

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



1. The Agricultural Census is conducted in the interval of how many years in India?

- A. 2                      B. 3  
C. 5 ☒              D. 10

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- ✓ The Eleventh Agricultural Census (2021–22) was recently launched by the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ✓ Agriculture Census is conducted every 5 years in India and this is the first time the data collection will be conducted on smart phones and tablets. Agricultural Census is the main source of information on the number and area of operational holdings, their size, class-wise distribution, land use, tenancy and cropping pattern, etc.

2. Which shipyard—built India's first indigenous aircraft carrier— Vikrant?

- A. Cochin Shipyard ☒  
B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders  
C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers  
D. Hindustan Shipyard



- ✓ India's first indigenous aircraft carrier— Vikrant was built and delivered to the Indian Navy by Cochin Shipyards Limited (CSL). CSL, the public sector shipyard, under the Ministry of Shipping, has built the carrier with 76 per cent indigenisation components. Vikrant will be commissioned into the Indian Navy as Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant.

3. Tadoba Tiger Reserve, which hosted the Global Tiger Day Celebrations, is located in which Indian state?

- A. Sikkim  
B. Maharashtra ☒  
C. Gujarat  
D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Tadoba Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra played host to the Global Tiger Day Celebrations in India. Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav attended the Global Tiger Day 2022 Celebrations held at Chandrapur Forest Academy, Maharashtra. The declaration to celebrate Global Tiger Day was taken on 29th July 2010 at St Petersburg, for increased thrust on tiger conservation and management globally.

4. Which state hosted the FIDE Chess Olympiad for the first time in India?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒                      B. Telangana  
C. Maharashtra                      D. Odisha



- ✓ The 44<sup>th</sup> FIDE Chess Olympiad is being hosted by the state of Tamil Nadu. This is the first time India is hosting the international event. The world's biggest team chess championship, with players from 187 countries, is organised at Mamallapuram, near Chennai.
- ✓ The international event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the presence of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

5. The Indian Navy recently received two MH-60 R multirole helicopters from which country?

- A. Russia
- B. United States ☒
- C. Israel
- D. France



- ✓ The Indian Navy recently received two MH-60 R multirole helicopters from the United States. The third helicopter is scheduled to be delivered in August this year. In 2019, the United States had approved the sale of 24 MH-60R multi-mission helicopters to India under its Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program. The MH-60R is the most advanced marine multi-mission helicopter which is in use currently.

6. Which state held the most number of sittings of the State Assembly in 2021?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ As per the recent study of the think tank PRS, Legislative Research (PRS), Kerala held the most number of sittings of the State Assembly in 2021 at 61 days. Between 2016 and 2019, it remained at the top with an average of 53 days. Kerala is followed by Odisha with 43 sitting days, Karnataka with 40 days and Tamil Nadu with 34 days.

7. 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme' which was recently launched, is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Power ☒
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food Distribution
- C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



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- ✓ The Prime Minister launched the Union Power Ministry's 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme'. It aims to help DISCOMs improve their operational efficiencies and financial sustainability. The



Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of various green energy projects of NTPC worth over Rs 5200 crore. He also launched the 'National Solar rooftop portal'.

8. Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary, where a new damselfly species (*Protosticta anamalaica*) was spotted, is in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ Entomologists from the Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS) have recently identified the species, Anamalai Reed-tail (*Protosticta anamalaica*) from the Western Ghats in the Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary in Thrissur. With this, the number of odonates in Kerala has grown to 182. The insect was first spotted at Ponmudi hills in the Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary of the Munnar landscape.

9. Logistics Data Bank (LDB) Project, which was seen in the news, is associated with which Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Heavy Industries



- ✓ NLDSL–NICDC Logistics Data Bank (LDB Project) has achieved a milestone of handling 50 million EXIM containers. Union Commerce and Industry Minister lauded the NICDC Logistics Data Services for the achievement. NICDC stands for National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation.
- ✓ LDB handles 100% of India's EXIM container volume. It uses RFID technology through Internet of Things, Big Data and Cloud-based solution for real-time tracking of EXIM container movement.

10. Loktak Lake, the largest freshwater lake in India, is located in which state?

- A. Assam
- B. Manipur ☒
- C. Haryana
- D. Telangana



- ✓ Loktak lake is the largest freshwater lake in India, located in the state of Manipur. The lake covers 61 per cent of the total identified wetlands of the state. Recently, the Loktak Development Authority (LDA) issued a notice to remove all floating houses and fishing structures on Loktak lake. It has created a sharp reaction from the fishing community and home-stay operators.



1. Who has been named as the new MD and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE)?

- A. Ashish Chauhan ☒
- B. K V Kamath
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. Arundhati Bhattacharya



- ✓ Market regulator SEBI has named Ashish Chauhan as the new MD and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE). Ashish Chauhan is currently the MD and CEO of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). BSE and its subsidiary CDSL, launched successful IPOs under his leadership.

2. 'The Crafts Village scheme' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Union Ministry of Culture
- B. Union Ministry of Textiles ☒
- C. Union Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Union Ministry of MSME



- ✓ 'The Crafts Village scheme' aims to develop handicrafts as a sustainable livelihood option for artisans in the clusters. It is an initiative of Union Textiles Ministry for 'Linking Textile with Tourism'. It aims to promote craft and tourism by providing infrastructure support to handicraft clusters. Eight craft villages are selected under the scheme.
- ✓ They are Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Vadaj (Gujarat), Naini (Uttar Pradesh), Raghurajpur (Odisha), Anegundi (Karnataka), Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Taj Ganj (Uttar Pradesh) and Amer (Rajasthan).

3. 'Chabahar Port', which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Nepal
- C. Iran ☒
- D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ The Chabahar Port is a strategic port located in Iran is the commercial transit centre for the Central Asian region. 'Chabahar Day' is celebrated to mark the beginning of International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) – an Indian vision to economise movement of cargo between India and Central Asia.
- ✓ On the occasion of 'Chabahar Day', Union Ports, Shipping & Waterways Ministry along with the Indian Ports Global Ltd. (IPGL) which was formed to participate in Chabahar development project, organized a conference in Mumbai.

4. Which state is the venue of the India–Oman joint military drill 'AL NAJAH'?

- A. Maharashtra  
B. Rajasthan ☒  
C. Sikkim  
D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Indian Army and Royal Army of Oman have recently started their 13–day joint military exercise in Rajasthan, India. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of India–Oman joint military drill 'AL NAJAH' focuses on Counter Terrorism, Regional Security and Peace Keeping Operations.

5. Who is the head of the task force recently set up by the Central govt to monitor monkeypox situation in India?

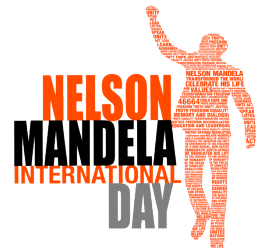
- A. Amitabh Kant  
B. V K Paul ☒  
C. Mansukh Mandaviya  
D. Bharati Pawar



- ✓ The Central Government has established a task force to monitor monkey–pox situation in India. It is headed by Dr VK Paul, member (Health), NITI Aayog. The task force also includes Secretary, Union Health Ministry, Pharma and Biotech. It will advise the government on expanding diagnostic facilities and investigating vaccination against the disease. India has reported four Monkeypox cases so far, three cases in Kerala and one in Delhi.

6. When is the 'Nelson Mandela Day' observed every year?

- A. July.14  
B. July.18 ☒  
C. July.19  
D. July.25



- ✓ 'Nelson Mandela Day' is observed on July 18 every year. The United Nations (UN) had declared July 18 as Nelson Mandela Day to honour the leader in 2009. Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid activist who served as the first President from 1994 to 1999. He was the first black head of state and the first elected President in a fully democratic election in South Africa.

7. Which Union Ministry's website has been ranked first in the National e–Governance Service Delivery Assessment?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs ☒  
B. Ministry of Culture  
C. Ministry of Defence  
D. Ministry of Finance



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- ✓ The website of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been ranked first in the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment. The Digital Police portal was ranked second in the service delivery assessment of websites of central government ministries, conducted by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in association with its knowledge partners NASSCOM and KPMG in 2021.

8. Who is the head of the high-powered panel on minimum support price (MSP), which was recently set up?

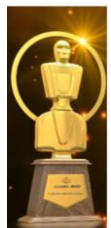
- A. Ramesh Chand  
B. Amitabh Kant  
C. M S Swaminathan  
D. Sanjay Agarwal ☒



- ✓ The Central Government has constituted a high-powered panel under the chairmanship of former agriculture secretary Sanjay Agarwal. The panel seeks to the minimum support price (MSP) mechanism more effective and transparent. It was set up eight months after the government repealed the three controversial farm Acts. The panel includes NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand, and representatives from IFFCO, ICAR, along with representatives from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, and Odisha.

9. 'JC Daniel Award' is the highest award in cinema in which language?

- A. Tamil  
B. Malayalam ☒  
C. Marathi  
D. Kannada



- ✓ Renowned filmmaker KP Kumaran was awarded the 2021 JC Daniel Award. It is Kerala's highest award in Malayalam cinema. The award is presented annually by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, a non-profit institution under the Department of Cultural Affairs.

10. Which country is the top source of India's remittances in 2021?

- A. UAE  
B. USA ☒  
C. Singapore  
D. Canada



- ✓ As per a recent survey of the Reserve Bank of India, the US surpassed the UAE as the top source country of India's remittances, accounting for 23% of total remittances. India is by far the world's largest recipient of remittances, as it received \$87 billion in 2021 with a growth of 4.6%.



1. Rakhigarhi, which was seen in the news recently, is an ancient site located in which state?

- A. Haryana ☒
- B. Gujarat
- C. Odisha
- D. Punjab



- ✓ Twenty heritage sites, including ancient mounds at Haryana's Rakhigarhi have been identified for the 'National importance' tag. The other sites include Anangtal in Delhi; rock painting at Chintakunta, Andhra Pradesh; rock art site Murgi at Rdanag, Leh; Kaleshwar Mahadev Temple, Himachal Pradesh among others.

2. Which Ministry is associated with the Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems Amendment Bill 2022?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Defence
- C. Ministry of External Affairs ☒
- D. Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Waterways

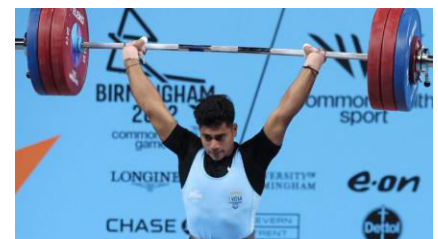


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- ✓ The Parliament has recently passed the Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill 2022. Ministry of External Affairs introduced the bill. It seeks to amend the 2005 Act and to stop persons from financing any prohibited activity related to weapons of mass destruction and their delivery.

3. Achinta Sheuli, who clinched gold medal for India in the Commonwealth Games 2022, is associated with which sport?

- A. Weight lifting ☒
- B. Boxing
- C. Table Tennis
- D. Cricket



- ✓ 20-year-old Achinta Sheuli clinched gold medal for India in the Commonwealth Games 2022 in 73-kg category of Weight lifting. He won the first place with a combined effort of 313 Kilograms (143kg in snatch and 170kg in clean & jerk). Mirabai Chanu and Jeremy Lalrinunnga have earlier claimed gold medals while Bindyarani Devi and Sanketh Sargar picked up silver medals.

4. When is the 'Muslim Women's Rights Day' observed?

- A. July.31
- B. August.1 ☒
- C. August.3
- D. August.5



- ✓ 'Muslim Women's Rights Day' is observed every year on the first of August to celebrate the enforcement of law against the 'Triple Talaq' rule. The Triple Talaq, also known as Talaq-e-Biddat was made illegal and as per the law the offenders will be jailed up to 3 years and also have to pay fine.

5. Which state signed an MoU with NITI Aayog for enhancement of the learning outcome of students?

- A. Uttarakhand  
B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒  
C. Assam  
D. West Bengal



**NITI Aayog**

- ✓ The Arunachal Pradesh government inked a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NITI Aayog on the enhancement of the learning outcome of students across 3,000 plus government schools in the state. The MoU is a three-year partnership (2022 – 25) focusing over two lakh children. The school education transformation project is under NITI Aayog's Development Support Services for States (DSSS) initiative.

6. Who has been appointed as the BCCI ethics officer and Ombudsman?

- A. Ranjan Gogoi  
B. Vineet Saran ☒  
C. A K Sikri  
D. V K Singh



- ✓ Former Supreme Court judge Vineet Saran has taken over as the BCCI's ethics officer and ombudsman, filling the dual posts which were lying vacant for a year. Vineet Saran has succeeded Justice (Retd) D K Jain, whose term ended in June last year. He is a former Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, and also served as a judge in Karnataka and Allahabad High Court.

7. Which Indian state recently conducted its first-ever survey of blackbucks?

- A. Kerala  
B. Karnataka  
C. Andhra Pradesh ☒  
D. Goa



- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh State Wildlife Department has commenced the first-ever survey of blackbucks along a stretch of islands in the Godavari between Dowleswaram and Yanam. The survey aims of drawing up a conservation plan to protect the endangered species.

8. Which is the first port in India to become a full Landlord Major Port of India?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Maharashtra ☒
- B. Cochi Port, Kerala
- C. Mormugao Port, Goa
- D. Kandla Port, Gujarat



- ✓ Maharashtra's Jawaharlal Nehru Port has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India with all berths being operated on PPP model. JNP is one of the leading container ports of the country and is ranked 26<sup>th</sup> among the top 100 global ports.

9. What is the rank of India in the 2022 edition of Henley Passport Index?

- A. 82
- B. 85
- C. 87 ☒
- D. 84



- ✓ In the 2022 edition of Henley Passport Index, Indian passport is ranked at 87 as it provides easy access to 57 countries. Japan is at the first place of the index with hassle-free entry to 193 countries. Singapore and South Korea have the next powerful passports in the world with access to 192 countries. Indian passports had access to just 23 destinations in 2020.

10. Which state topped the utilisation of funds under Smart City Mission?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ As per a recent government data, Tamil Nadu tops the list of states so far as utilisation of funds under Smart City Mission. Tamil Nadu has spent over Rs 3932 crore out of the Rs 4333 crore released by the Centre, Uttar Pradesh is at second position with utilisation of Rs 2699 cr out of the release of Rs 3142 crore. The Smart Cities Mission (SCM) was launched on 25 June, 2015.



