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August 1st week Current Affairs MCQ**1. Muslim Women Rights Day is observed on**

-
1. 31st July
 2. 1st August
 3. 2nd August
 4. 3rd August
 5. 4th August

ANSWER: 2

- Muslim Women Rights Day is observed on August 1.
- It was on this very day in 2019, the passage of the triple talaq bill in Parliament proved to be a great milestone as it brought about a ray of hope, a promise to liberate Muslim women from the shackles of social evil that came in the form of the divorce terms.
- This year marks the second anniversary of that historical bill which is officially known as the Muslim
- Women Act (Protection of Rights on Marriage) passed in the Rajya Sabha. The law made the 'triple talaq' a criminal offence.
- It was seen as a crucial step as it ensured Muslim women protection

against gender inequality, and empowerment by lawfully bidding adieu to the practice of instantaneous 'talaq'.

- The law is meant to promote women's self-reliance, self-respect, and boost self-esteem as it strengthens the fundamental and democratic rights of Muslim women.

2. World Breastfeeding Week is an annual celebration which is held every year from 1 to 7 August. What is the theme for World Breastfeeding Week 2021?

1. Its Praise Time In The Family
2. Breastfeeding: Foundation of Life
3. Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding
4. Sustaining Breastfeeding Together
5. Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility

ANSWER: 5

World Breastfeeding Week is an annual celebration which is held every year from 1 to 7 August in more than 120 countries.

- This year, the theme for breastfeeding week is "Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility"
- It commemorates the Innocenti Declaration signed in August 1990 by

government policymakers, WHO, UNICEF and other organizations to protect, promote and support breastfeeding.

- Being organized by WABA, WHO and UNICEF, WBW came up with the goal to promote exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life which yields many health benefits, providing critical nutrients, protection from deadly diseases such as pneumonia and fostering growth and development for the first time in 1991.

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the policymakers and stakeholders across the country via video conferencing to mark the completion of one year of announcing “NEP” 2020. What does “NEP” Stand For?

1. National Entity Policy
2. Non-Economic Policy
3. National Education Policy
4. National Educational Policy
5. Non-Education Policy

ANSWER:3

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is addressing the policymakers and stakeholders across the country via video conferencing to mark the

completion of one year of announcing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

- PM Modi has launched multiple educational initiatives including the Academic Bank of Credit that will provide multiple entry and exit options for students in Higher education.

National Education Policy:

- The National Education Policy 2020, which was approved by the Union Cabinet of India on 29 July 2020, outlines the vision of India's new education system.
- The new policy replaces the previous National Policy on Education, 1986.
- The policy envisages broad based, multi-disciplinary, holistic Undergraduate education with flexible curricula, creative combinations of subjects, integration of vocational education and multiple entry and exit points with appropriate certification

4. Jitendra Singh has rolled out “Biotech-PRIDE (Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange) Guidelines”. Which of the statement is Incorrect?

1. These guidelines envisage bridging other existing biological datasets/data centres with the IBDC, which will be called Bio-Grid.



2. This Bio-Grid will be a National Repository for biological knowledge, information and data.
3. ABio-Grid guidelines will be implemented through Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC).
4. Currently, India ranks number 9 amongst the top 20 countries contributing biological database
5. All the above is Correct

ANSWER:4

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh released “Biotech-PRIDE (Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange) Guidelines” developed by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology

Biotech-PRIDE Guidelines:

- These guidelines envisage bridging other existing biological datasets/data centres with the IBDC,
- which will be called Bio-Grid.
- This Bio-Grid will be a National Repository for biological knowledge, information and data.

- Also, Bio-Grid will be responsible for enabling its exchange, developing measures for safety, standards and quality
- for datasets and establishing detailed modalities for accessing data.
- These guidelines will be implemented through Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC).
- Currently, India ranks number 4 amongst the top 20 countries contributing biological database

5. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya presided over the _____th Annual Day celebrations of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) along with Bharati Pawar.

