medicine Research (NEIAFMR). The NEIFM is located in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. It was established for systemic research, documentation of traditional folk medicine and medicinal practices of the region.

8. Which Union Minister has been appointed as the Leader of House in Rajya Sabha?

- A) Piyush Goyal   
 B) Amit Shah  
 C) Rajnath Singh  
 D) Nirmala Sitharaman



- ✓ Union Minister Piyush Goyal was appointed as the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha, filling the vacancy created by Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is now the Governor of Karnataka.  
 ✓ Piyush Goyal, who is a Rajya Sabha member from Maharashtra, is in charge of several Ministries including Commerce and industry, Consumer affairs, food and public distribution, and Textiles. The Leader will play a key role in ensuring the smooth functioning of the House and better coordination with all parties.

9. Who is the head of the Commission set up to examine the issue of Sub-categorization within OBCs in the Central List?

- A) A K Sikri  
 B) G Rohini   
 C) Ranjan Gogoi  
 D) S A Bobde



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the Eleventh Extension of the term of the Commission constituted under Article 340 of the Constitution to examine the issue of Sub-categorization within Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the Central List by 6 months, up to 31st January 2022.
- ✓ The commission, which took charge on October 11, 2017, is headed by retired Delhi High Court Chief Justice G Rohini.

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10. Which Indian state/UT had maximum deaths due to lightning strikes during 2020–21, as per annual Lightning Report?

- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka
- C) Assam
- D) Bihar



- ✓ According to India's second annual Lightning Report, Bihar reported the most deaths due to lightning between April 1, 2020– March 31, 2021 (401 deaths), followed by Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ According to the report, the most number of deaths are due to people standing under isolated tall trees. The Odisha–West Bengal–Jharkhand belt is more prone as lightning strikes originate from Chot Nagpur Plateau. India witnessed 1.85 crore strikes in 2020–2021 compared to 1.38 crore strikes in 2019–2020.