

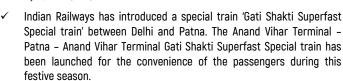
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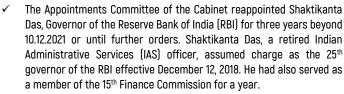
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- 1. Indian Railways has introduced a special train 'Gati Shakti Superfast Special train' between which cities?
- A) Delhi-Patna 🗹
- B) Delhi-Varanasi
- C) Varanasi-Kevadia
- D) Delhi-Nainital



- 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 **I**
- C) Four years
- D) Five years



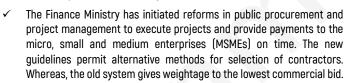
- ✓ Benegal Rama Rau served RBI Governor between July 1, 1949, and January 14, 1957 and that is the longest such tenure so far.
 - 3. Which Union Ministry has initiated reforms in public procurement and project management to help MSMEs?

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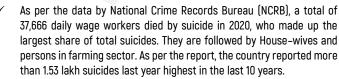
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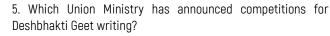
- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Finance **I**
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Food Processing Industries



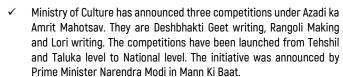
- 4. Which sector of people made up the largest share of total suicides, as per NCRB data on suicides?
- A) Daily Wage Earners 🗹
- B) House-wives
- C) Unemployed Persons
- D) Farmers



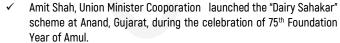
It also cited that an average of 31 children died by suicide every day in India in 2020. As many as 11,396 children died by suicide in 2020, at an 18 per cent rise from 2019.



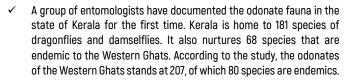
- A) Ministry of External Affairs
- B) Ministry of Culture 🗹
- C) Ministry of Rural Development
- D) Ministry of Electronics and IT



- 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



- ✓ The Dairy Sahakar scheme will be implemented by NCDC, 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



- 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).



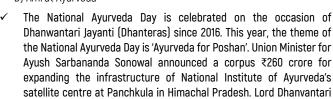


9. 'Sardar Patel Leadership Centre' has been inaugurated at which place?

- 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



is a God, who is worshipped for good health and wealth.



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- 1. When is the 'World Cities Day' observed every year?
- A) October 29
- B) October 31 🗹
- C) November 1
- D) November 3

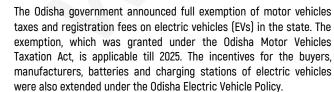


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- World Cities Day is observed globally on October 31 every year to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization. The day was established in 2013, by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution and the occasion was 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% 🗹
- 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



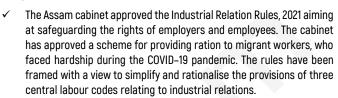
- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry presented the 14th edition of Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2021. Surat won the award for the city with the best public transport system, and Kochi was judged the city with most sustainable transport system.
- The awards were presented by Housing and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



- 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?
 - Al Assam 🗹
 - B) Karnataka
 - C) West Bengal
 - D) Kerala



- 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.

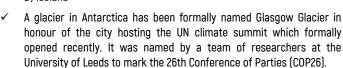


- 10. Wang Yaping is the Astronaut of which country?
- A) Israel
- B) China 🗹
- C) UAE
- D) Japan



✓ 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.

- 1. A glacier located in which region has been named as 'Glasgow Glacier', to mark the COP26 summit?
- A) Canada
- B) Antarctica 🗹
- C) Alaska
- D) Iceland



- 2. Khasis, Jaintias, and Garos are the tribal population of which state?
- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Kerala
- D) Meghalaya 🗹



- ✓ The Khasis, Jaintias, and Garos are the predominant tribal population of Meghalaya. They practise a matrilineal system of inheritance, where the youngest daughter in the family becomes the custodian of the family's property. Recently the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council has proposed a bill, which aims for equitable distribution of parental property among siblings.
 - 3. As per new research conducted in the UK, which vaccine has reduced the risk of developing a cancer by 62 percent?
 - A) Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine 🗹
 - B) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Td/Tdap)
 - C) Varicella
 - D) Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)



