

1. What was the theme of the "World Day against Trafficking 2021"?

- A) Save lives  
 B) The future we want, the UN we need  
 C) Human Trafficking: Call Your Government to Action  
 D) Victims voices lead the way



- ✓ "World Day against Trafficking 2021" was observed on July 30 by the 'United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime'. The theme of 2021 was "Victims' voices lead the way".
- ✓ This theme was set to raise awareness about the importance of interacting with the survivors of human trafficking. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is an international organisation or agency that was founded in 1997. It is headquartered in Vienna (Austria). Its parent organisation is United Nations Secretariat.

2. Which two space agencies collaborated to launch the mission called "NISAR"?

- A) ROSCOSMOS and NASA  
 B) NASA and CNSA  
 C) ISRO and ROSCOSMOS  
 D) ISRO and NASA



- ✓ NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) which is a joint mission of ISRO and NASA is proposed to be launched in 2023. It is focusing on making global measurement of land surface changes using advanced radar imaging. The information was given by Jitendra Singh, Earth Sciences Minister.
- ✓ NISAR Satellite will be the first satellite to use dual frequencies. It will be used for remote sensing. It will be also used for global observations over all land masses including the Polar cryosphere and the Indian Ocean region i.e., it will help in understanding the natural processes of the Earth.

3. What is the venue of INDRA-21, the Joint Military Exercise of Indian Army and Russian Army?

- A) New Delhi  
 B) Moscow  
 C) Volgograd   
 D) Ghaziabad



- ✓ A 13-day mega military exercise between Indian and Russian army is scheduled to be organised from August 1 at Volgograd city located in Russia. The name of the Joint military exercise between Indian and Russian army is INDRA. The exercise is the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of INDRA and it is named "INDRA-21".
- ✓ The military exercise will help in strengthening the bilateral security cooperation and will serve to reinforce the longstanding bond of friendship between India and Russia.

4. Which Bank's license has been cancelled by RBI in the end of July 2021 due to poor financial conditions?

- A) Andhra Pradesh Gramin Vikas Bank  
 B) Aryavart Bank  
 C) Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Limited   
 D) Prathama UP Gramin Bank



- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the license of Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Limited which is located at Margao in Goa. The license was cancelled on July 29, 2021. According to RBI, the bank would not be able to pay full amount to its depositors with its current financial position so its license has been cancelled.

5. Which is the first Indian city to be selected for "International Clean Air Catalyst" Programme?

- A) Surat  
 B) Gurugram  
 C) Indore   
 D) Bhopal



- ✓ Indore is the India's Cleanest city. It is now the first Indian city to be selected for the "International Clean Air Catalyst" Programme. The programme/project will run for 5 years with an aim to purify the air of the city. Indore Municipal Corporation and Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board will look after this project.
- ✓ The International Clean Air Catalyst programme is an initiative by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), WRI and the Environmental Defense Fund to expedite clean air solutions in cities. The Headquarter of USAID is in Washington D.C. (USA). It was founded on 3 November 1961 by John F. Kennedy.

6. Which two countries organised the 3<sup>rd</sup> Arctic Science Ministerial Meeting, 2021?

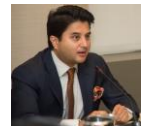
- A) India and Japan  
 B) Japan and Iceland   
 C) Japan and Russia  
 D) India and Sri Lanka



- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Arctic Science Ministerial Meeting, 2021 was organised by Japan and Iceland. It was virtually hosted by Japan.
- ✓ The meeting was organised for discussing research and cooperation in the Arctic region. The theme of the meeting was "Knowledge for a Sustainable Arctic".

7. As of July 2021, who is the Union Minister of Civil Aviation?

- A) Piyush Goyal  
 B) Jyotiraditya Scindia   
 C) Narendra Modi  
 D) Nirmala Sitharaman



- ✓ Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) Amendment Bill was introduced on July 29, 2021 in the Lok Sabha by Jyotiraditya Scindia, Minister of Civil Aviation. The Bill proposes to modify the definition of major airport under the AERA Act 2008. It paves the way for privatisation of a small loss-making airport by clubbing it with a larger airport. It will also help in accelerating the UDAN regional connectivity.

8. Where was the UN Food Systems Pre-Summit 2021 organised recently?

- A) Paris  
 B) Rome   
 C) New York  
 D) Sweden



- ✓ UN Food Systems Pre-Summit 2021 was organised recently by United Nations and Government of Italy in Rome. Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare represented India in this Pre-Summit. Narendra Singh Tomar delivered the Ministerial statement which highlighted the importance of Agriculture in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030. Out of 17 SDGs, 12 SDGs are directly dependent on agriculture.

9. Which educational institute will help in establishing a National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual effects, Gaming and Comics?

- A) IIT Mumbai
- B) IIT Chennai
- C) IIT Kharagpur
- D) IIM Bengaluru



- ✓ Anurag Thakur, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting has announced that a National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual effects, Gaming and Comics (CoE) will be set up in collaboration with IIT Bombay. The main objective of the CoE is creating a world-class talent pool in India. Media and Entertainment sector is one of the largest growing sectors in India.

10. Kangra painting, which was recently in news, is associated with which state?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Kangra painting is the pictorial art of Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. Kangra painting evolved as a unique form of art under the reign of the rulers of the former princely state, Kangra.
- ✓ But without government patronage, this unique art is getting unpopular slowly and its almost dying. To make the art popular again, Kangra Arts Promotion Society has experimented in producing a commercial form of Kangra art that could help sustain artists. They have decided to adorn sarees with Kangra painting.