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1. With which country, Tamil Nadu has partnered to create an energy island in the Gulf of Mannar?

- A) Germany
- B) Denmark ☒
- C) Japan
- D) South Korea



- ✓ Tamil Nadu and Denmark have planned to create an energy island in Gulf of Mannar that lies between the west coast of Sri Lanka and south-eastern tip of India. This plan was made as Tamil Nadu is looking to expand its footprint in the green energy sector.
- ✓ To achieve this target, Denmark is likely to invest \$5-10 billion in the renewable energy sector in the state. It also includes investment for an energy island in the Gulf of Mannar. With this investment, island would be able to produce 4-10 GW of energy.

2. Indian government and the Asian Development Bank have signed a 300-million-dollar loan to expand rural connectivity in which state?

- A) Assam
- B) Maharashtra ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) Jharkhand



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank and the Government of India has signed a \$300 million loan as additional financing to scale up improvement of rural connectivity to help boost rural economy in the state of Maharashtra. The additional financing for the ongoing Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project will help improve an additional 1,100 rural roads and 230 bridges.

3. Which Indian airport has won the prestigious awards of CII National Energy Leader and Excellent Energy Efficient Unit?

- A) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport
- B) Delhi International Airport Limited ☒
- C) Chennai International Airport Limited
- D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport



- ✓ Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has won the prestigious awards of CII 'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' at the 22nd National Award ceremony for 'Excellence in Energy Management' organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

4. With which organization, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd has signed a MoU for Renewable energy development projects?

- A) Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Ltd ☒
- B) Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited
- C) West Bengal Electricity Distribution Corporation Ltd
- D) South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited



- ✓ The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has signed a MoU with Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO).
- ✓ Under the MoU, IREDA will extend technical expertise & support to TANGEDCO for Renewable energy project development, to bid process management, and provide implementation support. IREDA will also assist TANGEDCO in debt raising by developing financial models, assistance in the understanding market instrument, underwriting services for the proposed debt requirement, conducting pre-market surveys, and road shows to evoke interest amongst potential investors.

5. Which institution recently launched a two-day 'Lunar Science Workshop 2021'?

- A) ISRO ☒
- B) NASA
- C) IISc
- D) Birla Planetarium



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) opened a two-day Lunar Science Workshop 2021, to commemorate the completion of two years of operation of Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft around the lunar orbit. Chandrayaan-2 has completed more than 9,000 orbits around the Moon. The imaging and scientific instruments on board have been relaying the required data.
- ✓ ISRO Chairperson also released the documents based on data from Chandrayaan-2, along with data from spacecraft's orbiter payloads.

6. Which date in September is celebrated as Himalayan Diwas?

- A) September 9 ☒
- B) September 10
- C) September 11
- D) September 12



- ✓ The National Mission for Clean Ganga organised Himalayan Diwas in association with Naula Foundation on September 9, 2021. This year's theme is 'Contribution of Himalayas and our responsibilities'. Himalaya Diwas is celebrated every year on 9th September in the state of Uttarakhand. It is celebrated with the aim to conserve Himalayan ecosystem and region. It was officially declared as Himalaya Day in 2015 by the then Chief Minister.

7. With which country, India has partnered to launch Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind?

- A) Canada
- B) France
- C) Denmark ☒
- D) Japan



- ✓ Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, RK Singh met Minister for Climate, Energy & Utilities of Denmark, Dan Jorgensen in New Delhi. It was highlighted that energy transition towards green is an important part of India's policy. India has set a target of 450 Giga Watt of Renewable Energy capacity by 2030.
- ✓ Currently, India's whole renewable energy portfolio is at 146 GW. India is also looking towards making Ladakh, Andaman Nicobar Island and Lakshadweep Island green in energy and transport. Both the ministers jointly launched 'Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind' under the Green Strategic Partnership.