1.102

2.112

3.122

4.132

5.142

ANSWER:2

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri. Mansukh Mandaviya presided over the 112th Annual Day celebrations of National Centre for



Disease Control (NCDC) along with Dr. Bharati Pawar, MoS (HFW).

- At the event, the Union Health Minister virtually inaugurated the Whole Genome Sequencing National Reference Laboratory for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and BSL 3 Laboratory along with a PG hostel and Guest House

6. Guido Bellido named as new Prime Minister of Which among the following country?

1. Peru
2. Cuba
3. Cambodia
4. Norway
5. Mongolia

ANSWER: 1

- New Peruvian President Pedro Castillo named a member of his Marxist-Leninist Free Peru Party as prime minister.
- Castillo chose Guido Bellido, who hails from the Andean region of Cuzco, to fill the role.
- The new prime minister holds masters in economics and previously worked for Peru's public statistics agency.
- The 41-year-old is also an elected congressman.

- Bellido took the oath of office in the south-central city of Ayacucho and spoke in the indigenous Quechua language during the inauguration ceremony.

7. The first goods train carrying stone chips to which country through the revived Haldibari - Chilahati rail link will leave from Damdim station of Alipurduar Division in Northeast Frontier Railway?

1. Bangladesh
2. Nepal
3. Bhutan
4. Mauritius
5. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: 1

- The first goods train carrying stone chips to Bangladesh through the revived Haldibari - Chilahati rail link will leave from Damdim station of Alipurduar Division in Northeast Frontier Railway, 31 July. The train is expected to reach Bangladesh on 1st August.
- Haldibari - Chilahati route will provide a shorter route for transit of goods into Bangladesh from Assam, West Bengal, Nepal and Bhutan.
- This rail link will enhance rail network accessibility to the main ports, dry ports



and land borders to support the growth in regional trade and to encourage economic and social development of the region.

- Economic activities of these South Asian countries will also be benefitted from this new rail link. The Haldibari – Chilahati rail link between India and the then East Pakistan was operational till 1965.
- This was part of the Broad Gauge main route from Kolkata to Siliguri during partition.

About Bangladesh:

- Capital: Dhaka
- Currency: Bangladeshi taka
- Prime minister: Sheikh Hasina

8. A hotline was established between Indian Army at _____ and the People's Liberation Army of _____ at KhambaDzong in Tibetan Autonomous Region.

1. Sikkim, Japan
2. Manipur, Japan
3. Sikkim, China
4. Mizoram, China
5. Sikkim, Japan

ANSWER:3

- A hotline was established between Indian Army at Kongra La in North Sikkim and

the People's Liberation Army of China at KhambaDzong in Tibetan Autonomous Region.

- This will further the spirit of trust and cordial relations along the borders.
- The event coincided with the PLA Day.
- The Armed forces of the two countries have well established mechanisms for communication at ground commander's level
- These hotlines in various sectors will go a long way in enhancing the same and maintaining peace and calmness at the borders.

9. The US administration has imposed sanctions on which among the following countries' police force and two of its leaders following recent protests on the island against the communist government?

1. Peru
2. Cuba
3. Cambodia
4. Norway
5. Mongolia

ANSWER:2

- The US administration has imposed sanctions on Cuba's police force and two



of its leaders following recent protests on the island against the communist government.

- These sanctions were the reactions to actions to suppress peaceful, pro-democratic protests in Cuba that began on July 11.
- Thousands of Cubans took to the streets in the largest demonstrations against the Cuban government in decades.
- The demonstrators were protesting shortages of basic goods, power outages, restrictions on civil liberties and the government's handling of the coronavirus pandemic

10. The central government's fiscal deficit stood at Rs_____ lakh crore or 18.2 percent of the full year's Budget estimate at the end of June.

