

1. Archaeological site named Xiamabei, which was in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Japan
B) Vietnam
C) China ☒
D) Sumatra



- ✓ Archeologists from China have discovered remnants of an Old Stone Age culture at a site named Xiamabei which is less than 100 miles from Beijing. At the site, it is discovered that ancient hominins used a reddish pigment called ochre and crafted tiny blade-like tools from stone. It is believed that these remains are more than 40,000 years old.

2. Which institution released the book titled 'Role of Labour in India's Development'?

- A) International Labour Organisation
B) NITI Aayog
C) Ministry of Labour and Employment ☒
D) ASSOCHAM



- ✓ Union Minister for Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav released a book titled 'Role of Labour in India's Development'.
✓ The Book contains 12 articles written by eminent academicians on the contribution of labour in India's development journey. It was published by V V Giri National Labour Institute, which is an autonomous training institute under the Ministry of Labour.

3. What is the name of the new scheme launched as a consolidation of MSME Incubation, Design and IPR schemes?

- A) MSME Champions Scheme
B) MSME Innovative Scheme ☒
C) MSME Plus Scheme
D) MSME Pro Scheme



- ✓ Union Minister for MSME Narayan Rane launched the MSME Innovative Scheme (Incubation, Design and IPR), as the combination of existing sub-schemes around incubation, design, and intellectual property rights (IPR) for MSMEs.
✓ This will act as a hub for innovation activities facilitating development of ideas into viable business proposition which benefits society. The Minister also launched the MSME Idea Hackathon 2022.

4. Xenotransplantation, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Crypto-currency
B) Organ Transplantation ☒
C) Semiconductor Manufacturing
D) Climate Change



- ✓ Xenotransplantation is defined as the transplantation into a human recipient of either (a) live cells, tissues or organs from a non-human animal source, or (b) human body fluids, cells, tissues or organs that have had ex-vivo (outside) contact with live non-human animal cells, tissues or organs. Two months after the landmark surgery, where a patient whose failing heart had been replaced with the heart of a genetically altered pig, died recently.

5. Which product is Russia's biggest contribution to global trade?

- A) Defence Equipment
B) Crude Petroleum ☒
C) Refined Petroleum
D) Steel



- ✓ Russia's biggest contribution to global trade is Energy especially Crude Petroleum (USD 123 billion).
✓ It is followed by Refined Petroleum and Gas. Recently, Russia announced an export ban for more than 200 products after it was hit by sanctions over the invasion of Ukraine. Russia still remains a key energy supplier to European Union countries.

6. PLI Scheme for Drone and Drone Components was announced by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Defence
B) Ministry of Civil Aviation ☒
C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
D) Ministry of MSME



- ✓ The Ministry of Civil Aviation has invited applications for the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for drones and drone components that was announced in 2021. Under the PLI scheme, the incentive for a manufacturer of drones and drone components will be 20 percent of the "value addition" made by the company during the next three years. The scheme was announced in September 2021.

7. 'Europa Clipper spacecraft' is a flagship project of which space agency?

- A) NASA ☒
B) ESA
C) JAXA
D) ROSCOSMOS



- ✓ NASA has started assembling the 'Europa Clipper spacecraft' in the mission's final phase before the launch to Jupiter's moon Europa in 2024. The main body of the spacecraft is a giant 10-foot-tall propulsion module, designed and constructed by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

8. Which country launched 'Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter'?

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



- ✓ The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) is a NASA robotic spacecraft orbiting the Moon in an eccentric polar mapping orbit. NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter is set to capture the surface of the Moon.

9. Hollongi, which was seen in the news, is a city located in which state?

- A) Meghalaya
B) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
C) Rajasthan
D) Odisha



- ✓ Airports Authority of India has undertaken the work of constructing a Greenfield Airport in Hollongi, in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. It is located at 15 kms from the state's capital city of Itanagar. The Greenfield Airport will be constructed with an estimated amount of Rs 645 crores and will be operational from 15 August 2022.

10. "Braj Holi Mahotsav" is hosted by the tourism department of which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh ☒
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Haryana
D) Rajasthan



- ✓ The Tourism Department of Rajasthan is set to host the three-day Holi festival "Braj Holi Mahotsav" from March 12 to 14 in the state. The celebration events would be held in Bharatpur, Deeg and Kaman cities. The celebration is aimed to entertain tourists of all ages with the colours, local sports, traditional dance and music.
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