

1. The subsidiary of which Indian company signed agreements on jointly developing the Trincomalee oil tank farm?

- A) Indian Oil Corporation ☒
 B) Bharat Petroleum
 C) Hindustan Petroleum
 D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation



- ✓ Lanka IOC, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and the Government of Sri Lanka signed lease agreements on jointly developing the Trincomalee oil tank farm. Indian Oil Corporation's subsidiary Lanka IOC is set to run the 14 oil storage tanks while CPC would run 24 tanks. Trinco Petroleum Terminal Pvt. Ltd would develop the remaining 61 tanks, in a joint venture where 51% stakes will be held by CPC and 49% by Lanka IOC.

2. 'Khuntkatti' law, which was seen in the news recently, is practised in which Indian state/UT?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
 B) Jharkhand ☒
 C) Sikkim
 D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ A man was beaten by some villagers for allegedly cutting off trees illegally and selling them. The man was burned alive in front of police, for violating the 'Khuntkatti' law. The 'Khuntkatti' system is a tribal lineage-based system of joint holding of land.
- ✓ According to the system, the Munda tribals would clear the trees and prepare the land for farming, which would then belong to the entire clan instead of a single person.

3. Japan recently signed 'Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA)' with which country?

- A) USA
 B) Australia ☒
 C) Brazil
 D) Russia



- ✓ Japan recently signed a historic Defence Agreement with Australia, to ensure a secure and stable Indo-Pacific region. This agreement has been signed amidst the expansion of China's military and economic influence in the region. Called the Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA), this is Japan's second such agreement. Japan's only other military pact is with the United States.

4. 'Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future' has been declared as the theme of which special day?

- A) World Science and Technology Day
 B) National Science Day ☒
 C) World Research and Development Day
 D) National Innovation Day



- ✓ The theme for this year's National Science Day is announced as 'Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future'. Union Science and technology Ministry has announced this recently. The theme has been chosen for raising public awareness of the scientific issues. National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28 February to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman.

5. As per APEDA, which is the top exported commodity in India in 2020-21?

- A) Non-Basmati Rice ☒
 B) Tomato
 C) Cotton
 D) Milk



- ✓ As per Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Non-Basmati Rice, Basmati Rice and Buffalo Meat are the top 3 exported products from India in the year 2020-21. As per APEDA, the total export basket has increased more than Rs.15 lakh crore in 2020-21 in comparison to Rs.83 thousand crore in 2011-12.

6. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Railway Board?

- A) Shobhit Tripathi
 B) Vinay Kumar Tripathi ☒
 C) Rajesh Arora
 D) Kumar Verma



- ✓ The Appointments Committee of Union Cabinet has approved the appointment of Vinay Kumar Tripathi as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board. Presently, he is serving as the General Manager, North Eastern Railway. He is a 1983 batch Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE).

7. Padhe Bharat campaign is launched by which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Women and Child Development
 B) Ministry of Education ☒
 C) Ministry of Home Affairs
 D) Ministry of Defense



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Education has launched a reading campaign named Padhe Bharat campaign for 100 days starting from January 1, 2022. This campaign is aimed to improve the reading capabilities, vocabulary and thinking abilities of students studying between Balvatika and Class 8. The Government has released a comprehensive guideline on Reading Campaign for the states / UTs to follow.

8. Which State team clinched the Vijay Hazare Trophy title in 2021-22?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Himachal Pradesh ☒
 C) Odisha
 D) Karnataka



- ✓ Himachal Pradesh defeated Tamil Nadu by VJD method to clinch their maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy title in 2021-22 edition, held at Jaipur. Tamil Nadu has been the most successful team with 5 title wins. Vijay Hazare Trophy, also known as the Ranji One-Day Trophy, was started in 2002-03. It is named after the legendary Indian cricketer Vijay Hazare.

9. China has recently released a list of "standardised names" for 15 places in which Indian state?

- A) Mizoram
 B) Nagaland
 C) Tripura
 D) Arunachal Pradesh ☒



- ✓ China's Ministry of Civil Affairs announced the "standardised" names of 15 places in Arunachal Pradesh. China has been claiming around 90,000 sq km of Arunachal Pradesh as its own territory. It had even called the state as "South Tibet" back in 2017.

- ✓ India, in response announced that the renaming does not take away the sovereignty of India from the state.

10. Environment Ministry released Guidelines on 'Extended producer responsibility (EPR)' for which product?

- A) Bio-medical Waste
- B) Waste Tyres ☒
- C) Plastic Waste
- D) e-waste



- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change released the draft notification for regulations for the extended producer responsibility (EPR) for Waste Tyres. If finalised, the draft will be effective from the new fiscal year.
 - ✓ India discards around 275,000 tyres each year but the country does not have a comprehensive plan for that. Producer of tyres to ensure environmentally safe management of waste tyres.
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