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Q.1) Which state is to convert stubble into biomass fuel?

- (1) Haryana
- (2) Punjab
- (3) Odisha
- (4) Karnataka

Correct Answer - (2) Punjab

Explanation:

The Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) in association with the Government of Punjab, is soon coming up with an alternative for paddy stubble utilisation. Stubble burning is one of the biggest problems in north India to curb this, the Punjab government's own agency; PEDA is playing a stellar role in weeding out the problem indigenously.

Punjab:

State of India

Capital: Chandigarh

Chief minister: Amarinder Singh

Governor: V. P. Singh Badnore

Q.2) Which state recently launched a new grievance redressal portal?

- (1) Assam
- (2) Uttar Pradesh
- (3) Himachal Pradesh
- (4) Jammu and Kashmir

Correct Answer - (4) Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation:

Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant-Governor of Jammu and Kashmir recently launched a new grievance redressal portal. The newly launched portal will be linked to the Union government's grievance mechanism. About the grievance redressal system An effective grievance redressal mechanism is the lifeblood of any good governance system and the aforesaid mechanism must be the top priority.

Q.3) Which organisation has been directed to suspend recruitment for Oxford vaccine trial?

- (1) Health Ministry
- (2) Serum Institute of India
- (3) WHO
- (4) None of these

Correct Answer - (2) Serum Institute of India

Explanation:

Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) which is country's apex drug regulator has directed Serum Institute of India SII to suspend the new recruitments which were about to happen for recent phase 2 and 3 clinical trials of the Oxford COVID-19 vaccine till further orders.

Serum Institute of India:

Company

Founder: Cyrus S.

Poonawalla **Founded:**

1966 **Headquarters**

location: Pune

Q.4) Who took part in a programme called "Grih Pravesh" the programme was organized under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana?

- (1) Amit Shah
- (2) Narendra Modi

(3) Yogi Adityanath

(4) Arvind Kejriwal

Correct Answer - (2) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took part in a programme called "Grih Pravesh" the programme was organized under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana. The programme fulfils the Modi Government agenda of housing for all by 2022. The program was live telecasted in 16,440 Gram panchayats and 26,548 villages. **Narendra Modi:**

Prime Minister of India

Born: 17 September 1950 (age 69 years), Vadnagar

Full name: Narendra Damodardas Modi

Height: 1.7 m

Spouse: Jashodaben Modi (m. 1968)

Education: Gujarat University (1983), School of Open Learning, University of Delhi (1978)

Q.5) Which organisation shortlisted Airtel, Wipro and others to revamp its communication system?

(1) Telecom Ministry

(2) SEBI

(3) SIDBI

(4) RBI

Correct Answer - (2) SEBI

Explanation:

Securities and Exchange Board of India which is responsible for regulating the Indian market in order to revamp its IT infrastructure network and communication system shortlisted top companies which includes, Bharti Airtel and Wipro and others.

Securities and Exchange Board of India:

Government agency

Founded: 12 April 1992

Sector: Securities

market **Jurisdiction:**

India **Headquarters:**

Mumbai **Type:** Statutory

corporation

Chairperson: Ajay Tyagi

Q.6) Which state government has won the WSIS winner prize 2020 under the e-government category?

(1) West Bengal

(2) Jharkhand

(3) Odisha

(4) Assam

Correct Answer - (1) West Bengal

Explanation:

In the 8th Edition World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) prize contents, Sabooj Sathi online

3.0 project of West Bengal Government won the WSIS Winner Prize 2020 under the E-government category.

West Bengal:

State of India

Capital: Kolkata

Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar

C.M: Mamata Banerjee

Q.7) Which IIT has launched 1st of its kind self-check Kiosk?

(1) IIT Madras

(2) IIT Guwahati

(3) IIT Ropar

(4) IIT Roorkee

Correct Answer - (2) IIT Guwahati

Explanation:

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati in collaboration with Workspace Metal Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Udaipur, has developed a self-check kiosk, it has first of its kind UV-C disinfection box capable of killing viruses/bacteria present on the surfaces of luggage, bags, keys, mobiles, wallet etc.

Q.8) Who has launched a dispute resolution mechanism named 'SAROD-Ports' recently?

- (1) Nitin Gadkari
- (2) Smriti Irani
- (3) Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- (4) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Correct Answer - (3) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Explanation:

Mansukh Laxmanbhai(L.) Mandaviya, Union Minister of State for Shipping (I/C) launched a dispute resolution mechanism, 'SAROD-Ports' (Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes – Ports) through virtual ceremony in New Delhi, India. It was established under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. It consists of members from Indian Ports Association (IPA) and Indian Private Ports and Terminals Association (IPTTA).

Mansukh L. Mandaviya:

Member of Rajya Sabha

Born: 1 June 1972 (age 48 years), Bhavnagar

Full name: Mansukh Laxmanbhai Mandaviya

Education: Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University

Party: Bharatiya Janata Party

Q.9) GARIMA scheme has been launched by which state for the core sanitation workers to ensure their economic and social security?