- ✓ A new-research, funded by Cancer Research UK, has recently found that the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, reduced the risk of developing the cancer by 62 percent in women between the ages of 14 and 16. Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is administered to protect against cervical cancer in women.
 - 4. RBI's Revised PCA framework is set to come into effect from which date?
 - A) 1st January 2022 🗹
 - B) 1st March 2022
 - C) 1st April 2022
 - D) 1st June 2022



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has come out with a revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for scheduled commercial banks, which would come into effect from 1st January 2022. It has stated that RBI would monitor three key areas – capital, asset quality and leverage for banks.
 - 5. What is the process by which coral reeves overheat during heat waves, where they lose their colour?
 - A) Coral Stress
 - B) Coral Bleaching
 - C) Coral Decolouring
 - D) Coral Pressure
 - Coral Bleaching is a response by overheated corals during heat waves, where they lose their colour and struggle to survive. As per a

new study, eighty percent of the coral reeves have been bleached severely at least once since 2016.

- 6. Which Indian city is to host the Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan?
- A) New Delhi 🗹
- B) Mumbai
- C) Dehradun
- D) Chandigarh



- ✓ India is set to host the Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan on November 10 which will be attended by seven countries. It will be chaired by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.
- ✓ The dialogue will be held at the level of National Security Advisers / Secretaries of Security Councils. As per recent media reports, both China and Pakistan are not attending the meeting. Seven countries Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan confirmed participation.
 - 7. Which Union Ministry is associated with the 'Draft Mediation Bill, 2021', which was placed in public domain recently?
 - A) Ministry of Defence
 - B) Ministry of External Affairs
 - C) Ministry of Law and Justice
 - D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Law and Justice placed the Draft Mediation Bill, 2021 in public domain, seeking feedback and suggestions from all stakeholders. The Bill proposes to bring about a standalone law on Mediation on issues of domestic and international mediation. India is a signatory to the Singapore Convention on Mediation. The Bill also seeks to use the terms 'conciliation' and 'mediation' interchangeably.
 - 8. Which Tennis player won his sixth Paris Masters title in 2021?
 - A) Novak Djokovic 🗹
 - B) Daniil Medvedev
 - C) Roger Federer
 - D) Rafael Nadal



- Tennis player Novak Djokovic won his sixth Paris Masters title by defeating his Russian counterpart Daniil Medvedev with a 4-6 6-3 6-3 victory. Djokovic, the Serbian player, is guaranteed to secure the year-end world number one spot for a record seventh time.
 - 9. Dr. Kamal Ranadive was associated with which field?
 - A) Radioactive Materials
 - B) Heavy Engineering
 - C) Cell Biology 🗹
 - D) Ayurveda
- Dr. Kamal Ranadive was an Indian cell biologist who has made groundbreaking research in the field of Cancer. She was instrumental in establishing country's first tissue culture laboratory at Indian Cancer Research Center.
- ✓ She also played a key role in founding the Indian Women Scientists' Association. Recently, Google has dedicated a doodle to Dr. Kamal Ranadive remembering her 104th birth anniversary.

10. What is the name of the Circuit Train recently launched by IRCTC, to boost domestic religious tourism?

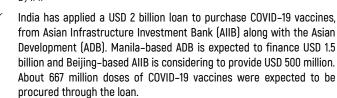
- A) Shri Ramayana Yatra Train 🗹
- B) Mahabharata Yatra Train
- C) Velankanni Yatra Train
- D) Dargah Yatra Train



✓ Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has commenced a 'Shri Ramayana Yatra' train from Delhi. The train left Delhi's Safdarjung railway station. As per IRCTC, more such ones would be run to promote religious tourism. The train will cover the visit of all prominent places associated with the life of Lord Rama in 17 days, travelling around 7500 Kms in the entire tour.

