

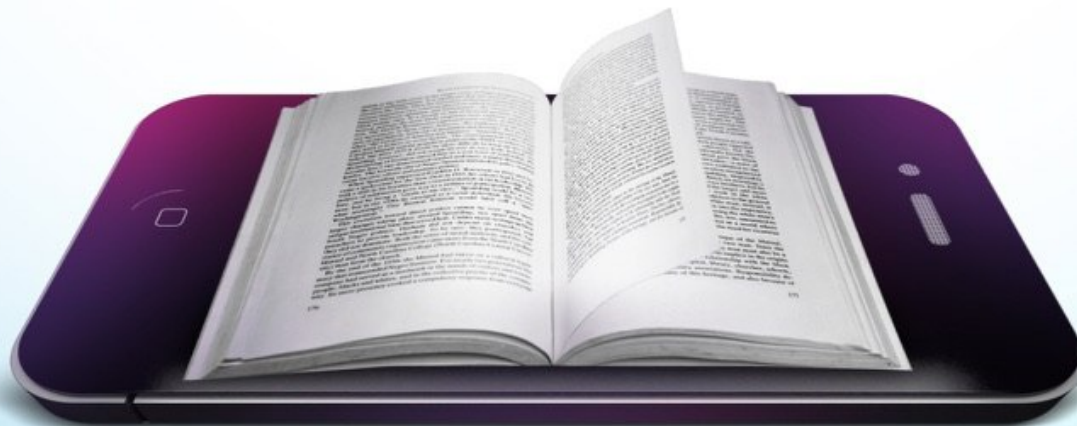


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SAVED

**Q1) Match the following :**

Scientific Names	Common Names of Kingfisher
A) Halcyon smyrnensis	1) Pied Kingfisher
B) Ceryle rudis	2) Black-capped Kingfisher
C) Halcyon pileate	3) Common Kingfisher
D) Alcedo atthis	4) White-throated Kingfisher

**Options:**

1) A- 4; B – 1; C – 2; D – 3

2) A- 4; B – 1; C – 3; D – 2

3) A- 4; B – 2; C – 1; D – 3

4) A- 2; B – 1; C – 3; D - 4





**A) India has imposed an anti-dumping duty on the import of a Phosphorus Pentoxide from China.**

**C) Dumping duty is put by Competition commission of India**

**D) Phosphorus Pentoxide is used as a dehydrating agent.**

## Options:

**1) A & D are correct**

**2) A, B & D are correct**

**3) B, C & D are correct**

**4) A, C & D are correct**

**INDUSTRY**

# India slaps anti-dumping duty on import of phosphorus pentoxide from China

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**INDUSTRY**  
**Trends**

**Phosphorus Pentoxide is used as a powerful desiccant and dehydrating agent, and is a useful building block and reagent in the chemical industry.**

The revenue department has imposed an anti-dumping duty on the import of phosphate chemicals from China to protect the domestic manufacturers from cheap shipments.

As per notification of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), anti-dumping duty of Rs. 66.45 per metric tonne has been imposed on the import of Phosphorus Pentoxide from China.

The duty has been imposed for five years.

Phosphorous Pentoxide is used as a powerful desiccant and dehydrating agent, and is a useful building block and reagent in the chemical industry.

Acting on a complaint by Sankhya Dyes & Chemicals, the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) had carried out a probe into the imports of the chemical to ascertain if the shipments were causing injury to the domestic manufacturers of the chemical.

The probe was aimed at determining the "existence, degree and effect" of alleged dumping. It also recommended the quantum of the anti-dumping duty which, if levied, would be adequate to remove the injury to the domestic industry.

After the investigation, the DGAD concluded that the chemical was being exported to India below the normal value and that domestic industry suffered material injury on account of dumped imports.

Based on the recommendation of the DGAD, the revenue department imposed the levy on the import of the chemical from China.

Countries initiate anti-dumping probes to determine if the domestic industry has been hurt by a surge in sales-cost imports. As a counter-measure, they impose duties under the multilateral WTO regime.

Anti-dumping measures are taken to ensure fair trade and provide a level-playing field to the domestic industry. They are not a measure to restrict imports or cause an unjustified increase in cost of products.

