

1. When is the 'World Cities Day' observed every year?

- A) October 29
B) October 31
C) November 1
D) November 3



- ✓ World Cities Day is observed globally on October 31 every year to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization. The day was established in 2013, by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution and the occasion was first celebrated in 2014. This year, the theme for World Cities Day is 'Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience'.

2. What is the interest rate fixed for the employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2020–21?

- A) 7.0%
B) 7.5%
C) 8.0%
D) 8.5%

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- ✓ The Finance ministry has approved an 8.5% return on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2020–21. This move will impact over 6.4 crore subscribers. The rate was the same for the year 2019–20 also. The Labour ministry will now notify the interest rate before the EPFO starts crediting the interest into individual accounts.

3. Which city has won Urban Affairs Ministry's award for the city with the best public transport system?

- A) Mumbai
B) Surat
C) Gandhinagar
D) Lucknow



- ✓ Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry presented the 14th edition of Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2021. Surat won the award for the city with the best public transport system, and Kochi was judged the city with most sustainable transport system.
✓ The awards were presented by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri at Urban Mobility India conference. Nagpur's multi-modal integration with Metro rail, Delhi's Metro also won awards.

4. Which Indian state has announced full exemption of motor vehicle taxes and registration fees on electric vehicles (EVs)?

- A) Odisha
B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Telangana
D) Punjab



- ✓ The Odisha government announced full exemption of motor vehicles taxes and registration fees on electric vehicles (EVs) in the state. The exemption, which was granted under the Odisha Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, is applicable till 2025. The incentives for the buyers, manufacturers, batteries and charging stations of electric vehicles were also extended under the Odisha Electric Vehicle Policy.

5. Which Indian state has been invited to participate in a FAO conference of the UN?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Telangana
C) Maharashtra
D) Assam



- ✓ The Government of Telangana has been invited by FAO to participate in a virtual conference of the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), UN. The conference is being organized from Rome, Italy. The state has been invited to deliver an address on Quality Seed Production System: A success story of India: Telangana as a seed hub'.

6. Which state has approved the Industrial Relation Rules, 2021?

- A) Assam
B) Karnataka
C) West Bengal
D) Kerala



- ✓ The Assam cabinet approved the Industrial Relation Rules, 2021 aiming at safeguarding the rights of employers and employees. The cabinet has approved a scheme for providing ration to migrant workers, who faced hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. The rules have been framed with a view to simplify and rationalise the provisions of three central labour codes relating to industrial relations.

7. Which Ministry has proposed to launch a national drone technology conference in India?

- A) Ministry of Civil Aviation
B) Ministry of Science and Technology
C) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
D) Ministry of Education



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has proposed to host a national level drone technology conference in India. The Ministry has stated that it would be an annual event, which would create a platform for users and technology providers. Recently, the Government of India has released the new Drone Rules, 2021.

8. Which global company has changed its name to 'Capricorn Energy PLC'?

- A) BP Oil and Gas
B) Cairn Energy PLC
C) ONGC Videsh
D) Reliance Energy



- ✓ Britain Based oil and gas explorer Cairn Energy PLC has stated that it has changed its name to Capricorn Energy PLC and the same could come into effect from December 2021. The company has been involved in a USD 1 billion retrospective tax dispute with the Government of India, and the case has come to a point of closure.

9. When is the "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists" observed every year?

- A) November 1
B) November 2
C) November 10
D) November 12



- ✓ Every year, the United Nations observes 2 November as the "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists", to highlight the instrumental role played by Journalists in investigating and prosecuting. As per an UN report, over 1,200 journalists have been killed between 2006 and 2020, for reporting the news and bringing information to the public.

10. Wang Yaping is the Astronaut of which country?

- A) Israel
- B) China
- C) UAE
- D) Japan



- ✓ Wang Yaping became the first Chinese woman to walk in space, as her team completed a six-hour stint outside the Tiangong space station. Tiangong, which means "heavenly palace", is the latest achievement of China, after landing a rover on Mars and sending probes to the Moon. Its core module entered orbit earlier this year, with the space station expected to be operational by 2022.
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