

**18 September 2021**

1.) The government of India will host the first ever Global Buddhist conference in November 2021 in which state ?

भारत सरकार नवंबर 2021 में किस राज्य में पहले वैश्विक बौद्ध सम्मेलन की मेजबानी करेगी?

- a) Bihar
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Gujarat
- d) Meghalaya

Answer : Bihar

Explanation : India plans to host what it bills as the first-ever Global Buddhist Conference in November, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) announced , also sharing that Indian prime minister Narendra Modi will present a new Award for Promotion of Buddhist Studies following the conference.

The event is expected to be held on 19–20 November at the Nava Nalanda Mahavihara campus in Nalanda, in the northern state of Bihar. “The ICCR has planned to launch the first edition of the Global Buddhist Conference in November 2021 on the theme ‘Buddhism in Literature’ in collaboration with the Nava Nalanda Mahavihara and the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC),” said ICCR president Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe. (Sify.com).

2.) Which country is hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> exercise PEACEFUL MISISON – 2021 from September 13 to 25, 2021 ?

कौन सा देश 13 से 25 सितंबर, 2021 तक छठे अभ्यास शांतिपूर्ण मिशन - 2021 की मेजबानी कर रहा है?

- a) Russia
- b) India

c) China

d) Africa

Answer : Russia

Explanation : India participated in the 6th edition of the multi-nation counter-terror exercise in the Orenburg region of Russia. The exercise has been organized under the aegis of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). The Indian Army informed that India has sent a team of 200 personnel for the 6th edition of 'Exercise Peaceful Mission' which will be held from September 13 to September 25, 2021. The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is an eight-member economic and security bloc that has also emerged as one of the largest transregional international organisation. Both India and Pakistan became a permanent member of SCO in 2017.

The aim of the SCO military exercise is to foster close relations between the SCO member states.

3.) Recently, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has launched its account in which social media platform to counter fake news ?

हाल ही में, सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय ने फर्जी खबरों का मुकाबला करने के लिए किस सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म में अपना अकाउंट लॉन्च किया है?

a) Whatsapp

b) Telegram

c) Instagram

d) Twitter

Answer : Telegram

Explanation : The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has launched its account on social media platform Telegram to counter fake news.

It was launched as 'PIB Fact Check' , which is one of the few government entities to have a telegram channel, and aims to verify information related to the Centre and

disseminate to its subscribers. Earlier, fake channels were being run on Telegram in the name of fact check.

4.) The campaign titled 'Shoonya' has been launched by which organisation to promote zero pollution delivery vehicles ?

शून्य प्रदूषण वितरण वाहनों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किस संगठन द्वारा 'शून्य' नामक अभियान शुरू किया गया है?

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) SBI
- c) ISRO
- d) IIT Madras

Answer : NITI Aayog

Explanation : Government think tank Niti Aayog in collaboration with US-based Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and RMI India, has launched a campaign named Shoonya on September 15, 2021, to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry.

The campaign will promote the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the urban deliveries segment and create consumer awareness about health, environmental and economic benefits of electric vehicles.

5.) Name of the Organisation that wins the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy prize 2021 ?

उस संगठन का नाम जिसने यूनेस्को किंग सेजोंग साक्षरता पुरस्कार 2021 जीता है?

- a) NIOS
- b) IGNOU
- c) CBSE
- d) NCERT

Answer : NIOS

Explanation : The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) of India won the prestigious UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2021 for 'enabling education of persons with disabilities through technology-enabled inclusive learning materials, with a specific focus on Indian Sign language- based content' in an award function organized at UNESCO's New Delhi

On behalf of NIOS, professor Saroj Sharma, Chairperson, NIOS received the international Literacy prize and thanked UNESCO for recognizing the efforts and innovations of NIOS in the field of education and literacy.

Every year, the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes focus on a specific theme. This year, the spotlight was on inclusive distance and digital literacy learning.

6.) Recently, which airport has been declared as a customs notified airport by the central board of Indirect taxes and customs ?

हाल ही में, केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड द्वारा किस हवाई अड्डे को सीमा शुल्क अधिसूचित हवाई अड्डे के रूप में घोषित किया गया है?

- a) Kangra Airport
- b) Pakyong Airport
- c) Kushinagar Airport
- d) None of these

Answer : Kushinagar Airport

Explanation : The Kushinagar airport is an international airport spread across an area of 600 acres. It had been granted the licence to operate international flights by DGCA last February.

In August, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) extended the validity of the airport's licence to operate international flights till February 21, 2023. The licence was due to expire on August 21, 2021. A Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) notification declared the airport as a customs notified airport . This would also facilitate international passenger movements including that of Buddhist pilgrims.

7.) Which country has recently been suspended from the Beijing Olympics by the International Olympic committee ?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ओलंपिक समिति द्वारा हाल ही में किस देश को बीजिंग ओलंपिक से निलंबित कर दिया गया है?

- a) North Korea
- b) South Korea
- c) Pakistan
- d) Afghanistan

Answer : North Korea

Explanation : North Korea was formally suspended from the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics by the IOC as punishment for refusing to send a team to the Tokyo Games citing the COVID-19 pandemic .

Beijing was selected as the host city of the 2022 Winter Olympics after beating Almaty by four votes on 31 July 2015 at the 128th IOC Session in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In February 2021, Beijing announced that the 26 venues for these sports would be running on entirely renewable energy.

8.) Which country has test fires the indigenously developed submarine launched ballistic missile (SLBM) ?

किस देश ने स्वदेशी रूप से विकसित पनडुब्बी से लॉन्च की गई बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल (SLBM) का परीक्षण किया है?

- a) India
- b) Japan
- c) France
- d) South Korea

Answer : South Korea

Explanation : South Korea successfully tested a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) , becoming the first country without nuclear weapons to develop such a system as it aims to better counter North Korea's growing capabilities. South Korea's missile test came the same day as North Korea fired a pair of ballistic missiles off its east coast, breaching U.N. sanctions and ratcheting up tension just days after testing a cruise missile with possible nuclear capabilities.

The test would make South Korea the first country without nuclear weapons to field such a missile. Other countries that have tested or developed SLBMs, including the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France, North Korea, and India, have typically designed them to carry nuclear weapons.