8. Which ministry has launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021?

- A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- D) Ministry of Jal Shakti ☒



- ✓ Minister of State of Jal Shakti Ministry, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, launched the "Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021" under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II.
- ✓ It was launched at an event organized by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) on September 9, 2021. Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021 will be undertaken by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) across the country.

9. Who has won Women's Prize for Fiction for the fantasy novel Piranesi?

- A) JK Rowling
- B) Susanna Clarke ☒
- C) Sudha Murty
- D) Michelle Obama



- ✓ British writer Susanna Clarke won the prestigious Women's Prize for Fiction for her mind-tweaking fantasy novel 'Piranesi'. Clarke, 61, was awarded the 30,000 pounds (\$41,000) prize for her novel.
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10. Which date in September is observed as World Suicide Prevention Day?

- A) September 11
- B) September 10 ☒
- C) September 9
- D) September 12



- ✓ World Suicide Prevention Day is observed annually on September 10. The theme this year is "Creating hope through action." World Suicide Prevention Day is an awareness day observed on 10 September every year, in order to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides. World Suicide Prevention Day is organised by the International Association for Suicide Prevention.
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1. Governor Baby Rani Maurya who recently resigned, was the governor of which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Odisha
C) Manipur
D) Uttarakhand ☒



- ✓ Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya resigned on September 8, 2021, two years before completing her tenure. She tendered her resignation to President Ram Nath Kovind. She was sworn in as the governor of Uttarakhand on August 26, 2018.

2. The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Understanding between India and which country on cooperation in the field of Geosciences?

- A) Australia
B) France
C) Russia ☒
D) New Zealand



- ✓ Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Russia on cooperation in the field of Geosciences. MoU was signed between the Joint Stock Company Rosgeologia (State holding Company) of Russia and the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines.

3. With which organization, Assam government has partnered to strengthen the health infrastructure at the Silchar Medical College & Hospital?

- A) Coal India Ltd ☒
B) NTPC Ltd
C) AIIMS
D) ICMR



- ✓ Coal India Ltd. (CIL), under the Ministry of Coal has signed a MoU with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of Assam for strengthening the health infrastructure at the Silchar Medical College & Hospital, Silchar, Assam. In this new CSR initiative, CIL will contribute Rs 5 crores towards setting up of an ICU facility and medical gas pipeline in the Silchar Medical College & Hospital.

4. Recently, which public sector bank has been taken out of the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework by the Reserve Bank of India?

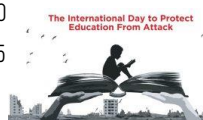
- A) Union Bank of India
B) Punjab & Sind Bank
C) Bank of India
D) UCO Bank ☒



- ✓ Reserve Bank of India has taken public sector lender UCO Bank out of Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework (PCA) on improvement in financial and credit profile. This decision gives the bank more freedom for lending, especially to corporations and grows the network, subject to prescribed norms.

5. Which date is observed as International Day to Protect Education from Attack?

- A) September 9 ☒
B) September 10
C) September 12
D) September 15



- ✓ International Day to Protect Education from Attack is observed globally on 9th September. The first ever International Day to Protect Education from Attack was observed on 9th Sept 2020. This day is also observed to spread awareness about the difficulties faced by those children living in countries which are affected by military conflicts.

6. Recently, who has been announced as the brand ambassador of Tata AIA Life Insurance?

- A) Bajrang Punia
B) Neeraj Chopra ☒
C) Lovlina Borgohain
D) PV Sindhu



- ✓ Tata AIA Life Insurance has announced Indian athlete and Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra, as its brand ambassador. This association also marks the very first brand partnership to be signed with the gold medalist javelin thrower.

7. Recently, with which country India has held a Maritime Affairs Dialogue?

- A) Australia
B) Great Britain
C) Japan ☒
D) France



- ✓ India and Japan held their sixth Maritime Affairs Dialogue in a virtual format on September 9, 2021. The consultations involved exchanges on developments in the maritime security environment, regional cooperation activities and opportunities for cooperation between the two countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

8. Who is the Minister of State for External Affairs who has recently delivered the keynote in the fourth Conference of the Protectors of Emigrants?