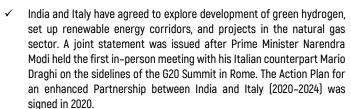
1. India has applied for a USD 2 billion loan to purchase COVID-19 vaccines, from which institutions?

- A) World Bank
- B) ADB-AIIB 🗹
- C) BRICS Bank
- D) IMF

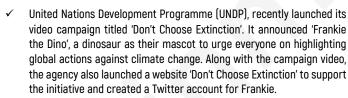




- A) USA
- B) Germany
- C) Italy 🗹
- D) Russia



- 3. 'Don't Choose Extinction' is a campaign recently launched by which institution?
- A) UNDP 🗹
- B) UNEP
- C) FAO
- D) WWF



- 4. Which country is currently excavating the ancient kingdoms of Dadan and Lihyan?
- A) Saudi Arabia 🗹
- B) Nepal
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Israel



- 5. The "Panchamrita concoction" is associated with?
- A) Climate Change 🗹
- B) Infrastructure Development
- C) Port Construction
- D) Bilateral relations between India and Bhutan

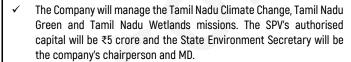


✓ Panchamrita concoction is a five-fold strategy proposed by the Prime Minister of India at the 26th Conference of Parties (CoP26) held at Glasgow. The strategy would help the world achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

✓ The Panchamrita concoction includes 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030, 50% renewable energy capacity by 2030, reduce carbon emission by one billion tonnes by 2030, reduce the carbon intensity by 45% by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2030.

6. Which Indian state has set up first ever SPV to manage three critical natural conservation missions?

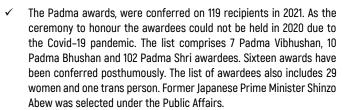
- A) Tamil Nadu 🗹
- B) Kerala
- C) Odisha
- D) Gujarat
- Tamil Nadu has set up first ever Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company, to professionally manage three critical natural conservation missions.



- 7. Garud Chatti bridge, which was recently inaugurated, is located in which Indian state?
- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Uttarakhand 🗹
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi recently laid foundation stones for multiple projects. He dedicated to the Nation various development projects in Kedarnath including Garud Chatti Bridge on river Mandakini. He inaugurated Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi and unveiled the statue of Shri Adi Shankaracharya.
 - 8. Who won the 'Padma Vibhushan 2020' award under the 'Public Affairs' category?
 - A) Shinzo Abe 🗹
 - B) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
 - C) Sheikh Hasina
 - D) K P Sharma Oli



- 9. Which bank's research department released an assessment on PMJDY and reduced crimes?
- A) RBI
- B) SBI 🗹
- C) PNB
- D) Canara Bank
- As per the State Bank of India's economic research department, States with higher Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) account balances have seen a noticeable decline in crime.



- The department also observed that there is both statistically and economically significant drop in consumption of intoxicants such as alcohol and tobacco products in such states.
 - 10. "Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules" has been approved by the cabinet of which Indian state?
 - A) Kerala
 - B) Assam
 - C) Madhya Pradesh
 - D) Punjab 🗹



✓ The Cabinet of Punjab has given approval to the "Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021", which aims to develop Punjab as a standard potato seed center. This is expected to boost potato cultivation in the state. With these rules, Punjab will be the very first state in the country to have the facility of tissue culture-based certification.

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1. When is the 'International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict' observed every year?

- A) November 4
- B) November 6 🗹
- C) November 8
- D) November 10



- ✓ In the year 2001, the UN General Assembly declared 6 November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict.
- ✓ The United Nations Environment Assembly also adopted a resolution in 2016 which proclaimed that a healthy environment plays a significant role in reducing the probability of an armed conflict. The aim is to minimize the consequences of conflict and wars on the environment.
 - 2. Which Union Ministry announced the first-ever 'Star College Mentorship Programme'?
 - A) Ministry of Education
 - B) Ministry of Electronics and IT
 - C) Ministry of Science and Technology



