

1. 'Space Applications Centre and Physical Research Laboratory' function under the aegis of which institution?

- A) DRDO
B) ISRO
C) CSIR
D) BARC



- ✓ Ahmedabad-based Space Applications Centre and Physical Research Laboratory function under the aegis of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
✓ Recently, the Scientists from the institute successfully demonstrated 'Quantum entanglement'. Using real-time Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), they conducted hack-proof communication between two buildings separated by 300 meters.

2. India recently held a 'High Level Conference on Renewable Energy' along with which bloc?

- A) SAARC
B) ASEAN
C) BRICS
D) G-20



- ✓ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), Indonesia, are jointly hosting an 'ASEAN-India High Level Conference on Renewable Energy (RE)'. This is being hosted in collaboration with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). The theme for the conference is 'Experience and Innovations for Integrated Renewables Market'.

3. Who is the first male player to win the 'World Games Athlete of the Year' award?

- A) Virat Kohli
B) Pankaj Advani
C) PR Srejeesh
D) Arif Khan



- ✓ Veteran Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Srejeesh won the prestigious World Games Athlete of the Year for his 2021 performances. Sreejesh became the first man and second hockey player to win the award, after India Hockey women's captain Rani, who won the 2019 prize.
✓ He played a significant role in the men's team that claimed a bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics.

4. Antonio Costa, has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Italy
B) Portugal
C) Germany
D) Israel



- ✓ Antonio Costa is serving as the current Prime Minister of Portugal since 2015. The 60-year-old leader of Socialist Party has been re-elected for the second term in the snap general election.

5. What is the share of the Government of India in the 'National Land Monetisation Corporation (NLMC)'?

- A) 25%
B) 50%
C) 75%
D) 100%



- ✓ The government has set up a National Land Monetisation Corporation (NLMC) to fast-track monetisation of land and non-core assets of public sector entities, as per the Economic Survey. NLMC is being incorporated as a 100 per cent Government of India owned entity with an initial authorised share capital of Rs 5,000 crore.

6. Union Budget announced a fund to finance start-ups for agriculture and rural enterprise, facilitated through which institution?

- A) State Bank of India
B) NABARD
C) NABFID
D) REC



- ✓ The Union Budget announced a fund with blended capital, raised under co-investment model, will be facilitated through NABARD. It will be used to finance start-ups for agriculture and rural enterprise. The Government would promote the use of 'Kisan Drones' for crop assessment, digitisation of land records and spraying of insecticides.

7. What is the objective of the 'Parvat Mala' scheme announced recently?

- A) Promotion of Adventure Sports
B) Transportation in Hills
C) Promotion of Pilgrimage Sites
D) Protection of Wildlife



- ✓ The Union Budget announced a new scheme called 'Parvat Mala' or National Ropeways Development Programme.
✓ The scheme will be launched for regions like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, J&K, and the northeast to facilitate a modern system of transportation and connectivity in hills.

8. White Cheeked Macaque, a new mammal species in the country, has been discovered in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand
B) Assam
C) Arunachal Pradesh
D) Sikkim



- ✓ Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have found a new mammal species in the country namely the White Cheeked Macaque, in Arunachal Pradesh. The Macaque was first discovered in China in 2015 and its existence was not known in India before this. The White Cheeked Macaque has white cheeks, long and thick hair on the neck and a longer tail than other Macaques. It is the last mammal to have been discovered in Southeast Asia.

9. Which High court has constituted a three-judge bench to hear petitions questioning a ban on the use of hijabs in colleges?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
B) Karnataka
C) Maharashtra
D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Karnataka High Court Chief Justice constituted a three-judge bench, including himself, to hear a batch of petitions questioning a ban on the use of hijabs in a few pre-university colleges in the state. A single-judge bench of the court had decided to refer the pleas to a larger bench as it found the case involved larger Constitutional issues.

- ✓ The decision came after two days of tension and protests across Karnataka over the issue.
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10. Kameng sector, where seven army personnel died in an avalanche, is located in which state/UT?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Ladakh
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Seven Indian Army personnel, who were part of a patrol team, were struck by an avalanche in the high-altitude area in the Kameng sector of Arunachal Pradesh.
 - ✓ All the seven personnel were later found deceased. The area is located at an altitude of 14,500 feet and had been witnessing heavy snowfall since the last few days. The Army had lost six personnel to avalanches and snow-slides in the Siachen Glacier in 2019.
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