

1. Which state's tourism department launched the STREET (Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism) project?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Goa
C) Kerala ☒
D) Sikkim



- ✓ Kerala Tourism recently launched the 'STREET' (Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, and Tourism) project in select places in seven districts. The project would help visitors experience the diversity of offerings in these places.
- ✓ In the first phase, the project would be implemented in Kadalundi in Kozhikode, Thrithala and Pattithara in Palakkad, Pinarayi and Ancharakkandi in Kannur, Maravanthuruthu and Manchira in Kottayam, Valiyaparamba in Kasaragod, Kanthalloor in Idukki and Chekadi in Wayanad.

2. "System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research" (SAFAR) is an initiative of which Union Ministry of India?

- A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
B) Ministry of Earth Sciences ☒
C) Ministry of Science and Technology
D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) introduced a major national initiative, "System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research" known as "SAFAR". It enables greater metropolitan cities of India to provide location specific information on air quality.
- ✓ As per SAFAR, the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) in the national capital stood at 372 in the 'very poor' category. An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

3. As per the National Health Accounts (NHA) estimates, what was the share of government health expenditure in the GDP of India in 2017-18?

- A) 1.2%
B) 1.35% ☒
C) 1.75%
D) 2.5%



- ✓ As per National Health Accounts (NHA) estimates for India for 2017-18, the share of government health expenditure in the GDP of the country has increased to 1.35% in 2017-18 from 1.15% in 2013-14.
- ✓ The findings also show the government spending on health as a share of total expenditure also increased to 5.12% from 3.78% between 2013-14 and 2017-18. In case of per capita OOE, there was a decline from ₹2,336 to ₹2,097 between 2013-14 and 2017-18.

4. 'The India Young Water Professional Programme' has been launched for the first time, in association with which country?

- A) USA
B) Russia
C) Australia ☒
D) Japan



- ✓ The first edition of the India Young Water Professional Programme was launched virtually, under National Hydrology Project and supported by the Australian Water Partnership. It is a Central Scheme of Department of Water Resources, river development and Ganga rejuvenation. A total

of 20 participants (10 men and 10 women) have been selected for the first edition of this Programme from central and state implementing agencies of the National Hydrology Project.

5. Which is India's first certified organic fruit?

- A) Apple
B) Strawberry
C) Kiwi ☒
D) Banana



- ✓ India's 1st Certified Organic Fruit – Arunachal Pradesh Kiwis have been launched by the union minister Kiren Rijiju. Arunachal Pradesh has become the first Indian state to obtain organic certification for Kiwi under the scheme – Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region.

6. Which state launched the 'Kranti Surya Gaurav Kalash Yatra' recently?

- A) Maharashtra
B) Gujarat
C) Madhya Pradesh ☒
D) Bihar



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh launched the 'Kranti Surya Gaurav Kalash Yatra' from the birthplace of freedom fighter Jannayak Tantya Mama, Barod Ahir village. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has called upon the citizens to participate in this yatra. The state has also announced a programme to be organised on death Anniversary of Jannayak Tantya Mama at Indore on December 4.

7. Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) is a scheme implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
B) Ministry of MSME ☒
C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
D) Ministry of Steel



- ✓ Ministry of MSME implements the Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) scheme. It is an MSME certification scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2016 to encourage the manufacturing of goods by MSMEs without any defects and without any effects on the environment.
- ✓ According to the data shared by MSME Minister Narayan Rane in Rajya Sabha, the scheme has recorded around 25,000 MSME registrations. The scheme was upscaled in FY19 to benefit more MSMEs.

8. Which country proposed the 'Social Media (Basic Expectations and Defamation) Bill 2021'?

- A) USA
B) Australia ☒
C) China
D) India



- ✓ The Australian government released the draft of 'Social Media (Basic Expectations and Defamation) Bill 2021'. The Bill aims at holding social media companies accountable for the content posted on their platforms, and protecting users from trolls. The reforms will consider social media companies as publishers and they can avoid this liability if they provide information so that the victim can identify and begin defamation proceedings against the troll.

9. Dhawan-1, India's first first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine, was developed by which company?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace ☒
- B) Skanda Aerospace
- C) Dhruv Space
- D) Collins Aerospace



- ✓ Skyroot Aerospace, a Hyderabad-based space technology startup, has test fired India's first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine. The engine has been named as Dhawan-1, in honour of Indian rocket scientist Satish Dhawan. It was developed using 3D printing technology and is fuelled by liquefied natural gas and liquid oxygen.

10. Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), is an enforcement agency under which organisation?

- A) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs ☒
- B) Securities Exchange Board of India
- C) Enforcement Directorate
- D) Central Board of Direct Taxes



- ✓ The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), is an intelligence and enforcement agency of the Government of India on anti-smuggling matters. The Union Finance Minister Ms Nirmala Sitharaman was addressing the 64th 'Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Foundation Day'.
- ✓ DRI released a report on the occasion, which said that gold smuggling shifted from the Middle East to Myanmar during 2020-21.