

1. In terms of biological databases, what is the rank of India?

- A) 1st
B) 2nd
C) 3rd
D) 4th

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- ✓ India ranks Fourth among the top 20 countries which is contributing to biological databases. Union Minister Jitendra Singh released the "Biotech-PRIDE Guidelines. The term PRIDE means "Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange".
- ✓ It has been developed by Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology. These guidelines will enable exchange of information to promote research and innovation in different research groups across the country. The Indian Biological Data Center (IBDC) will initially implement these guidelines. Other existing datasets/dataset centers will connect to this IBDC called BioGrid.

2. Which country holds the world record in the mixed 4x100m medley relay?

- A) India
B) China
C) Japan
D) Britain



- ✓ Britain won a gold medal recently at the Tokyo Olympics in a mixed 4x100m medley relay event which is a Swimming event. Four British swimmers including male and female both participated in the mixed 4x100m medley relay and they finished first by taking total time duration of 3:37.58s. They set a world record by finishing the event in this time duration. The four swimmers who set this world record are Kathleen Dawson, Adam Peaty, James Guy and Anna Hopkin.

3. In which state / union territory, Karaikal Port is located?

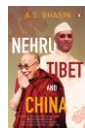
- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Puducherry
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Kerala



- ✓ The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has set up a committee after receiving the proposals from the government of Puducherry and Sri Lanka to start the passenger shipping between Karaikal Port (Puducherry) and Kankesanthurai Port (Sri Lanka). A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Sri Lanka in 2011.

4. Who is the author of the newly published book, "Nehru, Tibet and China"?

- A) Aravind Adiga
B) Ramesh Narayan
C) Avtar Singh Bhasin
D) Ramchandra Guha



- ✓ Penguin Random House India published a new book "Nehru, Tibet and China" which is authored by Avtar Singh Bhasin. Avtar Singh Bhasin is also the publisher of original archival documents. The book "Nehru, Tibet and China" describes about the various details and events that took place from the Independence of India to the 1962 Indo-China war.
- ✓ Avtar Singh Bhasin served in the Ministry of External Affairs for about 30 years. He retired in 1993 as the Director of the Historical Division. He has also served in the Ministry of Defence and National Archives of India. He has written various books on South Asian Affairs like "India in Sri Lanka: Between Lion & the Tigers".

5. Which country is named the President of the UN Security Council for August 2021?

- A) Germany
B) France
C) United Kingdom
D) India



- ✓ India, which has been elected as a non-permanent member of the Security Council recently, will serve as its president for the month of August, 2021. India, Norway, Ireland, Mexico and Kenya were elected as the non-permanent members of the 15-nation-UNSC for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2021.
- ✓ Tunisia will begin 2021 as the President of the Council in January. It will be followed by each of the members in turn for one month, as per the English alphabetical order of the name of member states.

6. Which city in India become the first city to achieve 100% Covid-19 Vaccination?

- A) Surat
B) Noida
C) Bhubaneswar
D) Indore



- ✓ Anshuman Rath, the Zonal Deputy Commissioner of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (South-east zone) said that Bhubaneswar has become the first city to achieve 100% Covid-19 Vaccination.
- ✓ Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation made different categories of people who are above 18 years like front-line workers, health workers, 18-44 age group, people above 45 years of age. So, it achieved this target by July 31.

7. Who is the first female swimmer to win seven medals in a single Olympic event?

- A) Emma McKeon
B) Sarah Sjöström
C) Pernille Blume
D) Kaylee McKeown



- ✓ Emma McKeon became the first female swimmer to win seven medals in a single Olympic event. She won seven medals at the Tokyo Olympics. She belongs to Australia. She had broken the Olympic record twice in the Tokyo Olympic. She completed the 50m freestyle event in 24.02 seconds and set a world record and then again broken this record by completing the 50m freestyle in 24 seconds.
- ✓ Emma McKeon joins Michael Phelps, Matt Biondi and Otto, as the only swimmers to win five or more golds at one Games/event.

8. Who composed the theme song of India for Tokyo Paralympics 2020?

- A) Yogeshwar Dutt
B) Deepa Malik
C) Sanjeev Singh
D) Varun Singh Bhati



- ✓ Sanjeev Singh, who is a specially-abled (Divyang) cricketer, composed and sung the theme song of India for the Tokyo Paralympics. The theme song "Kar De Kamaal Tu" was launched by Anurag Thakur, the Sports Minister of India. In the Tokyo Olympics, a record number of 54 athletes from India will participate in nine sports disciplines.

9. Nellyode Vasudevan Namboothiri, who dies recently, was associated with which dance form?

- A) Kathak
- B) Kathakali
- C) Bharatanatyam
- D) Mohiniyattam



- ✓ Nellyode Vasudevan Namboothiri was a Kathakali artist. He belonged to Kerala. He was a scholar in Sanskrit and Hindu Puranas and was a recipient of several awards including Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi, Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi award, Kerala State Kathakali Prize etc.

10. In which state, the first orchid conservation centre of North India has been inaugurated?

- A) Haryana
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Punjab
- D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ The first orchid conservation centre of North India has been inaugurated in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. The main purpose of the conservation centre is to conserve orchid species and create ventures for tourism and livelihood for local people.
- ✓ Orchid is a flowering plant and its scientific name is Orchidaceae. All orchid species are protected under CITES. CITES was enforced on 1 July, 1975. Ivonne Higuero is the current Secretary-General of CITES. It is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.