

1. Which is the first airline in India to have launched an ESG report?

- A) Air India  
B) Spice Jet  
C) IndiGo ☒  
D) Vistara



- ✓ IndiGo was the first airline in India to have launched an ESG report. IndiGo announced that it has signed an agreement with CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP), Dehradun to join hands in deploying sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in India and across the world.
- ✓ Under this partnership, IndiGo and CSIR-IIP will enter into arrangements for projects for SAF based on techno-commercial feasibility. They will also focus on Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) value creation.

2. Which is the world's most valuable edtech company, as of 2021?

- A) Duolingo  
B) Byju's ☒  
C) Tribal-learning  
D) Coursera



- ✓ Bangalore-based Byju's is an Indian multinational educational technology (ed-tech) company. It is the world's most valuable ed-tech company with the m-cap of \$18 billion. Byju's has acquired Austria-headquartered GeoGebra and the value of the transaction is about \$100 million. GeoGebra is an interactive mathematics learning tool. This is also the ninth major acquisition of Byju's.

3. The SAARC Charter was adopted in which city on December 8, 1985?

- A) New Delhi  
B) Dhaka ☒  
C) Kathmandu  
D) Colombo



- ✓ The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day is observed every year on 8th December. On this day in 1985, SAARC Charter was adopted in Dhaka, during the first summit of the group. This year also marks the 37th Anniversary of the regional group. SAARC has organised 18 summits since 1985.

4. The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Rural) till which year, from 2021?

- A) 2023  
B) 2024 ☒  
C) 2025  
D) 2030



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Rural) for another three years till March 2024. The extension of the scheme will help in the construction of the remaining 155.75 lakh houses. It will help achieve the target of 2.95 crore 'pucca' houses.

5. Kuno National Park is located in which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh  
B) Arunachal Pradesh  
C) Haryana  
D) Madhya Pradesh ☒



- ✓ In one of the world's largest intercontinental animal translocation, Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park is set to receive and inhabit 13 African cheetahs by early 2022. Cheetah – the fastest animal on earth was described as extinct in India in 1952 since the last surviving cheetah in India was hunted down in Chhattisgarh.

6. Which word has been chosen as the "2021 word of the year" by Merriam-Webster?

- A) Vaccine ☒  
B) Quarantine  
C) Infection  
D) Isolation



- ✓ Merriam-Webster is an American company which publishes reference, especially dictionaries and is one of the oldest dictionary publishers in the USA. Merriam-Webster has chosen the word "vaccine" as the 2021 word of the year, since it was the word that was extremely high in its data every single day in 2021.

7. 'Trade Emerge' is an online platform of which Bank?

- A) SBI  
B) ICICI ☒  
C) Axis Bank  
D) Union Bank of India



- ✓ Leading Indian Private Bank – ICICI Bank has launched an online platform named Trade Emerge, which offers banking and other digital services to exporters and importers across India. The platform makes cross border trade hassle-free and convenient and acts as a single point of contact for various Export – Import services.

8. Which Indian state held its famous Cherry Blossom Festival recently?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh  
B) Himachal Pradesh  
C) Meghalaya ☒  
D) West Bengal



- ✓ Shillong's famous Cherry Blossom Festival was held between November 25 and 27, this year. The festival was cancelled due to COVID outbreak last year. Meghalaya's Chief Minister Cornad Sangma announced about the festival in Twitter. Several cherry blossoms are seen across Meghalaya's capital city, Shillong. The festival includes various competitions, programmes and other art events.

9. Which institution released a report titled 'Designing the future of dispute Resolution'?

- A) NALSA  
B) NITI Aayog ☒  
C) NHRC  
D) Law and Justice Ministry



- ✓ The NITI Aayog released a report titled "Designing the future of dispute Resolution: the ODR Policy Plan for India". It proposed measures at three levels to address the challenges in adopting ODR.
- ✓ The report recommends increasing digital infrastructure, building capacity, regulatory framework, including permission for online notarisation, etc.

10. Beyond APICA Project, which was sometimes seen in the news recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Ice Exploration ☒
- B) Space Exploration
- C) Artificial Intelligence
- D) Cryptocurrency



- ✓ The Beyond European Project for Ice Coring in Antarctica (EPICA) is the Oldest Ice project funded by the European Commission. It is being carried out by the Institute of Polar Sciences of the Cnr (National Research Council of Italy) and The British Antarctic Survey (BAS). The project aims to collect the oldest continuous ice core in Antarctica, providing a record of the climate spanning 1.5 million years.
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