1. Which Union Ministry implements the 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0' scheme?

- A. Ministry of Health
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development ☒
- C. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- D. Ministry of Tribal Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued Operational Guidelines for implementation of 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0'. The Integrated Nutrition Support scheme has been approved by the Government of India for implementation during the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission period 2021–22 to 2025–26. The programme aims to address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

2. 'Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)' which is seen in the news, is a term related to which field?

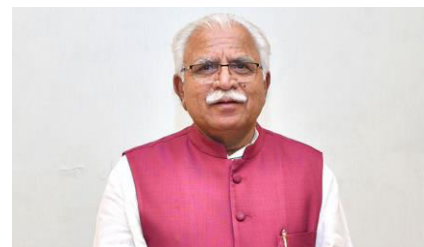
- A. Economy
- B. Climate Change ☒
- C. Defence
- D. Industry



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement. The NDCs are to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). India last submitted its NDC in the year 2015. India has committed to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030 and achieving 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

3. Which state launched the 'Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)' scheme?

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Haryana ☒
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar recently launched the 'Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)' scheme. It aims to provide 'free education' to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students of government schools in budget private schools. Under the scheme, government school students whose parents have an annual verified income of less than Rs 1.8 lakh can enroll in private schools.

4. As of August 2022, how many start-ups are registered in India?

- A. 25000                      B. 50000  
C. 75000 ☒                      D. 1,00,000

75,000

- ✓ **Union Minister for Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal announced that India has achieved a landmark milestone, as there are 75000 startups in the country. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recognized more than 75,000 startups.**
- ✓ **The initial ten thousand startups were recognized in 808 days, while the latest ten thousand were achieved in only 156 days.**

5. Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary and Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary, which were declared Ramsar sites, are located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒  
B. Odisha  
C. Karnataka  
D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ **India has added 10 more wetlands designated as Ramsar sites to make the total sites in the country to 64, covering an area of 12,50,361 hectares. The 10 new sites include Six sites in Tamil Nadu including Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary and Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary and One each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.**

6. When is the 'World Chess Day' celebrated every year?

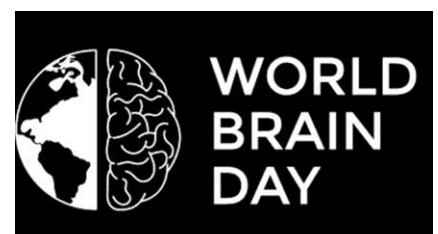
- A. July.20 ☒  
B. August.20  
C. September.20  
D. October.20



- ✓ **World Chess Day is observed on 20 July every year. It is also known as International Chess Day. On the same day in 1924, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) was founded in Paris. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) proposed the idea of celebrating the day in 1966.**

7. What is the theme of the 'World Brain Day – 2022'?

- A. Brain Health for all ☒  
B. Brain: The CPU  
C. Brain for Knowledge  
D. Knowledge is Brain



- ✓ **'World Brain Day (WBD) 2022'** is marked every year on July 22, to increase public awareness and promote advocacy related to brain health. This year, the World Brain Day is dedicated to the theme "Brain Health for all". WBD 2022 campaign will focus on five key messages globally: Awareness, Prevention, Advocacy, Education and Access.

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**8. Which is the venue of the Asian Games in 2023?**

- A. India  
B. China ☒  
C. Indonesia  
D. Nepal

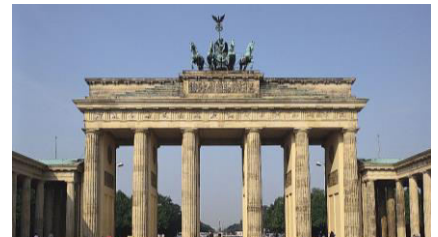


- ✓ **The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)** has confirmed that the postponed Asian Games will be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8 in 2023. The Asian Games were scheduled to be held in September 2022 but the OCA announced the postponement until 2023 due to rise in Covid-19 cases in China earlier this year.

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**9. Which is the venue of the '13<sup>th</sup> Petersberg Climate Dialogue' 2022?**

- A. Chicago  
B. Berlin ☒  
C. Netherlands  
D. Switzerland



- ✓ **The 13<sup>th</sup> Petersberg Climate Dialogue** began recently in Berlin. The two-day ministerial meet is chaired by Germany and Egypt, the hosts of annual climate meet (COP-27). The informal ministerial meet proposes to build consensus and provide political direction to resolve divergences in improving implementation of climate action, which is the core goal of COP-27.

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**10. What is the name of India's first passenger drone which was recently seen in the news?**

- A. Akash  
B. Varuna ☒  
C. Jatayu  
D. Garuda



- ✓ **Varuna**, India's first drone that can carry human payload has a range of 25 km. The passenger drone can carry 130 kg payload and has 25-33 minutes of flight time. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently watched the demonstration of India's first passenger drone, Varuna. 'Varuna' drone has been designed and developed by a startup 'Sagar Defence Engineering'.



1. Which state's astronomical observatory has been included in the UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage Observatories?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Bihar ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Kerala



- ✓ The astronomical observatory at the LS College, Muzaffarpur has been included in UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage Observatories of the World. It was developed in 1916 after a college professor felt the need of an astronomical observatory. After functioning for several decades, it was sealed in 1995, when some astronomical equipment were found missing.

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2. Larsen & Toubro signed a MoU with which state to set up an IT and ITeS technology park?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Larsen & Toubro signed a MoU with the Gujarat state government to set up an IT and IT-enabled service (ITeS) Technology Park in Vadodara. L&T will develop this IT Park in the next five years with an investment of Rs 7,000 crores. It will provide jobs for 2,000 engineers and other positions in a year and 10,000 direct and indirect employments in the next five years.

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3. In which state, world's largest floating solar power plant is set to be built?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Bihar



- ✓ As per the recent announcement of Renewable Energy Ministry, world's largest floating solar power plant is going to be built in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa. The plant is expected to generate 600-Megawatt power by 2022-23 and is estimated to be worth over Rs 3000 crores. At present, India's largest floating solar power project is operational at Ramagundam in Telangana, being operated by NTPC.

4. Which is the first bank in India to list its Payment Gateway platform on the income tax department's TIN 2.0 platform?

- A. State Bank of India  
B. Federal Bank ☒  
C. Punjab National Bank  
D. Axis Bank



- ✓ **Federal Bank has become India's first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the income tax department's TIN 2.0 platform. The Payment Gateway enables tax payers to make their payments using modes such as credit/ debit card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS and internet banking.**

5. Which country chairs the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022?

- A. China  
B. Russia  
C. India ☒  
D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ **India is set to host diplomats of the 15-nation UN Security Council including US, China and Russia, in October for a special meeting on counter-terrorism. India is an elected non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for a two-year term. India's tenure at the Council will end in December this year. India chairs the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022.**

6. When is the 'National Broadcasting Day 2022' observed in India?

- A. July.23 ☒  
B. August.23  
C. September.23  
D. October.23



- ✓ **National Broadcasting Day is an annual event observed on July 23 in India, to remind Indian citizens about the impact of radio on our lives. India's official broadcaster 'Prasar Bharati' includes All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan. The Indian Broadcasting Company Ltd (IBC) was taken over by the British and transformed into All India Radio (AIR) in 1936.**

7. What is India's gross expenditure on R&D (GERD), as per NITI Aayog's recent report?

- A. \$43 per capita ☒  
B. \$83 per capita  
C. \$123 per capita  
D. \$183 per capita



**NITI Aayog**

- ✓ **According to NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index 2021, India's gross expenditure on research and development (R&D) is one of the lowest in the world, with just USD 43 per capita.**

- ✓ It said that India needs to boost this expenditure and at least be on a par with its BRICS or ASEAN counterparts like Russia (USD 285) and Brazil (USD 173). In India, the government spends more than 55% on R&D and private sector is to be encouraged to take up research.

8. 'E-AMRIT mobile application', which was recently launched, is associated with which sector?

- A. Electric mobility ☒
- B. Sports
- C. Millet Cultivation
- D. Women Empowerment



- ✓ NITI Aayog launched E-AMRIT (Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation) mobile application to raise awareness on electric mobility, in collaboration with UK. It also launched a report on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling Market in India. NITI Aayog has been collaborating with the UK Government in the areas of e-vehicles, charging infrastructure and battery storage.

9. India held a 'Meeting on Transnational Crimes' with which global bloc?

- A. BIMSTEC
- B. BRICS
- C. ASEAN ☒
- D. G20



- ✓ The 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crimes was recently held in a virtual mode. Both sides discussed ways to enhance cooperation under the framework of ASEAN-India Work Plan to combat Transnational Crimes. The 10th ASEAN-India SOMTC Consultation on Transnational Crimes will be held in 2023 in Indonesia.

10. Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection (MASI), which was seen in the news, is associated with which action?

- A. Monitoring of Health Care Institutions
- B. Monitoring of Child Care Institutions ☒
- C. Inspection of Sports Institutions
- D. Inspection of Educational Institutions



- ✓ Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani replied in Lok Sabha that over 2,000 children have died in specialised adoption agencies since 2014. As many as 27,085 children have been adopted since 2014. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) developed an application namely Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection (MASI) for real-time monitoring of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs).



1. 'Yudh Abhyas' is a military exercise held between India and which country?

- A. Japan
- B. USA ☒
- C. Australia
- D. France



- ✓ India and the US will conduct a fortnight-long mega military exercise named 'Yudh Abhyas' in Uttarakhand's Auli in October 2022. The 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the exercise is scheduled to include number of complex drills. The last edition of the exercise took place in October 2021 in Alaska in the US. In June 2016, the US designated India a 'Major Defence Partner'.

2. Which organisation test-fired indigenously developed laser-guided ATGMs?

- A. HAL
- B. DRDO ☒
- C. BEL
- D. BHEL



- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Army test-fired the indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM). It was launched from Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun at KK Ranges with support of Armoured Corps Centre and School in Maharashtra.

3. What is the name of the satellite developed by 750 girls across 75 rural schools to be launched by ISRO?

- A. BharatSat
- B. AzaadiSAT ☒
- C. GramSAT
- D. CommuniSAT



- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch a Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. It is the smallest and lightest commercial rocket built by ISRO. The rocket will also carry the Indian tricolour, which will be unfurled in space to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> year of independence. The SSLV will carry EOS-02, an indigenously developed earth observation satellite, and Cubesat AzaadiSAT, which was developed by 750 school girls across 75 schools in rural India. The satellite will carry a special space song along with the national anthem.

4. What is the repo rate after the August 2022 Monetary policy committee (MPC) Meeting?

- A. 5.0 %
- B. 5.2 %
- C. 5.4 % ☒
- D. 5.75 %



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- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das–chaired Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) raised the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 5.40 percent. The decision was taken to tame persisting high inflation. After the decision, the repo rate is above pre–pandemic levels of 5.15 percent. The overall rate hike in three successive policy meets has gone to 140 basis points.

5. Which country conducted its largest–ever military exercises around Taiwan?

A. China ☒

B. Russia

C. India

D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ China fired ballistic missiles and deployed fighter jets and warships as it began its largest–ever military exercises around Taiwan, a show of force. This was commenced as retaliation to the visit of the US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s to the island. Pelosi was the highest–profile US official to visit Taiwan in years. The Taiwanese cabinet said the drills would disrupt 18 international routes passing through its flight information region.

6. IUCN has listed which species of butterfly in the ‘Endangered species list’?

A. Monarch butterfly ☒

B. Peacock butterfly

C. Red Admiral butterfly

D. Gossamer–winged butterfly



- ✓ The migratory ‘Monarch butterfly’ has been listed in the endangered species category by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. IUCN listed the butterfly, a subspecies of monarch (*Danaus plexippus*) as endangered, which indicates that the subspecies is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild. The main threats to the butterfly are habitat loss, pesticide and herbicide use and climate change.

7. When is the Income Tax Day celebrated in India?

A. July.24 ☒

B. August.24

C. September.24

D. January.24



- ✓ The Income Tax department observes July 24 every year as Income Tax Day, to commemorate the introduction of income tax in the country. On the same day in 1860, Sir James Wilson introduced income tax for the first time in India, to compensate for the losses suffered by the British regime during the 1857 war of independence. Income Tax Day was celebrated for the first time in 2010, to mark 150 years of income tax in India.

8. Which is the venue of the '1<sup>st</sup> Khelo India Fencing Women's League'?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Gwalior
- D. Patna



- ✓ The 1<sup>st</sup> Khelo India Fencing Women's League recently commenced at the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. This is the first of its kind national fencing competition for women. Over 300 women across 20 States are participating in the event. Tokyo Olympian and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) athlete Bhavani Devi is also a participant.

9. Which Indian state recently launched a dedicated 'Tourism Policy 2021'?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Jharkhand ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Assam



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Jharkhand Hemant Soren launched 'Jharkhand Tourism Policy 2021'. The policy aims to revive and revamp the tourism sector of the state. 'Jharkhand Tourism Policy 2021' was organized by FICCI, jointly with the Jharkhand government. It aims to develop the state as one of the most sought-after tourist destinations by 2025.

10. Which institution has launched campaign 'Create for India' to cheer the Indian contingent of the Commonwealth Games?

- A. Sports Authority of India ☒
- B. National Sports University
- C. Army Sports Institute India
- D. Board of Control for Cricket in India



- ✓ Sports Authority of India has started a new initiative to cheer for Indian contingent of the Commonwealth Games with the campaign 'Create for India'. A 215-member Indian athlete contingent across 16 disciplines is set to participate in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Participants were asked to submit entries using the hashtags #create4India and #cheer4India.

