

1. Which country launched 'National Oxygen Stewardship Programme' to prevent wastage of Medical Oxygen?

- A) USA
- B) India ☒
- C) UK
- D) Bangladesh



- ✓ The Indian government launched "National Oxygen Stewardship Programme" to train health care workers in rational utilisation of medical oxygen to prevent wastage. Under the Programme, at least one oxygen steward will be identified and trained in each district across the country, as per the Union health ministry. OxyCare, a dashboard to publish information on the oxygen stock, was also set up.

2. Which institution launched the 'Vernacular Innovation Program' in India?

- A) ISRO
- B) NITI Aayog ☒
- C) BARC
- D) NSIL



- ✓ Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog launched the 'Vernacular Innovation' Program which enables entrepreneurs to have access to innovative ecosystem in 22 mother tongue languages. Atal Innovation Mission will train a Vernacular Task Force in each of the 22 scheduled languages.
- ✓ Each task force includes vernacular language teachers, subject experts, technical writers, and the leadership of regional Atal Incubation Centres.

3. The Annual Growth rate of production of Spices in India has followed a trend from 2014 to 2020

- A) Upward ☒
- B) Downward
- C) Zigzag
- D) Similar



- ✓ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has released the book titled 'Spices Statistics at a Glance 2021'. It includes all statistics like area, production, productivity, export, import, price and value of output.
- ✓ The book has been published by the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development. Spices production in the Country has grown from over 67 lakh tonnes in 2014-15 to over 106 lakh tonnes in 2020-21 with an annual growth rate of 7.9 percent.

4. In the process of Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixation, what is the minimum margin of profit of farmers?

- A) 20%
- B) 25%
- C) 50% ☒
- D) 75%



- ✓ The fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) is based on recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). It assures a minimum of 50 percent as margin of profit for farmers. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given approval to increase the minimum support price (MSP) of milling copra by Rs 255 per quintal and ball copra by Rs 400 per quintal.

5. Which country is the largest producer of the 'Jade' mineral, used in jewellery?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Myanmar ☒
- C) Nepal
- D) Laos



- ✓ Myanmar, earlier known as Burma, is the world's biggest source of jade. It is a green-coloured mineral used in jewellery. Recently, after a jade mine in Myanmar was hit by a landslide, over 100 people are feared missing and one person is confirmed dead.

6. Which Indian state has launched "Safe and Responsible Migration Initiative (SRMI)"?

- A) Jharkhand ☒
- B) Odisha
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Bihar



- ✓ Jharkhand has launched an initiative called the Safe and Responsible Migration Initiative (SRMI). It aims for a systemic registration of migrant workers in the source as well as destination districts. This programme will help the state to analyse the movement of people through a formal structure. The state government has also decided to set up two "labour consulates" in Ladakh and Kerala.

7. Rishihood University was inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) New Delhi ☒
- D) Puducherry



- ✓ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated Rishihood University, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Rajya Sabha MP, Founder and Chancellor of Rishihood University Suresh Prabhu was also present during the occasion. The university has launched many initiatives to promote social impact such as the Center for Water, Center for Innovation in Governance, etc.

8. India signed a loan agreement with which bank for Surat Metro Rail project?

- A) ADB
- B) KfW ☒
- C) AIIB
- D) World Bank



- ✓ The Government of India and the Germany Development Bank -KfW (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau) signed a 442.26-million-euro loan pact for Surat Metro Rail project. The total cost of the project is estimated to be Euro 1.50 billion (₹12,020 crore), of which KfW bank is financing Euro 442.26 million.
- ✓ Surat Metro Rail Project was launched in January this year. The project is being co-financed by French Development Agency, AFD.

9. In which state, DRDE is to set up Advanced Biological Defence Research Centre (ABDRC)?

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



- ✓ The Defence Research Development Establishment (DRDE) is to set up an advanced biological defence lab to study viruses dangerous to humans, at Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior. The proposed Advanced Biological Defence Research Centre (ABDRC) will focus on dangerous viruses, their effect on humans and it will come up with safeguards and develop equipment to fight them.
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10. Which state topped the 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy'?

- A) Assam
B) Sikkim
C) West Bengal ☒
D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ The 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy', an indicator of literacy among children below 10 years was released by Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM). The Index was prepared by 'Institute for Competitiveness'. West Bengal (58.95) topped the chart and Bihar was placed at the bottom in the 'large states' category. In the 'small states' category, Kerala (67.95) grabbed the top spot. Lakshadweep (52.69) and Mizoram (51.64) are top-scoring regions in the UT and Northeast state category, respectively.
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