

1. Which state has announced a Microfinance Incentive and Relief Scheme?

- A) Puducherry
B) Sikkim
C) Assam
D) Telangana



- ✓ The Assam government has signed a memorandum of understanding with 37 microfinance lenders for implementation of the Assam Microfinance Incentive and Relief Scheme (AMFIRS), 2021.
✓ The scheme is aimed at providing financial relief to the microfinance borrowers in Assam to help them continue maintaining good credit discipline in COVID-19 times.

2. Which organization has made a natural gas discovery in a block in Gujarat?

- A) Reliance Petroleum
B) Vedanta
C) Indian Oil Corporation
D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation



- ✓ Vedanta has made a natural gas discovery in a block in Gujarat that it had won in the open acreage licensing policy (OALP) round. It had notified the DGH and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas of a gas and condensate discovery [named 'Jaya'] in its exploratory well Jaya1. It was drilled in OALP Block in Bharuch District of Gujarat.

3. In which city, India's first smog tower has been inaugurated?

- A) Kolkata
B) Delhi
C) Mumbai
D) Bengaluru



- ✓ Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has inaugurated India's first smog tower in Delhi's Connaught Place. If the pilot project is successful, more smog towers will be installed in the national capital. The tower constitutes a pilot study to assess the reduction of particulate air pollution in urban areas through 'air cleaning.' The 2-year-long pilot study will be carried out by IIT Delhi and IIT Bombay. The two institutions are technical advisors for the project.

4. Who has been appointed as the new governor of Manipur?

- A) Tamilisai Soundararajan
B) La Ganesan
C) Hariharan Raja Sharma
D) L Murugan



- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind on 22nd August appointed senior BJP leader from Tamil Nadu La Ganesan as the new governor of Manipur. The post of the governor had fallen vacant after the retirement of Najma Heptulla earlier this month. Heptulla had demitted office on August 10 and on the same day the temporary charge was given to Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad.

5. Which country has become the first country in the world to manufacture fossil-free steel?

- A) Germany
B) India
C) Russia
D) Sweden



- ✓ Sweden has become the first country in the world to manufacture fossil-free steel which is also known as green steel. Green steel has been developed by HYBRIT Technology and the first delivery was done to Volvo AB as a trial run. This initiative was in process since the year 2016 and the full-scale production will begin from 2026. According to reports, replacing coking coal with hydrogen is expected to reduce emissions from steelmaking by at least 90%.

6. Who has won silver in women's long jump at World Athletics under-20 championships?

- A) Deepika Kumari
B) Priyanka Goswami
C) Seema Punia
D) Shaili Singh



- ✓ Shaili Singh won the women's long jump silver with a 6.59m leap (wind advantage +2.2) at the World Athletics under-20 championships in Nairobi on August 22, 2021. She missed the gold by just one centimetre to Sweden's Maja Askag (6.60m). Askag also won gold in triple jump. India finished with three medals (two silver and a bronze) in the five-day meet for its best-ever tally at a World championship. Host Kenya topped the table with 16 medals, including eight gold.

7. Which organization has designed a motorised wheelchair that can be used on roads as well as on uneven terrain?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) IIT Madras
C) DRDO
D) IIT Bombay



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has designed a motorised wheelchair that can be used on roads as well as on uneven terrain. 'Neobolt' is a battery-operated vehicle capable of travelling at a speed of 25km/h and move up to 25 km per charge. The vehicle has been commercialised through a start-up named NeoMotion.

8. Which organization has released a report which states that children in India are at extreme high risk of impacts of climate crisis?

- A) UNICEF
B) World Bank
C) World Health Organisation
D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ According to a new report by UNICEF, Children in India are at extreme high risk of impacts of climate crisis. As per report, India is among four South Asian countries where children are most at risk. Climate change threatens their health, education, and protection. Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and India are the four South Asian countries where children are at extremely high risk. Pakistan was ranked at 14th position, Bangladesh at 15th, Afghanistan at 25th while India at 26th.
✓ Nepal is ranked at 51st, Sri Lanka 61st, while Bhutan is ranked 111th. Indians will face 'acute water shortages' in upcoming years. At the same time, flash flooding will increase significantly in India's urban areas once the global temperature increases to 2° Celsius. Further, 21 of world's 30 cities with the most polluted air were in India in 2020.
✓ These findings were published in UNICEF's report titled: "The Climate Crisis Is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index" (CCRI). CCRI is the first focussed report on children by UNICEF.

9. which state has approved two credit-linked schemes for the agro-based sectors?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Manipur
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Nagaland



- ✓ The Arunachal Pradesh cabinet has approved two credit-linked schemes, which will facilitate Rs 300 crore investments in the agro-based sectors.
- ✓ The state government has earmarked Rs 60 crore of subsidies each for Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana for agriculture and Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana for horticulture during the fiscal year 2021-22. The credit-linked programmes will have three components – bank loans, subsidy and beneficiaries' contribution. The schemes will be available for cultivators, self-help groups and farmer producer organisations.

10. Which state/UT has launched a special mission called "Mission Vatsalya" in order to help women who lost their husbands to COVID?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Kerala
- C) Delhi
- D) Jharkhand



- ✓ Maharashtra government launched a special mission called "Mission Vatsalya" in order to help women who lost their husbands to COVID-19. Mission Vatsalya will provide several services and some 18 benefits under one roof to those women. It been designed for widows, with special focus on widows coming from rural areas, poor backgrounds and deprived sections.
- ✓ Under this mission, schemes like Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Gharkul Yojana will benefit those for women. This mission is being implemented by women and child development (WCD) Department. Officers from WCD department, child development project officers, Anganwadi workers and local unit officers are visiting homes these women to provide them services.