

- [A] 50 %
- [B] 60 %
- [C] 75 %
- [D] 90 %

Answer: 90 %

The central government has approved new guidelines for the central sector scheme 'Promotion of MSMEs in North Eastern Region and Sikkim'. The Ministry of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) announced that the scheme will be implemented during the 15th finance commission cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26). The financial assistance of the central government will be 90 per cent.

- 86. The headquarters of 'IN-SPACe' has been inaugurated in which city?
- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Ahmedabad
- [C] Kochi
- [D] Nainital

Answer: Ahmedabad

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian National Center for Space Promotion and Authorization (IN-SPACe) in Ahmedabad. The new space centre is a part of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and aids in space exploration for private players in space sector. MoUs were signed between start-ups and ISRO for collaboration in the space sector.

- 87. Which is the first Asian country to legalise the growing and consumption of marijuana?
- [A] India
- [B] Thailand
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Myanmar

Answer: Thailand

Thailand becomes the first Asian country to legalise the growing of marijuana and its consumption in food and drinks, with the aim of boosting its agriculture and tourism sectors. Thailand, which has a tradition of using cannabis to relieve pain and fatigue, legalised medicinal marijuana in 2018. The government plans to give away a million plants as cash crop to encourage farmers to take up its cultivation.

- 88. What is the speciality of the 'superworms' which was recently demonstrated in a study?
- [A] Prevents Water pollution
- [B] Consumes Plastic
- [C] Lives in the Moon
- [D] Used in Hydroponics

Answer: Consumes Plastic

A study by scientists from the University of Queensland, Australia, has found that superworms, the larvae of Zophobas Morio darkling beetles, can consume Polystyrene- the most common forms of plastic. The study found that the gut enzymes of these worms could become the key to higher plastic recycling rates.

89. What is the name of mascot of 44th Chess Olympiad to be hosted by Chennai in 2022?