

1. Mariyappan Thangavelu and Sharad, who won medals in the Tokyo Paralympics, are associated with which sports?

- A) Weight Lifting
B) Shooting
C) High Jump
D) Javelin Throw



- ✓ Mariyappan Thangavelu and Sharad Kumar won the silver and bronze medals, respectively, in the high jump event in the Tokyo Paralympics. Mariyappan Thangavelu had also won a gold medal at the Rio Paralympics. India had won a total of 12 medals from the 1968 edition until 2016.

2. Which country has passed the world's first law to force tech companies to offer alternative payment systems?

- A) France
B) Italy
C) South Korea
D) India



- ✓ South Korean lawmakers passed the world's first law to force tech giants such as Google and Apple to offer alternative payment systems on their app stores. The country is set to amend the 'Telecommunications Business Act', the nation's primary telecommunications law.

3. Dale Steyn, who announced retirement from international cricket, is from which country?

- A) Australia
B) South Africa
C) New Zealand
D) West Indies



- ✓ Legendary South African fast bowler Dale Steyn announced his retirement from cricket, after a career spanning nearly 16 years. Steyn had retired from the Test Cricket last year as South Africa's highest wicket-taker with 439 wickets. Steyn played 93 Tests, 125 ODIs and 47 T20 internationals for South Africa since making his debut for the Proteas on December 17, 2004.

4. What is the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court of India?

- A) 18
B) 25
C) 34
D) 45



- ✓ Nine new judges, including three women, were administered oath of office as judges of the Supreme Court. This appointment has taken its strength to 33, including the Chief Justice of India, out of the sanctioned strength of 34. This is the first time in the history of the Supreme Court that nine judges took oath of office, all at the same time. Justice Nagarathna, one among the nine judges, is in line to become the first woman Chief Justice of India in September 2027.

5. INS Airavat has reached which country in August 2021, as a part of Mission SAGAR?

- A) Sri Lanka
B) Afghanistan
C) Vietnam
D) Malaysia



- ✓ Indian Naval vessel – INS Airavat has recently reached Ho Chi Minh City Port in Vietnam, as a part of Mission SAGAR. The vessel has shipped 100 Metric Tons of Liquid Medical Oxygen and 300 Oxygen Concentrators of 10 LPM capacity, to fight against the COVID 19 pandemic. SAGAR stands for Security and Growth for All in the Region, under which India has been helping its neighbors at times of stress.

6. Which Indian neighbour has recently declared a Food emergency?

- A) Pakistan
B) Sri Lanka
C) Myanmar
D) Bhutan



- ✓ The island nation of Sri Lanka has declared food emergency and an economic emergency, under an ordinance. The declaration of this, empowers authorities to impose restrictions on stocking and pricing of food articles. The country was affected with a foreign exchange crisis, due to which it had undertaken a steep devaluation of its currency, resulting in inflation.

7. "e-Source" is an online platform being developed by which institution?

- A) BITS
B) IIM-A
C) IIT-M
D) ISRO



- ✓ The Indian Institution of Technology Madras (IIT-M) is developing an online platform named e-Source. This platform aims to tackle e-waste by linking various participants in formal and informal sector. It would act as a market place between buyers and generators of e waste, in electrical and electronic equipment segment. This is expected to pave a great way for recycle and reuse of electronic wastes, thus achieve the objectives of circular economy.

8. Indian Navy has undertaken a joint exercise with which country, in Gulf of Aden near Yemen?

- A) Russia
B) Germany
C) France
D) Italy



- ✓ Navies of India and Germany carried out a joint exercise, in Gulf of Aden near Yemen. The exercise included helicopter landings and search and seizure operations. The Indian Navy's frigate 'INS Trikanth' exercised with German frigate 'Bayern' in the Gulf of Aden. INS Trikanth is currently deployed in the Gulf of Aden region for anti-piracy patrol.

9. Dr Firdausi Qadri and Muhammad Amjad Saqib, who were seen in the news recently, are the recipients of which award?

- A) Booker Prize
B) Ramon Magsaysay Award
C) Pulitzer Award
D) Abel Prize



- ✓ Dr Firdausi Qadri, a vaccine scientist from Bangladesh and Muhammad Amjad Saqib, the microfinance pioneer from Pakistan are among the five recipients of this year's Ramon Magsaysay Award. Established in 1957, the award is Asia's highest honour and regarded as the Asian version of the Nobel Prize.

- ✓ The other winners are Filipino fisher and community environmentalist Roberto Ballon, American Steven Muncy for humanitarian work and refugee assistance and Indonesian torchbearer for investigative journalism, Watchdoc. The award is given every year to individuals or organisations in Asia who provide significant service to the society.

10. Who has been appointed as the new Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha?

- A) M Venkaiah Naidu
- B) Dr Ramacharyulu
- C) Utpal Kumar Singh
- D) Desh Deepak Verma



- ✓ Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu appointed Dr. Parasaram Pattabhi Kesava Ramacharyulu as the new Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha. Ramacharyulu has been working as Secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat since 2018. He succeeds Desh Dipak Verma, who demitted office after serving for four years in the post. As per the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Ramacharyulu is the first ever Upper House employee to have reached the Secretary General's post.