1. 6.74lakh crore
2. 5.74 lakh crore
3. 4.74lakh crore

4. 3.74lakh crore
5. 2.74lakh crore

ANSWER:5

- The central government's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 2.74 lakh crore or 18.2 percent of the full year's Budget estimate at the end of June.
- The fiscal deficit at the end of June 2020 was 83.2 percent of the Budget Estimates (BE) of 2020-21.
- In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit was at Rs 2,74,245 crore at the end of June.
- For the current financial year, the government expects the fiscal deficit at 6.8 percent of GDP or Rs.15,06,812 crore.
- The fiscal deficit or the gap between expenditure and revenue for 2020-21 was 9.3 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), better than the 9.5 per cent projected in the revised estimates in the Budget in February.

August 2nd week Current Affairs MCQ

1. The Nation has observed 79th anniversary of Quit India movement on_____.

1. 10th August
2. 9th August

3. 6th August
4. 7th August
5. 8th August

Answer:5



The Quit India Movement was started by Mahatma Gandhi on August 8, 1942, during the Second World War, demanding an end to British rule in India.

- Quit India Movement, 1942 is significant especially because it brought home to the British that it would not be possible to continue to govern India and forced them to think of ways they could exit the country.
- The Movement was accompanied by a mass protest on non-violent lines by which Mahatma Gandhi called for “an orderly British withdrawal; from India.”

2. International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples has observed on August 09. What is the theme for 2021?

1. Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract
2. Indigenous Languages
3. COVID-19 and indigenous peoples' resilience
4. “Indigenous peoples' migration and movement
5. Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health

Answer: 1

The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on 9 August each year to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population.

- The 2021 commemoration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples will aim on the theme “Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract.”
- This event also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.
- It was first pronounced by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1994, marking the day of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, in 1982.

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Ujjwala 2.0 (PradhanMantriUjjwalaYojana - PMUY) by handing over LPG connections in_____.

1. Rajasthan
2. Gujarat
3. Assam
4. Uttar Pradesh
5. Odisha

Answer: 4

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch Ujjwala 2.0 (PradhanMantriUjjwalaYojana -



PMUY) by handing over LPG connections at Mahoba in Uttar Pradesh on August 10.

- The Prime Minister will interact with beneficiaries of the Ujjwala scheme in video conferencing and will also address the nation.
- Ujjwala 1.0 launched in 2016, the target was set to provide LPG connections to five crore women members of BPL households.
- Subsequently, the scheme was expanded in April 2018 to include women beneficiaries from seven more categories: SC/ST, PMAY, AAY, Most backward classes, tea garden, forest dwellers, Islands.
- Also, the target was revised to eight crore LPG connections.
- "This target was achieved in August 2019, seven months ahead of the target date".

About Uttar Pradesh:

- Governor: Anandiben Patel
- Capital: Lucknow
- Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath
- National Parks: Dudhwa National Park.

4. India approved US major Johnson & Johnson's (J&J) single dose Covid-19 vaccine for emergency use. The country has how many approved Covid vaccines now?

- 1.2
- 2.4
- 3.3

4.5

5.6

Answer:4

India approved US major Johnson & Johnson's (J&J) single dose Covid-19 vaccine for emergency use.

- The country now has five approved Covid vaccines.
- J&J did not divulge details of when the vaccine will be available in India and what kind of initial volumes can be expected

"India expands its vaccine basket! Johnson and Johnson's single-dose COVID-19 vaccine is given approval for Emergency Use in India. Now India has 5 EUA vaccines."

About the approval:

- This will be the fifth Covid-19 vaccine to get approval after Covishield, Covaxin, Sputnik V and Moderna in India.
- "Government of India issued Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 single-dose vaccine in India, to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older".

5. SBI General insurance has partnered with which among the following to provide digital and financial services in the semi-urban and rural parts of the country?



1. Gpay
2. Ezepay
3. SahiPay
4. Phonepe
5. Razorpay

Answer:3

To increase non-life insurance penetration in the rural market, SBI General Insurance will tap customers of fintech player SahiPay, which provides digital and financial services in the semi-urban and rural parts of the country.

