

1. Which institution is implementing the Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought (BOLD) project?

- A) KVIC
 B) NABARD
 C) SIDBI
 D) Indian Army



- ✓ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has been implementing the Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought (BOLD) project. It was launched from a tribal village in Rajasthan in July, with plantation of 5000 saplings of special bamboo species.
- ✓ Recently, KVIC planted 1000 bamboo saplings at Tanot village in Jaisalmer, in collaboration with the Border Security Force (BSF). BSF will be responsible for maintaining the plants. It aims to reduce desertification and provide livelihood to the local population.

2. Where is the headquarters of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) located?

- A) New Delhi
 B) Kolkata
 C) Ranchi
 D) Raipur



- ✓ The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has taken up seven lithium exploration projects in Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Rajasthan.
- ✓ GSI is headquartered in Kolkata. The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMDER) under Department Atomic Energy (DAE) has undertaken lithium exploration in Karnataka and Rajasthan. This is seen as a part of India's energy security plans. ₹18,100 crore production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme was announced recently to make lithium-ion cells to promote e-mobility in India.

3. "Dholavira", a Harappan City, is presently located in which Indian state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
 B) Madhya Pradesh
 C) Gujarat
 D) Karnataka



- ✓ Dholavira, which is a Harappan City in the Rann of Kutch of Western Gujarat, has been inducted into the list of UNESCO's World Heritage sites. This makes it the 40th site from India to be inscribed into the list. This site was discovered in the year 1968 and is known for its unique characteristics like water management, special burial structures etc.

4. Earth System Science Data Portal has been developed and launched by which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Civil Aviation
 B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
 C) Ministry of Mines
 D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has launched an integrated portal named Earth System Science Data Portal. This portal would make available various earth related data for the public. The portal was launched as a part of the 15th Foundation Day celebration of the ministry on 27th July 2021 and has been developed in tune with the Digital India initiative of the Government of India.

5. Which organization releases the 'World Economic Outlook' report?

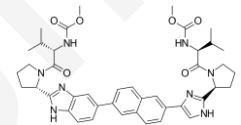
- A) RBI
 B) UNESCO
 C) World Bank
 D) IMF



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has released an update to the World Economic Outlook (WEO) for the month of July 2021, under the title "Fault Lines widen in the Global Recovery". As per the WEO update, the global economy is projected to grow 6.0 percent in 2021 and 4.9 percent in 2022. IMF also downgraded India's Growth Projection to 9.5% from 12.5% for 2021-22.

6. Which country has registered the world's first affordable drug 'Ravidasvir', for treating Hepatitis C?

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



- ✓ Malaysia has registered the world's first affordable drug for treatment of hepatitis C. This has paved the way for accessible treatment to millions of people affected by the disease across the globe. The drug named 'Ravidasvir' has been approved to be used with an existing drug sofosbuvir.
- ✓ The new drug development was initiated by Malaysia's Ministry of Health and has been developed by Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (Geneva-based Nonprofit drug organization) together with Pharco, an Egyptian generic drug manufacturer.

7. Shehroze Kashif, who has become the youngest person to reach the summit of K2, belongs to which country?

- A) India
 B) Pakistan
 C) Myanmar
 D) Nepal



- ✓ Shehroze Kashif (19), a Mountaineer from Pakistan has become the youngest person to reach the summit of K2 - the world's 2nd highest mountain peak, which is at an altitude of 8,611-metre from mean sea level. Recently in May 2021, he scaled Mount Everest and became the youngest person from Pakistan to scale the world's highest peak.

8. Which organization conducted the "Good Food for All" competition?

- A) Food and Agricultural Organization
 B) World Health Organization
 C) United Nations
 D) World Bank



- ✓ The "Good Food for All" competition was conducted by the United Nations, in search of the 'Best Small Businesses' that are providing inspiring, diverse and impactful solutions to improve access to healthy and sustainable food.
- ✓ In the competition, 3 India-based enterprises - Edible Routes Private Limited, Oorja Development Solutions India and Taru Naturals are among the winners of the "Best Small Businesses".

9. Kishtwar District, which has been affected by cloudburst and flash floods is located in which state / UT?

- A) Jammu & Kashmir
- B) Assam
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Jammu & Kashmir's mountainous Kishtwar district has been affected by a cloud burst which is followed by a severe flash flood. The state's Disaster Response Force has been swung into action, but the hilly region and difficult terrain are posing challenges in the rescue operations.

10. On which date, "International Friendship Day" is celebrated by the United Nations?

- A) August.08
- B) August.01
- C) July.30
- D) July.28



- ✓ In 2011, the UN General assembly proclaimed July 30 as the International Day of Friendship. The decision was taken with an idea that this day will create a friendship bond between peoples of different cultures, countries and religions.
- ✓ The United Nations is an international organisation which was founded in 1945. It is headquartered in New York. The main aim of this organisation is to maintain international peace and security, develop friendly relations among nations, achieve international cooperation and act as a center for harmonising the actions of different nations. At present, 193 countries are the members of the United Nations (UN).