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**1. Who chairs the Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog?**

- A. NITI Aayog CEO
- B. President of India
- C. Prime Minister of India ☒
- D. Union Finance Minister



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 7th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi. The Prime Minister is the ex-officio Chairperson of the think tank. The meeting aims to create synergies towards collaboration between Centre and States and Union Territories.**
- ✓ **The Chief Ministers and LGs presented best practices from their States on four agenda items including crop diversification and achieving self-sufficiency in oilseeds, pulses and agri-commodities, implementation of the National Education Policy and urban governance.**

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**2. Which state appointed Deloitte India as its consultant?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- B. Karnataka
- C. Odisha
- D. Telangana



- ✓ **The Uttar Pradesh government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Deloitte India, appointing it as a consultant for achieving the target of raising the state's economy to USD 1 trillion. This decision was based on the recommendation of a high-powered committee. Deloitte India is set to present a future action plan after conducting a sector-wise study.**

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**3. 'Donyi Polo Airport', which was seen in the news, is located in which state?**

- A. Assam
- B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **The state government of Arunachal Pradesh has given the name of 'Donyi Polo Airport' to its third airport, which is under construction in Itanagar. It is the only airport in the capital city and third in the state after Pasighat and Tezu airports. In the state's tribal language, Donyi means Sun and Polo means Moon.**



4. What is the name of the common portal for recommendations and nominations of all official awards?

- A. Bharat Portal                      B. Rashtriya Portal ☒
- C. Atmanirbhar Portal              D. India Awards Portal



- ✓ A common 'Rashtriya Puruskar' Portal has been developed by the Government of India, to bring all the Awards of the various Ministries/Departments/Agencies of the Government of India under one digital platform. This Portal aims to facilitate citizens to nominate individuals or organizations for various Awards instituted by the Government of India. Recently the Government invited nominations for 'Vayoshreshtha Samman' and 'Padma' awards.

5. Who has been selected as the 14<sup>th</sup> Vice President of India?

- A. Jagdeep Dhankhar ☒
- B. Margaret Alva
- C. Kalyan Singh
- D. Shivraj Patil



- ✓ Jagdeep Dhankhar has won India's Vice-Presidential election 2022, defeating Opposition candidate Margaret Alva. Dhankhar will be India's 14<sup>th</sup> Vice President, taking over from the incumbent Vice President M Venkaiah. He has served as a Minister of state for Parliamentary Affairs in the Janata Dal government. He became the Governor of West Bengal in July 2019.

6. 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' is celebrated on which date in India?

- A. July.26 ☒
- B. January.26
- C. October.26
- D. March.26



- ✓ India celebrates the 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' on July 26 every year, to celebrate the 23-year anniversary of its victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War. The Kargil War was fought against intruders from Pakistan, who had crossed the Line of Control (LoC) into Indian Territory in 1998. On July 26, 1999, the Pakistan forces were forced to withdraw from the Indian Territory.

7. When is the 'World Drowning Prevention Day' observed?

- A. July.25 ☒
- B. August.25
- C. September.25
- D. January.25

Do one thing to prevent drowning.

#DrowningPrevention

- ✓ 'World Drowning Prevention Day' is observed annually on 25 July. The United Nations General Assembly recognised this day in April 2021. According to the UN, around 236,000 people drown annually, which makes drowning a major public health problem all around the world.
- ✓ Drowning is also one of the major causes of death for children and young people aged between 1 to 24 years around the globe.

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8. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Bal Raksha mobile app'?

- A. Ministry of Ayush ☒
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ Union Minister of AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated a Vaccination Centre for children at the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA). The Minister also launched the 'Bal Raksha' mobile app, to create awareness among parents on paediatric preventive healthcare through Ayurveda intervention. The app will also collect feedback from parents regarding the impact of the kit on their children's health and immunity.

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9. Which city hosted 'Incredible India Kargil Marathon and Tourism Festival, 2022'?

- A. Shimla
- B. Manali
- C. Kargil ☒
- D. Srinagar

Incredible! India

- ✓ The two-day 'Ladakh Tourism Festival-2022' commenced recently in Kargil district. Several cultural programs will be organized, to present the tradition and culture of Kargil district to outsiders. Incredible India Kargil Marathon was also launched on the occasion. Traditional food stalls, display of traditional sports including horse polo and Archery sports were organised. Zaskar Festival is scheduled in September.

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10. What is the Goods and Service Tax (GST) for fresh milk and pasteurised milk?

- A. 0% ☒
- B. 5%
- C. 12%
- D. 18%



- ✓ The Government has recently clarified that fresh milk and pasteurised milk are fully exempted from Goods and Service Tax (GST). Other milk products including curd and buttermilk are also exempted from GST if sold in forms other than those pre-packaged and labelled. GST of 5 per cent applies to the milk products when sold in pre-packaged and labelled form and Ultra High-Temperature Milk.

1. India's biggest spectrum auction for ..... of 5G airwaves worth ₹4.3 lakh crore has commenced recently.

- A. 1.2 Gigahertz
- B. 12 Gigahertz
- C. 7.2 Gigahertz
- D. 72 Gigahertz ☒



- ✓ India's biggest spectrum auction for 72 Gigahertz of 5G airwaves worth ₹4.3 lakh crore has commenced recently. Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and a unit of Gautam Adani's Adani Enterprises are bidding for 5G spectrum.
- ✓ The auction is held for spectrum in various low (600 Mhz, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz), mid (3300 MHz) and high (26 GHz) frequency bands.

2. Which Indian airport was ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the ACI List of top 20 busiest airports in the world?

- A. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi ☒
- B. Chennai International Airport
- C. Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai
- D. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru



- ✓ Airports Council International (ACI) has released the list of top 20 busiest airports in the world. The top seven ranks are held by US airports, with Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport leading the list. The top 20 airports accounted for 19% of global traffic in 2021. The Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi was ranked 13th on the list.

3. Which company delivered the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle to the Indian Army?

- A. TATA Advanced System ☒
- B. Bharat Electronics Ltd
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- D. DRDO



- ✓ Tata Advanced Systems successfully delivered the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle to the Indian Army. These protected vehicles will boost the combat potential of the protector to the Nation in all-weather and all-terrain conditions and provide protection. It is further said that the induction of this vehicle will enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Army.

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**4. What is the theme of the 'World Hepatitis Day – 2022?**

- A. Leaving No one Behind.
- B. Hepatitis can't wait. ☒
- C. One dies every 30 seconds.
- D. Ramping up Healthcare.



- ✓ **The World Hepatitis Day (WHD) takes places every year on 28 July to raise awareness of the global burden of Hepatitis. 'Hepatitis can't wait' is the new theme of World Hepatitis Day 2022. One person dies every 30 seconds from a hepatitis related illness. 28 July was chosen because it is the birthday of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered hepatitis B virus (HBV) and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus.**
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**5. What is the theme of 'World Youth Skills Day – 2022'?**

- A. Transforming Youth Skills for the Future ☒
- B. Reimagining Youth Skills Post Pandemic
- C. Learning to Learn for Life and Work
- D. Skills Development to Improve Youth Employment



- ✓ **World Youth Skills Day 2022 is celebrated every year on July 15 after the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA) declaration in 2014. The theme for 2022 is 'Transforming youth skills for the future'. The day is celebrated to mark the importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.**
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**6. When is the 'World Nature Conservation Day' celebrated?**

- A. July.28 ☒
- B. January.28
- C. October.28
- D. March.28



- ✓ **Every year, World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated on 28 July to create awareness among people about the importance of natural resources. The theme for this year's World Conservation Day 2022 is 'Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet'. IUCN has been monitoring human activities and their impact on the environment.**
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**7. When is the 'International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem' observed?**

- A. July.26 ☒
- B. August.26
- C. September.26
- D. January.25





- ✓ The International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem is celebrated every year on 26 July. It aims to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem. This International Day was adopted by the General Conference of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2015.

8. England's Leicester Cricket Ground has been named after which Indian cricketer?

- A. Kapil Dev  
B. Sunil Gavaskar ☒  
C. Sachin Tendulkar  
D. Mahendra Singh Dhoni



- ✓ England's the Leicester Cricket Ground has been named after Indian cricketer and former Captain, Sunil Gavaskar. He was the first cricketer to score 10,000 runs and also held the record for most number (34) of centuries once. He was also part of the Indian team that won the 1983 World Cup. There is another ground named after Sunil Gavaskar in the Kentucky area of the United States of America (USA).

9. Which Indian Armed Force launched the 'Him Drone-a-thon' programme?

- A. Indian Air Force  
B. Indian Navy  
C. Indian Army ☒  
D. Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ The Indian Army has launched the 'Him Drone-a-thon' programme in association with the Drone Federation of India. The programme is connecting all stake holders including industry, academia, software developers and drone product manufacturers. The Indian Army's support to India's drone ecosystem is based on the principle of 'good available indigenously' is better than the 'best available globally'.

10. What is the new name of the 'New Delhi International Arbitration Centre'?

- A. Bharat International Arbitration Centre  
B. India International Arbitration Centre ☒  
C. Pradhan Mantri Arbitration Centre  
D. Atmanirbhar Arbitration Centre



- ✓ The Central government moved the 'The New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022' in the Lok Sabha. Law Minister Kiren Rijuu moved the Bill to amend the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Act, 2019. It seeks to rename the centre to 'India International Arbitration Centre', to give it a wider country-level scope instead of a city-level scope.

1. V Pranav, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Shooting
- B. Chess ☒
- C. Weightlifting
- D. Athletics



- ✓ A Chennai-based chess player V Pranav became India's 75<sup>th</sup> Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania. The 15-year-old player won the Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania to secure his third and final GM norm and attain the Grandmaster title. He also finished the tournament with 7 points from nine rounds. Pranav is the 27<sup>th</sup> Grandmaster from the state of Tamil Nadu.

2. The world's highest railway bridge is located in which Indian state/UT?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Assam



- ✓ The Chenab Bridge is the world's highest railway bridge, which is located in Jammu and Kashmir. The steel arch of the world's highest railway bridge was completed last year, while the overarch deck is set to be completed. Another milestone at the world's highest railway bridge will be achieved when the overarch deck of the Chenab Railway Bridge is completed with a golden joint.

3. Manisha Kalyan, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Football ☒
- C. Boxing
- D. Weight Lifting



- ✓ Manisha Kalyan and Sunil Chhetri were named the AIFF Women's and Men's Footballer of the year respectively. National captain Sunil Chhetri is the third highest goal scorer among active international players, was first named for the seventh time. Manisha had won the Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year for last season.

4. When is the 'World Bio-fuel Day' celebrated?

- A. August.8
- B. August.10 ☒
- C. August.12
- D. August.14



- ✓ 'World Bio-fuel Day' is celebrated annually on August 10 to highlight the importance of bio-fuels. On this date in 1893 that German inventor Sir Rudolf Diesel successfully operated his diesel engine on peanut oil. Bio-fuels are produced from animal waste, algae, industrial and agricultural waste.
- ✓ Unlike fossil fuels, they are produced in a short amount of time and are liquid or gaseous. They are environment friendly, renewable and biodegradable. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG) and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) started celebrating World Biofuel Day after 2015.

5. Which country won the gold medal in the open section of 44<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad?

- A. India
- B. Ukraine
- C. Uzbekistan ☒
- D. Russia



- ✓ The Uzbekistan team won the gold medal while Armenia and India-2 team won the silver and bronze respectively in the Open section of the 44th Chess Olympiad held in Chennai, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) said. In the women's section, Ukraine won the gold, Georgia the silver, while the top seed India-1 won the bronze.

6. Which company developed the '2<sup>nd</sup> generation (2G) Ethanol Plant', which was recently inaugurated?

- A. HPCL
- B. IOCL ☒
- C. BPCL
- D. ONGC



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation (2G) Ethanol Plant, in Panipat, Haryana. The 2G bio-fuel plant has been set up to boost the production and usage of bio-fuels in the country. The ethanol plant has been developed by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), at an estimated cost of over Rs 900 crore. The plant utilises about 2 lakh tonnes of rice straw annually to generate around 3 crore litres of Ethanol annually.

7. Which Indian institution launches the Digital Payments Index (DPI)?

- A. NPCI
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- D. Ministry of Finance



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- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launches the Digital payments index (DPI). It is released for March and September every year in the months of July and January respectively. The recent edition of the index rose to 349.30 as of March 2022, as against 304.06 in September 2021, indicating the rapid adoption of digital payments in the country. The RBI-DPI has been constructed with March 2018 as the base period.

8. Which company is set to establish first–ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024?

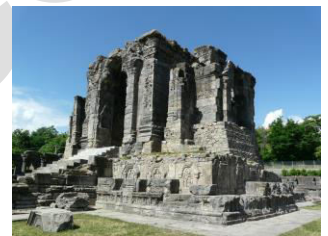
- A. Reliance Industries ☒
- B. TATA Group
- C. Adani Industries
- D. Mahindra and Mahindra



- ✓ **Reliance Industries (RIL) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) are set to together establish the first–ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024. RIL announced a long–term partnership with IOA to elevate the performances of Indian athletes, support national sports federations and build credentials of India as a global sporting nation. India is also be hosting the 140<sup>th</sup> IOC Session in June 2023 at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai.**

9. Martand Sun Temple, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Telangana
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Haryana
- D. Bihar



- ✓ **Martand Sun Temple is located in Anantnag, Jammu and Kashmir. Earlier, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) red–flagged a religious ceremony participated by the Lieutenant–Governor Manoj Sinha. Recently, a group of Hindu pilgrims entered its premises and held an hour–long prayer session. The site is classified as a ‘non–living’ protected monument, where no ritual can be held unless permitted.**

10. As per the Election Commission, youngsters attaining how many years can apply in advance for electoral cards?

- A. 15
- B. 16
- C. 17 ☒
- D. 18

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- ✓ **As per the Election Commission of India (ECI), those above the age of 17 can now apply in advance for enrolment in the voters’ list. The electoral roll will be updated every quarter. Earlier, after the recommendations of ECI, the Law Ministry amended the Representation of the People Act to provide for four qualifying dates: January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 as the eligibility for youngsters to register in electoral rolls.**



1. Issey Miyake, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?

- A. Agriculture
- B. Design ☒
- C. Economics
- D. Science



- ✓ Veteran Japanese designer Issey Miyake passed away recently at the age of 84. He was known for his innovative technology-driven clothing designs, exhibitions and fragrances. The Japanese designer was known for his pleated style of clothing without wrinkles. His flagship product was a black turtleneck for Apple Inc founder Steve Jobs. He was a recipient of many other awards and accolades, along with Kyoto prize in 2006.

2. Which Indian state launched 'Nethanna Bima' scheme for benefitting weavers?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao launched the Nethanna Bima scheme for the weavers on the occasion of National Handloom Day. This scheme will provide ₹5 lakh insurance cover to the weavers' families in case of the unfortunate demise of an eligible beneficiary. Telangana government has partnered with Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India for the 'Nethanna Beema' scheme.

3. Which Indian politician was conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Rahul Gandhi
- C. Shashi Tharoor ☒
- D. Ramnath Govind



- ✓ Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor is set to be conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. The French government is honouring the politician for his writings and speeches. The award is also called as the National Order of the Legion of Honour. It was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte.

