

1. Government of India has signed loan agreement with which Bank to develop Green National Highway Corridors (GNHCP)?

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



- ✓ Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Jairam Gadkari announced that the Government had signed loan agreement with the World Bank to develop Green National Highway Corridors (GNHCP).
- ✓ The project includes upgradation of about 781 km length of various National Highways passing through the states of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Out of total length of 781 km, work on 287.96 km with an outlay of Rs. 1664.44 cr. has been awarded. The project is estimated to be completed by December, 2025.

2. July 18 is the birth anniversary of which Nobel Prize winning leader?

- A) Aung San Suu Kyi
B) Nelson Mandela
C) Kofi Annan
D) Yasser Arafat



- ✓ July 18 is celebrated as Nelson Mandela International Day marking his birth date. He is known and remembered all over the world for his efforts to promote peace and reconciliation. He became the first Black President of South Africa and was awarded the Noble Prize for Peace in the year 1993. The South African anti-apartheid revolutionary served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

3. Which country supplied the MH-60R multi-role helicopters to India?

- A) China
B) England
C) USA
D) New Zealand



- ✓ The Indian Navy has received two MH-60R multi-role helicopters from the US. The Indian Navy formally received the choppers from the US Navy in a ceremony held at a naval air station in San Diego. The helicopters were manufactured by Lockheed Martin Corporation.

4. As per the UN Data, which country recorded the greatest increase in children not receiving a first dose of DTP-1 vaccine?

- A) Zimbabwe
B) Sri Lanka
C) India
D) Bangladesh



- ✓ As per the recent data from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the UN children's agency UNICEF, India recorded the greatest increase in the world in the number of children who didn't receive the first dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis combined vaccine in 2020.
- ✓ The data highlights that 23 million children globally missed the basic vaccines through routine immunisation services in 2020, due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.

5. Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company and Snehakunja Trust, which won the UNDP Equator Prize are from which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu and Karnataka
B) Tamil Nadu and Kerala
C) Karnataka and Odisha
D) Odisha and Telangana



- ✓ Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company and Snehakunja Trust are the two Indian institution among the 10 awardees of the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP) Equator Prize 2021.
- ✓ This is a biennial award to recognize community efforts for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company Limited is a 1,700-member cooperative, run by indigenous people from the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve in Tamil Nadu. Snehakunja Trust has protected wetland and coastal ecosystems in the Western Ghats and the Karnataka coast.

6. FIDE is the international federation of which game?

- A) Football
B) Chess
C) Basketball
D) Hockey



- ✓ Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) is the World Chess Federation, headquartered at Lausanne, Switzerland. It was founded on July 20, 1924 and has as many as 195 member countries.
- ✓ To commemorate the formation of FIDE, World Chess Day is celebrated on July 20, every year since 1966. The day encourages more people to play and enjoy the game of chess. Chess originated in India, moved to Persia and spread across the Southern Europe.

7. Which country has invited India for the first time to the Troika Plus meet on Afghanistan?

- A) Russia
B) USA
C) China
D) Pakistan



- ✓ Russia has invited India for the first time to the Russia-US-China Troika Plus meet on Afghanistan.
- ✓ The meeting aims to discuss the role of Taliban and the future of the landlocked country, among other issues. As per media reports, Iran has also been invited for the meeting. Pakistan and representatives from Afghanistan are also expected to take part in the meeting.

8. Ganymede, which was making news recently, is the moon of which planet?

- A) Venus
B) Mercury
C) Jupiter
D) Saturn



- ✓ Ganymede is a satellite of Jupiter and is the largest and most massive of the moons present in the Solar System. It is also the ninth-largest object of the Solar System, including the Sun.
- ✓ The US space agency NASA has recently released a new video in which its Juno spacecraft was seen flying close to Jupiter's moon Ganymede. The video shows several of the moon's dark and light regions as well as the crater Tros, one of the largest and brightest crater scars on Ganymede.

9. Which Union Ministry has formulated a Draft National Strategy and Roadmap for Development of Rural Tourism in India?

- A) Ministry of Tourism
- B) Ministry of Labour
- C) Ministry of Law
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism has formulated a Draft National Strategy and Roadmap for Development of Rural Tourism in India - An initiative towards Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- ✓ The Ministry has also invited feedback from all the State Governments/UT Administrations regarding the policy. The strategy focusses on new ideas like Digital technologies, Developing clusters among others. It has also identified Rural Circuit as one of the thematic circuits under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

10. NEA Scout, is the new Spacecraft of which space agency?

- A) ISRO
- B) JAXA
- C) NASA
- D) ESA



- ✓ NASA recently announced that its new spacecraft, named NEA Scout (Near-Earth Asteroid Scout) has completed all required tests and has been safely tucked inside the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket. NEA Scout is one of several payloads that will ride on Artemis I, which is expected to be launched in November. Under the Artemis programme, NASA has aimed to land the first woman on the Moon in 2024.