- A) Nityanand Rai
B) V Muraleedharan ☒
C) Anurag Thakur
D) Babul Supriyo



- ✓ The fourth Conference of the Protectors of Emigrants was held on Sept 10, coinciding with the date of enactment of the Emigration Act, 1983. Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan delivered the keynote address and observed that Protectors of Emigrants have an important role to play in informing youth and workers about new destinations and opportunities.

9. In which city, a Digital Population Clock has been inaugurated?

- A) Hyderabad
B) Mumbai
C) Nagpur
D) Delhi ☒



- ✓ Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar inaugurated and presided over the Seminar on Population, Human Capital and Sustainable Development in New Delhi on September 10, 2021.

- ✓ She also inaugurated a digital population clock at the Institute for Economic Growth nestled inside the University of Delhi. She also launched a book titled "Infant and Child Mortality in Assam – Demographic and Socio-Economic Interrelations" on the occasion. The book was written by Dr Dipanjali Haloi and Dr Suresh Sharma.

During the event, a HMIS Brochure was also launched.

10. Who has been appointed as the governor of Punjab?

A) RN Ravi

B) Banwarilal Purohit ☒

C) Gurmit Singh

D) Jagdeep Dhankar



- ✓ President Ram Nath Govind has appointed Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit as the new Governor of Punjab.

1. Who has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat?

- A) Bhupendra Patel ☒
- B) Acharya Devvrat
- C) Anandiben Patel
- D) Pushkar Singh Dhami



- ✓ Bhupendra Patel has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. He was sworn in by Governor Acharya Devvrat at the Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar. He is also a member of Gujarat Legislative Assembly and represents Ghatlodia constituency. Bhupendra Patel became chief minister of Gujarat on September 13 after Vijay Rupani resigned from the post.

2. Who has become the first woman excavation engineer to work in an open cast mine at Central Coalfields Ltd?

- A) Akanksha Kumari
- B) Shivangi Singh
- C) Bhawana Kanth
- D) Shivani Meena ☒



- ✓ Shivani Meena, an IIT Jodhpur alumna, has become the first woman excavation engineer to work in an open cast mine at Coal India arm CCL (Central Coalfields Ltd). She will be posted at CCL's Rajrappa project, one of the important enterprises of the coal mining behemoth.
- ✓ Until now the position belonged to men. The feat follows another milestone when Akanksha Kumari became Coal India's first woman mining engineer to work in an underground mine at CCL's Churi facility in North Karanpura area in Jharkhand.

3. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Lebanon?

- A) Hassan Diab
- B) Aziz Akhannouch
- C) Najib Mikati ☒
- D) Michel Aoun



- ✓ A new government has been announced in Lebanon over a year after the previous administration quit following the devastating Beirut port explosion. Najib Mikati – Lebanon's richest man – becomes Prime Minister, a position he has held twice before.

4. Who has been appointed as Prime Minister of Morocco?

- A) Moulay Hafid Elalamy
- B) Aziz Akhannouch ☒
- C) Nizar Baraka
- D) Aziz Rabbah



- ✓ King Mohammed VI of Morocco has appointed Aziz Akhannouch of the liberal National Rally of Independents (RNI) party as Prime Minister and asked him to form a government.
- ✓ RNI emerged as the biggest party in Parliamentary election held on September 8. Elected politicians in Morocco have only limited powers, as key decisions remain in the hands of the monarch.

5. Who is the author of the book 'Human Rights and Terrorism in India'?

- A) Ajit Doval
- B) Subramanian Swamy ☒
- C) Bipin Rawat
- D) Shashi Tharoor



- ✓ The release of three dreaded terrorists in exchange of hijacked Indian Airlines passengers in Afghanistan's Kandahar in 1999 is the "worst capitulation" to terrorists in India's modern history, says BJP MP Subramanian Swamy.
- ✓ He has come out with a book 'Human Rights and Terrorism in India' which traces how the combating of terrorism can be harmonised with human and fundamental rights within reasonable restrictions that is permitted by the Constitution and upheld by the Supreme Court.

