

1. What is the percentage of Women representation of board seats in India in 2021, as per 'Women in the Boardroom report'?

- A) 4.1
B) 7.1
C) 17.1
D) 27.1



- ✓ In India, women representation of board seats increased by 9.4 per cent from 2014 to 17.1 percent in 2021 as per Deloitte's Women in the Boardroom report. But women comprise only 3.6 percent of the board chairs, down by 0.9 percent since 2018.
- ✓ The report finds that globally, women hold 19.7 percent of the board seats, which rose by 2.8 percent since 2018.

2. "Hoher Sonnenblick" mountain in the "Hohe Tauern" National Park is located in which country?

- A) Russia
B) Germany
C) Austria
D) New Zealand



- ✓ A new study has been done at an altitude of 3106 meters at the top of the mountain "Hoher Sonnenblick" in the "Hohe Tauern" National Park in Austria. The study is investigating the amount of plastic trickling down on us from the atmosphere. According to the study, about 30% of the nanoplastic particles measured on the mountain top originate from a radius of 200 kilometers, from cities.

3. Which is the nodal agency of the new scheme 'PM-DevINE'?

- A) NABARD
B) North-Eastern Council
C) NITI Aayog
D) IRDAI



- ✓ A new scheme, Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East, PM-DevINE was announced by the union minister for Finance Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting the Union Budget 2022-23.
- ✓ PM-DevINE will be implemented through the North-Eastern Council. An initial allocation of Rs. 1,500 crores will be made for the new scheme. It will fund infrastructure and social development projects based on needs of the North-East.

4. Which country's researchers have found out that Climate change is driving plants to flower earlier?

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



- ✓ As per a recent study by UK researchers, it has been found that Climate change is driving plants to flower earlier and earlier. The average first flowering date of UK plants is a month earlier than it was before 1986.

5. Which Indian city has the most Traffic congestion, as per TomTom Traffic Index?

- A) New Delhi
B) Mumbai
C) Bengaluru
D) Chennai



- ✓ Geo-location technology specialist TomTom has released the 11th edition of its annual TomTom Traffic Index. It is a report analysing traffic trends seen in 404 cities in 58 countries, during 2021. India fared better than the global average of 10% decrease in congestion.
- ✓ But, four cities from India featured in the Index's global top-25 list namely Mumbai (5th), Bengaluru (10th), and New Delhi (11th) and Pune (21st).

6. Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) is published by which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) Pratham Foundation
C) Ministry of Education
D) Ministry of Women and Child Development



- ✓ Pratham Foundation annually conducts an extensive survey in schools, to analyse the learning outcome of students. Recently, it released the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER, West Bengal). As per the report, the basic reading and numerical abilities of school children in West Bengal have reduced during COVID-19.

7. The National Centre of Excellence in Carbon Capture and Utilisation (NCOE-CCU) has been established at which institution?

- A) DRDO
B) IIT- Bombay
C) IISc- Bengaluru
D) ISRO



- ✓ The Department of Science & Technology (DST) has established the National Centre of Excellence in Carbon Capture and Utilisation (NCOE-CCU) at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. This is India's first such centre centrally funded by the DST.
- ✓ This Centre of Excellence explores the potential of Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) technologies, which will help India achieve its climate change goals.

8. An ancient Roman settlement has been recently found by the archaeologists in which country?

- A) Greece
B) UK
C) USA
D) Russia



- ✓ The researchers from the United Kingdom found an ancient Roman settlement site while investigating the route of the construction of upcoming high-speed railway called HS2. In a recent excavation, Scientists could find 40 decapitated skeletons, which were likely to have been executed criminals.
- ✓ Many of these were buried in graves with their severed heads placed between their legs or at their feet. The team earlier found 1,200 coins, pottery, cutlery, gaming dice, bells and lead weights.

9. Which country recently provided recognition to the 'Ghost Army' deployed in the World War II?

- A) USA
B) China
C) Germany
D) Russia



- ✓ US President Joe Biden signed into law a bill titled, "Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act", to provide recognition to the 'Ghost Army'. It is a tactical deception unit deployed by the US during World War II. There are just nine surviving veterans of the Ghost Army across the US.
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10. Which became the first European country to introduce a COVID-19 vaccine mandate?

- A) Germany
- B) Italy
- C) Switzerland
- D) Austria



- ✓ Austria became the first European country to introduce a COVID-19 vaccine mandate. The law, which was first introduced in November last year, came into effect recently. The President Alexander Van der Bellen gave his assent to the law, making it compulsory for adults to vaccinate against COVID-19. As per the law, everyone in the country must have an active vaccination status by March 15, 2022.
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