



Answer: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

The Union Cabinet approved the extension of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) for three years with effect from April 1, 2022. NCSK was constituted as a statutory body in 1994 by 'National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993. The tenures have been extended several times. It works under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. As per official data, there were 58,098 manual scavengers identified in the country as on December 31, 2021.

166. Who are the beneficiaries of the 'KCR Kit Scheme' of Telangana?

- [A] Pregnant women
- [B] Farmers
- [C] MSMEs
- [D] Doctors

Answer: Pregnant women

The state government launched 'KCR Kit Scheme' for pregnant women, to provide all necessary items for pregnant women and the new-born baby. The pregnant women will be provided with financial assistance of Rs. 12,000 in three phases. In case of a baby girl, an additional Rs. 1000 will be given. Recently, KCR Kit is extended to lactating mothers. After the implementation of the scheme, institutional deliveries increased by 22% in the State.

167. Which institution releases the 'Digital Payment Index'?

- [A] Niti Aayog
- [B] Reserve Bank of India
- [C] Ministry of Finance
- [D] National Payments Corporation India

Answer: Reserve Bank of India

The Reserve Bank of India releases the 'Digital Payment Index', which shows the deepening of payments through digital modes in India. The Index rose by 39.64 per cent to 304.06 in September 2021 against 217.74 in the year-ago month. The DPI was constructed with March 2018 as the base period. The RBI-DPI comprises five parameters: payment enablers, payment infrastructure—demand-side, payment infrastructure—supply-side, payment performance and consumer centricity.

168. Omo I, is the name of the fossils of oldest Homo sapiens in which continent?

- [A] Asia
- [B] Africa
- [C] Oceania
- [D] Europe

Answer: Africa

In the 1960s, paleo-anthropologists unearthed the remains of Homo sapiens known as Omo I, from the lower Omo valley of southern Ethiopia. Previous attempts to date the Omo I fossils suggested they were 197,000 years old, but the new research shows they must be 230,000 years old and they are the oldest unchallenged Homo sapiens in Africa.

169. Which country conducted a successful test of 'Arrow 3' anti-ballistic missile system?

- [A] USA
- [B] Russia
- [C] Israel