6. Who has been appointed as the new governor of Uttarakhand?

- A) Acharya Devvrat
- B) Baby Rani Maurya
- C) Bandaru Dattatreya
- D) Gurmit Singh ☒



- ✓ Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh, who retired as the Deputy Chief of Army, was appointed the Governor of Uttarakhand, a post which fell vacant after Baby Rani Maurya resigned from the post.

7. Who is heading the newly formed government panel for framing new law for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices?

- A) Balram Bhargava
- B) Randeep Guleria
- C) V G Somani ☒
- D) Gagandeep Kang



- ✓ The government has constituted an eight-member panel for framing a new law for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices.
- ✓ The panel is being headed by Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) Dr V G Somani. The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, regulates the import, manufacture, distribution and sale of drugs, cosmetics and medical devices. This Act is amended from time to time. The last amendment in the Act was made in 2008.

8. Who has chaired the 13th BRICS Summit?

- A) Xi Jinping
- B) Narendra Modi ☒
- C) Vladimir Putin
- D) Cyril Ramaphosa



- ✓ Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, chaired the 13th BRICS Summit virtually on September 9, 2021. India chose the theme of the Summit as "BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus".
- ✓ The Summit was participated by all other BRICS Leaders namely, President of Brazil Jair Bolsonaro, President of Russia Vladimir Putin, President of China Xi Jinping and President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa. Under India's chair ship, BRICS took several new initiatives, which includes First BRICS Digital Health Summit, First BRICS Ministerial Joint Statement on multilateral reforms, BRICS Counter-Terrorism Action Plan, Agreement on cooperation in field of remote-sensing satellites, Virtual BRICS vaccine Research & Development Centre, BRICS Alliance on Green Tourism etc.

9. Which bank has launched its digital banking platform named 'bob World'?

- A) Indian Bank
- B) Bandhan Bank
- C) Bank of Baroda ☒
- D) Paschim Banga Gramin Bank



- ✓ Bank of Baroda has launched its digital banking platform 'bob World', aimed at providing all banking services under one roof. bob World' will offer a wide gamut of banking products and services, to be rolled out in phases, under four key pillars – Save, Invest, Borrow and Shop.
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10. Who has been appointed as the managing director of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)?

- A) Harsha Bhupendra Bangari ☒
- B) David Rasquinha
- C) Shaktikanta Das
- D) Nripendra Misra



- ✓ The government has appointed Harsha Bhupendra Bangari as the managing director of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank). Bangari, who is presently the deputy managing director at EXIM Bank, would be at the helm for a period of three years or until further orders of the government.
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1. Who has won the Italian Grand Prix 2021?

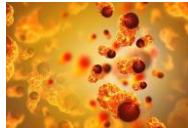
- A) Max Verstappen
B) Daniel Ricciardo ☒
C) Lando Norris
D) Lewis Hamilton



- ✓ Australian Daniel Ricciardo has won the Italian Grand Prix with Lando Norris coming second at Monza while Formula One title rivals Max Verstappen and Lewis Hamilton took each other out of the race. Valtteri Bottas finished third.

2. Which country has commenced the world's biggest trial of a blood test where they will detect more than 50 types of cancer?

- A) China
B) Russia
C) France
D) United Kingdom ☒



- ✓ The United Kingdom's state-run National Health Service (NHS) has commenced the world's biggest trial of a blood test where they will detect more than 50 types of cancer. The world's largest trial of blood test will find out different types of cancer even before the symptoms appear.

3. Eminent writer Aziz Hajini who passed away recently belonged to which state/UT?

- A) Ladakh
B) Jammu and Kashmir ☒
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ Eminent writer of Jammu and Kashmir, Aziz Hajini has recently passed away. He was a Kashmiri writer, poet, critic, and organizer.
✓ He had served as the first secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Arts, Culture, and Languages. He was also awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in the year 2013 for his book Tej Pazar and in the year 2016 for Kitab Aan Khane.

