

1. Lasker-DeBaakey award is associated with which field?

- A) Literature
B) Sports
C) Science ☒
D) Social Service



- ✓ Mary and Albert Lasker founded the Lasker Awards in 1945 to honour the scientists whose biological and clinical discoveries have helped to improve human health. This year, two scientists- Katalin Karikó and Dr Drew Weissman who developed key technology used in the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines have been awarded the \$250,000 Lasker-DeBaakey Clinical Medical Research Award. The messenger RNA (mRNA) forms the basis of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.

2. SAUBHAGYA scheme, which recently completed 4 years, is being implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
B) Ministry of Power ☒
C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - SAUBHAGYA is one of the largest household electrification schemes in the world.
- ✓ It was announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th September 2017. The objective of the scheme is to achieve Universal Household Electrification in the country and to provide access to electricity to all un-electrified households in rural areas and poor households in urban areas. 2.82 crore households have been electrified since the launch of SAUBHAGYA, till March 2021.

3. The second edition of Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge is organised by which organisation?

- A) Indian Army
B) Indian Navy
C) Ladakh Police ☒
D) Indian Oil



- ✓ The Ladakh police, in association with the Cycling Federation of India has organised the second edition of Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge. This has been organised under the "Fit India Movement" and "Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav". The event was flagged off by the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Shri Anurag Thakur.

4. Which Railway Station in the state of Tamil Nadu has become a fully solar powered station?

- A) Chennai Central ☒
B) Salem Junction
C) Virudhachalam Junction
D) Tirunelveli Junction



- ✓ The Chennai Central Railway Station of Indian Railways, also known as the Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station, has become a fully solar powered station. The station meets all its energy requirements by way of solar panels installed on the rooftop. The station has an installed capacity of 1.5 MW solar power.

5. 'National Cooperative Conference' was organised in which city?

- A) Mumbai B) New Delhi ☒
C) Varanasi D) Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah attended 'National Cooperative Conference' (Sehkarita Sammelan) in New Delhi as Chief Guest.
- ✓ He also announced that the Central Government will soon come out with a new cooperative policy and work along with states to strengthen the cooperative movement. The government is working on setting up cooperative common service centres, national database and a National cooperative university.

6. Which city hosted the first ever QUAD leaders' summit 2021?

- A) Washington ☒
B) Davos
C) Melbourne
D) New Delhi



- ✓ The first in-person meeting of Quad leaders was recently hosted by US President Joe Biden at Washington DC. Prime Minister of India Modi and his counterparts Scott Morrison from Australia and Yoshihide Suga from Japan gathered in the city for the meeting. In 2017, India, Japan, the US and Australia formed the alliance, named QUAD.

7. What is the theme of the World Pharmacist Day 2021?

- A) Leaving No one behind
B) Pharmacy: Always Trusted for Your Health ☒
C) Pharmacists are our Saviours
D) Sustainable Pharmacy



- ✓ World Pharmacist Day 2021 is celebrated on September 25, to celebrate and recognise the role of pharmacists.
- ✓ International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) established the World Pharmacist Day. It was on this day FIP was founded in 1912. FIP is the federation of national associations of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists. The theme of World Pharmacist Day 2021 is "Pharmacy: Always Trusted for Your Health".

8. The Bangabandhu-Bapu digital exhibition has been inaugurated in which country?

- A) India
B) Bangladesh ☒
C) Sri Lanka
D) Nepal



- ✓ The Bangabandhu-Bapu digital exhibition was recently inaugurated for public viewing in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The exhibition showcases the lives of the father of the nation of Bangladesh- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Mahatma Gandhi.
- ✓ The exhibition has been specially designed by the two governments to commemorate Mujib Boarsho, birth centenary of Bangabandhu and 150 years of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi and the golden jubilee of India-Bangladesh bilateral relations.

9. The recently announced Security alliance AUKUS includes how many countries?

- A) Three
B) Four ☒
C) Five
D) Ten



- ✓ In the month of September 2021, US president Joe Biden, Australian prime minister Scott Morrison and British prime minister Boris Johnson jointly announced the formation of the trilateral security alliance AUKUS.

- ✓ The US has also ruled out adding India or Japan to the trilateral partnership. This alliance is seen as an effort to counter China in the Indo-Pacific. It will also allow the US and the UK to provide Australia with the technology to develop nuclear-powered submarines for the first time.

10. Which Indian city topped the Emerging Ecosystems category in the ranking of international startup hubs?

- A) Mumbai ☒
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Chennai
- D) Thiruvananthapuram



- ✓ Mumbai maintained its first position in the Emerging Ecosystems category in the ranking of international startup hubs. The rankings are compiled by Startup Genome for its annual Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2021. London retained its second-place ranking tied with New York for the second year in a row.
- ✓ Bangalore was ranked at 23 globally and Delhi was placed at 36th. The report revealed that London is the most attractive destination to set up a tech start-up outside of Silicon Valley.