4. ONDC has signed MoU with which regulatory body for coordination of functions of institutions?

- A. NABARD      B. SIDBI ☒  
C. EXIM Bank      D. NHB



- ✓ **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SIDBI for coordination of functions of related institutions. Under the partnership, sessions to educate MSMEs about ONDC master-class sessions on ONDC protocol and Minimum Viable Product (MVP) will be held for MSMEs.**

5. The Union Cabinet (in August 2022) approved to continue Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) till which year?

- A. 2023      B. 2024 ☒  
C. 2027      D. 2030



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet recently approved continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) till December, 2024. The 'Housing for All' Mission was launched in June 2015. The original deadline for the scheme, which aimed at providing pucca houses to all eligible urban beneficiaries, was March 2022.**

6. Which institution launched 'Face recognition facility' for pensioners to submit their life certificate?

- A. LIC  
B. EPFO ☒  
C. PFRDA  
D. IRDAI



- ✓ **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) introduced a new facility for pensioners to submit their digital life certificate.**
- ✓ **Under the new 'Face recognition facility', pensioners can now submit their digital life certificate on the EPFO portal from anywhere in the country. Union Minister of Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav launched the face authentication technology.**

7. What is the theme of the 'World Day Against Trafficking in Persons' in 2022?

- A. Use and abuse of technology ☒  
B. Leaving no one trafficked  
C. Rehabilitation of the trafficked  
D. Fellow Human Beings



- ✓ 'World Day Against Trafficking in Persons' is observed every year on 30 July. This year the theme of the event is "Use and abuse of technology". The Blue Heart Campaign was also launched where the blue heart represents the sadness of those who are trafficked, as well as the cold-heartedness of those who buy and sell fellow human beings.

8. The 'National Flag Day' is celebrated in which day in India?

- A. July.22 ☒
- B. August.15
- C. January.26
- D. October.02



- ✓ Every year, India celebrates the National Flag Day on July 22. On the same day in the year 1947, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the National Flag. When the members of the Indian Constituent Assembly met in the Constitution Hall in Delhi on July 22, 1947, the first thing the Assembly discussed was a motion by Jawaharlal Nehru to adopt the national flag for free India.

9. 'Ex VINBAX 2022' is a bilateral army exercise conducted between India and which country?

- A. France
- B. Japan
- C. Vietnam ☒
- D. Oman



- ✓ India and Vietnam have commenced the 3rd edition of Vietnam-India bilateral army exercise 'Ex VINBAX 2022'. The 20-day military exercise is scheduled to be conducted at Chandimandir in Haryana. The theme of the exercise is deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peacekeeping Operations.

10. As per NHA's recent announcement, CoWIN app is repurposed for which program?

- A. PM Matru Vandana Yojana
- B. PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
- C. PM Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan
- D. Universal Immunisation Program ☒



- ✓ CoWIN is being repurposed for the universal immunisation program (UIP), at present. CoWIN head and CEO of the National Health Authority Dr RS Sharma announced that the app will help in discovery of vaccination centres and reminders for subsequent vaccinations for preventable diseases for mothers and the newly born.

1. Which institution regulates the 'Digital lending activities' in India?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. National Payments Corporation of India
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released guidelines to strengthen the regulatory framework for digital lending activities. RBI also specified that the lending business can only be carried out by entities regulated by the central bank or those permitted under the law. This has been released in an effort to mitigate the concerns from credit delivery through digital lending methods.

2. Which countries are associated with 'Trans-Himalayan multi-dimensional connectivity network'?

- A. India–Nepal
- B. China–Nepal ☒
- C. India–Bangladesh
- D. China–Bangladesh



- ✓ China has agreed to finance a feasibility study for a cross-border railway with Nepal under the trans-Himalayan multi-dimensional connectivity network. This is a part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). China also pledged USD 118 million for China-assisted projects in the country. China will carry out the feasibility study of Keyrung–Kathmandu Railway under the grant assistance.

3. Which institution launched 'SPARK', virtual space tech park?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. DRDO
- C. ISRO ☒
- D. BEL



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently unveiled 'SPARK', a virtual space tech park, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. It was launched by ISRO Chairman S Somanath and the virtual space museum hosts several documents, images and videos related to launch vehicles, satellites, scientific missions as well as pioneers of India's space sector.

4. As per recent changes in Atal Pension Yojana (APY) rules, which category of beneficiaries are excluded?

- A. Central Government Employees
- B. State Government Employees
- C. Income Taxpayers ☒
- D. Non-Resident Indians





- ✓ The government has made changes to the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) rules to be made effective from Oct.1, 2022. According to a notification from the finance ministry, any citizen who is or has been an income taxpayer will not be eligible to join the pension scheme. If an income tax-paying investor joins the APY scheme on or after October 1, the APY account will be liable to be closed.

5. 'NIPAM', which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Electronics Manufacturing  
B. Intellectual Property ☒  
C. Climate Change  
D. Food distribution



- ✓ National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) is a programme to spread Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and provide basic training. The program has met its goal of providing the training to one million students on July 31, 2022, before its deadline of August 15, 2022.

6. What is the official slogan of the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- A. Inclusive and Impressive  
B. Games Wide Open ☒  
C. Global Partnership  
D. Brotherly and Beautiful



- ✓ The organisers of the 2024 Paris Olympics unveiled 'Games Wide Open' as they announced prices for tickets for the fans. In French, the slogan is 'Ouvrons grand les Jeux'. The 2024 Summer Olympics or the 33<sup>rd</sup> Olympiad is scheduled to take place in July–August 2024.

7. Which country is the host of 'Pitch Black', an international Air Combat Exercise?

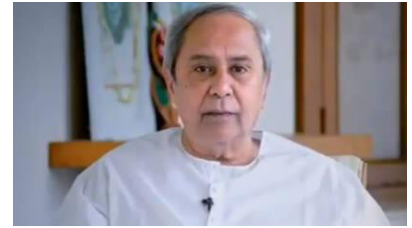
- A. USA  
B. Australia ☒  
C. France  
D. Israel



- ✓ Australia is the host of 'Pitch Black', an international Air Combat Exercise. India is set to participate in the 17–Nation Exercise. It includes the participation of around 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel from 17 countries. Other participants include Australia, Canada, India, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the UAE, the UK and the US.

8. 'Lockdown Lyrics', which was released recently, is a book written by which author?

- A. Sanjukta Dash ☒
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Vikram Seth



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released a book titled 'Lockdown Lyrics', a collection of poems written by poet Sanjukta Dash. Dash, an Odia poet has three anthologies of poetries in Odia language. 'Lockdown Lyrics' is her debut book in English. It was written based on the experiences during the pandemic.

9. Which is the first Indian city to publish the transportation emissions data in collaboration with Google?

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. Aurangabad ☒
- D. Guwahati



- ✓ Aurangabad has become the first in the country to release the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google. Under the EIE feature, cities measure the carbon emission sources, conduct analysis and identify strategies to reduce emissions. The EIE feature in India is only available for Aurangabad, Bengaluru, Chennai and Pune and Aurangabad is the first city to make the transportation emissions data public.

10. Which body maintains the 'Depositor Education and Awareness' (DEA) Fund?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. National Payment Corporation of India
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ Unclaimed deposits are defined as balance in savings, current accounts, or term deposits which are not claimed for within ten years from date of maturity. These amounts are transferred by banks to 'Depositor Education and Awareness' (DEA) Fund maintained by the Reserve Bank of India. RBI has been encouraging people to claim such deposits from the respective banks. However, the amount of unclaimed deposits is on the rise.

1. Which Union Ministry launched the 'SMILE-75 Initiative'?

- A. Ministry of Labour and Employment
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, launched "SMILE-75 Initiative", under 'SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise'. The Ministry has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging. The Ministry has allocated a total budget of Rs.100 crore for the SMILE project for up to 2025-26.

2. Which country hosted the bilateral air exercise named 'Udarashakti'?

- A. Japan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Malaysia ☒
- D. UAE



- ✓ Malaysia is the host of the bilateral air exercise named 'Udarashakti'. A contingent of the Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in the exercise. The four-day exercise includes various aerial combat drills between the two Air Forces. The first such bilateral Air Force exercise displaying the frontline Sukhoi-30 combat aircraft was conducted in 2018.

3. What is the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation recorded in July 2022?

- A. 4.71%
- B. 5.71%
- C. 6.71% ☒
- D. 7.71%



- ✓ As per the data released by the National Statistical Office, the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation eased marginally to 6.71 per cent in July from 7.01 per cent in the previous month. However, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew 12.3 per cent in June compared to 19.6 per cent in May.

4. Which Union Ministry recently organised the 'DST Startup Utsav'?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology ☒
- D. Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ **Union Ministry of Science and Technology organised the DST StartUp Utsav. As per the Union Minister of State of Science and Technology, there are currently 105 unicorns, out of which 49 per cent of the start-ups are from tier-2 and tier-3 cities. The event included the release of exclusive books displaying 75 Impactful incubated StartUps, 75 Impactful StartUps supported by NIDHI-Seed and 75 Impactful Smart Startups supported by NIDHI-EIR.**

**5. Agasthyamalai elephant reserve, which was notified recently, is located in which state?**

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Telangana



- ✓ **Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced the Central Government accepted the proposal of the Tamil Nadu Forest department to notify 1,197.48 sq km area of land in Agasthyamalai as an elephant reserve. It is the fifth elephant reserve of the state of Tamil Nadu as Nilgiris–Eastern Ghat, Nilambur Silent Valley in Coimbatore, Srivilliputhur and Anamalai are the four existing elephant reserves in the state. In total, India has 31 elephant reserves.**

**6. Which institution developed the 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' portal?**

- A. Anthropological Survey of India
- B. Botanical Survey of India ☒
- C. Forest Survey of India
- D. Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy



- ✓ **Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated India's largest online herbarium database, the 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' web portal. The portal has been developed by the Botanical Survey of India under the framework of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Digital India'. Botanical Survey of India is a subordinate office under the Environment Ministry.**

**7. Who is the head of SEBI's Market data advisory committee?**

- A. Ajay Tyagi
- B. KV Kamath
- C. Ashishkumar Chauhan
- D. MS Sahoo ☒



- ✓ **SEBI has restructured its market data advisory committee by reducing one member to 20. It recommends policy for access to securities market data. NSE's former MD and CEO Vikram Limaye has been replaced by newly appointed Ashishkumar Chauhan. MS Sahoo former IBBI Chairperson chairs the advisory committee.**



8. Casper Ruud, who recently won the Swiss Open, is from which country?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Norway ☒
- C. France
- D. Italy



- ✓ Norway's Casper Ruud defeated Italy's Matteo Berrettini in the final of the Swiss Open in Gstaad and clinched the title. This is the ninth title of the 23-year-old player's career. He recently became the highest-ranked Norwegian tennis player in history, after attaining his career-high singles ranking of world No. 5.

9. Which city is the host of Conference on Cotton Challenges Ahead 2022?

- A. Tiruppur
- B. Coimbatore ☒
- C. Karur
- D. Salem



- ✓ The Indian Cotton Federation in association with the Indian Cotton Association is organising a two-day Conference on Cotton Challenges Ahead 2022. The conference will be held in city of Coimbatore in state of Tamil Nadu. There will be various panel discussions with all stakeholders from different segments of the cotton sector.

10. Harmeet Desai and Sathiyam Gnanasekaran, who won gold for India, play which sports?

- A. Weightlifting
- B. Table Tennis ☒
- C. Boxing
- D. Badminton



- ✓ India's table tennis team retained its men's team championship title with a win over Singapore in the final match in the Commonwealth Games 2022. The team includes Harmeet Desai Sathiyam Gnanasekaran and Sharat Kamal. The Indian mixed badminton team won a Silver Medal in the Games.

1. Which is the first country to approve a vaccine for COVID Omicron variant?

- A. India
- B. USA
- C. UK ☒
- D. Italy



- ✓ The UK has become the first country to authorise a Covid-19 vaccine to treat the Omicron variant. UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Authority was also the first in the world to approve an original COVID-19 jab. The vaccine is authorised for use in people aged 18 and over. It targets both the original strain of the virus and Omicron BA.1.

2. Which Indian state/UT implements the 'Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana'?

- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ The Rajasthan government introduced the 'Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana' in 2021-22. Under the scheme, such students are provided free coaching from reputed coaching institutes. For the current financial year, the state government has allotted Rs 17.15 crore and the number of seats under the scheme has increased to 15,000. It covers students from scheduled caste, scheduled tribe, other backward classes, minority, economically-backward classes and specially-abled.

3. Which pharma company has completed trials for its intranasal COVID vaccine candidate?

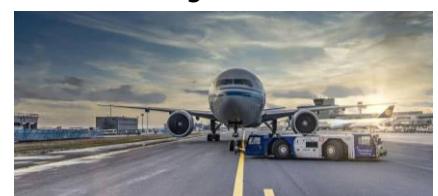
- A. Bharat Biotech ☒
- B. Biocon
- C. Dr Reddy's
- D. Serum Institute



- ✓ Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech has submitted data from Phase 3 clinical trials of BBV154, its intranasal Covid vaccine candidate, to the drug regulator. It has sought approval both as a primary two-dose vaccine, and a heterologous booster shot. A heterologous booster means the third or subsequent dose of the vaccine is different from its primary dose.

4. What is the name of the Centre's passenger processing system based on facial recognition technology?

- A. DigiYatra ☒
- B. Bharat Yatra
- C. PM Digital Yatra Abhiyan
- D. Bharat Face RT



- ✓ The Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) announced the launch of the Centre's DigiYatra initiative. It also rolled out the beta version of its app for Android platforms. DigiYatra is the passenger processing system based on facial recognition technology. With this technology, all checkpoints would automatically process the entries of the passengers based on the facial recognition system.

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5. Which is the venue of the 'India International Seafood Show (IISS)'?

- A. Chennai
- B. Mumbai
- C. Kochi
- D. Kolkata ☒



- ✓ The 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) is set to be held in Kolkata in February next year. The seafood show will be organised by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in collaboration with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI).

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6. India won its first ever medal in which sport in the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- A. Netball
- B. Squash
- C. Lawn bowls ☒
- D. Rugby Sevens



- ✓ Indian women lawn bowls team created history at 2022 Commonwealth Games by winning the first-ever gold in the sport. It was also the first ever medal for India in the sport. Lovely Choubey, Pinki Singh, Nayanmoni Saikia and Rupa Rani Tirkey clinched gold, beating South Africa 17-10.