4. Recently, with which country India has held a Maritime Affairs Dialogue?

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- ✓ India and Japan held their sixth Maritime Affairs Dialogue in a virtual format on September 9, 2021. The consultations involved exchanges on developments in the maritime security environment, regional cooperation activities and opportunities for cooperation between the two countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

5. Which state has decided to commemorate the death anniversary of Subramania Bharathi as 'Mahakavi Day'?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
B) Kerala
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Odisha



- ✓ Tamil Nadu government has decided to commemorate the death anniversary of Subramania Bharathi, a firebrand poet & freedom fighter, as Mahakavi Day on September 11. Death anniversary of

Subramania Bharathi is on September 11. His works ignited patriotism and left indelible mark on Tamil literature.

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Government will also be conducting a state-level poetry competition for school and college students and "Bharati young poet Award" will be presented along with a purse of Rs 1 lakh. Women Livelihood Mission will also be renamed after Bharatiyar. This scheme is to be implemented by the rural development department.

6. Recently, who has been appointed as acting president of the Olympic Council of Asia?

- A) Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahad al-Sabah
B) Thomas Bach
C) Randhir Singh ☒
D) Gianni Infantino



- ✓ Veteran India sports administrator Randhir Singh has been appointed as acting president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) after incumbent Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahad al-Sabah had to step aside after being found guilty of forgery by a Geneva Court. He had served as Secretary General of the OCA for 24 years from 1991 to 2015.
✓ He also served as the Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association from 1987 to 2012 and was a full member of the International Olympic Committee from 2001 to 2014 before becoming its honorary member.

7. 14 districts of which state have partnered with the Indian Institute of Millets Research to boost production of millets?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Chhattisgarh ☒
D) Jharkhand



- ✓ Fourteen districts of Chhattisgarh have signed MoUs with the Hyderabad-based Indian Institute of Millets Research to boost production of millets in their respective areas.
✓ These millets will be procured through Van Dhan societies of the Chhattisgarh Minor Forest Produce Co-operative Federation, and after processing, will be used in mid-day meal schemes, public distribution system and nutrition programmes.

8. Which institute has been adjudged the best higher educational institution in 2021 in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)?

- A) IIT Madras ☒
B) IIT Bombay
C) Anna University
D) Madurai Kamarajar University



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) has been adjudged the best higher educational institution in 2021 followed by Indian Institute of Science Bangalore (IISc) and IIT Bombay. The rankings were announced by education minister Dharmendra Pradhan as part of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), an initiative of the government to rank top Indian institutions.

9. In which country, world's largest plant to capture CO₂ from air has started functioning?

- A) Iceland ☒
B) Germany
C) India
D) Japan



- ✓ The world's largest plant designed to suck carbon dioxide out of the air and turning it into rock started running in Iceland. The plant, named Orca, after the Icelandic word "orka" meaning "energy", consists of four units. Constructed by Switzerland's Climeworks and Iceland's Carbfix, when operating at capacity the plant will draw 4,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) out of the air every year.
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10. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and MD of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)?

- A) Arun Kumar Singh ☒
- B) S Varadarajan
- C) Arun Singh
- D) K Ellangovan



- ✓ Arun Kumar Singh appointed new Chairman and MD of BPCL Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a 'Maharatna' and a Fortune Global 500 Company has announced the appointment of Arun Kumar Singh as the Chairman and Managing Director of the company and consequently he has taken charge on September.7, 2021.
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1. Who has become the first professional golfer in the world to get the prestigious 10-year Dubai Golden Visa?

- A) Tiger Woods
- B) Jeev Milkha Singh ☒
- C) Rory McIlroy
- D) Hideki Matsuyama



- ✓ 4-time winner on the European Tour, Jeev Milkha Singh has become the first professional golfer in the world to get the prestigious 10-year Dubai Golden Visa in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport.

