

1. Which country took charge as the Chair of Stop TB Partnership Board in 2021?

- A) UK
B) Australia
C) India
D) Bangladesh



- ✓ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya took over charge as the Chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board. The Minister will hold the responsibility with immediate effect until 2024. He will lead the efforts of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, partners, and the TB community at large, towards reaching the UN TB targets by 2022, a milestone moment in the effort to end TB by 2030.

2. Who is the author/editor of the book titled 'Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government'?

- A) K J Alphons
B) Kummanam Rajasekharan
C) A P Abdullakutty
D) A N Radhakrishnan



- ✓ Former Union Minister, K J Alphons has released a book titled 'Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government'. He has recently presented his book to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
✓ 28 eminent authors have contributed 25 essays in the book on 25 sectors of Indian governance. This is a documentation of achievements of the Modi Government.

3. Women Entrepreneurship Platform is the initiative of which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) UN Women
C) Women and Child Development Ministry
D) NASSCOM



- ✓ The NITI Aayog and the US-based tech giant Cisco launched the next phase of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform.
✓ The next phase has been titled 'WEP Nxt', and it will leverage Cisco's technology and experience, to enable more women-owned businesses across the country. The platform was formally launched on 8 March 2018 by NITI Aayog.

4. "Shared Destiny-2021" Defence Exercise is scheduled to be held in which country?

- A) China
B) Thailand
C) Pakistan
D) Mongolia



- ✓ The militaries of China, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand are said to take part in a multinational peacekeeping exercise named "Shared Destiny-2021" Defence Exercise. The Exercise is set to be organised by the People's Liberation Army in China's central Henan province next month.
✓ The four countries will take part in the first multinational peacekeeping live exercise "Shared Destiny-2021". The Defence exercise is to be held in China from September 6-15.

5. 'Payments Infrastructure Development Fund' scheme is the initiative of which institution?

- A) NPCI
B) RBI
C) NASSCOM
D) DSCI



- ✓ 'Payments Infrastructure Development Fund' scheme is the initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It was launched with a corpus of Rs 345 crore, with an aim to create 30 lakh new touch points every year for digital payments in tier-3 to tier-6 centres.
✓ Reserve Bank has recently extended the scheme for encouraging deployment of Point of Sale (PoS) infrastructure to street vendors covered under the PM SVANidhi programme in tier 1 and 2 centres.

6. Recently, with which country India has conducted naval exercise in the South China Sea?

- A) Philippines
B) Malaysia
C) Thailand
D) Indonesia



- ✓ Two ships of the Indian Navy, namely INS Ranvijay and INS Kora, on deployment to the Western Pacific, carried out a Maritime Partnership Exercise with BRP Antonio Luna of the Philippine Navy in the West Philippine Sea.
✓ Both navies remain committed to further strengthening bilateral collaboration in the maritime domain towards a collective aim of ensuring a stable, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

7. Which state has allocated Rs 300 crore for the restoration of Water bodies and parks in the state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Karnataka



- ✓ Water bodies and parks in urban local bodies in Tamil Nadu will be restored and amenities upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs 300 crore. Also, the government would implement the urban wage employment programme to improve the livelihood of the urban poor at a cost of Rs 100 crore.
✓ The scheme aims at providing employment to the urban poor by engaging them in the creation and maintenance of public assets like parks, play fields, storm water drains, roads, buildings and rejuvenation of water bodies. Municipal Administration Minister K.N. Nehru has announced an allocation of ₹300 crore for the Namakku Naame scheme. Under the scheme, water bodies will be restored in all Municipal Corporations, including the Greater Chennai Corporation, and new parks will be set up.

8. Which city has been named as the world's safest city from among 60 global cities, in Safe Cities Index 2021?

- A) Tokyo
B) Sydney
C) Hong Kong
D) Copenhagen



- ✓ Denmark's capital city, Copenhagen, has been named as the world's safest city from among 60 global cities, in Safe Cities Index 2021, released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Copenhagen scored 82.4 out of 100. Yangon is at the bottom of the index with a score of

39.5. New Delhi is placed at 48th position with a score of 56.1, while Mumbai is at 50th place with a score of 54.4.

- ✓ The Index was first released in the year 2015. In 2021, cities are ranked based on 76 indicators of security across five broad pillars, which are digital, health, infrastructure, personal and environmental.

9. With which organization, NITI Aayog jointly launched the 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' in India?

- A) Environmental Defense Fund
- B) World Economic Forum
- C) World Resources Institute
- D) Centre for Global Development



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- ✓ NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute (WRI), India, jointly launched the 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' in India as part of the NDC-Transport Initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA) project. NITI Aayog is the implementing partner for India. The project aims at bringing down the peak level of GHG emissions (transport sector) in Asia.
- ✓ The NDC Transport Initiative for Asia (TIA 2020-2023) is a joint programme of seven organizations that will engage China, India, and Vietnam in promoting a comprehensive approach to decarbonizing transport in their respective countries.

10. What is the name of the force comprising of 32 female staff that has been constituted to combat Naxalism in the Sukma district?

- A) Durga Fighter
- B) Badra Fighter
- C) Nari Fighter
- D) Devi Fighter



- ✓ A 'Durga Fighter' force comprising 32 female staff has been constituted to combat Naxalism in the Naxal-affected Sukma district. The idea behind an all-women force is to promote gender equality. They will be trained for commando duty for a month. Asha Sen will be the captain of Durga Fighter.