

1. Indian Railways has introduced a special train 'Gati Shakti Superfast Special train' between which cities?

- A) Delhi-Patna
 B) Delhi-Varanasi
 C) Varanasi-Kevadia
 D) Delhi-Nainital



- ✓ Indian Railways has introduced a special train 'Gati Shakti Superfast Special train' between Delhi and Patna. The Anand Vihar Terminal - Patna - Anand Vihar Terminal Gati Shakti Superfast Special train has been launched for the convenience of the passengers during this festive season.

2. Shaktikanta Das has been appointed as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for how many years, from 2021?

- A) Two years
 B) Three years
 C) Four years
 D) Five years



- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet reappointed Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for three years beyond 10.12.2021 or until further orders. Shaktikanta Das, a retired Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer, assumed charge as the 25th governor of the RBI effective December 12, 2018. He had also served as a member of the 15th Finance Commission for a year.
- ✓ Benegal Rama Rau served RBI Governor between July 1, 1949, and January 14, 1957 and that is the longest such tenure so far.

3. Which Union Ministry has initiated reforms in public procurement and project management to help MSMEs?

- A) Ministry of MSME
 B) Ministry of Finance
 C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 D) Ministry of Food Processing Industries



- ✓ The Finance Ministry has initiated reforms in public procurement and project management to execute projects and provide payments to the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) on time. The new guidelines permit alternative methods for selection of contractors. Whereas, the old system gives weightage to the lowest commercial bid.

4. Which sector of people made up the largest share of total suicides, as per NCRB data on suicides?

- A) Daily Wage Earners
 B) House-wives
 C) Unemployed Persons
 D) Farmers



- ✓ As per the data by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 37,666 daily wage workers died by suicide in 2020, who made up the largest share of total suicides. They are followed by House-wives and persons in farming sector. As per the report, the country reported more than 1.53 lakh suicides last year highest in the last 10 years.
- ✓ It also cited that an average of 31 children died by suicide every day in India in 2020. As many as 11,396 children died by suicide in 2020, at an 18 per cent rise from 2019.

5. Which Union Ministry has announced competitions for Deshbhakti Geet writing?

- A) Ministry of External Affairs
 B) Ministry of Culture
 C) Ministry of Rural Development
 D) Ministry of Electronics and IT



- ✓ Ministry of Culture has announced three competitions under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. They are Deshbhakti Geet writing, Rangoli Making and Lori writing. The competitions have been launched from Tehsil and Taluka level to National level. The initiative was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mann Ki Baat.
- ✓ This competition will be held for a couple of months and the rewards to the winners will be presented by the Ministry.

6. 'Dairy Sahakar', a scheme recently launched, will be implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare
 B) Ministry of Rural Development
 C) Ministry of Cooperation
 D) Ministry of Food Processing Industries



- ✓ Amit Shah, Union Minister Cooperation launched the "Dairy Sahakar" scheme at Anand, Gujarat, during the celebration of 75th Foundation Year of Amul.
- ✓ The Dairy Sahakar scheme will be implemented by NCD, under Ministry of Cooperation, with a total investment of Rs 5000 crore. Under the scheme, financial support will be extended to eligible cooperatives for various activities such as milk procurement, processing, quality assurance, value addition, branding, packaging, marketing, transportation and storage of products and exports.

7. Which state has documented the odonate fauna for the first time?

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



- ✓ A group of entomologists have documented the odonate fauna in the state of Kerala for the first time. Kerala is home to 181 species of dragonflies and damselflies. It also nurtures 68 species that are endemic to the Western Ghats. According to the study, the odonates of the Western Ghats stands at 207, of which 80 species are endemics.

8. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)?

- A) Ashok Bhushan
 B) A K Sikri
 C) Ranjan Gogoi
 D) J Mukhopadhaya



- ✓ Retired Supreme Court Judge-Justice Ashok Bhushan has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), for four years or till he attains 70 years. The post was left vacant by the retirement of the then chairperson, Justice S J Mukhopadhaya, in March 2020.
- ✓ The government also appointed retired Chief Justice of Manipur High Court, Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar, as the chairperson of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

9. 'Sardar Patel Leadership Centre' has been inaugurated at which place?

- A) Nainital
- B) Mussoorie
- C) Varanasi
- D) Nagpur



- ✓ Union Minister of State Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh dedicated "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre" to the nation at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie.
- ✓ This was inaugurated on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

10. What is the theme of the 'National Ayurveda Day 2021'?

- A) Ayurveda for Poshan
- B) Ayurveda for COVID
- C) Aatmanirbhar Ayurveda
- D) Amrut Ayurveda



- ✓ The National Ayurveda Day is celebrated on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras) since 2016. This year, the theme of the National Ayurveda Day is 'Ayurveda for Poshan'. Union Minister for Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal announced a corpus ₹260 crore for expanding the infrastructure of National Institute of Ayurveda's satellite centre at Panchkula in Himachal Pradesh. Lord Dhanvantari is a God, who is worshipped for good health and wealth.