2. With which country, India has launched the Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue?

- A) China
- B) Russia
- C) France
- D) United States of America ☒



- ✓ Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry have launched Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue under India-US Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership. This partnership will provide both countries an opportunity to renew collaborations on climate change while addressing the financing aspects.

3. What is the theme of the World Coconut Day 2021?

- A) Building a Safe Inclusive Resilient and Sustainable Coconut Community Amid COVID-19 Pandemic & Beyond ☒
- B) Coconuts and Nutrition World
- C) Coconuts and COVID-19
- D) Coconuts in Asian and Pacific regions



- ✓ Every year, September 2 is observed as World Coconut Day across the world. It is celebrated to create awareness about the importance of the coconut and its benefits. It also commemorates the foundation day of the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community. This year, the theme is "Building a Safe Inclusive Resilient and Sustainable Coconut Community Amid COVID-19 Pandemic & Beyond".

4. When is 'International Day of Charity' observed across the world?

- A) September.5 ☒
- B) September.10
- C) September.15
- D) September.20



- ✓ The International Day of Charity is observed every year on September 5, across the world. The day aims to sensitize people and NGOs to engage in volunteer and philanthropic activities. This date of 5 September marks the day of the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa. She was honoured as a Saint was known for her missionary work in Kolkata. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

5. What is the theme of 'International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer' (World Ozone Day) 2021?

- A) Ozone for Life
- B) Ozone and COVID-19
- C) Ozone defending Humans
- D) Montreal Protocol – Keeping us, our food and vaccines cool ☒



- ✓ World Ozone Day or 'International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer' is observed on September.16 all over the world. Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer was adopted and signed by 28 countries, on 22 March 1985. The theme of this year is "Montreal Protocol – Keeping us, our food and vaccines cool".

6. When is the International Equal Pay Day observed?

- A) September.15
- B) September.18 ☒
- C) September.20
- D) September.22



- ✓ September 18 is observed as the International Equal Pay Day by the United Nations. It has been celebrated for the first time this year. The day is observed by the United Nations to throw light and end discrimination against women and girls.

7. On which date, World Alzheimer's Day is observed?

- A) September.21 ☒
- B) September.22
- C) September.23
- D) September.24



- ✓ Alzheimer's is a progressive disease which leads to memory loss. The condition worsens with time and makes it difficult to perform day to day functions. Since 1994, each year 21st September is observed as the World Alzheimer's Day. September is the month which is observed each year as the World Alzheimer's Month in order to enable national and local Alzheimer associations worldwide to extend their reach of awareness programmes over a longer period of time.

8. On which date, World First Aid Day – 2021 was observed?

- A) September.10
- B) September.11 ☒
- C) September.12
- D) September.13



- ✓ World First Aid Day is observed on the second Saturday of September annually. So, this year the day was celebrated on 11 September across the globe. The special day is marked to encourage people in first aid training which helps in preventing injuries and saving lives in critical situations. The theme for World First Aid Day 2021 is 'First aid and road safety,' according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

9. Who has been appointed as chairman of National Commission for Minorities?

- A) Iqbal Singh Lalpura ☒
- B) Atif Rasheed
- C) P K Pincha
- D) John Barla



- ✓ Former IPS officer Iqbal Singh Lalpura, has been chosen as chairman of National Commission for Minorities. The awards he has won include President's police medal, police medal for meritorious services, Shiromani Sikh Sahitkar award, Sikh scholar award, etc. He hails from Punjab.

10. In which city, India's first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification-based Methanol Production Plant has been inaugurated?

- A) Hyderabad ☒
- B) Chennai
- C) Mangaluru
- D) Bengaluru



- ✓ India's first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification-based Methanol Production Plant has been inaugurated at BHEL R&D Centre, Hyderabad. The plant was funded by Department of Science and Technology at the initiative of NITI Aayog, PMO-India and Ministry of Coal.
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1. In which city, PM Modi has laid foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University?