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7. Which major e-commerce company partnered with the Indian Railways to boost its delivery services?

- A. Flipkart
- B. Amazon ☒
- C. Bigbasket
- D. Jiomart



- ✓ Amazon India has partnered with Indian Railways to boost its delivery services in the country. It was also the first online delivery company to engage with the Indian Railways to build an express transportation product through rail networks in 2019. Through this partnership, Amazon will be able to transport packages on more than 110 inter-city routes.

8. Which is the only Indian bank to be listed in the Fortune 500 list in 2022?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. State Bank of India ☒
- D. Canara Bank



- ✓ In the recently released Fortune 500 list, State Bank of India is the only bank to be featured from India in 236<sup>th</sup> rank. US retailer Walmart topped the 2022 list. The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has been named for the first time in the Fortune Global 500 list at rank 98.
- ✓ Reliance Industries jumped 51 places to rank 104 while oil and power PSUs including IOC, ONGC, BPCL were also featured in the list. The list has nine Indian companies – five state-owned, and four from the private sector.

9. Tejaswin Shankar became the first Indian to win a medal in Commonwealth Games in which sports?

- A. Shot Put
- B. High Jump ☒
- C. Triple Jump
- D. Pole Vault



- ✓ Tejaswin Shankar became the first Indian to win men's high jump medal in the Commonwealth Games. The national record holder cleared 2.22m to finish third on the event winning bronze medal. He holds the high jump national record of 2.29 metre.

10. Which country has recently declared a water shortage, following an unusually dry summer?

- A. Egypt
- B. The Netherlands ☒
- C. Namibia
- D. Somalia



- ✓ The Dutch government (Netherlands) has recently declared a water shortage following an unusually dry summer with no rain forecast in the near future. Intense heat-waves hit large parts of Europe and the United States last month, rising calls for more efforts to tackle global warming. As two-thirds of the Dutch population living below sea level, droughts can become an acute problem in the Netherlands. This may lead to silting up of rivers and hampering of water traffic.

1. What is the name of the national campaign launched to focus on development of children in the first two years?

- A. Matritva 1000
- B. Paalan 1000 ☒
- C. Putra 1000
- D. Sukanya 1000



- ✓ **Union Health Ministry launched a new campaign named 'Paalan 1000 National Campaign' and parenting application, focussing on development of children in the first two years. The app was launched at the Early Childhood Development Conclave. It will provide caregivers with practical advice on things to do in their everyday routine and will help solve the doubts of parents.**

2. Which state/UT launched the first flight of drone service – 'Medicine from the sky'?

- A. Punjab
- B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **Arunachal Pradesh successfully launched the first flight of drone service 'Medicine from the sky' from Seppa to Chayang Tajo. The government of Arunachal Pradesh has decided to conduct a pilot project of using drones in healthcare, agriculture and disaster management in association with the World Economic Forum (WEF).**

3. Manthan platform, which was launched recently, is associated with which field?

- A. Electronics Manufacturing
- B. Vaccination
- C. Research and Innovation ☒
- D. Goods and Services Tax



- ✓ **The Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) office to the Government of India announced the launch of the Manthan platform. The platform aims to promote collaboration between industry and the scientific research and development ecosystem. It aims to implement technology-based social impact innovations and solutions in India.**

4. What is the wholesale inflation of India in July 2022?

- A. 11.93%
- B. 13.93% ☒
- C. 15.93%
- D. 17.93%





- ✓ India's wholesale inflation in July eased to 13.93 per cent from 15.18 per cent last month and a record high inflation of 16.63 per cent in May. The July figure eased as vegetables, milk and fuel became cheaper. However, the inflation remained in double digits for the 16th month. It is contributed by rise in prices of mineral oils, food articles, crude petroleum and natural gas, basic metals, electricity, chemicals and chemical products, food products.

5. Which institution announced performance-based fund allocation to States and UTs to strengthen health facilities?

- A. NITI Aayog  
B. National Health Authority ☒  
C. AIIMS  
D. Indian Council of Medical Research



- ✓ National Health Authority (NHA) has announced performance-based fund allocation to States and UTs for strengthening the registries of healthcare professionals and health facilities. This performance-based fund allocation will help in structured implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Rs 500 crores was allocated for setting up of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission's offices at State and UTs by the financial year 2025-26.

6. Which city has the highest average level of fine PM 2.5 among the world's most populated cities, as per HEI's recent report?

- A. Dhaka  
B. Varanasi  
C. New Delhi ☒  
D. Colombo



- ✓ The 'Air Quality and Health in Cities' report was released by US-based Health Effects Institute (HEI). It provides analysis of air pollution and global health effects for over 7,000 cities around the world, focusing on fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and nitrogen dioxide (NO2).
- ✓ As per the report, India is home to 18 of the 20 cities with the most severe increase in fine particle pollutants (PM2.5) from 2010 to 2019. Delhi has the highest average level of fine PM 2.5 among the world's most populated cities.

7. Which state launched 'Vidya Rath-School on Wheels' project?

- A. Madhya Pradesh  
B. Bihar  
C. Assam ☒  
D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched Vidya Rath–School on Wheels project. It aims to provide access to underprivileged children to elementary education for 10 months. After 10 months, the children will be integrated into the usual system of education. Students will be offered free mid–day meals, uniforms, and textbooks under the project.

8. An interest subvention of 1.5 per cent per annum has been approved for agriculture loan up to which limit?

- A. Rs 1 lakh  
B. Rs 2 lakh  
C. Rs 3 lakh ☒  
D. Rs 5 lakh



- ✓ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved an interest subvention of 1.5 per cent per annum on short–term agriculture loan up to Rs 3 lakh. This was approved to ensure adequate credit flow in the agriculture sector.
- ✓ The Interest Subvention of 1.5 per cent will be provided to Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Bank, Small Finance Banks, Regional Rural Banks, Cooperative Banks and Computerized PACS for 2022–23 to 2024–25, for lending short term agri–loans to the farmers.

9. Which is the venue of the ‘National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022’?

- A. Pune  
B. Vishakhapatnam  
C. New Delhi ☒  
D. Mysuru



- ✓ Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a two–day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022 in New Delhi. He also inaugurated the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System, which will help in quick and easy disposal of cases with the help of centralized finger print database.

10. How many cities have recently declared themselves as ‘Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar’ (as of August 2022)?

- A. 100  
B. 250  
C. 500 ☒  
D. 750

500

- ✓ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announce that 500 cities across India have declared themselves as ‘Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar’. These cities achieved adequacy institutional capacity, manpower and equipment norms as stipulated by the Ministry and provide safe working conditions for sanitation workers. Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban promotes sustainable sanitation practices.

1. Which is the first 'Har Ghar Jal certified' state in India?

- A. Kerala
- B. Goa ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Goa has become the first state in the country, which has been 'Har Ghar Jal' certified. Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu also became Har Ghar Jal certified Union Territory.
- ✓ Jal Jeevan Mission was announced in 2019, which aims to provide potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on regular and long-term basis to every rural household of the country by 2024. 10 crore rural households of the country have been connected to the facility of clean water through pipes.

2. Where was India's first Double Decker AC electric bus unveiled?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai ☒
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari launched India's first Double Decker AC electric bus in Mumbai. Switch, a subsidiary of Ashok Leyland unveiled India's first electric double-decker air-conditioned bus – Switch EiV 22. It is the first electric bus with semi low floor, air conditioned, electric double decker with wider door on rear overhang and a rear staircase.

3. What is the name of the Online Market Place feature of the 'Matsya Setu' mobile app, which was recently launched?

- A. Aqua Bazaar ☒
- B. Matsya Bazaar
- C. Fisheries India
- D. Matsya Bharat



- ✓ Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, launched the Online Market Place feature "Aqua Bazar" in the "MatsyaSetu" mobile app. The app was developed by the ICAR–Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR–CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with the funding support of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB). The online marketplace will help the fish farmers and stakeholders to source the inputs such as fish seeds, feed, medicines, etc., and services required for fish culture as well as farmers can also list their table-size fish for sale. The marketplace aims to connect all stakeholders in the aquaculture sector.

4. Which state government has announced to set up gram in aajeevika parks (rural industrial parks)?

- A. Odisha                      B. Chhattisgarh ☒
- C. West Bengal                D. Karnataka



- ✓ Chhattisgarh government announced to set up rural industrial parks in the state. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced that the project will be launched on Gandhi Jayanti. It aims to strengthen the rural economy and make the 'gau-than' (cattle shed) a centre of livelihood. Under the programme, in the first year there will be 300 rural industrial parks. The first such park in Chhattisgarh came up in Kanker district, which has been named Gandhi Gram.

5. When is the 'World Photography Day' celebrated?

- A. August 15
- B. August 19 ☒
- C. August 20
- D. August 22



- ✓ The 'World Photography Day' is celebrated on August 19 every year. Ancient Chinese and Greeks were known the earliest methods to project an image on a screen with a pin-hole setup. The world's first photograph was captured by French scientist Joseph Nicéphore Niépce. It was titled 'View from the Window at Le Gras'.

6. When was the International Day of Indigenous Peoples celebrated every year?

- A. August.09 ☒
- B. August.10
- C. August.11
- D. August.12



- ✓ The International Day of Indigenous Peoples was celebrated on August 9, 2021 with its theme: "The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge". There are over 476 million indigenous peoples living in 90 countries across the world, accounting for 6.2% of the global population. Indigenous peoples are the holders of a vast diversity of unique cultures, traditions, languages and knowledge systems.

7. Which date is celebrated as World Lion Day?

- A. August.09
- B. August.10 ☒
- C. August.11
- D. August.12



- ✓ **World Lion Day** is celebrated on August 10 every year in a bid to raise awareness on lions. The day also seeks to mobilise support for protection and conservation of Lion. As per World Wide Fund for animals (WWF), it only lives in grasslands and plains. India is home to majestic Asiatic Lion, who inhabit protected territory of Sasan–Gir National Park.
- ✓ According to WWF, lions were once found throughout Africa, Asia and Europe. But over the years, their numbers have reduced across these continents. Initiative to protect lion started in 2013 so the first World Lion Day was observed in 2013 itself.

8. On which date of August is International Youth Day celebrated?

- A. August.07      B. August.10  
C. August.11      D. August.12 ☒



- ✓ **International Youth Day** is marked on August 12. The theme of the day this year has been decided as “Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages”. The first International Youth Day was celebrated in 1999.

9. Which date is observed as World Elephant Day?

- A. August.07  
B. August.10  
C. August.12 ☒  
D. August.20



- ✓ **12<sup>th</sup> August** is observed as World Elephant Day to draw focus towards protection and conservation of elephants. World Elephant Day aims to accelerate efforts to offer better protection to elephants, prevent the trade of ivory, improving enforcement policies, conserve elephant habitat, illegal poaching, better captive environments for elephants, and reintroduce the captive elephants back in their natural sanctuaries.

10. Which date in August is celebrated as the International Left–Handers' Day?

- A. August.12  
B. August.13 ☒  
C. August.14  
D. August.15



- ✓ **The International Left–Handers' Day 2021** is celebrated every year on August 13. It is a way to acknowledge those who, unlike the majority of the population, are born left-handed. A considerable part of the population, almost 10–12% of the global population, consists of left-handers. There are people who are afraid of the left-side or left-handed people. This condition can take the form of a phobia and is known as Sinistrophobia.



1. Under which act, the minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee Meeting are released?

- A. Banking Regulation Act
- B. Reserve Bank of India Act ☒
- C. Monetary Policy Act
- D. Payment and Settlement Act



- ✓ According to Section 45ZL of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Reserve Bank publishes the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting on the fourteenth day after every meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee. As per the minutes of the MPC meeting released recently, Governor Shaktikanta Das along with other members proposed a 50 basis points hike in repo rate to 5.40 per cent.

2. Which company has developed India's first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease?

- A. Biocon
- B. Bharat Biotech
- C. Transasia Bio-Medicals ☒
- D. Serum Institute of India

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- ✓ India's first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease has been developed by Transasia Bio-Medicals. The kit was recently unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser to the Centre Ajay Kumar Sood. According to WHO, monkeypox is a virus transmitted to humans from animals, with symptoms similar to smallpox but clinically less severe.

3. Which institution released an article titled "Privatisation of Public Sector Banks: An Alternate Perspective"?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. State Bank of India
- D. National Council of Applied Economic Research



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published an article titled "Privatisation of Public Sector Banks: An Alternate Perspective" in the August 2022 issue of its bulletin. As per the authors of the article, instead of a big bang approach, a gradual approach as announced by the government would result in better outcomes.

4. Which country is the host of the 'Pitch Black' air combat exercise?

- A. USA
- B. Australia ☒
- C. France
- D. Japan



- ✓ The Indian Air Force, with its four Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter jets and two C-17 heavy-lift aircraft joined the 'Pitch Black' exercise. It is a 17-nation air combat exercise in Australia, being hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). Over 100 aircraft and 2,500 air force personnel from 17 countries namely Australia, Canada, France, Germany, India, Japan, , the UAE, the US, the UK among others participate in the exercise.

5. Artemis III is the crewed Moon landing mission of which country?

- A. Japan
- B. USA ☒
- C. England
- D. Australia



- ✓ Artemis III mission is the crewed Moon landing mission of the US Space agency NASA. Under the mission, NASA has planned to send the first woman and person of colour to the Moon. It is scheduled for launch in 2025. NASA has recently announced 13 potential landing sites for the missions, which are in proximity to the lunar South Pole. Each site is scientifically significant as the lunar South Pole is unexplored by humans and it has some regions rich in resources.

6. Which country is the chair of ASEAN association for the year 2022?

- A. India
- B. Singapore
- C. Cambodia ☒
- D. Thailand



- ✓ Cambodia chairs the ASEAN partnership this year (2022) under the theme "Asean Act: Addressing challenges together. Singapore co-chairs the annual Asean-India foreign ministers' meeting in Phnom Penh, Capital of Cambodia. India's External affairs minister S Jaishankar attended the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) – India Foreign Minister's meeting.

