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1.) Which bank launched a video life certificate service for pensioners ?

किस बैंक ने पेंशनभोगियों के लिए वीडियो जीवन प्रमाणपत्र सेवा शुरू की?

- a) HDFC
- b) ICICI
- c) BOI
- d) SBI

Answer : SBI

Explanation : The State Bank of India has launched a video life certificate service for pensioners. This new facility will allow pensioners to submit their life certificates via video from their homes. This facility is available for pensioners (other than family pensioners). Thus, the spouse of the pensioner receiving a pension from the government will not be able to use this facility.

As per SBI, the process of video life certificate is paperless and free of cost. It is important for pensioners and family pensioners to submit their life certificates before November 30 every year to avoid their pensions getting suspended.

SBI Chairperson : Dinesh Kumar Khara

SBI Headquarters: Mumbai

SBI Founded: 1 July 1955

2.) Which of the following state governments has started "Shramik Mitra Yojana" to provide benefits of government schemes to the workers engaged in construction work ?

निम्नलिखित में से किस राज्य सरकार ने निर्माण कार्य में लगे श्रमिकों को सरकारी योजनाओं का लाभ प्रदान करने के लिए "श्रमिक मित्र योजना" शुरू की है?

- a) Kerala Government
- b) Delhi Government
- c) Ladakh Government
- d) Chennai Government

Answer : Delhi Government

Explanation : Delhi Government has launched the 'Shramik Mitra' scheme to help construction workers. Shramik Mitra Scheme will ensure that the benefits of various programs reach the construction workers in the national capital.

Under the Delhi Shramik Mitra Yojana, the state government will reach out to the construction workers and inform them about various welfare schemes. A total of 800 'Shramik Mitras' will reach the construction workers at their doorstep and inform them about the schemes launched by the Delhi government in the interest of the workers.

The Shramik Mitras enrolled under the Delhi Shramik Mitra Scheme will inform the construction workers registered by the Construction Board about the government's assistance schemes at the ward level. The Delhi government provides various types of assistance such as Rs 3-5 lakh for house construction; Rs 30,000 maternity

benefit; Rs 20,000 as loan and Rs 5,000 as a grant for the purchase of tools; Rs 1 lakh on natural death of workers and Rs 2 lakh on accidental death and others.

3.) How many scientists from scientific institutions across India have been awarded the Swarnajayanti fellowship ?

भारत भर के वैज्ञानिक संस्थानों के कितने वैज्ञानिकों को स्वर्णजयन्ती फेलोशिप से सम्मानित किया गया है?

- a) 5 Scientists
- b) 12 Scientists
- c) 17 Scientists

d) 25 Scientists

Answer : 17 Scientists

Explanation : Seventeen scientists from scientific institutions across India have been awarded the Swarnajayanti Fellowships for their innovative research ideas and the potential of creating impact on R&D in different disciplines. Scientists selected for the award will be allowed to pursue unfettered research with a freedom and flexibility in terms of expenditure as approved in the research plan.

The scientists with proven track record and selected through a rigorous three layered screening process will pursue basic research in frontier areas of science and technology. The Swarnajayanti Fellowship scheme was instituted by Govt. of India to commemorate India's fiftieth year of Independence.

Under the scheme the awardees are facilitated by the Department of Science & Technology, GOI with support for all the requirements for performing the research including a fellowship of Rs. 25,000/- per month for five years.

In addition, DST supports the awardees by giving them a research grant of 5 lakh Rupees for 5 years.

4.) Gujarat has ranked first in the National Logistics Index 2021 released by which of these ministries ?

इनमें से किस मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी राष्ट्रीय रसद सूचकांक 2021 में गुजरात पहले स्थान पर है?

- a) Ministry of Commerce
- b) Ministry of Education
- c) Tribal Ministry
- d) None of these

Answer : Ministry of Commerce

Explanation : As per the third edition of the government's ranking of states based on the logistics foundation, Gujarat, Haryana, and Punjab are the best accomplishing states in terms of movement of goods and effectiveness of the logistics train.