- A) Aligarh ☒
 B) Meerut
 C) Jaipur
 D) Varanasi



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh. The university is being established by the Uttar Pradesh government in the memory and honour of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, freedom fighter, educationist and social reformer. The university will provide affiliation to 395 colleges of the Aligarh division.

2. On which date, Engineers Day 2021 was observed?

- A) September.14
 B) September.10
 C) September.15 ☒
 D) September.11



- ✓ Engineers Day 2021 was observed on September 15, to mark the birthday of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. This day marks the contributions of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya in the field of engineering and education. He played a significant role in constructing dams, reservoirs and hydro-power projects across India.

3. Recently, which airport has been declared as a Customs notified airport by The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs?

- A) Kangra Airport
 B) Pakyong Airport
 C) Swami Vivekananda International Airport
 D) Kushinagar Airport ☒



- ✓ The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has declared Kushinagar Airport as a Customs notified airport. This would also facilitate international passenger movements including that of Buddhist pilgrims.

4. Which organization has launched "Project Udaan" on the occasion of Hindi Diwas?

- A) IIT Guwahati
 B) IIT Bombay ☒
 C) IIT Gandhinagar
 D) IIT Delhi



- ✓ IIT-Bombay launched its "Project Udaan" on the occasion of Hindi Diwas on September 14, 2021. Project Udaan was launched with the aim of breaking the language barrier that many students face while joining the institutes of higher education. Project Udaan enables the translation of textbooks and other study material of the engineering and other streams from English to Hindi & other Indian Languages.

5. Who has been conferred with the Swami Brahmanand Award 2021?

- A) H C Verma
 B) Arvind Kejriwal
 C) Anand Mahindra
 D) Anand Kumar ☒



- ✓ Mathematician Anand Kumar was conferred with the Swami Brahmanand Award 2021 for his contribution in the field of education through his "Super 30" initiative, which prepares underprivileged students for the IIT entrance exam.

6. Who has won the US Open women's doubles title?

- A) Coco Gauff and caty McNally
 B) Samantha Stosur and Zhang Shuai ☒
 C) Samantha Stosur and Emma Raducanu
 D) Peng Shuai and Wang Qiang



- ✓ Samantha Stosur of Australia and Zhang Shuai of China won their 11th straight match to triumph in the US Open women's doubles final over American teenagers Coco Gauff and Caty McNally at Flushing Meadows.

7. With which country's navy, INS Tabar has conducted a military exercise in the Red Sea?

- A) Sudan ☒
 B) Egypt
 C) Ethiopia
 D) Oman



- ✓ Indian Navy and Sudanese Navy carried out a bilateral maritime exercise in the Red Sea off the Sudanese coast. INS Tabar and two Sudanese Navy ships- Almazz and Nimer- participated in this maiden exercise with the Indian Navy.

8. Which country has been suspended from the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics by the International Olympic Committee?

- A) Cuba
 B) North Korea ☒
 C) Venezuela
 D) Peru



- ✓ North Korea was formally suspended from the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as punishment for refusing to send a team to the Tokyo Games citing the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. Which state has passed a bill seeking exemption from NEET for medical courses' admissions?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
 B) Kerala
 C) Maharashtra
 D) Odisha



- ✓ Tamil Nadu assembly has passed a bill seeking a permanent exemption to the state from NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test). With the passing of this bill, students would get admissions to UG Medical degree courses based on the qualifying HSC or class 12 marks, just like it used to happen before NEET was implemented.

10. India has handed over Dornier Aircraft to which country?

- A) Singapore
 B) Vietnam
 C) Mauritius ☒
 D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ India has handed over Dornier Aircraft to Mauritius as part of Vision SAGAR for enhanced maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region. SAGAR stands for Security and Growth for All in the Region. Through this India seeks to enhance security and economic cooperation with its maritime neighbours.