**Q3) Consider the following statements :**

**A) World Homeopathy Day Is observed every year on 9<sup>th</sup> April.**

**B) Dr. Samuel Hahnemann is known as the Father Of Homeopathy System Of Medicine.**

**C) The Department of Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy (ISM&H) formed in 1995 was renamed as Department of AYUSH in November 2003**

**Options:**

- 1) All are correct**
- 2) B & C are correct**
- 3) A & C are correct**
- 4) A & B are correct**

**Vice President inaugurates "Scientific Convention on World Homoeopathy Day"**

**Vice President confers awards to incentivise the contributors in the field of Homoeopathy Research**

Posted On: 10 APR 2018 4:28PM by PIB Delhi

The Vice President of India Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the two-day "Scientific Convention on World Homoeopathy Day" organised by the Ministry of AYUSH here today. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Vasoo Naik presided over the inaugural function. Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha Dr. Manoj Prasad and Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH Shri Vaidya Rajesh Kotucha were the Guests of Honour. The convention was attended by more than 1500 delegates, which included homoeopathic researchers, scientists from allied sciences, practitioners, students, industrialists as well as representatives of various homoeopathic associations.

While addressing the delegates, the Vice President called on to the homoeopathy professionals and scientists to undertake more research in this field of medical science, which is widely used as a system of healing in the world and is one of the most popular treatment methods in India. He also urged the scientists working in this profession to undertake innovative and exploratory research in Homoeopathy and hailed the scientists of CCRH who are working in collaboration with IIT Bombay scientists on a new way of potentisation of homoeopathic drugs that ensures quality and right source of original substances of drugs. He urged the researchers to take this work further to bring more credibility to homoeopathy, thereby taking it to a new high. The Vice President also emphasised on healthy nation. He said that healthy nation is more important than wealthy nation.

The AYUSH Minister Shri Naik, while extending his wishes to the delegates on the occasion of World Homoeopathy Day, recalled the great man that Hahnemann was and how his scientific aptitude helped him to discover a healing system based on infallible laws of nature. He further congratulated the council for its 40 years of research commitments in the field of Homoeopathy by working on infectious and other nationally significant diseases like acute encephalitis syndrome, mother and child health problems, dengue, chikungunya etc. He assured the full support of his Ministry in supporting the council in undertaking high quality research and helping to develop big data on homoeopathy which is required to validate this ancient wisdom. He commended Council for linking research with education by signing MoUs with academic institutions with the aim to orient postgraduate students and faculty to research. He said that homoeopathic colleges should ensure their infrastructure supports research in homoeopathy.

The Secretary AYUSH Shri Vaidya Rajesh Kotucha emphasised the Ministry's efforts to bridge the gap between science and tradition through research in the field of AYUSH.

The Vice President also conferred the awards bestowed by CCRH to incentivise the contributors in the field of Homoeopathy research. The Life time Achievement award was conferred to Prof. Jayesh R. Hellani, Institute Chair Professor at IIT Bombay who has done pathbreaking research on the action of homoeopathic remedies in the realm of Nanotechnology. The Best Teacher award was presented to Prof. Dr. J. Niranjan Mohanty who is the former Principal of Ashish Chandra Homoeopathic Medical College, Odisha with over 40 years of active teaching service. The Young Scientist awardees were Dr. Vitarasi

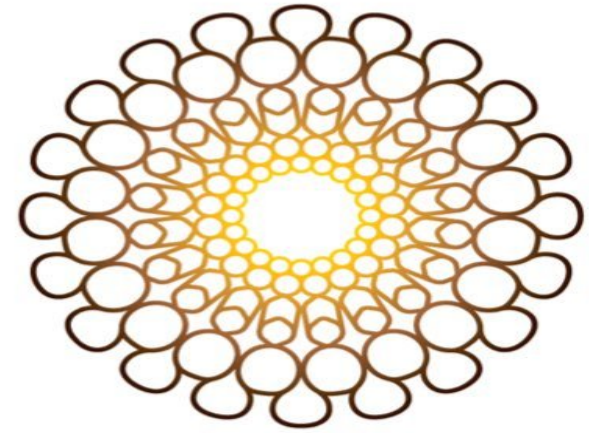
**Q4) Consider the following statements :**

- A) India signed a contract for the setting up of India pavilion at Expo 2020 in public-private partnership mode.**
- B) India will become a \$5 trillion economy by 2025**
- C) World Expo is held once in 5 years.**
- D) World Expo 2020 will be held in Turkey**

**Options:**

- 1) All are correct**
- 2) A, C & D are correct**
- 3) B , C & D are correct**
- 4) A, B & C are correct**

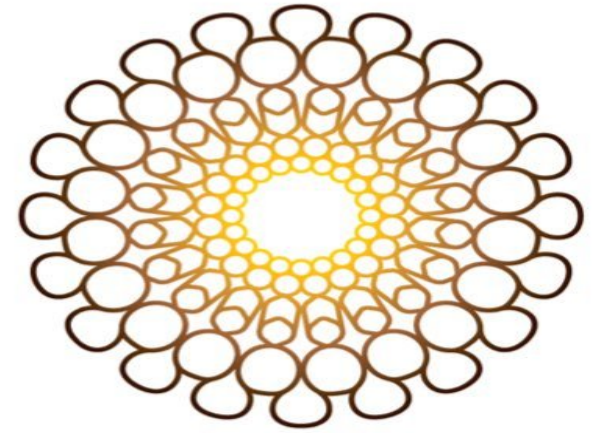
**EXPO 2020**





**The most recent expo, which started  
in 2015, was held in Milan**

**EXPO 2020**



**Q5) Consider the following statements :**

**A) The govt has put 14 steroid-based creams and ointments under the Schedule H category by making amendments to certain Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.**