Launched in 2018, the Commerce and Industry Ministry emerged the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) index. Deloitte judges state according to the logistical backing they contributed to developing goods trade.

Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra took up the remainder of the top-5 states. For illustration purposes, states have been placed in three categories, including 'North Eastern States & Himalayan UTs' and 'Other UTs' groups. Under this, Jammu and Kashmir have appeared as the top ranker, supported by Sikkim and Meghalaya.

5.) Which country has launched a ship named after a gay rights activist Harvey Milk ?

किस देश ने एक समलैंगिक अधिकार कार्यकर्ता हार्वे मिल्क के नाम पर एक जहाज लॉन्च किया है?

- a) Russia
- b) USA
- c) Germany
- d) Norway

Answer : USA

Explanation : The US Navy has launched a ship named after a gay rights activist forced to resign from the service because of his sexuality in the 1950s. The USNS Harvey Milk was launched in San Diego in a service attended by Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro and Milk's nephew, Stuart.

It is one of six new ships to be named after famed US civil rights leaders. Milk served as a diving officer and Lieutenant aboard the submarine rescue ship USS Kittiwake during the Korean War. But he was forced out of the service following two weeks of interrogation about his sexuality in 1955. He later became one of America's first openly gay politicians, elected in 1977 to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

6.) As per a recent data from Women and child development ministry, what is the total number of malnourished children in India ?

महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्रालय के हालिया आंकड़ों के अनुसार, भारत में कुपोषित बच्चों की कुल संख्या कितनी है?

- a) 33 lakh
- b) 13 lakh
- c) 3 lakh
- d) 30000

Answer : 33 lakh

Explanation : Over 33 lakh children in India are malnourished and more than half of them fall in the severely malnourished category with Maharashtra, Bihar and Gujarat topping the list, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has said in response to an RTI query.

Prompting concern that the Covid pandemic could exacerbate the health and nutrition crisis among the poorest of the poor, the Women and Child Development ministry estimates that there are 17,76,902 (17.76 lakh/1.7 million) severely acute malnourished children (SAM) and 15,46,420 (15.46 lakh/1.5 million) moderately acute malnourished (MAM) children as of October 14, 2021.

Maharashtra registered the highest number of malnourished children at 6,16,772 (6.16 lakh) with 1,57,984 (1.57 lakh) MAM children and 4,58,788 (4.58 lakh) SAM children. Number two on the list is Bihar with 4,75,824 (4.75 lakh) malnourished children (3,23,741 MAM children and 1,52,083 SAM children). Gujarat registered the third highest number of such children at 3,20,465 (3.20 lakh) with 1,55,101(1.55 lakh) MAM children and 1,65,364 (1.65 lakh) SAM children.

7.) Which Indian state/UT launched a emergency measures of water using anti smog water tanks, to reduce air pollution ?

वायु प्रदूषण को कम करने के लिए किस भारतीय राज्य / केंद्र शासित प्रदेश ने एंटी स्मॉग वॉटर टैंक का उपयोग करके पानी के आपातकालीन उपाय शुरू किए?

- a) Delhi
- b) Assam
- c) Goa
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer : Delhi

Explanation : The Delhi government banned 92 construction sites for violating norms and started spraying water on roads a day after the national capital's pollution level rose to alarming levels.

According to government data, Delhi's air quality index (AQI) nosedived to the 'severe' category, measuring 533 on morning, two days after Diwali. The huge structures, believed to provide clean air to nearby areas where they are installed, failed to deliver.

The smog tower in Connaught Place could only reduce the PM10 level from 649 micrograms per cubic metre to 511 micrograms per cubic metre. The safe limit for the lung-damaging fine particles PM2.5 and PM10 is 60 micrograms per cubic metre and 100 micrograms per cubic metre