7. Tulika Maan and Sushila Likmabam, who clinched medals for India, play which sports?

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Badminton
- C. Judo ☒
- D. Fencing



- ✓ Tulika Maan clinched a silver medal for India in Judo at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in the 78 kg category. Earlier, Sushila Likmabam got a silver medal in the Women's 48kg category, and Vijay Kumar Yadav won a bronze medal in the Men's 60kg category in Judo.
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8. Guindy National Park, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which district?
- A. Chennai ☒
- B. Chengalpattu
- C. Kanchipuram
- D. Thiruvavur
- ✓ Guindy National Park is located in Chennai district. It is one of the very few national parks situated inside a city. A first-of its kind urban animal rescue centre has been set up recently in the national park by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department to help the injured and rescued wildlife.
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9. The women crew led by Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma which completed surveillance mission, is associated with which armed force?
- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Army
- C. Indian Navy ☒
- D. Indian Coast Guard
- ✓ Five women officers of the Indian Naval Air Squadron 314 based at Porbandar in Gujarat created history by completing the first all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission over the north Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft. The aircraft was captained by Mission Commander Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma, who had pilots Lt Shivangi and Lt Apurva Gite and tactical and sensor officers in her team.
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10. Which country launched its first moon mission with the orbiter 'Danuri'?
- A. India
- B. South Korea ☒
- C. Israel
- D. New Zealand
- ✓ South Korea launched its first moon mission recently. Its lunar orbiter 'Danuri' was indigenously developed by the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI). The orbiter means "enjoy the moon" successfully separating from the Falcon 9 rocket. It is expected to enter the moon's orbit in December before starting a yearlong observation mission. If it succeeds, South Korea will become the world's seventh lunar explorer, and the fourth in Asia.



1. India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus has been inaugurated in which city?

- A. Mysuru
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Pune ☒
- D. Ahmedabad



- ✓ India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus was developed by KPIT–CSIR in Pune. It was unveiled by Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology. The hydrogen fuel cell uses hydrogen and air to generate electricity, producing only heat and water in the process. FCEVs (Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles) are the most environment–friendly mode of public transportation.

2. Which is the location of the National Seed Congress in 2022?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Mysuru
- C. Gwalior ☒
- D. Vishakhapatnam



- ✓ The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the National Seed Congress in 2022 in Gwalior. The State Academy of Agricultural and Allied Sciences (SAAS) was launched. The efforts of NAAS at the national level and SAAS at the regional level will further accelerate the activities of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry science and promotion of related research and education.

3. What is the name of the 3.5–km–long freight train, which was recently tested?

- A. Bharat Freight
- B. Super Vasuki ☒
- C. India Freight
- D. Bharat Goods



- ✓ The Indian Railways recently conducted a test run of the 3.5–km–long freight train named 'Super Vasuki'. This is the longest and heaviest freight train ever run by the Railways. It has wagons carrying over 27,000 tonnes of coal between Korba in Chhattisgarh and Rajnandgaon in Nagpur.

4. The Central government has planned to collaborate with which state to develop a 'district good governance portal'?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- B. Assam
- C. Karnataka
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Central government has planned to collaborate with the Arunachal Pradesh government to develop a 'district good governance portal'. The portal aims to monitor the performance of each district of the state on a monthly basis and help in benchmarking performance. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under the Ministry of Personnel will develop the 'district good governance portal'.

5. Which state has inaugurated Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Advance Technology (R-CAT)?

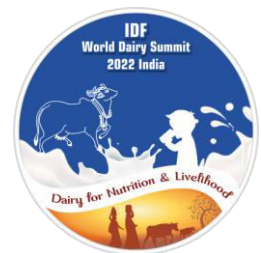
- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Punjab



- ✓ Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Advance Technology (R-CAT). R-CAT will conduct training programmes on advanced and emerging Information technologies for graduates. The centre will give industry standard certificates to successful candidates.

6. Which is the venue of the 'International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit'?

- A. Patna
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Amritsar
- D. Ahmedabad



- ✓ The four-day International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS 2022), is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from September 12. India is the world's largest milk producer with largest cattle population while it lags behind in yield. From the summit, India will learn lessons to improve its per animal milk productivity from advanced nations.

7. Which country leads the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP)?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. USA ☒
- D. Fencing



- ✓ A new US-led partnership initiative of 11 nations which was recently formed, aims to bolster critical mineral supply chains. The Minerals Security Partnership (MSP) focusses on the supply chains of minerals such as Cobalt, Nickel, Lithium and 17 'rare earth' minerals. The alliance is seen as primarily focused on an alternative to China.



8. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Grand Onion Challenge'?

- A. Union Agricultural Ministry
- B. Union Consumer Affairs Ministry ☒
- C. Union MSME Ministry
- D. Union Commerce and Industry Ministry



- ✓ The Department of Consumer Affairs recently launched the 'Grand Onion Challenge'. The challenge seeks ideas from young professionals, professors and scientists for designs and for improving pre-harvesting techniques, primary processing, storage, and transportation of post harvested onions in the country.

9. What is India's new target year to eliminate Kala-azar?

- A. 2023 ☒
- B. 2025
- C. 2027
- D. 2030

2023

- ✓ The Government has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar by 2023 from the country. In a written reply in Lok Sabha given by the union health minister, out of 633 Kala-azar endemic blocks, 625 blocks have achieved the elimination target last year. The World Health Organisation (WHO) Neglected Tropical Diseases Road map has set the target for Kala-azar elimination as 2030.

10. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Common Registration Facility' (My Ration-My Right) portal?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public distribution ☒
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



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- ✓ Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and public distribution launched a web portal named 'Common Registration Facility' (My Ration-My Right). The registration facility in 11 states and UTs aims to enable homeless people, destitutes, migrants and other eligible beneficiaries to apply for ration cards. All 36 states/UTs have been onboarded under the One Nation One Ration Card plan.

1. What is 'Garba', which was nominated by India to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list?

- A. Festival
- B. Dance Form ☒
- C. Art Form
- D. Monument



- ✓ India has recently nominated the dance form Garba to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list. The inclusion of 'Durga Puja' on the UNESCO intangible cultural heritage representative was made last year. India was elected by UNESCO to serve on the Intergovernmental Committee of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in July.

2. India announced the establishment of a working group on transnational education with which country?

- A. USA
- B. Australia ☒
- C. UK
- D. Germany



- ✓ India's Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and his Australian counterpart, Jason Clare announced the establishment of a working group on transnational education. The working group aims to build shared understanding of the regulatory settings in both countries and promote opportunities for a two-way mobility of institutions. The Union Minister co-chaired the sixth meeting of the Australia India Education Council (AIEC).

3. India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory is to be established in which state/UT?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttarakhand ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory is to be established in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand by Digantara, a space sector start-up. The observatory aims to track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth. This will improve the effectiveness of tracking and identifying pre-existing resident space objects.

4. India recently inaugurated the new Indian Embassy in which country (in August 2022)?

- A. Malta
- B. Paraguay ☒
- C. Iran
- D. Venezuela



- ✓ India's Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar jointly inaugurated the new Indian Embassy in Asuncion in Paraguay with his counterpart. This is the first ever visit of an Indian Foreign Minister to the Republic of Paraguay which has taken place as the two countries completed the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

5. Which state has announced to set up online monitoring system of medicines in government-run medical institutions?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Assam



- ✓ Kerala government has announced to introduce an online monitoring system, to keep track of medicines in government-run medical institutions. The system aims to keep track of availability and distribution of medicines. The state's health minister announced that hospital employees should use the online system of Kerala Medical Services Corporation (KMSCL) to ensure availability of medicines.

6. Which is the venue of the 'SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting' held in 2022?

- A. Beijing
- B. Tashkent ☒
- C. Shanghai
- D. Nursultan



- ✓ Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the annual meeting of Defence Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Apart from India, the Foreign Ministers of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan also participated in the meeting. The preparations for the forthcoming SCO Summit of Heads of State in Samarkand were also discussed.

7. Which leader has been honoured with the '2022 Liberty Medal'?

- A. Imran Khan
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Volodymyr Zelenskyy ☒
- D. Fumio Kishida



- ✓ Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been named for this year's 'Liberty Medal' by the National Constitution Center. He was selected for his heroic defense of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny. Volodymyr Zelensky has been serving as the nation's President since May 2019, has also been the recipient of awards such as the Ronald Reagan Freedom Award and the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award as well as honors from other governments.

8. What is the theme of the 'World Water Week 2022'?

- A. Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water ☒
- B. Transforming the global water challenges
- C. Global collaboration for water
- D. Biodiversity and climate change



- ✓ The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) organizes World Water Week every year. This year, it is celebrated from August 23 to September 1. The theme for World Water Week 2022 is 'Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water'. It is a movement aimed at transforming the global water challenges.

9. Fahmida Azim, who has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize, is from which country?

- A. India
- B. Bangladesh ☒
- C. Iran
- D. Oman



- ✓ Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim working for the Insider online magazine of United States has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize. She is among the four journalists of Insider, selected for their work on the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs. She has been selected under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary, for her illustrations in the work 'I escaped a Chinese internment Camp'.

10. Antim Panghal, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- A. Wrestling ☒
- B. Weight lifting
- C. Hockey
- D. Badminton



- ✓ Antim Panghal became the first Indian female wrestler ever to clinch gold at the Under 20 Wrestling World Championships. She topped the 53kg category in the World Championships being held in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- ✓ The only other Indians to win gold at the U20 World Championships are Deepak Punia (2019) Ramesh Kumar (2001) Palwinder Singh Cheema (2001) and Pappu Yadav (1992).

1. World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year during which month?

- A. July
- B. August ☒
- C. September
- D. October



- ✓ World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year, from August 1 to 7, to insist on regular breastfeeding for babies. This year's theme for World Breastfeeding Week is 'Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support'. In 1990, the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF created a memorandum, to support and encourage breastfeeding. The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) was established in 1991. The inaugural World Breastfeeding Week was observed in 1992 to promote the campaign.

2. Ministry of Culture launched an initiative 'India ki Udaan' along with which company?

- A. Microsoft
- B. Google ☒
- C. Meta
- D. Amazon



- ✓ Ministry of Culture and Google launched an initiative, 'India ki Udaan' to celebrate the spirit of India and its achievements in past 75 years. This celebration started in New Delhi. This joint venture was organised under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Google Arts and Culture unveiled an exhibit created to honour the achievers of India in the last 75 years.

3. Which state has announced to develop 'Modi circuit' as a part of its tourism development?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttarakhand ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ The Uttarakhand tourism department has announced to develop a 'Modi circuit' at the Corbett Tiger Reserve. It aims to cover the places visited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi while shooting for the 'Man vs Wild' television programme in 2019.

4. V Pranav, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Shooting
- B. Chess ☒
- C. Weightlifting
- D. Athletics





- ✓ A Chennai-based chess player V Pranav became India's 75<sup>th</sup> Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania. The 15-year-old player won the Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania to secure his third and final GM norm and attain the Grandmaster title. He also finished the tournament with 7 points from 9 rounds. Pranav is the 27<sup>th</sup> GM from the state of Tamil Nadu.

5. The world's highest railway bridge is located in which Indian state/UT?

- A. Sikkim  
B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒  
C. Arunachal Pradesh  
D. Assam



- ✓ The Chenab Bridge is the world's highest railway bridge, which is located in Jammu and Kashmir. The steel arch of the world's highest railway bridge was completed last year, while the overarch deck is set to be completed. Another milestone at the world's highest railway bridge will be achieved when the overarch deck of the Chenab Railway Bridge is completed with a golden joint.

6. Who was appointed as the first woman chief of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research?

- A. Dr N Kalaiselvi ☒  
B. Margaret Alva  
C. Dr Ranjini Raghunath  
D. Jayashree Sathyanarayana



- ✓ Dr N Kalaiselvi has become the first woman Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The Energy researcher will be the Secretary to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. She is the only fourth woman scientist to occupy the position of a secretary of a scientific department under the central government.

7. Who is the recipient of the '2022 dPal rNgam Duston' award, the highest civilian honour of Ladakh?

- A. Narendra Modi  
B. Dalai Lama ☒  
C. Draupadi Murmu  
D. M Venkaiah



- ✓ Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama was honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award, the highest civilian honour of Ladakh. The sixth award was conferred by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh to Dalai Lama, for his immense contribution to humanity, especially towards the union territory.

8. Which is the location of the '12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Defence Expo'?

- A. Mysuru
- B. Gandhinagar ☒
- C. Pune
- D. Visakhapatnam



- ✓ The Ministry of Defence announced that the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Defence Expo, will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat between October 18 and 22, 2022. It is India's flagship exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems. The theme for this edition is 'Path to Pride'. Live demonstrations showcasing the military equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, Defence PSUs and Industry will be held at the Sabarmati River Front.

9. Rupal Chaudhary, who became the first Indian athlete to win two medals at the World U20 Athletics Championships, plays which sport?

- A. Javelin throw
- B. Shot Put
- C. Relay and Sprint ☒
- D. High Jump



- ✓ Rupal Chaudhary created history by becoming the first Indian athlete to win two medals at the World U20 Athletics Championship. She clinched silver medal in the 4x400m relay as well as a bronze medal in the women's 400m. Also known as the World Junior Championships, the event was held in Colombia.

10. 'Ex Vajra Prahar 2022' is a military exercise between India and which country?

- A. Japan
- B. USA ☒
- C. France
- D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ India and the US commenced a military exercise named 'Ex Vajra Prahar 2022' in Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh to improve interoperability between their Special Forces. The 13th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise 'Ex Vajra Prahar 2022' commenced at the Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh, as per the Indian Army.

1. The Anang Tal Lake, which was declared a monument of national importance, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Karnataka
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Kerala
- D. Telangana



- ✓ The Anang Tal Lake in South Delhi has been declared a monument of national importance by the Ministry of Culture. As per the website of National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, Anang Tal dates back to 1,060 AD.

2. Where is the 'International Conference on Indian Minerals and Metals Industry' held?

- A. New Delhi ☒
- B. Mumbai
- C. Mysuru
- D. Varanasi



- ✓ India's mining major NMDC in association with FICCI organised a conference on Indian minerals and metal industry on the theme 'Transition Towards 2030 & Vision 2047' in New Delhi. As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the conference was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Steel and the Ministry of Mines. The objective of the event was to discuss on the roadmap for the minerals and metal industry to achieve Vision 2047.

3. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew the restrictions on which credit card service after compliance with data storage norms?

- A. American Express ☒
- B. Discover
- C. Mastercard
- D. Visa



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew the restrictions on American Express Banking Corp and allowed the company to onboard new customers following satisfactory compliance with data storage norms. The RBI, in 2021, had restricted US-based credit card service from onboarding new domestic customers onto its card network for non-compliance with RBI's rules on storage of payment system data.