- SBI General Insurance announced a partnership with Manipal Business Solutions, the promoter of SahiPay.
- Through this partnership, SBI General will provide a bouquet of non-life insurance solutions to SahiPay customers.
- PushanMahapatra, President - Strategic Investments & Head - Open Market stated the tie-up is a right fit to support the company's endeavour to maximise its reach to rural segments.
- SBI General is continuously strengthening its distribution footprints in the country, and this tie-up is a step in that direction.

6. Securities Exchange Bank of India has allowed _____ to carry out their activities of investment Bankers.

1. All PSB Banks
2. Payment Banks
3. All Private Banks
4. All RRB Banks
5. All Small Finance Banks

Answer:2

To provide easy access to investors to participate in public and rights issues by using various payment avenues, markets regulator Sebi allowed payments banks to carry out the activities of investment bankers.

- Non-scheduled payments banks, which have prior approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), will be eligible to act as a banker to an issue (BTI).
- This is subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated in the BTI rules.
- Further, payments banks registered as a BTI will also be permitted to act as self-certified syndicate banks, subject to the fulfillment of the criteria laid down by the Sebi in this regard from time to time.
- 'The blocking/movement of funds from the investor to issuer shall only be made through the savings account of the investor held with the payments bank'.
- The regulator amended the Bankers to an Issue rules, thereby permitting such other banking company, as may be specified by the Sebi, from time to time, to carry out the activities



of Bankers to an Issue (BTI), in addition to the scheduled banks.

7. Which bank has honoured as the global winner for Most Innovative in Digital Banking by Financial Times publication, The Banker, in its 2021 Innovation in Digital Banking Awards?

1. HDFC Bank
2. Bank of China
3. Bank of America
4. DBS Bank
5. RBL Bank

Answer: 4

DBS has been honoured as the global winner for Most Innovative in Digital Banking by Financial Times publication, The Banker, in its 2021 Innovation in Digital Banking Awards.

- The bank was also recognised as the Asia-Pacific winner, and won in the Cyber Security category for its Secure Access and Remote Working Solution.
- The Banker's Innovation in Digital Banking Awards recognise the most innovative banks across the world for their digital banking initiatives, strategy, and overall commitment to digital transformation.
- These awards, now in their second year, are the evolution of The Banker's Technology Projects of the Year Awards.

- "DBS' digital capability was tested to the core by Covid, and it not only stepped up but turned the situation to its advantage.

Headquarters: Singapore

CEO: Piyush Gupta

8. Which Bank of India has entered into a strategic Co-lending Partnership with DhanvarshaFinvestto offer loans against gold ornaments under priority sector to MSME borrowers at competitive rates?

1. Central Bank of India
2. Corporation bank
3. Canara bank
4. Indian Overseas Bank
5. Indian Bank

Answer: 1

- Central Bank of India has entered into a strategic Co-lending Partnership with DhanvarshaFinvest (DFL) to offer loans against gold ornaments under priority sector to MSME borrowers at competitive rates. The participation by both the entities in this co-lending arrangement will result in greater expansion of portfolio by Central Bank of India & DhanvarshaFinvest.
- Under this arrangement, DhanvarshaFinvest will originate and process loans against gold ornaments as per jointly formulated credit



parameters & eligibility criteria and Central Bank of India will take into its book 80% of the Gold Loans under mutually agreed terms.

- DFL will service the loan account throughout the life cycle of the loan.

9.To Whom, the Government has given a one-year extension, according to a Ministry of Personnel order?

- 1.Amit Prakash Yadav
- 2.Anand Sharma
- 3.Aditya Kumar Anand
- 4Ajay Kumar
5. Rajiv Gauba

Answer:5

- Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba has been given a one-year extension by the government, according to a Ministry of Personnel order.
- Gauba, former Union Home Secretary, was in 2019 appointed to the country's top bureaucratic post for two years.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved extension in service to Gauba, a 1982-batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre, as Cabinet Secretary for a further period of one-year beyond August 30.
- Gauba is stated to be the key architect of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act under which Jammu and Kashmir was divided into two

Union territories following the abrogation of the special status given to the erstwhile state under Article 370 of the Constitution.

