

1. The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$251 million loan for urban flood protection and management in which state?

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



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$251 million loan for urban flood protection and management in the Chennai-Kosasthalaiyar river basin in the state of Tamil Nadu. The project will establish climate-resilient urban flood protection infrastructure in the region.
- ✓ It will construct 588 kilometers of new stormwater drains, rehabilitate or replace 175 km of stormwater drains among others. Chennai's rapid urbanization has made the city vulnerable to widespread flooding.

2. Which institution released a report titled 'Digital Economy Report 2021'?

- A) IMF
- B) World Bank
- C) UNCTAD ☒
- D) WTO



- ✓ Digital Economy Report 2021 was released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ✓ The report examines the implications of growing cross-border data flows, especially for developing countries. The Report also calls for innovative approaches to govern data and data flows to ensure equitable distribution of the gains from data flows.

3. Which institution released the report titled "Best Practices in the Performance of District Hospitals"?

- A) AIIMS
- B) NITI Aayog ☒
- C) IMA
- D) World Bank



- ✓ NITI Aayog recently released a performance assessment report of district hospitals in India, titled Best Practices in the Performance of District Hospitals. The report is made with collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and WHO India.
- ✓ The assessment framework covers 10 Key Performance Indicators and a total of 707 district hospitals across all States and UTs participated in the assessment. The Health Management Information System (HMIS) data for the year 2017-18 was used as baseline. 75 district hospitals across 24 States and UTs emerged as top performers.

4. 'Chacha Chaudhary' has been declared as the mascot of which programme in India?

- A) Swachh Bharat 2.0
- B) SAUBHAGYA
- C) Namami Gange Programme ☒
- D) PM Ujjwala Yojana



- ✓ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) announced that Chacha Chaudhary, the popular comic book character, has been declared as a mascot of Namami Gange Programme.
- ✓ The character would be used for sensitising children and youths about the cleaning of Ganga and other rivers. 'Ganga ki Baat, Chacha Choudhary Ke Sath' is a public engagement activity under the public outreach activities of Namami Gange mission."

5. "Bal Raksha Kit" is an immunity boosting medicine developed by which organisation?

- A) AIIMS
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) AIIA ☒
- D) DRDO



- ✓ The All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), under the aegis Union Ayush Ministry has developed an immunity booster kit for children named "Bal Raksha Kit", which can be consumed by children upto the age of 16 years. This can be undertaken by the children till the time vaccine is available for COVID 19 disease.
- ✓ The Ministry has planned that, on National Ayurveda Day (November 2), 10,000 Bal Raksha kits would be distributed free-of-cost.

6. Which organization publishes the "Model Lists of Essential Medicines"?

- A) AIIMS
- B) IMA
- C) WHO ☒
- D) FAO



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently published the latest edition of "Model Lists of Essential Medicines and Essential Medicines for Children". The new list has prioritized access to diabetes and cancer treatments. The list has included new medicines to assist people who want to stop smoking and new antimicrobials to treat serious bacterial and fungal infections.

7. When is the Mental Health Awareness Campaign Week observed by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare?

- A) October 1 to October 5, 2021
- B) October 2 to October 7, 2021
- C) October 10 to October 17, 2021
- D) October 5 to October 10, 2021 ☒



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is observing October 5 to October 10, 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Campaign Week, as a part of the World Mental health Day celebration on October 10.
- ✓ This week is observed to raise awareness about mental health and mobilize support in this regard. As a part of this initiative, the Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya also released the UNICEF's State of the World's Children Report.

8. "Azadi@75 - New Urban India" - the Urban conclave was inaugurated in which city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Varanasi
- D) Lucknow ☒



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi has inaugurated the "Azadi@75 - New Urban India" - an urban conclave cum expo at Lucknow. During the inaugural event, the PM handed over digitally the keys of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) houses to 75,000 beneficiaries located in 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh.

9. The Headquarters of the 'National Road Safety Board' is in which Indian city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Aurangabad
- D) Kolkata



- ✓ The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has notified the constitution of National Road Safety Board. The Board will be responsible for promoting road safety, innovation and adoption of new technology, and regulation of traffic and motor vehicles.
- ✓ The Head Office of the Board in the National Capital Region and the board may set up offices at other places in India. It shall consist of the Chairman and not three to seven Members, to be appointed by the Central Government.

10. Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) is a scheme of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Textiles ☒
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ The Ministry of Textiles has approved continuation of Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) with a total outlay of ₹160 crore. The scheme will now continue up to March 2026. Under the scheme, infrastructural support, market access, design and technology up-gradation support are provided to handicraft artisans.