

1. In which year was the OECD founded?

- A) 1940  
B) 1957  
C) 1961   
D) 1999



- ✓ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an intergovernmental economic organization, founded in the year 1961 with its headquarter in Paris, France.
- ✓ As per the OECD FAO Agricultural Outlook 2021-2030 released recently, the global pulse market would increase by 22 million tons by 2030 from the present level of 92 million tons. The report further states that the projected increase would come mostly from Asian countries, especially India.

2. Which Union Ministry implements the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana?

- A) Ministry of Mines   
B) Ministry of Coal  
C) Ministry of Home Affairs  
D) Ministry of Women and Child Welfare



- ✓ The Centre has taken complete control of the district mineral foundation (DMF) funds. It has rejected the states' right to sanction or approve any expenditure out of the funds accrued from mandatory contribution from mining lease holders.
- ✓ Under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana, The DMFs are required to use these funds for the welfare of persons and areas affected by mining-related operations. The tribal population are the main targeted beneficiaries.

3. "Vikas Engine" is associated with which organization?

- A) ISRO   
B) DRDO  
C) HAL  
D) BHEL



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the third long-duration hot test of the Vikas Engine - the liquid propellant engine to be used for India's human mission to space, the Gaganyaan. The engine would be used at the core L110 liquid stage of GSLV Mk III rocket for the Gaganyaan mission.

4. Which institution has launched a new scheme named 'FASTER' or 'Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records'?

- A) Reserve Bank of India  
B) Supreme Court of India   
C) Election Commission of India  
D) Central Bureau of Investigation



- ✓ Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana launched a new scheme called 'FASTER' or 'Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records'.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the Supreme Court will instantly transmit bail and other orders to the jail authorities, district courts and the High Courts. This will be done in a secure way electronically. As per the present practice, hard copy of the bail order received by hand mandated.

5. Which country chaired the 7<sup>th</sup> BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting, held in July 2021?

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



- ✓ The Labour Ministers of five BRICS nations - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa took part in the BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Declaration. India's Union Minister for Labour and Employment Bhubender Yadav chaired the 7<sup>th</sup> BRICS meeting.
- ✓ The five countries resolved to recover with stronger national economies, inclusive labour markets and social protection systems. Russia organized the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Labour and Employment Ministers in Moscow on October 9, 2020.

6. India recently held a virtual maritime exercise 'Exercise Shield', with which countries?

- A) Sri Lanka and Maldives   
B) Bangladesh and Maldives  
C) Japan and Thailand  
D) USA and Russia



- ✓ Indian and Sri Lankan Navies and Maldives National Defence Force held a tri-nation table top anti-narcotics and maritime search and rescue exercise, 'Exercise Shield'.
- ✓ The Table top Exercise held virtually, aims to share best practices and fine-tune procedures to curb narcotics smuggling in the region. Indian Navy's Western Naval Command was the lead agency and the exercise was coordinated by Maritime Warfare Centre, Mumbai.

7. What is the theme of the World Youth Skills Day 2021?

- A) Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic   
B) Leaving No one Behind  
C) Skillful World, Safe World  
D) Skill Development in Schools



- ✓ In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day, to celebrate the importance of providing young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. This year, the theme of the World Youth Skills Day is 'Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic'.
- ✓ As per UNESCO, COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the widespread disruption of the technical and vocational education and training sector. 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Skill India Mission was also observed in India.

8. Which country's National Plastic Surgery Day is celebrated as World Plastic Surgery Day?

- A) Japan  
B) India   
C) Thailand  
D) Singapore



- ✓ Plastic surgery is said to have originated in India. Association of Plastic Surgeons in India (APSI) introduced the concept of National Plastic Surgery Day in 2011. Since then, on July 15, the day has been observed in India, when Plastic surgeons across the country perform free operations and conduct awareness programmes.
- ✓ At the World Council of Leaders organised recently, July 15 is accepted as World Plastic Surgery Day.

9. Which Union Ministry designed and launched the 'School Innovation Ambassador Training Program'?

- A) Skill Development Ministry  
B) Education Ministry   
C) Women and Child Development Ministry  
D) Information and Broadcasting Ministry



- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan along with Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda launched the 'School Innovation Ambassador Training Program'. The program is jointly designed by Innovation Cell of Education Ministry and AICTE. It aims at training 50,000 school teachers on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, IPR, Design Thinking, Product development, among others.
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10. What is the name of the operation launched by the Indian Navy to protect Indian vessels in the Gulf region?

- A) Operation Vanilla
- B) Operation Sankalp
- C) Operation Purple
- D) Operation Crude



- ✓ Operation Sankalp was launched by the Indian Navy in June 2019, after there were explosions on board two oil tanker ships in the Gulf of Oman. As per the official statement of the Indian Navy, the operation has provided safe passage to an average of 16 Indian-flagged merchant vessels in the Gulf region every day.
  - ✓ The Indian Navy ship with an integral helicopter has been continuously deployed in the north-west Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman and Persian Gulf from June 2019.
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