

1. Which institution released the 'Women and girls left behind: Glaring gaps in pandemic responses' report?

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) World Bank
- C) UN Women ☒
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ United Nations Women recently released a new report titled "Women and girls left behind: Glaring gaps in pandemic responses". As per the report, women were less likely to receive COVID-19 relief from government. At least 29% of working mothers living with children lost their jobs compared to 20% of working men living with children. Single women living with children were left behind more, as per the report.

2. Which Indian Pace bowler achieved the milestone of 200 Test wickets recently?

- A) Mohammed Shami ☒
- B) Ravichandran Ashwin
- C) Ravindra Jadeja
- D) Jasprit Bumrah



- ✓ Mohammed Shami recently achieved the milestone of 200 Test wickets, during the first Test against South Africa.
- ✓ The 31-year-old bowler is third-fastest among Indian pacers to reach the landmark, as he achieved this feat in his 55th Test match. He is only behind Kapil Dev (434), Ishant Sharma (311), Zaheer Khan (311), and Javagal Srinath (236), at present.

3. Which state has unveiled the draft of 'New Policy for Women 2021'?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
- B) Kerala
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Government recently unveiled "New Policy for Women 2021", which includes features such as compulsory martial arts training for school and college females. The policy also seeks to make all modes of transportation women-friendly.

4. The Indian Army's 'Quantum computing laboratory and a centre for artificial intelligence (AI)' has been set up in which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Madhya Pradesh ☒
- D) Haryana



- ✓ The Indian Army has set up a 'Quantum computing laboratory and a Centre for artificial intelligence (AI)' at Military College of Telecommunication Engineering, Mhow, Madhya Pradesh. The centres will carry out research in developing transformative technologies to be used by the armed forces. It has been established by the Indian Army, with support from the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS).

5. Which country is the world's top producer of 'Rare earth material'?

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) China ☒
- D) USA



- ✓ China is the world's top producer of rare earth material. Recently, the country has 3 state-owned rare earth mining companies to form a

new entity named 'China Rare Earths Group'. China has been strengthening its supply chain of rare earth materials. Rare earth is a combination of 17 minerals used as vital ingredients in the production of consumer electronics as well as military equipment.

6. Which Union Ministry has released draft National Air Sports Policy?

- A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- B) Ministry of Civil Aviation ☒
- C) Ministry of Renewable Energy
- D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Civil Aviation has released draft National Air Sports Policy (NASP) for public feedback. The policy seeks to promote India's potential for air sports and focuses on ensuring international best practices in safety. The vision of the policy is to make India as one of the top air sports nations by 2030.

7. 'PM's Excellence Award' is being awarded for which sector?

- A) Sports
- B) Public Administration ☒
- C) Entrepreneurship
- D) Education



- ✓ The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) awards the "Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration" since 2006. Union Minister Jitendra Singh has recently launched the Web Portal for PM's Excellence Award, whose registrations began. The prize money was doubled this year from 10 lakh rupees to 20 lakh rupees.
- ✓ The Scheme was restructured in 2020, to recognize the performance of District Collectors towards economic development of the District.

8. What is the annual export target of India, for the year 2021-22?

- A) \$100 billion
- B) \$200 billion
- C) \$400 billion ☒
- D) \$500 billion



- ✓ India exported goods worth 37.29 billion in December 2021, the highest ever in a month, as per the data released by the commerce and industry ministry. India's merchandise export in April-December was nearly 300 billion, which is an increase of 48.85 percent year-on-year and 26 percent against the same period in 2019.
- ✓ Hence, India has achieved three-fourths of its annual export target of \$400 billion in the first 9 months of FY22. This is due to the high demand for engineering products, petroleum items, and gems and jewellery.

9. What is the theme declared for the DRDO Day 2021?

- A) Atmanirbhar Bharat
- B) Export ☒
- C) Critical defence technologies
- D) Strength and Science



- ✓ DRDO observed the 63rd Foundation Day of its establishment on January 01, 2021. DRDO was established in 1958 with 10 laboratories to enhance the research work in Defence sector.
- ✓ At present, DRDO is working with several areas including aeronautics, combat vehicles, electronics, instrumentation, advanced computing, simulation among others. DRDO Chairperson declared 'Export' as the

theme of DRDO for 2021.

10. INSACOG is the forum set up by which country to monitor genome sequencing and variation of Covid strains?

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



- ✓ Union Health Ministry of India set up the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) in 2020, to monitor genome sequencing and variation of Covid strains. INSACOG is jointly initiated by the Union Health Ministry, along with Department of Biotechnology, CSIR and ICMR. An INSACOG Lab has asked States to temporarily pause sending COVID-19 positive samples.
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