

1. When is the 'International Day of Epidemic Preparedness' observed?

- A) December 25  
B) December 26  
C) December 27 ☒  
D) December 28



- ✓ December 27 is observed as the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness. The first International Day of Epidemic Preparedness was marked in 2020 based on the proclamation of United Nations General Assembly. According to WHO, the day marks the significance of preventing, preparing for and partnering against epidemics.

2. 'World Sangeet Tansen festival' is being held in which state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh ☒  
B) Maharashtra  
C) Sikkim  
D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ World Sangeet Tansen festival has started from Madhya Pradesh. The festival will be organised till December 30 in Gwalior. This is the 97th edition of the World Sangeet Tansen festival.  
✓ The stage has been constructed on the theme of Siddhanath temple situated in Omkareshwar. National Kalidas Awards will be presented in the inauguration ceremony.

3. Which Indian bureaucrat has been appointed Deputy National Security Advisor?

- A) Vikram Misri ☒  
B) Arun Kumar Singh  
C) Dinesh Bhatia  
D) Manpreet Vohra



- ✓ India's former envoy to China Vikram Misri was appointed Deputy National Security Advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat. He was an Indian Foreign Service Officer in the 1989 batch and has held several diplomatic positions. Mr Misri was appointed as India's Ambassador to China in 2019. The Ministry of External Affairs had earlier appointed Pradeep Kumar Rawat as the next ambassador to China.

4. Which Union Ministry has set up six Task Forces on 6G technology?

- A) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting  
B) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  
C) Ministry of Communication ☒  
D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), under the Ministry of Communication has constituted six Task Forces on 6G technology. The task forces are headed by various academia from across the country Directors of IIT-Madras, IIT-Kanpur, IISc among others. India is deploying 5G technology this year and the group will analyse the process and challenges in 6G.

5. 'SMILE' scheme is to be implemented by which Union Ministry?

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



- ✓ SMILE (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) is an umbrella scheme being formulated by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. It includes two sub-schemes for the welfare of transgender persons and persons engaged in begging. The scheme will include rehabilitation, medical facilities, counselling, education, skill development and economic linkages.

6. What is the Current Account Balance of India, in the second quarter ended September 2021?

- A) \$9.6 billion surplus  
B) \$9.6 billion deficit ☒  
C) \$0.6 billion surplus  
D) \$0.6 billion deficit



- ✓ India's current account balance posted a deficit of \$ 9.6 billion in the second quarter ended September 2021 (Q2FY22). It forms 1.3 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).  
✓ The current account was in surplus \$ 6.6 billion (0.9 percent of GDP) in the first quarter ended June 2021(Q1FY22). As per the RBI, the current account deficit (CAD) was mainly due to widening of trade gap and increase in outgo of investment income.

7. As on January 1, 2022, what is the estimated population of the world, as per the US Census Bureau?

- A) 3.8 billion  
B) 5.8 billion  
C) 7.8 billion ☒  
D) 9.8 billion



- ✓ The world's population is projected to be 7.8 billion people, as on New Year's Day 2022, according to the US Census Bureau. This represents an increase of 74 million people, or a 0.9% growth rate from New Year's Day 2021. 4.3 births and two deaths are expected every second worldwide. China remains the world's most-populous country with 1.4 billion people and India would overtake it by 2025.

8. What is the existing annual income limit for identification of economically weaker section?

- A) Rs 6 lakh  
B) Rs 8 lakh ☒  
C) Rs 9 lakh  
D) Rs 10 lakh



- ✓ After the recommendation by the three-member committee, the Centre has decided to continue with the existing annual income limit of ₹8 lakh for identification of economically weaker section (EWS). The Supreme Court raised doubts over the 10% quota while dealing with NEET-PG admissions and the Centre set up the committee to revisit the income limit of EWS quota. The committee comprised former union finance secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey among others.

9. What is the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) of India in the year 2020-21?

- A) 918  
B) 920  
C) 937 ☒  
D) 951



- ✓ India's Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) improved by 19 points at National level, from 918 in the year 2014-15 to 937 in 2020-21. This was announced during the Year End Review of Women and Child Development

Ministry. The "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme" is being implemented across India, covering 640 districts across the country.

- ✓ The Poshan Tracker application ensures real-time monitoring of supplementary nutrition. The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana scheme is implemented for pregnant women and lactating mothers.

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10. Which is India's first large state to record 100 percent first-dose vaccinations?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Telangana ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Karnataka



- ✓ Telangana became the country's first large state to record 100 per cent first-dose vaccinations. The state has vaccinated 2.77 crore citizens with the first dose, as per the Central government's estimated adult population target. The state is ahead of the national average by 9 percent in terms of the first dose and ahead of the national average by 3 percent in second dose.