

1. Which Union Ministry awards 'Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar'?

- A) Ministry of Education  
B) Ministry of Labour & Employment ☒  
C) Ministry of MSME  
D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Labour & Employment has been awarding the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar and "National Safety Awards (NSA)" since 1965 and National Safety Awards (Mines) [NSA (Mines)] since 1983.  
✓ VRP is awarded in recognition of suggestions given by a worker or group of workers resulting in improvement in working conditions. The NSA is given in recognition of safety performance of industrial establishments.

2. In which country, is the largest stone Buddha statue found?

- A) India  
B) China ☒  
C) Nepal  
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ China's Leshan Giant Buddha, a 233 feet tall stone statue, is the largest and tallest stone Buddha statue in the world. The statue faces Mount Emei, which has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996.  
✓ India's largest reclining Buddha statue is being built in Bodhi Gaya, by Buddha International Welfare Mission. The statue will be 100 feet long and 30 feet high and being made with fiberglass.

3. India's first 'Women-owned Industrial Park' is located in which city?

- A) Mumbai  
B) Chennai  
C) Hyderabad ☒  
D) New Delhi



- ✓ India's first 'Women-owned Industrial Park' has begun operations with 25 Green Projects in Hyderabad. The 'FLO Industrial Park' is promoted by FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) in partnership with the Telangana government. FLO has also brought in 250 crores of investment for the Industrial Park.

4. Fertiliser manufacturer 'SPIC' recently set up a Floating Solar power plant in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒  
B) Rajasthan  
C) Gujarat  
D) Punjab



- ✓ Leading fertiliser manufacturer Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation Ltd (SPIC) has set up a floating solar project at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu. The plant will generate 42 million units of clean energy per year and will help curbing water evaporation reduction on its reservoir. The plant has been set up at an estimated cost of ₹150 crore.

5. Which Union Ministry implements the "Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry (SPI)" scheme?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
B) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers ☒  
C) Ministry of Home Affairs  
D) Ministry of Heavy Industries



- ✓ Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers implements the "Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry (SPI)" scheme. The Department has released guidelines for the scheme "Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry (SPI)", with a total financial outlay of Rs.500 Cr for the period from FY 21-22 to FY 25-26.  
✓ The objectives of the scheme are to strengthen the existing infrastructure facilities in Pharma Sector.

6. Pandrethan temple, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which Indian state/UT?

- A) West Bengal  
B) Jammu and Kashmir ☒  
C) Himachal Pradesh  
D) Gujarat



- ✓ Pandrethan temple is an 8<sup>th</sup> century heritage site situated in Badamibagh, Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir). The Chinara Corps of the Indian Army has rejuvenated the site recently.  
✓ In this regard, the unit was accorded recognition by the National Monuments Authority (NMA) of the Ministry of Culture. The site hosts several figurines of 2<sup>nd</sup> century in the form of two large monolithic rock shiva lingams, seven Gandhara-style sculptures among others.

7. What is the name of the 'Policy advocacy arm' for the power and related sectors, formed under the Power Ministry?

- A) Power Foundation ☒  
B) Energy Foundation  
C) Green Power Foundation  
D) Central Power Society



- ✓ Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) including NTPC, Powergrid, REC, PFC, NHPC, THDC, NEEPCO, and SJVN registered the 'Power Foundation', as a society. It serves as the primary policy advocacy arm for the power and related sectors.  
✓ It aims to assist states and industries with research and to develop solutions for India's energy transformation. RK Singh, the Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, is the society's chair.

8. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)?

- A) Ajay Bhushan Pandey ☒  
B) Nandan Nilekani  
C) Azim Premji  
D) Kris Gopalakrishnan



- ✓ The Government has appointed former Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey as Chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has been appointed for a period of three years. He retired as Revenue Secretary in February last year.

9. As of March 2022, what is India's place in the Global List in terms of market capitalisation?

- A) Third  
B) Fifth ☒  
C) Sixth  
D) Seventh



- ✓ India's equity market has entered into the world's top-five list, in terms of market capitalisation, for the first time. The country's total market cap stands at USD 3.21 trillion.

- ✓ The first four places are occupied by the US (USD 47.32 trillion), China (USD 11.52 trillion), Japan (USD 6 trillion) and Hong Kong. India is followed by UK, Saudi Arabia, Canada, France and Germany.

10. 'Smart Event Tracking System (SETS)' is the in-house software of which Ministry/Agency?

- A) Ministry of Railways ☒  
B) Ministry of Home Affairs  
C) Ministry of MSME  
D) AIIMS



- ✓ Smart Event Tracking System (SETS) is the in-house software of Ministry of Railways. It is a new tool on Google Maps-based planning and analysis, which has been deployed to tackle the problem of cattle getting run over by trains. The software is made functional in Agra Division and will be adopted by other divisions in the future.