- (1) Uttar Pradesh
- (2) Odisha
- (3) Gujarat
- (4) Andhra Pradesh

Correct Answer - (2) Odisha

Explanation:

The Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik launched a new scheme named 'GARIMA' which aims to ensure the economic safety and social dignity of core sanitation workers in the state.

Odisha:

Indian state

Capital: Bhubaneswar

Governor: Ganeshi Lal

Chief minister: Naveen Patnaik

Official bird: Indian roller

Q.10) India's largest piggery mission was launched at which state?

- (1) Sikkim
- (2) Himachal Pradesh
- (3) Maharashtra
- (4) Meghalaya

Correct Answer - (4) Meghalaya

Explanation:

The state government of Meghalaya launched India's Biggest Piggery Project with an outlay of Rs. 209 Crores. It is being launched under the aegis of Meghalaya Livestock Enterprises Advancement Society (MLEADS) and funded by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). The main objective of the Piggery Mission is to reduce the annual import of Pork worth Rs. 150 Crore and make Meghalaya self-sufficient ("Aatma Nirbhar") in Pork production over the next 3 years.

Meghalaya:

State of India

Capital: Shillong

Formation: 21 January 1972†

Governor: Satya Pal Malik

Languages: Hindi, Khasi language, Marathi

Q.11) Which state government has opened the flyover named after Savarkar?

- (1) Bihar
- (2) Tamil Nadu
- (3) Karnataka
- (4) Kerala

Correct Answer - (3) Karnataka

Explanation:

Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa inaugurated a flyover named after Vinayak Damodar Savarkar on September 8. The official name of the flyover, which has been constructed on a road named after martyr Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan in north Bengaluru's Yelahanka, is "Freedom Fighter Veer Savarkar Flyover".

Karnataka:

State of India

Capital: Bengaluru

Formation: 1 November 1956

Chief minister: B. S. Yediyurappa

Q.12) Name the bank which plans to launch "SAFAL" a loan product for organic cotton growers.

- (1) State Bank of India
- (2) Punjab National Bank
- (3) Canara Bank
- (4) United Bank of India

Correct Answer - (1) State Bank of India

Explanation:

C.S. Setty, Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI) informed that SBI will launch a loan product called SAFAL (Safe and Fast Agriculture Loan) during a Fintech conference organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). SAFAL is primarily focused on organic cotton growers who do not have any credit history.

State Bank of India:

Financial services

company **Chairperson:**

Rajnish Kumar

Headquarters: Mumbai

Managing directors: Praveen Kumar Gupta (Retail & Digital Banking),

Q.13) Which bank has started a comprehensive banking programme for start-ups named "iStartup 2.0" recently?

- (1) IndusInd Bank
- (2) IDBI Bank
- (3) ICICI Bank
- (4) HDFC Bank

Correct Answer - (3) ICICI Bank

Explanation:

ICICI Bank launched its comprehensive banking programme for the Startups named "iStartup 2.0" which will support the requirements of the startups like regulatory assistance, analytics, staffing, acquisition and digital outreach of customers.

ICICI Bank:

Financial services company

CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi (15 Oct 2018–)

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founder: Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India

Founded: June 1994, Vadodara

Q.14) Which company has partnered with NASSCOM future skills to launch "AI classroom series" for students in India?

- (1) Facebook
- (2) Infosys
- (3) Microsoft

(4) TCS

Correct Answer - (3) Microsoft

Explanation:

FutureSkills, an initiative of IT-ITES (Information technology – IT enabled services) Sector Skill Council National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) partnered with Microsoft to launch Artificial Intelligence (AI) Skilling initiative “AI classroom series” to skill 10 lakh students in India by 2021 to make India a global hub for AI skilled talents and create jobs through upskilling and reskilling.

Q.15) Who has been appointed as the celebrity advocate of United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)’s children’s rights campaign ‘For Every Child’?

(1) Ranveer Singh

(2) Ayushmann Khurrana

(3) Radhika Apte

(4) Manushi Chhillar

Correct Answer - (2) Ayushmann Khurrana

Explanation:

United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has appointed Bollywood Actor Ayushmann Khurrana as its celebrity advocate for children’s rights campaign, “For Every Child”. He will work towards this initiative in India. He will support UNICEF to end violence against children, especially in the present situation- COVID- 19 is increasing the risk of violence and abuse against children due to the extended lockdown and the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic. It is to be noted that recently United Nations’(UN) 1st International Day to Protect Education from Attack was observed on September 9, 2020 to raise awareness about the importance of safeguarding schools as places of protection and safety for educators and students.

Ayushmann Khurrana:

Indian actor

Born: 14 September 1984 (age 36 years), Chandigarh

Height: 1.77 m

Spouse: Tahira Kashyap (m. 2008)

Children: Virajveer Khurrana, Varushka Khurrana