

Answers

1) A

National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI)

- It was established by an order of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in 2001.
- As India's apex advisory body on immunization, the NTAGI provides guidance and advice to the MoHFW on provision of vaccination and immunization services for the effective control of vaccine preventable diseases in the country.
- It is chaired by Secretary Health, MoHFW and Co-chaired by Secretary Department of Biotechnology and Secretary Department of Health Research.
- The NTAGI Secretariat was established in 2013, under MoHFW to provide techno managerial support to NTAGI and STSC and its working groups.
- The NTAGI secretariat is tasked with undertaking technical review of scientific evidence on matters related to immunization policy and program.

2) A

PM's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment (POSHAN) Abhiyan

- It is a flagship program to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- It targets to reduce stunting, under nutrition, anemia and reduce low birth weight by 2%, 2%, 3% and 2% per annum respectively.
- It will be funded 50% by the Government of India and 50% by World Bank or other Multinational Development Banks.
- The Executive Committee is the Apex body for all Nutrition related activities under the POSHAN Abhiyaan.
- National Council on India's nutritional challenges under chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, has been set up under the POSHAN Abhiyaan.
- In order to ensure community mobilization and bolster people's participation, every year, the month of September is celebrated as POSHAN Maah across the country.
- The POSHAN Maah intends to achieve the holistic goals of Poshan Abhiyaan with swiftness in a harmonized manner.

3) C

Re-registration of a vehicle

- Under section 47 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, a person is allowed to keep the vehicle for not more than 12 months in any state other than the state where the vehicle is registered, but a new registration with the new state- registering authority has to be made within the stipulated time of 12 months.
- A passenger vehicle user takes the following steps to re-register a vehicle:
- No Objection Certificate from the Parent State for assignment of a new registration mark in another state.
- Assignment of new registration mark after the road tax on prorata basis is paid in the new State
- Application for refund of the road tax in the parent State on pro rata basis.
- This provision to get refund from the parent State on pro rata basis is a very cumbersome process and varies from one State to another.

BH Series Vehicle Marking

- In order to facilitate seamless transfer of vehicles, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has introduced a new registration mark for new vehicles i.e. “Bharat series (BH-series)”.
- This scheme will facilitate free movement of personal vehicles across States/UTs of India upon relocation to a new State/UT.
- A vehicle bearing this registration mark shall not require assignment of a new registration mark when the owner of the vehicle shifts from one State to another.
- This vehicle registration facility will be available on voluntary basis to Defense personnel, employees of Central Government/ State Government/ Central/ State Public Sector Undertakings and private sector companies/organizations, which have their offices in four or more States/Union territories.
- The motor vehicle tax will be levied for two years or in multiple of two.
- After completion of the fourteenth year, the motor vehicle tax shall be levied annually which shall be half of the amount which was charged earlier for that vehicle.

4) B

Pashmina Shawls

- Pashmina comes from an animal fibre Cashmere, derived from the Changthangi goat of Ladakh.
- Changthang is the land of the nomads, located east of Leh, about 14600 m above sea level and winter temperature can drop to -400°C .
- Changpa are herder nomadic tribes belong to the sub-sect of larger Buddhist community in the Ladakh.
- They rear sheep in harsh climates for meat and Pashmina goats for wool primarily.
- A GI Tag for Pashmina shawls was given in the year 2013 owing to its geographic origin and unique methods of making.
- Recently, initiatives have been taken to re-engage women artisans in critical production process by doubling wages and announcing MSPs for GI-certified products by the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms, Kashmir.
- Shahtoosh refers to the fine wool made from the undercoat of the Chiru Goat, a Tibetan antelope, which is an endangered species under CITES.
- Therefore, Shahtoosh is banned in most of the countries in the world.