9.India-assisted Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project was conferred with the Brunel Medal awarded by the London-based Institution of Civil Engineers. Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project is in which country?

- 1.Bangladesh
- 2.Sri Lanka
- 3.Thailand
- 4.Bhutan
- 5.China

Answer:4

- Bhutan's India-assisted Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project was conferred with the Brunel Medal awarded by the London-based Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE).
- The award was given as a mark of excellence in civil engineering inside the trade and was handed over by the Indian envoy to Bhutan Ruchira Kamboj to the Chairman of Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project Authority, Lyonpo Loknath Sharma.
 - One of the explanations the Mangdechhu undertaking was awarded was due to its social and environmental credentials.



- “The project will reduce 2.4 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

- Bhutan and India in the past have collectively resolved to increase the hydropower energy capacity of Bhutan to 12000 MW”.

August 3rd week Current Affairs MCQ

1.All India Institute of Medical Science has joined hands with the Which State/UT's Fire Service for the purpose?

- 1.Uttar Pradesh
- 2.Chandigarh
3. Karnataka
4. Pondicherry
- 5.New Delhi

ANSWER: 5

- Director Dr Randeep Guleria stated The All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), Delhi, has become the first hospital in India to house a fire station inside the hospital premises.

- Making the announcement at a function to mark the 75th Independence Day, he informed that the AIIMS has joined hands with the Delhi Fire Service for the purpose.

- The fire station, meant for quick response in case of fire emergency, will have its infrastructure developed by the AIIMS, while the fire tender, equipment, and manpower will be managed by the DFS.

- “DFS has joined hand with AIIMS to open a fire station inside the Hospital to meet any emergency.

- AIIMS become a First Hospital in the country to have fire station on its campus, Infrastructure will be provided by the AIIMS& manpower etc will be managed by DFS”.

2.Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has vowed to phase out single use plastic by which year?

- 1.2030
- 2.2035
- 3.2022
- 4.2025
- 5.2024

ANSWER:3

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to phase out single use plastic by 2022, keeping in view the adverse impacts of littered plastic on both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, has notified the Plastic



Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021, which prohibits identified single use plastic items which have low utility and high littering potential by 2022. Pollution due to single use plastic items has become an important environmental challenge confronting all countries.

3. By which year, three-fourth of all hydrogen is projected to be green -- produced by renewable electricity and electrolysis?

- 1. 2030
- 2. 2035
- 3. 2050
- 4. 2025
- 5. 2024

ANSWER: 3

Green Hydrogen is the future of the world. Hydrogen is the latest buzz for meeting the world's energy needs.

- ✓ Being the cleanest form of energy, it can be produced from a variety of resources, such as natural gas, biomass, and renewable power like solar and wind.
- ✓ It can be used in cars, in houses, for portable power and in many more applications.
- ✓ No doubt, it is gaining currency in India like other places in the world.

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a National Hydrogen Mission.
 - The setting up of the National Hydrogen Mission with the aim of becoming the new global hub of Green Hydrogen, and also its largest exporter".
 - The Mission was first announced in this year's Union Budget in February and companies have since then queued up to announce projects.
 - But neither that announcement nor Modi's speech defined production or capacity targets.
 - Green hydrogen, derived from water electrolysis using renewable energy such as solar or wind, will replace carbon-emitting fuels used in the refinery to process crude oil into value-added products, such as petrol and diesel.
 - Currently, all hydrogen consumed in India comes from fossil fuels.
 - By 2050, three-fourth of all hydrogen is projected to be green -- produced by renewable electricity and electrolysis.
 - Hydrogen also helps India meet its climate commitment.



