

1. Which Indian organisation has rolled out a customised space-themed merchandise programme?

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



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation launched a customised space-themed merchandise programme. Recently eight companies have registered for partnership with ISRO, to undertake this programme.
- ✓ Interested persons will be able to purchase authorised products related to ISROs missions and work, such as scale models, T-shirts, space-themed educational games, science toys, among others. This brand promotion exercise will create awareness and interest among students, children and public, in space science and technology.

2. The first ever World Drowning Prevention Day is observed on which date, in 2021?

- A) 2021 July.23  
B) 2021 July.25   
C) 2020 July.27  
D) 2020 July.29



- ✓ The first ever World Drowning Prevention Day (WDPD) is observed 25 July 2021, co-ordinated by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted the resolution on global drowning prevention on 28 April 2021.
- ✓ An estimated 236,000 people drown every year, and drowning is among the ten leading causes of death for children aged 5-14 years.

3. "Azad Ki Shaurya Gatha" exhibition, which was inaugurated recently, is based on the life of which freedom fighter?

- A) Chandrasekhar Azad   
B) Bhagat Singh  
C) Subhash Chandra Bose  
D) Rani of Jhansi



- ✓ Union Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal recently inaugurated the exhibition "Azad Ki Shaurya Gatha" based on the life of the martyr 'Chandrasekhar Azad'.
- ✓ The exhibition was inaugurated at Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts, New Delhi. This is a part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", to celebrate 75 years of our country's freedom. A series of programs are being organised by Ministry of Culture for celebrating "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".

4. The North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) is located in which Indian state?

- A) Nagaland  
B) Meghalaya   
C) Assam  
D) Sikkim



- ✓ The North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) is a joint initiative of Department of Space (DOS) and the North Eastern Council (NEC). It is located in Umiam, Meghalaya. The Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, recently laid the foundation stone for the Multipurpose Convention Centre and Exhibition Facility of the North Eastern Space Applications Centre-NESAC, in Shillong.

5. Mirabai Chanu has registered India's first medal at the Tokyo Olympics in which sporting event?

- A) Sprint  
B) Wrestling  
C) Boxing  
D) Weight lifting



- ✓ India's weightlifter Mirabai Chanu has clinched the silver medal in the 49kg category and has opened the country's medal account at the Tokyo Olympics 2021. She is the second India woman to bag a silver medal at the Olympics after PV Sindhu. Also, she became the first Indian woman weight lifter to win a silver at the Olympics.

6. Which Indian hydrographer won the Alexander Dalrymple award given by the British Government?

- A) Vinay Badhwar   
B) Karambir Singh  
C) R Hari Kumar  
D) Anil Kumar Chawla



- ✓ India's chief hydrographer Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar received the Alexander Dalrymple award by the British government, in recognition of his works in areas of hydrography and nautical cartography.
- ✓ The award has been named after the first hydrographer of the British Admiralty and was instituted in 2006. Vice Admiral Badhwar was conferred with the award in 2019 but the award ceremony was held recently, due to the pandemic.

7. Which institution along with International Energy Agency (IEA) launched the 'Renewables Integration in India' report?

- A) BEE  
B) NITI Aayog   
C) PFC  
D) REC



- ✓ A report on "Renewables Integration in India 2021" was jointly launched NITI Aayog and the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- ✓ The report is based on the outcome of three state workshops held with the Governments of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat to understand the specific energy transition challenges faced by these renewable-rich states. The report highlights that India's power system requires identification of resources and advance technology initiatives.

8. Which is the first country to approve genetically modified 'Golden rice'?

- A) USA  
B) Philippines   
C) China  
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ The Philippines became the world's first country to approve the commercial production of genetically modified "golden rice", named for its bright yellow colour. The rice has been enriched with the vitamin A precursor beta-carotene to make it more nutritional.
- ✓ Experts hope that this rice will combat childhood blindness. International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), along with Philippine Rice Research Institute has developed golden rice.

9. ARMEX-21, a major skiing expedition launched by the Indian Army covers which two regions?

- A) Ladakh and Uttarakhand
- B) Gulmarg and Ladakh
- C) Manali and Gulmarg
- D) Ladakh and Rohtang Pass



- ✓ ARMEX-21 is a major skiing expedition launched by the Indian Army from Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand, covering around 1,500 km distance. This comes to close proximity with the LAC in Ladakh, Himachal, Garhwal and Kumaon sectors. The expedition comes amid border tensions between India and China.

10. Which Indian Naval Ship participated in the 325<sup>th</sup> Navy Day celebrations of the Russian Navy?

- A) INS Tabar
- B) INS Trishul
- C) INS Talwar
- D) INS Trikhand



- ✓ The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of exercise INDRA NAVY, a biennial bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy and Russian Navy was held in the Baltic Sea from 28 to 29 July 2021.
- ✓ Initiated in 2003, Ex INDRA NAVY epitomises the long-term strategic relationship between the two navies. This exercise was undertaken as part of the visit of INS Tabar to St Petersburg, Russia to participate in the 325<sup>th</sup> Navy Day celebrations of the Russian Navy. The exercise was progressed over two days and included various facets of fleet operations such as anti-air firings, underway replenishment drills, helicopter ops, boarding drills and seamanship evolutions.