

1. What is the range of inland waterways, that are operational in India?

- A) 1000 km
B) 2000 km
C) 4000 km
D) 6000 km



- ✓ Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal introduced the Inland Vessels Bill, 2021 in the Lok Sabha. It seeks to provide safety of navigation, protection of life and cargo and prevention of pollution that may be caused.
- ✓ It also seeks to bring in transparency in administration of inland water transportation, strengthen procedures governing inland vessels. Inland waterways of 4000 km are operational in India.

2. Two cities of which state have been selected by UNESCO under 'Historic Urban Landscape Project'?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Maharashtra
D) Odisha



- ✓ Gwalior and Orchha cities from Madhya Pradesh have been selected by UNESCO under 'Historic Urban Landscape Project'. The project was started in the year 2011, for the inclusive and well-planned development of fast-growing historical cities. Six cities of South Asia, including Ajmer and Varanasi in India are already involved in this project. Orchha and Gwalior have been included as the seventh and eighth cities.

3. Which Indian state has set up India's second village of books?

- A) Odisha
B) Kerala
C) Karnataka
D) West Bengal



- ✓ Bhilar, a village in Maharashtra's Satara district, was declared a 'village of books' by the State government in 2017. India's second village of books, has been set up in the small Kerala village, Perumkulam, five kilometres from the Kottarakkara town in Kollam district.
- ✓ A library has been started in memory of Mahatma Gandhi, to promote readers from the village to read more books.

4. World's first 3D-printed steel bridge was recently unveiled in which city?

- A) Amsterdam
B) Tokyo
C) Sydney
D) Moscow



- ✓ World's first 3D-printed steel bridge was opened to the public in Amsterdam recently. It was developed by MX3D, a Dutch robotics company, in collaboration with a team of experts. The bridge was unveiled by Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands.
- ✓ The bridge was developed for four years and was installed over one of the oldest canals in Amsterdam's city centre - the Oudezijds Achterburgwal.

5. How many countries make up the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation?

- A) 5
B) 6
C) 7
D) 8

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- ✓ The Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC) is an intergovernmental cooperation among 6 nations namely - India, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. It was established in the year 2000 to boost diplomatic cooperation among these countries. Recently, the 11th Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC) meeting was organized, and India was represented by the External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

6. Which Indian became the third Indian to win Tennis singles match at Olympic?

- A) Somdev Devvarman
B) Sumit Nagal
C) Yuki Bhambri
D) Rohan Bopanna



- ✓ Sumit Nagal became only the third Indian to win a men's singles match at an Olympics edition and the first in 25 years, when he defeated Denis Istomin in the first match at Tokyo Games.
- ✓ Zeeshan Ali was the first Indian to win a singles match at the 1988 Seoul Games when he beat Victor Caballero from Paraguay. After that, Leander Paes won the men's singles bronze at the 1996 Atlanta Games, beating Brazil's Fernando Meligeni.

7. Which Ministry is implementing the Companies Act, 2013 in India?

- A) Finance Ministry
B) Corporate Affairs Ministry
C) MSME Ministry
D) Commerce and Industries Ministry



- ✓ The Union Government has amended the rules pertaining to incorporation of companies under the Companies Act, 2013.
- ✓ The Corporate affairs ministry, which is implementing the Companies Act, 2013, has amended the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014. Changes are made with respect to allotment of a new name to an existing company under Section 16 of the Act. The changes will come into effect from September 1.

8. Which space agency has been selected by NASA to provide launch services for Europa Clipper Mission?

- A) Blue Origin
B) SpaceX
C) Virgin Galactic
D) Boeing



- ✓ NASA has selected Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX), to provide launch services for Europa Clipper Mission. It is the Earth's first mission to conduct detailed investigations of Jupiter's moon Europa. The mission will launch in October 2024 on a Falcon Heavy rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- ✓ NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory leads the development of the Europa Clipper mission in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

9. As per the recent data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), what is the unemployment rate in 2019–20?

- A) 6.1%
- B) 5.4%
- C) 4.8%
- D) 3.2%



- ✓ According to the third annual report on periodic labour force survey (PLFS), conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) between July 2019–June 2020, the unemployment rate fell to 4.8% in 2019–20.
- ✓ The unemployment rate in 2018–19 was 5.8% and in 2017–18 was 6.1%. Labour indicators recorded an increase in 2019–20, as compared to previous years.

10. How many virology research and diagnostic labs are proposed to be set up by the Union Government, during 2021–22 to 2025–26?

- A) 12
- B) 42
- C) 82
- D) 142



- ✓ The Government of India has proposed to establish 42 virology research and diagnostic laboratories across the country, at a total cost of Rs324 crore. These would be established during the 15th Finance Commission period of 2021–22 to 2025–26. These would be established through a scheme under the Department of Health Research (DHR), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).