**B) The revised rules will apply to skin creams only and not for ordinary face-cleansing and moisturizers**

**Options:**

- 1) Both are correct**
- 2) Only B is correct**
- 3) Only A is correct**
- 4) None is correct**



Q6) Consider the following statements :

A) A **microfactory** is one or a series of small machines and devices that uses patented technology to perform one or more functions in the reforming of waste products into new and usable resources.

B) World's first micro factory has opened in Australia for plastic waste

Options:

- 1) Both are correct
- 2) Only B is correct
- 3) Only A is correct
- 4) None is correct



**Q7) Consider the following statements :**

- A) President Ram Nath Kovind's visit was second time that a head of state from India visited Equatorial Guinea.**
- B) Equatorial Guinea is the only country in Africa that has French as an official language**
- C) President Kovind visited three-nations Equatorial Guinea, Swaziland and Zambia**
- D) Equatorial Guinea lies between Cameroon and Gabon**

**Options:**

- 1) All are correct**
- 2) A & C are correct**
- 3) B & C are correct**
- 4) C & D are correct**



**Q8) Consider the following statements :**

**A) A rare dance panel of Nayak period and an inscribed pillar of Satvahanas period have been found in Tiruchi, tamil Nadu.**

**B) *Silappadikaram* is one of The Five Great Epics of Telugu Literature.**

**Options:**

- 1) Both are correct**
- 2) Only B is correct**
- 3) Only A is correct**
- 4) None is correct**





Q9) Consider the following statements :

A) National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) works under the Department of Biotechnology of the Government of India.

B) NCBS as launched an initiative , called **Science and the City**, encourages apartment complexes to host lectures on popular science topics on their own premises, at no cost.

Options:

- 1) None is correct
- 2) Both are correct
- 3) Only A
- 4) Only B

### *Science at your doorstep, at zero cost*

*Bengaluru institute to help organise scientific lectures in apartment complexes*

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At a time when scientific temper seems to be at a premium even among those with the fiduciary responsibility to promote it, Bengaluru's National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) has launched an initiative to take science to the people, to their very doorstep, as a matter of fact.

The initiative, called Science and the City, encourages apartment complexes to host lectures on popular science topics on their own premises, at no cost.

**Wide reach**  
Mukund Thattai, a scientist from the NCBS associated with the programme, said: "We have a regular schedule of public lectures on our campus through the year. However, the distances and travel

times in Bengaluru being what they are, even people interested in the lecture topic find it hard to attend. Our campus has two research institutes (NCBS and InStem, the Stem Cell Institute). Many of my colleagues have already been giving popular talks in their own apartments and housing societies. So we thought, why restrict this to our own apartments, why not go to any apartment

where the residents are interested? That's the genesis of Science and the City."

#### **Evokes interest**

The initiative, announced on Saturday, has generated a lot of interest on social media. "We have already received one sign-up," Mr. Thattai said.

Apartment residents can sign up as hosts by filling up a form available on the NCBS website and selecting a topic.

"The NCBS will arrange for a scientist to give a popular talk on the chosen subject. Hosts must ensure that the venue has sufficient seating, some basic refreshments and, if possible, projectors. We will provide a publicity flyer, but hosts must spread the word in their buildings," Mr. Thattai said.

However, the NCBS

wants these venues to serve as a place where people from the neighbourhood can also attend the talks, and not just apartment residents.

The speakers would either be faculty members or post-doctoral researchers at the NCBS and InStem.

The lectures will be suitable for anyone above 15 years of age.

#### **Wide range of topics**

The topics cover a wide range, from conservation and environment, genes and evolution, ecology and animal behaviour, molecules and cells, to health and medicine.

The best part of the initiative is that it is free. "We are committed to spreading public awareness of the ideas and the process of science. This is an institutional priority for us at the NCBS and InStem," Mr. Thattai added.



Q10) Consider the following statements :

- A) The ministry of health has launched the Project Dhoop’
- B) The project aimed at shifting the school assembly time to noon to ensure maximum absorption of Vitamin D in students through natural sunlight.
- C) Studies have shown that over 90 per cent of boys and girls across the country were deficient in Vitamin D

Options :

- 1) All are correct
- 2) A & C are correct
- 3) B & C are correct
- 4) A & B are correct



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