

1. Which Union Ministry is implementing the umbrella scheme named 'Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana' (AVYAY)?

- A) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- C) Ministry of Rural Development
- D) Ministry of Minority Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing an Umbrella scheme namely Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana (AVYAY). The scheme aims for welfare of Senior Citizens across the country. This has several components, namely Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY), SACRED, IPSrC, SAPSrC among others.

2. What is the name of the portal launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation for seamless air travel during COVID?

- A) Air Suvidha ☒
- B) Bharat Travel
- C) Pradhan Mantri Aviation
- D) Welcome India



- ✓ Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the 'Air Suvidha' portal in August 2020 for seamless air travel during Covid pandemic. Recently, in the wake of the Omicron threat, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare mandated contactless self-declaration at Air Suvidha portal. It aims to provide hassle-free air travel to all international passengers arriving in India.

3. Which space agency launched its 'Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (LCRD)'?

- A) ISRO
- B) NASA ☒
- C) Blue Origin
- D) SpaceX



- ✓ On December 7, NASA launched its new Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (LCRD). It is the agency's first-ever laser communications system from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. The LCRD will help the NASA to test optical communication in space. At present, most NASA spacecraft use radio frequency communications to send data. LCRD has two optical terminals – one to receive data from a user spacecraft, and the other to transmit data to ground stations.

4. Which Indian bureaucrat was invited to join the board of advisers of International 'IDEA'?

- A) Sunil Arora ☒
- B) P Rawat
- C) A K Joti
- D) Nasim Zaidi



- ✓ Former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora has been invited to join the board of advisers at the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance.
- ✓ The institute is also known as International IDEA which has a mission to support sustainable democracy. Established in 1995, International IDEA is an intergovernmental organisation based in Stockholm, Sweden. International IDEA currently has 34 member countries.

5. As per the 'World Malaria Report 2021', what is the number of estimated malaria deaths in 2020?

- A) 1.27 lakhs
- B) 2.27 lakhs
- C) 4.27 lakhs
- D) 6.27 lakhs ☒



- ✓ World Malaria Report 2021 has been released by the World Health Organization (WHO). As per the report, global efforts to tackle malaria suffered due to COVID-19 in 2020. There were estimated 627,000 malaria deaths in 2020, which is an increase of 12 per cent over 2019.
- ✓ The report also warns that if expeditious action is not taken, the world is in the danger of seeing an immediate resurgence of the disease, especially in Africa.

6. Which institution released 'The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2021' report?

- A) Food and Agriculture Organization ☒
- B) NABARD
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) World Bank



- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released 'The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2021' report. As per the report, food costs could increase for up to 845 million people if a disruption to critical transport links occurs. It also highlighted the need to make agri-food systems resilient to address food security.

7. Which country showcased the Y-8Q anti-submarine warfare aircraft?

- A) Israel
- B) UAE
- C) China ☒
- D) Russia



- ✓ China recently showcased Y-8Q anti-submarine warfare aircraft. The People Liberation Army (PLA) Navy's Y-8Q aircraft is also known as KQ-200. This was launched amidst the deepening engagement between Taiwan and the US. Taiwan claimed that at least 5 Chinese warplanes had entered its Air Defense Identification Zone (AIDZ).

8. Which institution developed the 'Bio-jet fuel', which has been approved for use on military aircraft of IAF?

- A) Indian Institute of Petroleum ☒
- B) Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation
- C) Indian Institute of Remote Sensing
- D) Bharat Electronics Limited



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP), a constituent laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research developed the 'Bio-jet fuel'. It has been formally approved for use on military aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF), Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification (CEMILAC). It is a regulatory body under DRDO.

9. 'Hunar Haat' is organized by which ministry, has received silver medal at the India International Trade Fair, 2021?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Minority Affairs ☒
- C) Ministry of Defence
- D) Ministry of Skill Development



- ✓ The 'Hunar Haat' is a platform provided by the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs to showcase the expertise of artisans/craftsmen of India and explore the opportunities of employment under "Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTAAD)". Recently, the 33rd Hunar Haat was organized at Delhi, which received silver medal at the India International Trade Fair, 2021.

10. Where is the India International Science Festival to be held from December 10th, 2021?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Lucknow
- C) Varanasi
- D) Goa ☒



- ✓ India International Science Festival IISF 2021 is being organized jointly by Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, and NGO Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) and would be held from 10th December 2021, for 4 days in Goa. This year's festival would contain Science Film Festival, Science Literature Festival, Engineering Students Festival, Village Festival etc.
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