5) A

6) C

Black-necked crane was recently adopted as State bird by the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Black Necked Crane

- Distribution - This species is found in India, China and Bhutan and breeds in high altitude wetlands in the Tibetan plateau at elevations of 2950-4900 m above mean sea level.
- Characteristics - Both the sexes are almost of the same size but male is slightly bigger than female.
- Conservation Status - It has been listed in Schedule I of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 and as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List.
- Major Threats - The damage to the eggs and chicks, caused by feral dogs is one of the major threat to the species.
- These dogs are owned both by armed forces as well as by the local nomads.
- Another threat to the bird is the loss of habitat.

7) C

8) D

A contingent of 200 Army personnel of Indian Army will participate in the multinational Exercise ZAPAD 2021 being held at Nizhniy, Russia.

ZAPAD 2021

- It is one of the theatre level exercises of Russian armed forces that focus primarily on operations against terrorists.
- Of the 17 countries invited for the exercise, there are nine participating countries and eight Observers.
- The nine Participating countries includes Mongolia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia, Russia, India and Belarus.
- The other eight Observer countries are Pakistan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Uzbekistan and Sri Lanka.

9) C

Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas (GLPCA)

- It is a new global quality standard for protected areas being developed by IUCN and partners.
- The intended aims of the IUCN GLPCA are:
- To recognize and reward effective management and equitable governance of protected areas
- To assist participating countries to achieve quality in the implementation of their national protected area systems, in part towards meeting and reporting on CBD Aichi Target commitments.
- In order to develop the IUCN GLPCA, the IUCN Green List Initiative is under way.
- Through this initiative, IUCN and collaborating partners (which include the CA|TS scheme) will develop the global standards and matching guidance that can be used to assess, evaluate and recognize quality in protected areas.
- Participating countries will be able to apply local context and criteria for the IUCN Green List process, but the benchmark will be a credible set of IUCN Green List global standards.

10) D

Climate Adaptive Planning for Resilience and Sustainability Development in Multi-Hazard Environment (CAP-RES) Program

- The Department of Science & Technology, Government of India (GoI), under the National Knowledge Mission on Climate Change (NKMCC), has supported the CAP-RES (Climate Adaptive Planning for Resilience and Sustainability) program.
- The mission is to be implemented by CECR-ECDRM division of National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM).
- NIDM works under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- CAP-RES aims to address the knowledge gap across the specified themes of resilience and sustainability.
- This would enable effective interface of the science policy planning and practices and would facilitate knowledge based roadmap for addressing climate change induced risks and vulnerability.

Thematic Areas of CAP-RES include:

- Green Growth and Disaster Risk Reduction,
- Resilient Agriculture,
- Resilient Health,
- Climate Proofing Disaster Relief & Recovery, and
- Environmental Policy Instruments in DRR

11) C

Eastern Economic Forum 2021

- The Eastern Economic Forum was established by decree of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin in 2015 to support the economic development of Russia's Far East and to expand international cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The forum will meet annually in every September since 2015.
- It will take place on 2–4 September in Vladivostok on the Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) campus.
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12) A

13) C

14) A

It creates 14-digit Unique health Id for each individual unlike Aadhaar which is a 12-digit unique Id About NDHM:

- It is a voluntary healthcare program that aims to reduce the gap among stakeholders such as doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers by bringing them together and connecting them in an integrated digital health infrastructure.
- Components: The mission comprises six key building blocks or digital systems namely HealthID, DigiDoctor, Health Facility Registry, Personal Health Records, e-Pharmacy & telemedicine.
- Health Id: It is a 14-digit serial number which will be generated for each individual. The Id will be a repository of all health-related information of a person such as medical tests, previous prescriptions, diagnosis, treatments and all historical health records.
- Implementation: The National Health Authority (NHA) would design, build, roll-out and implement the mission.

15) A

Ubharte Sitaare' Alternative Investment Fund:

- Aim: To provide debt and equity funding to export-oriented MSMEs as well as providing them with the required technological support to make their businesses more competitive.
- Setup by: The fund has been set up jointly by Exim Bank and SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India).

