

1. As per a recent report by Reporters Without Borders (RSF), which country is the world's biggest captor of journalists?

- A) India
- B) North Korea
- C) China ☒
- D) Pakistan



- ✓ A recent report by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) has said China is the world's biggest captor of journalists with at least 127 reporters detained at present. The report titled 'The Great Leap Backwards of Journalism in China' reveals China's violations against its international commitments to freedom of opinion and expression.
- ✓ At least ten journalists were arrested in 2020 for informing public about the COVID-19 crisis.

2. Who is the first Indian male badminton player, to reach the finals of BWF World badminton championship?

- A) K Srikanth ☒
- B) Parupalli Kashyap
- C) Sai Praneeth
- D) Nandu Natekar



- ✓ Indian badminton champion K Srikanth has become the very first Indian man to reach the final match of BWF World badminton championship. But unfortunately, K Srikanth lost against Singapore's Loh Kean Yew at the final match and ended up winning a silver-medal. K Srikanth was ranked world number 1 at the BWF ranking in April 2018 and is the recipient of Arjuna award in 2015 and Padma Shri in 2018.

3. Which space agency had launched Yusaku Maezawa, the first private passenger to the international space station, recently?

- A) NASA
- B) ISRO
- C) ROSCOSMOS ☒
- D) ESA



- ✓ Yusaku Maezawa, a Japanese billionaire was launched to the international space station by Russian space agency, ROSCOSMOS on December 8 in a Soyuz Spacecraft. He has returned to earth after spending 12 days on the International Space Station.
- ✓ The landing completed a successful test run for his 2023 flight to the Moon with Elon Musk's SpaceX.

4. The week from December 20-25, 2021 would be observed in India as?

- A) Good Governance Week ☒
- B) Anti-Corruption Week
- C) Banking Awareness Week
- D) Panchayati Raj Week



- ✓ The Government of India would be celebrating December 20-25, 2021 as 'Good Governance' week. The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievance (DARPG), in association with various departments and ministries, would convene many events to create awareness about 'Good Governance'. Also, a campaign named 'Prashashan Gaon Ki Aur', is planned as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration, aimed at improving service delivery and redressal of public grievances.

5. Under how many themes, the Nadi Utsav 2021 is being celebrated in India?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four ☒
- D) Six



- ✓ The Nadi Utsav (River Festival) is being celebrated in India across 16 states and 41 districts from Uttarakashi to Kerala, under the four chosen themes of Cleanliness, Patriotism, Nature and Ecology, Devotion and Spirituality.
- ✓ The festival is being conducted from 16th Dec to 23rd Dec 2021. This is in line with the Prime Minister's speech in Man Ki Bath, urging all people living near rivers to celebrate a river festival at least once in a year.

6. Gabriel Boric, has been selected as the youngest President of which country?

- A) Chile ☒
- B) Argentina
- C) New Zealand
- D) Israel



- ✓ 35-year-old leftist millennial Gabriel Boric became the youngest President of Chile. He is also the second millennial to lead in Latin America, after El Salvador's Nayib Bukele.

7. What is the name of the treatment which uses viruses that are harmless to humans but kill bacteria?

- A) Phage therapy ☒
- B) Viral therapy
- C) Antibiotic therapy
- D) Microbe therapy



- ✓ Phage therapy is the concept of using viruses (known as phage) that are harmless to humans but kill bacteria. As per new research, this therapy can be used in combination with antibiotics to cure infections more effectively. It will in turn reduce the threat of antibiotic resistance.

8. Which scheme provides Community Investment Fund to Self help groups?

- A) PM Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- B) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission ☒
- C) PM Gati Shakti Yojana
- D) PM SHG Samridhhi Abhiyan

- ✓ Under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), Self help groups (SHGs) receive the Community Investment Fund (CIF). Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi transferred ₹1,000 crore to bank accounts of self-help groups to benefit around 16 lakh women. This transfer is being done under the DAY-NRLM scheme.

9. 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Scheme' is a scheme implemented by which state?

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



- ✓ 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Scheme' is implemented by the state of Uttar Pradesh. The scheme provides conditional cash transfer of a sum of Rs 15000, to a girl child at different stages of her life. The sum of ₹ 15,000 per beneficiary are provided at various stages including at birth, on completing one-year complete vaccination, on admission in class-I, class-VI and class-IX, on admission in any degree/ diploma course after passing class X or XII.

10. Tseminyu, Niuland and Chumukedima are the newly created districts of which state?

- A) Assam
B) Sikkim
C) Nagaland ☒
D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Nagaland government has created three new districts in the state- Tseminyu, Niuland and Chumukedima, taking the total number of districts to 15. The Governor of Nagaland Jagdish Mukhi announced the Tseminyu subdivision under Kohima district, Niuland subdivision under Dimapur district, and Chumukedima sub-division into three new districts.