- D) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- Ministry of Science and Technology launched the first-ever mentorship programme for young innovators to mark the 75th year of India's independence.
- ✓ Named the 'DBT-Star College Mentorship Programme', it aims for a 'Star College' in every district of the country supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), under the science and technology ministry. It also aims to organise workshops and meetings every month, handhold colleges particularly in the rural areas and outreach activities with government schools.
 - 3. Which state was formed on Nov.9 as the 27th state of India?
 - A) Jharkhand
 - B) Uttarakhand 🗹
 - C) Chhattisgarh
 - D) Telangana



- ✓ Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed annually on November 9 to celebrate the formation of the 27th state of India. Uttarakhand was formed in the year 2000 after joining several districts from the Northwestern part of Uttar Pradesh and a portion of the Himalayan Mountain range. It was earlier known as Uttaranchal and was renamed Uttarakhand in the year 2007.
 - 4. Every year, National Education Day is observed on 11th November, to commemorate which leader?
 - A) APJ Abdul Kalam
 - B) Vallabhbhai Patel
 - C) Mother Teresa
 - D) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad 🗹
- Every year, 11th November is observed in India as National Education Day, to commemorate the Birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He was a freedom fighter and the first education minister of independent India. It was during his tenure as education minister, UGC, AICTE, Kharagpur Institute of higher education etc were established.



- A) Karnataka 🗹
- B) Odisha
- C) West Bengal
- D) Punjab



- ✓ The Karnataka government has approved a celebration of 'Onake Obavva Jayanti' on the 11th of November from this year. She was a famous woman-soldier who had fought against the forces of Hyder Ali in Chitradurga in the 18th century.
- ✓ The Kannada and Culture Department had proposed celebrating the birth anniversary of Onake Obavva every year.
 - 6. Airports in India are declared as "Major Airports" as per the regulations of which Act?
 - A) Airports Authority of India Act
 - B) Airports Regulation Act
 - C) Civil Aviation Act
 - D) Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Act 🗹



- The Government of India has declared Shirdi airport in Maharashtra as a major airport, under the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Act, 2008. Under Section 13 of the Act, the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) would determine the tariff related to aeronautical services rendered at major airports.
 - 7. The rocket of which space agency has carried the 600th person to space?
 - A) JAXA
 - B) ESA
 - C) ISRO
 - D) Space X 🗹



- ✓ American private space agency Space X has launched its spacecraft named Crew Dragon Endurance, carrying four astronauts into orbit to the International Space Station. This includes the 600th person to reach space in 60 years. The spaceship was launched using SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. Space X is headquartered in Hawthorne, California and was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk.
 - 8. Who has been appointed as the Secretary General of Rajya Sabha?
 - A) PC Mody 🗹
 - B) Sanjay Jaiswal
 - C) Amit Shah
 - D) Rajnath Singh



- ✓ PC Mody, the former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes and an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been appointed as the Rajya Sabha's secretary general. This is one of the rare appointments, since an IRS officer is being appointed as the Secretary General, a position which has been traditionally occupied by IAS officers.
 - 9. Seahorses, eels, seals and sharks have been found in which famous river of the world, which was declared biologically dead?
 - A) Ganga
 - B) Yamuna
 - C) Nile
 - D) Thames 🗹



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- The Thames River of London, which was once declared to be "Biologically Dead" is not found to have Seahorses, eels, seals and sharks. This inhibition by aquatic life has been confirmed in a survey conducted by the Zoological Society of London, which stated that 3 kinds of sharks were seen and 115 species of fish and wildlife were observed.
 - 10. Where is the 'Rezang La' mountain pass situated?
 - A) Ladakh 🗹
 - B) Jammu and Kashmir
 - C) Uttarakhand
 - D) Arunachal Pradesh



✓ The Rezang La, is a mountain pass on the Line of Actual Control, situated in Eastern Ladakh. This is known for the Battle of Rezang La, as a part of 1962 war in which 13 troops of the Indian Army's Kumaon Regiment defeated several waves of the Chinese Army at a height of over 16,000 feet. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to inaugurate the revamped war memorial at Rezang La in memory of the battle.