4. Which country marked the Ukraine's Independence Day with USD 3 billion in security assistance?

- A. UK
- B. USA ☒
- C. Australia
- D. Germany



- ✓ U.S. President Joe Biden marked Ukraine's Independence Day with USD 3 billion in security assistance. This is the country's largest aid package since Russia's invasion six months ago. It is feared that Russia appeared to be planning to launch fresh attacks in coming days. The new package would include six additional surface-to-air missile systems known as NASAMS, counter-artillery radars, Puma drones, along with counter-drone systems known as VAMPIRE.

5. NHAI, IWAI and RVNL signed a tripartite MoU for development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks under which scheme?

- A. Bharatmala Pariyojana ☒
- B. PM Gram Sadak Yojana
- C. Smart City Scheme
- D. AMRUT Scheme

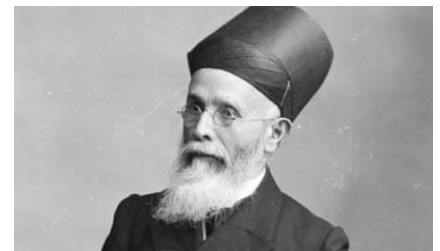


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- ✓ A tripartite agreement was signed by National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP). The MoU was signed under the Bharatmala Pariyojana across the country with an objective to centralize freight consolidation and reduce logistics cost from 14% to less than 10% of GDP.

6. Which Indian leader's home is conferred the London's 'Blue plaque honour'?

- A. Dr B R Ambedkar
- B. Dadabhai Naoroji ☒
- C. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- D. Khan Abdul Kabir Khan



- ✓ The London home of the Indian leader Dadabhai Naoroji is set to get a 'Blue plaque', an honour reserved for notable personalities who have lived and worked in London. Dadabhai Naoroji is the first Asian to be elected a British Member of Parliament. The Blue Plaque scheme was established in 1866, and is run by English Heritage at present.

7. James Marape was sworn in as Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Papua New Guinea ☒
- B. Singapore
- C. Malaysia
- D. Maldives



- ✓ Papua New Guinea's Parliament has elected Prime Minister James Marape to power after elections in the South Pacific Island nation. Marape was sworn in as the Prime Minister for a second time. The contenders to lead the new government were Marape and Peter O'Neill, his predecessor who



resigned in 2019. Papua New Guinea is a diverse tribal society, which gained independence from Australia in 1975.

8. Which Union Ministry is associated with 'SMILE-75 Initiative'?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- C. Ministry of Law and Justice
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging, under the spirit of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The initiative is called 'SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise' or SMILE-75 Initiative. The initiative will focus on rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities, counselling, awareness, education, skill development and convergence with other Government welfare programmes etc.**

9. Which Indian state kick started the 'Freedom Wall mural art project' to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indian Independence?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **Kerala Higher Education Ministry formally inaugurated the Freedom Wall mural art project to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indian Independence. The project is jointly organised in government colleges across the state by the Directorate of Collegiate Education and the State National Service Scheme (NSS) unit. The mural stretch, which will cover an area of 20,000 ft, is said to be the largest collection of murals painted in the country.**

10. Which organisation released the 'Global Employment Trends for Youth – 2022' report?

- A. WEF
- B. IMF
- C. World Bank
- D. ILO ☒



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- ✓ **The 'Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022' report was recently released by the International Labour Organisation. As per the report, India experienced severe working-hour and employment losses in 2020 and 2021, and Indian youth employment deteriorated in 2021 compared to 2020. Youngsters in 15–24 age group experienced a much higher percentage loss in employment than adults since early 2020. The total global number of unemployed youths is estimated to reach 73 million in 2022.**



1. Which Indian state/UT launched the Parivar Kalyan Card (PKC) Scheme?

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ **Parivar Kalyan Card scheme is the Uttar Pradesh government's Family ID plan. It was announced to establish a comprehensive database of the state's family units and identify beneficiaries for its various schemes. The PKC will provide a unique 12-digit ID number for each family. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has allowed the state government to link Aadhaar data with the PKC.**

2. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in 2022?

- A. Samir V Kamat ☒
- B. K Sivan
- C. Mayilsamy Annadurai
- D. Tessy Thomas



- ✓ **Veteran Scientist Dr. Samir V Kamat has been appointed as the new Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). He succeeds Dr. G Satheesh Reddy who will take charge as Scientific Advisor to the union defence minister. Earlier, Dr. Samir V Kamat was the Director General of Naval Systems & Materials at DRDO since 2017.**

3. Which country has been hit by the Tropical cyclone Ma-On?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. Philippines ☒
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ **The Philippines has been hit by the tropical cyclone Ma-on that has damaged the main Luzon Island in the country. The cyclone has killed at least three people and injured four others, as per the country's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. Ma-on was the sixth tropical cyclone to hit this Southeast Asian country this year.**

4. Which Indian economist has been appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- A. Urjit Patel
- B. K Subramanian ☒
- C. Viral Acharya
- D. Anantha Nageswaran



- ✓ **Former Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian has been appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Subramanian's term will continue for a period of three years or until further orders. The tenure of economist Surjit S Bhalla as ED (India), IMF has been curtailed up to 31 October, 2022.**

5. Which Union Ministry has published 'Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022'?

- A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ☒
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs



- ✓ **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change recently published the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022. New rules will replace Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001, to ensure environmentally sound management of waste batteries. The rules cover all types of batteries including Electric Vehicle batteries, portable batteries, automotive batteries and industrial batteries.**

6. Which University has been ranked first in the 'Nature Index 2022' ranking?

- A. Delhi University
- B. University of Hyderabad ☒
- C. Punjab University
- D. Madras University



- ✓ **The University of Hyderabad (UoH) continues to be in the top position in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking. The Nature Index is an indicator of high-quality research in natural and physical sciences. The UoH has been ranked first among Indian Universities and 16<sup>th</sup> among all institutions in the academic sector. The rankings are based on the data from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.**

7. 'Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages' is the theme of which international day celebrated in August?

- A. International Youth Day ☒ B. International Senior Citizens Day  
C. International Adolescent Children Day D. International Youth Gen-Z Day



- ✓ Every year, International Youth Day is celebrated on August 12 to mark the contribution of the youth to the development of society and to raise awareness against the injustice faced by the youth worldwide. This year's theme for International Youth Day 2022 is 'Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages. Ageism, a practice of discrimination based on an individual's age, is the topic of International Youth Day in 2022.

8. North East India Festival 2022 celebrates the 75 years of relations of India and which country?

- A. Japan B. Thailand ☒  
C. Myanmar D. Singapore



- ✓ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma announced that the North East India Festival will celebrate 75 years of India–Thailand relations. The North East Festival 'Connecting People celebrating Culture' is the largest initiative of North East India. It will be held in Bangkok, to showcase the uniqueness of North East and promote unexplored avenues in terms of tourism and investment.

9. Which state/UT hosts the first khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16)?

- A. New Delhi ☒  
B. Odisha  
C. Karnataka  
D. Haryana



- ✓ The first 'Khelo India Women's Hockey League for U-16 girls' is scheduled to start on August 16 at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi. The Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-21) was held over three phases in New Delhi and Lucknow earlier this year. A total of 16 teams across the country are participating and over 300 players will compete in the league.

10. What percent of the taxes collected by the Centre is devolved among states?

- A. 40 B. 41 ☒  
C. 42 D. 45



- ✓ At present, 41 per cent of taxes collected by the Centre is devolved in 14 instalments among states during a fiscal year. The Centre recently released two instalments of tax devolution to state governments amounting to Rs 1.16 lakh crore to states.

1. What is the name of the new model of sustainable development of rivers proposed by Indian Government?

- A. Namami Bharat
- B. Arth Ganga ☒
- C. River SDG
- D. Namami Nadhi



- ✓ The Chief of National Mission for Clean Ganga recently mentioned about the 'Arth Ganga model' during his address to the Stockholm World Water Week 2022. It is the new model of sustainable development of rivers, which aims to connect people with the river through economy. The Arth Ganga initiative 'strives to contribute at least 3% of the GDP from the Ganga Basin'.

2. Which tech company has released the 'Child safety toolkit' and 'Cyber-security up-skilling program'?

- A. Microsoft
- B. Google ☒
- C. Apple
- D. Amazon



- ✓ Google has made some several major announcements at its second edition of Safer with Google initiative event. Some of them are 'Child safety toolkit' and 'Cyber-security up-skilling program' for approximately 100,000 developers, IT, and start-up professionals across the country.

3. The 'National Sports Day' is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of which sportsperson?

- A. Major Dhyan Chand ☒
- B. Milkha Singh
- C. P T Usha
- D. Balbir Singh



- ✓ 'National Sports Day' or Rashtriya Khel Divas is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, the hockey wizard of India. It is an annual observance that falls on August 29 and it aims to create awareness about the need and benefits of incorporating sports and physical activities into our day to life. Major Dhyan Chand played a key role in India's gold medal victory at the Olympics in 1928, 1932, and 1936.

4. The 300-metre long 'Atal Bridge' for pedestrians and cyclists has been inaugurated in which city?

- A. Uttar Pradesh      B. Bihar
- C. Gujarat ☒      D. Karnataka



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 300-metre long 'Atal Bridge' for pedestrians and cyclists across the Sabarmati River in Ahmedabad. Atal Bridge connects the two banks of Sabarmati River with the design inspired by the famous kite festival. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the bridge from the Khadi Utsav event.

5. Linthoi Chanambam, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Tennis
- B. Badminton
- C. Judo ☒
- D. Fencing



- ✓ Linthoi Chanambam scripted history by winning India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships with gold in the Women's 57kg category. The 15-year-old Manipur-based judoka clinched gold at the World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships. She is the first Indian judoka to win a medal at any age-group category of the World Championships. She is also part of the Indian government's TOPS programme.

6. Who has become first Indian player to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game?

- A. M S Dhoni
- B. Virat Kohli ☒
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Shikhar Dhawan



- ✓ Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game. Kohli has now 100 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since he made his international debut in August 2008. The first player with the record was New Zealand batter Ross Taylor who retired recently.

7. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Union Health Ministry
- B. Union Chemicals and Fertilisers Ministry ☒
- C. Union Women and Child Development Ministry
- D. Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry



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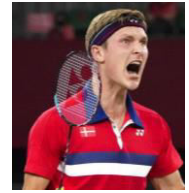
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- ✓ Union Minister of Chemical and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). NPPA is an attached office of the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. It acts as an independent Regulator for pricing of drugs and to ensure availability and accessibility of medicines at affordable prices.



8. Which sportsperson has won the BWF World Championship title in 2022?

- A. P V Sindhu
- B. K Srikanth
- C. Viktor Axelsen ☒
- D. Carolina Marin



- ✓ Denmark's Viktor Axelsen won his second badminton world title, beating Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the final in Tokyo. World number-one Axelsen, who won Olympic gold last year, also claimed the world title in Glasgow in 2017. The 28-year-old has reached the final without losing a single game. This is also his sixth title of the season.

9. When is the 'International Day against Nuclear Tests' observed?

- A. August.26
- B. August.28
- C. August.29 ☒
- D. August.31



- ✓ The United Nations observes 'the International Day against Nuclear Tests' on August 29. It aims to raise awareness about the devastating effects of testing nuclear weapons. The event urges world governments to end nuclear proliferation and stop such tests. The first nuclear test called Trinity was conducted by the United States on July 16, 1945.

10. Shumang Leela is a traditional festival held in which state/UT?

- A. Kerala
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Manipur ☒
- D. Assam



- ✓ The 50<sup>th</sup> All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022 kicked off at Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen in Imphal. Manipur Governor La Ganesan and Chief Minister N. Biren Singh attended the inaugural function. Shumang Leela is a traditional form of theatre in Manipur and the roles of female artists are all played by male actors and male characters are played by female artists.

1. Which Indian business person recently became the third–richest person in the world, as per the Bloomberg Billionaire Index?

- A. Mukesh Ambani
- B. Gautam Adani ☒
- C. Cyrus Poonawalla
- D. Radhakishan Damani



- ✓ **Indian Business tycoon Gautam Adani recently became the third–richest person in the world. He is also the only one among the world’s 10 wealthiest people to have seen his net worth increase this year. With a net worth of USD 137.4 billion, Adani has gained USD 60.9 billion this year, more than any other billionaire on the top 500 list. India had 18 billionaires in the top 500 list.**

2. Which institution/ council released the ‘Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100’ Report?

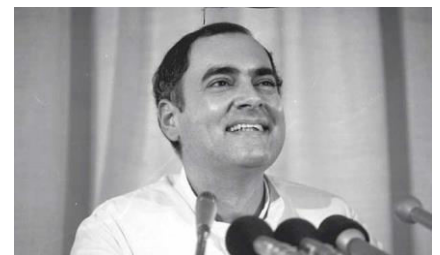
- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Economic Advisory Council ☒
- C. National Council of Applied Economic Research
- D. Centre for Policy Research



- ✓ **Economic Advisory Council (EAC) to Prime Minister released the Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100. The document is a roadmap for India towards the centennial year and to guide India to become a higher–income country by 2047. The Competitiveness Roadmap is a collaborative endeavor between EAC–PM, the Institute for Competitiveness and Dr. Christian Ketels from Harvard Business School.**

3. Which Indian state/UT has inaugurated the ‘Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games’?

- A. Assam
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Telangana



- ✓ **Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated a month–long Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games in Jodhpur. The Village Olympics is expected to see the participation of 44,000 villages across Rajasthan and 30 lakh people. Out of the 30 lakh participants, 9 lakhs are women. The Games include volleyball, hockey, tennis ball cricket and Kho Kho.**

4. Which city hosted the ‘UN session to save Biodiversity’?

- A. New York ☒
- B. Paris
- C. Rome
- D. Tokyo



- ✓ The 'UN session to save Biodiversity' was held at the United Nations headquarters in New York. However, the UN member states ended two weeks of negotiations without a treaty to protect biodiversity in the high seas. It is an agreement that would have addressed growing environmental and economic challenges.

