

1. Who has been named as the new MD and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE)?

- A. Ashish Chauhan ☒
- B. K V Kamath
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. Arundhati Bhattacharya



- ✓ Market regulator SEBI has named Ashish Chauhan as the new MD and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE). Ashish Chauhan is currently the MD and CEO of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). BSE and its subsidiary CDSL, launched successful IPOs under his leadership.

2. 'The Crafts Village scheme' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Union Ministry of Culture
- B. Union Ministry of Textiles ☒
- C. Union Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Union Ministry of MSME



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- ✓ 'The Crafts Village scheme' aims to develop handicrafts as a sustainable livelihood option for artisans in the clusters. It is an initiative of Union Textiles Ministry for 'Linking Textile with Tourism'. It aims to promote craft and tourism by providing infrastructure support to handicraft clusters. Eight craft villages are selected under the scheme.
- ✓ They are Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Vadaj (Gujarat), Naini (Uttar Pradesh), Raghurajpur (Odisha), Anegundi (Karnataka), Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Taj Ganj (Uttar Pradesh) and Amer (Rajasthan).

3. 'Chabahar Port', which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Nepal
- C. Iran ☒
- D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ The Chabahar Port is a strategic port located in Iran is the commercial transit centre for the Central Asian region. 'Chabahar Day' is celebrated to mark the beginning of International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) – an Indian vision to economise movement of cargo between India and Central Asia.
- ✓ On the occasion of 'Chabahar Day', Union Ports, Shipping & Waterways Ministry along with the Indian Ports Global Ltd. (IPGL) which was formed to participate in Chabahar development project, organized a conference in Mumbai.

4. Which state is the venue of the India–Oman joint military drill 'AL NAJAH'?

- A. Maharashtra  
B. Rajasthan ☒  
C. Sikkim  
D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Indian Army and Royal Army of Oman have recently started their 13–day joint military exercise in Rajasthan, India. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of India–Oman joint military drill 'AL NAJAH' focuses on Counter Terrorism, Regional Security and Peace Keeping Operations.

5. Who is the head of the task force recently set up by the Central govt to monitor monkeypox situation in India?

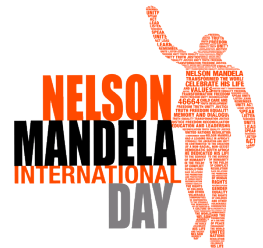
- A. Amitabh Kant  
B. V K Paul ☒  
C. Mansukh Mandaviya  
D. Bharati Pawar



- ✓ The Central Government has established a task force to monitor monkey–pox situation in India. It is headed by Dr VK Paul, member (Health), NITI Aayog. The task force also includes Secretary, Union Health Ministry, Pharma and Biotech. It will advise the government on expanding diagnostic facilities and investigating vaccination against the disease. India has reported four Monkeypox cases so far, three cases in Kerala and one in Delhi.

6. When is the 'Nelson Mandela Day' observed every year?

- A. July.14  
B. July.18 ☒  
C. July.19  
D. July.25



- ✓ 'Nelson Mandela Day' is observed on July 18 every year. The United Nations (UN) had declared July 18 as Nelson Mandela Day to honour the leader in 2009. Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid activist who served as the first President from 1994 to 1999. He was the first black head of state and the first elected President in a fully democratic election in South Africa.

7. Which Union Ministry's website has been ranked first in the National e–Governance Service Delivery Assessment?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs ☒  
B. Ministry of Culture  
C. Ministry of Defence  
D. Ministry of Finance



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- ✓ The website of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been ranked first in the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment. The Digital Police portal was ranked second in the service delivery assessment of websites of central government ministries, conducted by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in association with its knowledge partners NASSCOM and KPMG in 2021.

8. Who is the head of the high-powered panel on minimum support price (MSP), which was recently set up?

- A. Ramesh Chand  
B. Amitabh Kant  
C. M S Swaminathan  
D. Sanjay Agarwal ☒



- ✓ The Central Government has constituted a high-powered panel under the chairmanship of former agriculture secretary Sanjay Agarwal. The panel seeks to the minimum support price (MSP) mechanism more effective and transparent. It was set up eight months after the government repealed the three controversial farm Acts. The panel includes NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand, and representatives from IFFCO, ICAR, along with representatives from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, and Odisha.

9. 'JC Daniel Award' is the highest award in cinema in which language?

- A. Tamil  
B. Malayalam ☒  
C. Marathi  
D. Kannada



- ✓ Renowned filmmaker KP Kumaran was awarded the 2021 JC Daniel Award. It is Kerala's highest award in Malayalam cinema. The award is presented annually by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, a non-profit institution under the Department of Cultural Affairs.

10. Which country is the top source of India's remittances in 2021?

- A. UAE  
B. USA ☒  
C. Singapore  
D. Canada



- ✓ As per a recent survey of the Reserve Bank of India, the US surpassed the UAE as the top source country of India's remittances, accounting for 23% of total remittances. India is by far the world's largest recipient of remittances, as it received \$87 billion in 2021 with a growth of 4.6%.