4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that Rice has provided under any scheme to be fortified by which year?

1. 2030
2. 2035
3. 2022
4. 2025
5. 2024

ANSWER: 5

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the government will fortify the rice distributed to the poor via different schemes such as Midday Meal in a bid to address the problem of malnutrition.

- “Malnutrition and lack of micro-nutrients are affecting the growth of poor children. Modi stated in his Independence Day speech Looking at this, it has been decided to fortify the rice given to the poor via different government schemes”.

- Through ration shops or the Midday Meal scheme, the rice made available under every government programme will be fortified by the year 2024.

5. Government has planned to open all Sainik schools to girls. Which of the following statement is Incorrect?

1. At present, 45 Sainik schools are operating in the country.
2. The maiden experiment of admitting girls in Sainik schools was carried out in Mizoram.
3. These schools are the brainchild of VK Krishna Menon, who conceived the idea in 1961.
4. An All India Sainik School Entrance Examination follow the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) curriculum.
5. All the above is Correct

ANSWER: 1

- ✚ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that all Sainik Schools in the country will now be open for girls also. At present, 33 Sainik schools are operating in the country.

- ✚ During his Independence Day speech, the prime minister mentioned that two-and-a-half years ago, the maiden experiment of admitting girls in Sainik schools was carried out in Mizoram.

About Sainik Schools:

- These schools are the brainchild of VK Krishna Menon, who was the Union defence minister from April 1957 to October 1962.
- Menon conceived this idea in 1961.
- An All India Sainik School Entrance Examination (AISSEE) is conducted for admission to Sainik Schools, which follow the



Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) curriculum.

6. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs gave approval to proposals for construction of 16,488 houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U). PMAY-U was launched in which year?

1. 2010
2. 2007
3. 2011
4. 2015
5. 2016

ANSWER: 4

✚ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has approved proposals for construction of 16,488 houses at the 55th meeting of Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U).

✚ The houses are proposed to be constructed under Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLC) and Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) verticals of PMAY-U.

✚ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana was launched on 1 June 2015 to provide affordable housing to the urban poor.

About Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana:

✓ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana is an initiative by the Government of India in which

affordable housing will be provided to the urban poor with a target of building 2 crore affordable houses by 31 March 2022.

- ✓ Launch year: 2015
- ✓ Launched by (prime minister): Narendra Modi
- ✓ Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

7. Which of the Following statement is Incorrect about Season-2 of 'Rag Rag Mein Ganga' ?

1. Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur, Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Sekhawat and Minister of State for Jal Shakti Prahlad Singh Patel launched the programme.
2. The first episode will be broadcast from 21st of August on Doordarshan.
3. The Minister stated that in the next three to four years Doordarshan will become the most watched channel.
4. Only (1) & (2)
5. All the above is Correct

ANSWER: 5

• Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur, Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Sekhawat and Minister of State for Jal Shakti Prahlad Singh Patel launched Season-2 of 'Rag



Rag Mein Ganga'. The first episode will be broadcast from 21st of August on Doordarshan.

- Minister Anurag Thakur mentioned, 'Ramayan' and 'Mahabharat' serials were very popular among the audience during the lockdown because they connected people with their heritage. He stated, 'Rag Rag Mein Ganga' Season-1 was also watched by a huge audience.
- He noted, the right content should be made so that Doordarshan can grab more eyeballs. The Minister informed that in the next three to four years Doordarshan will become the most watched channel.

8.Which among the following has created a new advisory group named, The International Scientific Advisory Group for Origins of Novel Pathogens, or SAGO?

- 1.UNESCO
- 2.UNICEF
- 3.UNGA
- 4.WHO
- 5.UN

ANSWER:4

The World Health Organization (WHO) has created a new advisory group named, The International Scientific Advisory Group for Origins of Novel Pathogens, or SAGO.

