

1. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Deep Dive Online Training program'?

- A) Ministry of Finance
 B) Ministry of Electronics and IT
 C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is organising a week-long Deep Dive Online Training program. The training program is organised by National e-Governance Division at MeitY under the Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative.
- ✓ MeitY launched the Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative in 2018, as the first public-private partnership in cyber awareness. This online program trains Chief Information Security officers (CISO) along with IT staff of different Ministries, PSUs and Banks.

2. Who is the Chairperson of the Prime Minister's Economic advisory council (EAC-PM)?

- A) Bibek Debroy
 B) Rakesh Mohan
 C) Poonam Gupta
 D) Maldives



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the reconstitution of his Economic advisory council (EAC-PM). Bibek Debroy, President of the Indian Statistical Institute, is the Chairman of the council. Former RBI deputy governor Rakesh Mohan, along with IIM Ahmedabad Professor T T Ram Mohan, and Director-General of NCAER Poonam Gupta, are the three new members to join the seven-member council. The new advisory council has been appointed for a period of two year. The Chairman of the council and three other members have been retained.

3. Which institution releases the periodic Greenhouse gas bulletin?

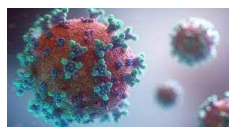
- A) NITI Aayog
 B) World Meteorological Organisation
 C) Food and Agricultural Organisation
 D) NABARD



- ✓ The latest GHG bulletin has been released by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). As per the report, the increasing trend of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions continued in 2021.
- ✓ The report also highlighted that all three major GHGs, carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O), recorded an increase in concentration in 2020 compared to previous years. The average global warming would exceed Paris Agreement's target of global temperature if emissions continue at the current pace.

4. 'AY.4.2', which was seen in the news recently, is a ___?

- A) AI Chatbot
 B) Coronavirus lineage
 C) Space vehicle
 D) Exoplanet



- ✓ AY.4.2, which was seen in the news, is a 'Coronavirus lineage'. Lineages are the labels given to the branches of the COVID evolutionary chart to illustrate their relatedness.
- ✓ The lineages are overseen by the Pango network, a team of researchers from the universities of Edinburgh and Oxford. They act as the custodians of lineages and handle the assignment of new labels. This AY.4.2. lineage is traced back to April this year.

5. 'Joint Statistical Publication (JSP) 2021 and JSP Snapshot 2021' are the publications of which regional association?

- A) G-20
 B) ASEAN
 C) BRICS
 D) BIMSTEC



- ✓ The Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices of BRICS Countries was held in virtual format, chaired by India.
- ✓ The Chief Statistician of India and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) chaired the meeting. During the meeting, the Joint Statistical Publication (JSP) 2021 and JSP-Snapshot 2021 for BRICS Countries were released. The theme of meeting was "NSOs efforts in monitoring Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".

6. Cook Strait, which was seen in the news, recently is located in which country?

- A) New Zealand
 B) UK
 C) Australia
 D) France



- ✓ Cook Strait separates the North and South Islands of New Zealand. It connects the Tasman Sea on the northwest with the South Pacific Ocean on the southeast. Recently, Freedman, who founded the company ElectricAir, crossed the strait for the first time in an electric plane. This 40-minute solo flight was held 101 years after the first person flew a conventional aircraft over the strait.

7. What is the name of the website launched by Indian climate experts for assessing equity in climate action?

- A) Climate Equity Monitor
 B) Bharat Climate Monitor
 C) Bharat Climate Dashboard
 D) Global CC Monitor



- ✓ Independent researchers from India have conceptualized and developed an online dashboard named "Climate Equity Monitor" on Global climate policy.
- ✓ The Climate Equity Monitor dashboard provides an online dashboard for assessing equity in climate action, inequalities in emissions, energy consumption across the world, and climate policies of several countries. It aims to monitor the performance of Annex-I Parties under the UNFCCC (developed countries).

8. 'STRIVE' is World Bank funded project being implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Skill Development
 B) Ministry of Education
 C) Ministry of Culture
 D) Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) is a World Bank funded project approved in 2016 for a total cost of Rs. 2200 crore. The project aims to create awareness through industry clusters to address issues pertaining to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The STRIVE program was launched in Mangaluru, through Kanara Industries Association-Industrial Cluster.

9. Which Indian state is set to commence the census of Indus River dolphins?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Punjab
- C) Haryana
- D) Bihar



- ✓ Punjab is set to commence the census of the Indus River dolphin (*Platanista gangetica minor*). It is a freshwater dolphin that is found in river Beas. The Indus River dolphin is classified as 'endangered' by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- ✓ In 2007, the dolphins were discovered in Punjab's Harike wildlife sanctuary. The Indus River dolphin was declared the State aquatic animal of Punjab in 2019.

10. Which organisation delivered First Ship of Project 15B Class Destroyer–Yard 12704 (Visakhapatnam) to the Indian Navy?

- A) DRDO
- B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- D) HAL



- ✓ Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) has delivered First Ship of Project 15B Class Destroyer–Yard 12704 (Visakhapatnam) to the Indian Navy. The ship is constructed using Indigenous Steel DMR 249A and is amongst the largest Destroyers constructed in India. It has an overall length of 164 meters and a displacement of over 7500 tons.