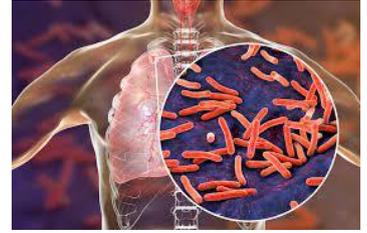


1. 'Ni-kshay 2.0 portal', which was launched recently, is associated with which disease?

- A. Cancer
- B. Tuberculosis
- C. COVID-19
- D. Anaemia



- ✓ Indian President Droupadi Murmu is set to launch the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan 'Ni-kshay 2.0' portal. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has set a target for eradication of tuberculosis by 2025. Nikshay 2.0 is a digital platform for community support for the persons with TB. It provides additional patient support to improve treatment outcome of tuberculosis patients.

2. Which state launched 'Pudhumai Penn Scheme', to provide monthly financial assistance for female students to complete UG programmes?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Odisha
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government launched the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyaar Higher Education Assurance Scheme, also known as the 'Pudhumai Pen Scheme'. It provides a monthly grant of Rs 1,000 to female students to pursue a bachelor's degree, diploma, ITI, or any other recognised course. Those who attended government schools from Class 6 to 12 will be eligible for the financial aid.

3. As per the policy for long-term leasing of railway land for PM Gati Shakti, what is the tenure up to which land lease is provided?

- A. 10
- B. 15
- C. 25
- D. 35



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a policy for long-term leasing of railway land for the PM Gati Shakti programme. The new policy will facilitate to provide land lease for a longer period of up to 35 years as against five years at present. The new policy will enable the development of infrastructure and more cargo terminals. It has also cut down land lease fee from 6 percent to 1.5 percent.

4. Which state celebrates September 9 as 'Himalaya Diwas'?

- A. Bihar
- B. Assam
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ **Himalaya Diwas is celebrated every year on 9th September in the state of Uttarakhand, with an aim to conserve Himalayan ecosystem and region. It was officially declared as Himalaya Day in 2015 by the state's then Chief Minister. In 2014, the then Chief Minister Harish Rawat officially declared September 9 as 'Himalaya Diwas', to be celebrated across the State to spread the message of conservation of the Himalayan ecosystems.**

5. Which Indian chess player has recorded third consecutive win in his career against Magnus Carlsen?

- A. Gukesh D
- B. Praggnanandhaa R
- C. Vidit Gujrathi
- D. Nihal Sarin



- ✓ **17-year-old Indian chess prodigy, R. Praggnanandhaa recorded a third consecutive win in his career against the Norwegian great Magnus Carlsen. Praggnanandhaa defeated the reigning 5-time World Chess Champion in his final match at the FTX Crypto Cup. Carlsen went on to win the FTX Crypto Cup while the Indian Grand Master finished at second place in the tournament.**

6. 'Mithila Makhana', which was awarded geographical indication (GI) tag, is cultivated in which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **The government has recently awarded geographical indication (GI) tag to 'Mithila Makhana', to help farmers get the maximum price for their produce. Its botanical name is 'Euryale Ferox Salisb' and it is a special variety of aquatic fox nut. Mithila Makhana is cultivated in the Mithila region of Bihar and some parts of Nepal. It is the fifth product from Bihar after Bhagalpur's Jardalu Mango, Katarni Dhaan (rice), Nawada's Maghai Paan and Muzaffarpur's Shahi Litchi.**

7. Which Indian has been appointed to the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel?

- A. Alkesh Kumar Sharma
- B. Nandan Nilekani
- C. K V Kamath
- D. Kris Gopalakrishnan



- ✓ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed senior Indian bureaucrat Alkesh Kumar Sharma to the inaugural Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel. He is among 10 distinguished digital governance experts selected from across the globe. He is a 1990 batch IAS officer from Rajasthan and a former Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat. He has earlier served the UNDP as the national project director for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

8. As per the National Family Health Survey 2019-'21, what is India's sex ratio at birth?

- A. 110
- B. 108
- C. 105
- D. 101



- ✓ As per a recent study by the think tank Pew Research Center, India's sex ratio at birth, the number of girl children born for every 100 boys, has normalised slightly. The data from the National Family Health Survey 2019-'21 shows that the sex ratio at birth narrowed from 109 boys per 100 girls in 2015-'16 to 108 boys per 100 girls in 2019-'21. The average annual number of baby girls 'missing' in India also fell from about 4.8 lakh in 2010 to 4.1 lakh in 2019.

9. Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant has commenced production in which Indian state/UT?

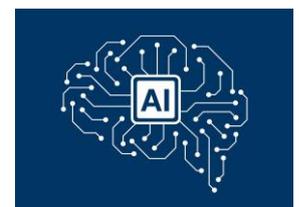
- A. Punjab
- B. Kerala
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant in the Sangrur district of Punjab has recently started commercial production. The Bio-gas is being supplied to the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) outlet. Punjab Energy Development Agency has allocated 42 additional CBG projects based on paddy straw and other agro-residue to prevent stubble burning.

10. Which country is the host of Global AI Summit?

- A. Australia
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. France
- D. Spain



- ✓ Saudi Arabia is set to organise the second edition of the Global AI Summit in September this year, under the theme 'Artificial Intelligence for the Good of Humanity'. The upcoming event will be participated by experts from government agencies and major technology companies around the world. It will discuss a number of topics, with the aim of finding solutions to the current challenges and maximizing the use of the AI technologies.