- The function of SAGO will be to systematically study the emergence of future emerging pathogens with pandemic potential.
- WHO has made an open call for nominations to SAGO from the member countries, thus providing a transparent foundation for the new scientific advisory group.
- The group will also work towards finding the origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

About WHO:

- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Founded: 7 April 1948
- Director-General: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

9.Muhyiddin Yassin of which country has stepped down as prime minister of the country?

- 1.Singapore
- 2.Malaysia
- 3.Indonesia
- 4.Argentina
- 5.Brazil

ANSWER:2

❖ Malaysia's Muhyiddin Yassin has stepped down as prime minister after months of political turmoil culminated in the loss of his majority.

❖ Mr. Muhyiddin's departure comes less than 18 months after taking office and will



plunge the country into a fresh crisis amid a worsening pandemic.

❖ Political leaders have already begun to jostle for the top post, with his deputy Ismail Sabri rallying support to succeed Mr. Muhyiddin and keep the government intact.

About Malaysia:

🚩 Capital: Kuala Lumpur

🚩 Currency: Malaysian ringgit

10. Chhattisgarh, became the first State to recognize the Community Forest Resource Rights in urban areas. The state carved out of Which state?

1. Gujarat
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Haryana
4. Rajasthan
5. Odisha

ANSWER: 2

🚩 Chhattisgarh, carved out of Madhya Pradesh on November 1, 2000, became the first State, August 9 to recognize the Community Forest Resource Rights in urban areas.

🚩 The State Government recognized the rights of residents of Dhamtari district spread over 4,127 hectares of forest.

August 4th week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Where is India's first Smog Tower located to improve the air quality of this city?

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Maharashtra
3. Delhi
4. Kerala
5. Punjab

ANSWER: 3

• India's first smog tower launched in Delhi as a pilot project by the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at Baba Khark Marg, Connaught Place. It was developed by IIT-Delhi and IIT- Bombay.

• About the Smog Tower: i. The new tower- It is about 20m tall, set up to improve the air quality in a radius of around 1 km. ii. Financial Outlay- The tower was built at the cost of INR 20 crores, which was financed by the government of Delhi. iii. The towers have 1200 air filters. Which are developed by experts of University of Minnesota of the United States.

2. How much crore has been allotted for finance minister's newly launched scheme 'Ubharte Sitaare Fund' for export oriented firms and startups?

1. 100 Cr



2. 150 Cr
3. 250 Cr
4. 300 Cr
5. 500 Cr

ANSWER: 3

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched UbharteSitaare Fund (USF) of Corpus INR 250 crore with a green shoe option of INR 250 crore for Export oriented Small&mid sized companies across the country.

USF is jointly funded by Export and Import (EXIM) Bank of India & Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

It is an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) with a contribution of INR 40 crore each by EXIM Bank & SIDBI has been registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in July 2021.

3. India has planned to set up how many Earthquake Observatories by 2021 ?

1. 15
2. 20
3. 5
4. 25
5. 35

ANSWER: 5

As per the information provided by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (MoS-Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (MoS-Independent Charge) Earth Sciences during the inaugural ceremony of the (IAGA-IASPEI) Joint

Scientific Assembly 2021, India targets to add 35 Earthquake Observatories (EOs) by 2021 & 100 more EOs by 2026.

At present, 115 Earthquake Observatories are functioning in India.

4. Nirmala Sitharaman has launched UbharteSitaareFund(USF).USF is jointly funded by EXIM Bank of India & SIDBI

Where is theHeadquarters of (EXIM) Bank located?

1. Jaipur, Rajasthan
2. Mumbai, Maharashtra
3. Kolkata, West Bengal
4. Vadodara, Gujarat
5. Bengaluru, Karnataka

ANSWER: 2

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About Export and Import (EXIM) Bank of India Establishment – 1982

Deputy Managing Director – HarshaBangari,
N.Ramesh



Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Regulated by Reserve Bank of India

5. RK Mathur inaugurated a 2 day 'Ladakh Nomadic Festival' in the region of Changthang at KorzokPhu, Ladakh. Which of the following is not belonged to Ladakh?

1. Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary
2. Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary
3. Kanji Wildlife Sanctuary
4. Hemis National Park
5. Jannaram Wildlife Sanctuary

ANSWER: 5

Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur inaugurated a 2 day 'Ladakh Nomadic Festival' in the region of Changthang at KorzokPhu, Ladakh. The event was organised by Ladakh Cultural Academy in association with the Department of Tourism. The first ever LADAKH NOMADIC FESTIVAL was celebrated at KorzokPhoo, TsoMoriri or Lake Moriri or "Mountain Lake" at Ladakh.

About Ladakh

Governor- R K Mathur

National park-Hemis National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary– Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary ,Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary, Kanji Wildlife Sanctuary

6.Which organisation has released a report titled'The Climate Crisis Is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index' (CCRI)?

- 1.UNESCO
- 2.UNICEF
- 3.WHO
4. OECD
- 5.UN

ANSWER: 2

In accordance with the UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) report titled 'The Climate Crisis Is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index' (CCRI), India is among the 33 extremely highrisk countries where approximately 1 billion children(half the world's 2.2 billion children population) are most at risk of the impacts of climate change that will affect their health, education, and protection.

This is a first kind of Climate Risk Index to be introduced for children all over the world.

The 33 extremely high-risk countries collectively emitting just 9 per cent of global CO2 emissions.But the top 10 highest countries collectively account for 70 per cent of global emissions.

7. Children living as Migrants or Refugees increased to 35.5mn in 2020, Report Released by UNICEF.

Who is the Executive Director of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)?

1. Yasmin Ali Haque



2. Henrietta H. Holsman Fore
3. Audrey Azoulay
4. Tore Hattrem
5. Virendra Kumar

ANSWER: 2

In accordance with the report titled 'Uncertain Pathways: How gender shapes the experiences of children on the move' by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the number of persons living outside their birth country or citizenship reached a record high of 281 million in 2020, representing 3.6% of the global population. In this, 36 million of them were recorded as children. This number is increased among boys and girls younger than 18 years to 35.5 million in 2020. Among them 13 million (over a third) were refugees and asylum seekers.

About UNICEF:

Executive Director– Henrietta H. Holsman Fore
Headquarters– New York, USA
India Representative– Dr Yasmin Ali Haque

8. Which state/UT will set to host the 2nd United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress in 2022?

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Telangana
3. Delhi
4. Kerala
5. Punjab

ANSWER: 2

India is all set to host the 2nd United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) in October 2022 in Hyderabad, Telangana on the theme 'Towards Geo-enabling the Global Village'. It will be organized as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (Celebration of 75 Years of Indian Independence)'.

This information was provided during the curtain raiser event which was organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) on the lines of 11th Session of the United Nation Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) to be held during the end of August 2021. It was inaugurated by Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST.

9. Which among the following bank has Partnered with Paytm to offer Payment Solutions for consumers and merchants across India ?

1. HDFC Bank
2. ICICI Bank
3. State Bank of India
4. AXIS Bank
5. Bank Of India

ANSWER: 1

HDFC Bank Ltd, India's largest private bank, and Paytm, made a partnership to share their network



and provide digital lending and payment solutions for consumers and merchants across India

To create digital transformation in semi-urban and rural India, and involve more people in the formal banking system.

10. How much percentage has grown up by the total loans and advances extended by NABARD in FY21 compared with previous years' 11.5 percent?

1.25.8%

2.25.2%

3.28.2%

4.50.5%

5.60.1%

ANSWER:2

As per the annual report of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for

FY21, the total loans and advances extended by NABARD in FY21 grew by 25.2 percent year-on-

year (YOY) compared with 11.5 percent of FY20

The balance sheet size of NABARD reached Rs 6.57 lakh crore as of March 31, 2021, mainly

contributed by non-idle (earning) assets.

NABARD achieved a record YOY growth of 24 percent in its total assets.