5. Which state/UT got its second railway station after a gap of 100 years?

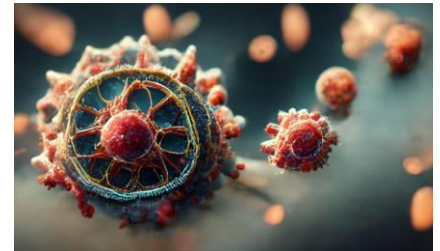
- A. Arunachal Pradesh  
B. Nagaland ☒  
C. Assam  
D. Mizoram



- ✓ Nagaland got its second railway station, after a gap of 100 years. The Donyi Polo Express from Shokhuvi Railway Station was flagged off by the state's Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio. The train will run between Guwahati in Assam and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh on a daily basis. The first railway station was set up at Dimapur Railway Station in 1903.

6. Langya Henipa virus or the LayV, a new virus, has been discovered in which country?

- A. Italy  
B. Israel  
C. China ☒  
D. India



- ✓ Langya Henipa virus, a new zoonotic virus has been discovered in China's two eastern provinces. This new type of Henipavirus is also being called Langya Henipavirus or the LayV. According to scientists, the virus can be transmitted from animals to humans while human-to-human transmission of the virus has not been reported.

7. Which institution has developed an indigenous vaccine for Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle?

- A. NIV  
B. ICAR ☒  
C. IISc  
D. NABARD



- ✓ Two institutes of agricultural research body, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), have developed an indigenous vaccine for Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle. The disease has recently spread across many states in the last few months. The Centre has planned to commercialise this homologous live-attenuated LSD vaccine 'Lumpi-ProVacInd'. Rajasthan has reported over 2000 deaths of cattle, followed by Gujarat and Punjab.

8. 'Rice Fortification' in India is implemented through which Ministry?

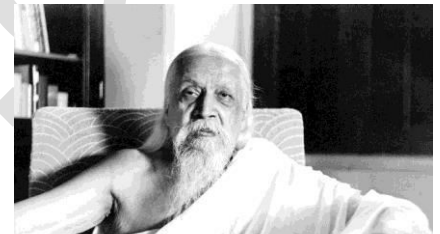
- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food Distribution ☒
- C. Ministry of Law and Justice
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ As per the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food Distribution, as many as 151 districts in 24 states have already lifted fortified rice under the Public Distribution System (PDS). The government said nearly 6.83 lakh tonnes of fortified rice has been distributed under the Public Distribution System (PDS) in the second phase from April 2022. The first phase began in October 2021, to distribute fortified rice through Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN).

9. Which Indian leader is associated with the 'Purna Swaraj' idea and 'Bande Mataram' newspaper?

- A. Subhash Chandra Bose
- B. Aurobindo Ghosh ☒
- C. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- D. Dadabhai Naoroji



- ✓ Aurobindo Ghosh was the first proponent of 'Purna Swaraj' more than 20 years before the Indian National Congress' declaration in 1930. The 150<sup>th</sup> year of his birth anniversary was celebrated recently. Sri Aurobindo was born as Aurobindo Ghosh on August 15, 1872. He was a philosopher, poet, journalist and revolutionary. He wrote about the idea of complete independence in his newspaper Bande Mataram, and developed an approach to achieve that goal that included non-cooperation, passive resistance and use of swadeshi goods.

10. Padang, which was announced as a national monument, is located in which country?

- A. Japan
- B. India
- C. Singapore ☒
- D. Nepal



- ✓ Singapore declared its 200-year-old green and open space Padang, as its 75<sup>th</sup> national monument, as the city-state celebrates its 57<sup>th</sup> National Day. Padang is the site from where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose gave his 'Delhi Chalo' slogan in 1943. Padang is also the first green and open space on Singapore's list of national monuments, the highest form of recognition for a site's significance.



# CURRENT AFFAIRS



**G20** INDONESIA  
2022





1. Which country holds the G20 Presidency in 2022?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Indonesia ☒
- D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ Environment officials from the Group of 20 nations met at Indonesia's Bali Island for talks on climate action and the global impact of the war in Ukraine. They also discussed the implementation of each G20 nation's contribution to fight climate change and synchronise targets among developing and developed countries.

2. Which institution has released the report incidence, mortality, morbidity and socio-economic burden of snakebite in the country?

- A. AIIMS
- B. ICMR ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. IMA



- ✓ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has released a study on the incidence, mortality, morbidity and socioeconomic burden of snakebite in the country. As per the study, snakes kill more than 45,000 people in India each year, while only 30% of the victims reach hospitals to seek medical treatment. The number of deaths due to venomous snakebites in India is 46,900 per year.

3. Which regulatory body has notified a framework introducing a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) in India?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Securities and Exchange Board of India ☒
- C. Department of Financial Services
- D. Economic Advisory Council



- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has notified a framework introducing a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) in India. The new category of exchange will provide social enterprises an additional avenue to raise funds. The SSE lists non-profit organisations on stock exchanges and provides them with an alternative fund-raising avenue.

4. India recently signed a MoU with which country on biodiversity conservation?

- A. Japan
- B. Nepal ☒
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Australia



- ✓ India has recently approved an MoU with the Government of Nepal on biodiversity conservation, as proposed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The MoU aims to strengthen cooperation in the field of forests, biodiversity conservation, and climate change. It also aims at including the restoration of corridors and interlinking areas and sharing of knowledge and best practices, between the two countries.

5. As per the recent NSO Data, what was India's GDP growth rate in the first quarter (April–June) of this fiscal year 2022–23?

- A. 12.3%  
B. 13.5% ☒  
C. 14.7%  
D. 15.2%



- ✓ As per the recent data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the Indian economy expanded at the quickest pace in a year. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the first quarter (April–June) of this fiscal year grew by 13.5%. This is lower than RBI's projections of 16.2% economic growth. GVA for the first quarter of FY23 (April–June) has come in at 12.7%.

6. World Organ Donation Day is celebrated on which date?

- A. August.11  
B. August.13 ☒  
C. September.13  
D. September.11



- ✓ Every year, August 13 is celebrated as World Organ Donation Day to create awareness about organ donation. The day encourages people to donate organs as Organ failure is one of the major issues faced by people across the world. One can register for organ donation after attaining 18 years of age.

7. Which country hosted the 'Super Garuda Shield Defence Exercise'?

- A. USA  
B. Indonesia ☒  
C. Australia  
D. Japan



- ✓ Over 5000 soldiers from the US, Indonesia, Australia, Japan and Singapore participated in the joint combat exercises on Sumatra Island in Indonesia. The exercise was conducted amid growing Chinese maritime activity in the Indo–Pacific region. This is the largest edition of the exercise since it was launched in 2009.

8. What is the name of India's first Saline Water Lantern?

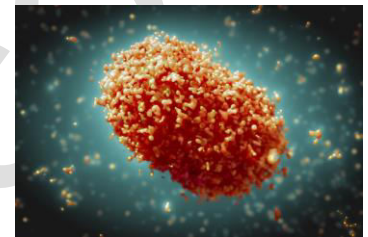
- A. Varthini
- B. Lavanya
- C. Roshni ☒
- D. Keerthy



- ✓ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched India's first Saline Water Lantern 'Roshni', during his visit to SAGAR ANVESHKA, a Coastal Research Vessel. The first-of-its kind lantern uses seawater as the electrolyte between specially designed electrodes to power the LED lamps.

9. What is the official name given to the monkeypox viruses, by the World Health Organisation (WHO)?

- A. Clade ☒
- B. Fleet
- C. Cleo
- D. Halo



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced new names for variants of the monkeypox virus to avoid causing any cultural or social offence. Experts will refer to the former Congo Basin clade (group of variants) in Central Africa as Clade I, and the former West African clade as Clade II. It consists of two sub-clades, Clade IIa and Clade IIb. The monkeypox virus was named when it was first discovered in 1958.

10. As of August 15, 2022, India has how many Ramsar sites?

- A. 75 ☒
- B. 57
- C. 100
- D. 250



- ✓ Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced that India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites, bringing the country's total count to 75. Of the 11 new sites, four are in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two Jammu and Kashmir, and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The 75 Ramsar sites cover an area of 1,326,677 ha in the country.

1. Which Indian state/UT launched the “country’s first virtual school”?

- A. Karnataka
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Telangana
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the ‘country’s first virtual school’ called the ‘Delhi Model Virtual School’, in which students from across India will be eligible for admission in classes 9 to 12. DMVS will be affiliated to the Delhi Board of School Education (DBSE) and no fees will be charged from students. The classes will be conducted through an exclusive platform built by SchoolNet and Google.

2. Which institution conducted the Cyber Security Exercise ‘Synergy’?

- A. CERT-In ☒
- B. Indian Air Force
- C. Defence Research and Development Organisation
- D. Indian Space Research Organisation



- ✓ Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under Ministry of Electronics & IT, in collaboration with Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), successfully designed and conducted the Cyber Security Exercise ‘Synergy’ for 13 Countries. It was conducted as a part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative– Resilience Working Group which is led by India under the leadership of National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS). The theme of the exercise was ‘Building Network Resiliency to counter Ransomware Attacks’.

3. As per the latest NCRB report, the highest number of sedition cases were registered in which state?

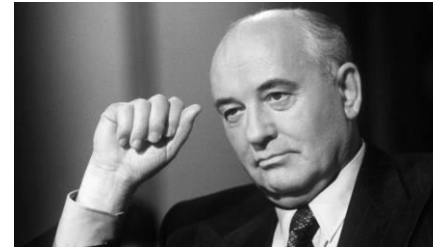
- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Andhra Pradesh ☒
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ According to the latest NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) report, the highest number of sedition cases was recorded in Andhra Pradesh (29). 76 cases for sedition were registered in 2021 in the country under IPC Section 124A. In 2020, no sedition case was recorded in the state of Andhra Pradesh. There were 1,604 arrests under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act [UAPA].

4. Mikhail Gorbachev, who passed away recently, was a former President of which country?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Russia ☒
- C. Belarus
- D. Bulgaria



- ✓ Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the former Soviet Union from 1985 until 1991, has passed away at the age of 91. In 1986, Gorbachev made a historic proposal to eliminate all long-range missiles held by the United States and the Soviet Union. It was the beginning of the end of the Cold War. He was also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.

5. Which state/UT Police is the first in the country to make collection of forensic evidence mandatory?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Delhi ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha



- ✓ The Delhi Police has become the first police force in the country to make collection of forensic evidence mandatory in crimes punishable with a sentence of more than six years.
- ✓ This has been done to increase conviction rate and to integrate the criminal justice system with forensic science investigation. Delhi Police has integrated the Criminal Justice System (ICJS) with forensic science investigation and collaborated with National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar to train its officers.

6. Which state/UT Police received the most number of awards on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2022?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Punjab
- C. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- D. Kerala



- ✓ A total of 1,082 Police personnel were awarded Police Medals on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2022. 347 police personnel have been awarded Police Medal for Gallantry. Jammu and Kashmir Police were awarded 108 medals, the most among states and union territories. Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh are also among the states with highest number of Police Medals for Gallantry in 2022.



7. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is set to establish a solar project in which country?

- A. Egypt  
B. Kenya  
C. Cuba ☒  
D. South Africa



- ✓ The International Solar Alliance (ISA) in partnership with the Cuban government has floated a tender for setting up a 1150 MW solar project in Cuba. State-owned NTPC is the project management consultant for ISA for setting up the project. The project is part of Cuba's plan to implement 2100 MW of solar projects. It is also the first in ISA's broader solar park programme.

8. William Samoei Arap Ruto was sworn in as the President of which country?

- A. Kenya ☒  
B. Ethiopia  
C. Nigeria  
D. South Africa



- ✓ William Samoei Arap Ruto, the deputy president of Kenya since 2013, has been declared winner of the Presidential election. Ruto won the election by a narrow margin as he received 50.49 percent of the votes. Legal battles are expected as a result of the tightly contested elections. In 2017, the presidential vote was nullified by the Supreme Court, citing reasons of irregularities.

9. Who is the first cricketer to play 600 matches in T20 cricket?

- A. Virat Kohli  
B. Kieron Pollard ☒  
C. Rohit Sharma  
D. Andre Russell



- ✓ West Indies captain Kieron Pollard became the first cricketer to complete 600 matches in T20 cricket. He announced retirement from international cricket in April 2022. Recently, All-rounder Dwayne Bravo scripted history by becoming the first-ever cricketer to clinch 600 wickets in T20 cricket.

10. Durand Cup is associated with which sports?

- A. Hockey  
B. Football ☒  
C. Cricket  
D. Badminton



- ✓ Durand Cup, the oldest football tournament in Asia, is scheduled to start from August 16, 2022. The opening match will be played between FC Goa and Mohammedan SC in Kolkata. For the first time in its history, the tournament is being held in multiple cities as West Bengal, Assam and Manipur are hosting the Durand Cup 2022. Indian Oil is the title sponsor of the tournament and the previous edition of Durand Cup 2021 was won by FC Goa.

1. The New Naval Ensign features the national emblem inside which shape?

- A. Green Hexagon
- B. Blue Octagon ☒
- C. Orange Hexagon
- D. White Octagon



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the new Naval Ensign (flag) at Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi. The Indian Flag is placed on the top left of the flag, while a blue octagonal shape that encompasses the national emblem sits atop an anchor on the right, which depicts steadfastness. The octagonal shape has been designed to represent eight directions, depicting the multi-directional reach and of the Indian Navy. The twin golden borders surrounding it are inspired from Chhatrapati Shivaji.

2. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a loan of USD 2.9 billion to which country to tackle its economic crisis?

- A. Iran
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Sri Lanka ☒
- D. Venezuela



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a loan of USD 2.9 billion to Sri Lanka. The country is battling its worst economic crisis since independence in 1948. Sri Lankan President Wickremesinghe, who is also the country's Finance Minister, presented his first budget, which aimed to boost revenue and fight inflation.

3. Which Union Ministry presents Smart Solutions Challenge and Inclusive Cities Awards?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology



Ministry of Housing  
and Urban Affairs  
Government of India

- ✓ The Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri presented Smart Solutions Challenge & Inclusive Cities Awards 2022. They were launched in April 2022. These awards are an initiative of the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and the United Nations (UN) in India to address city-level accessibility and inclusion challenges faced by persons with disabilities (PwD), women, girls and the elderly.

4. Which organization manufactures Tejas Mark-2 Fighter Jets?

- A. DRDO
- B. BEL
- C. HAL ☒
- D. BDL



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved Tejas Mark-2 Project. It has sanctioned 6,500 crore rupees for designing and developing of Tejas Mark-2 fighter jet. It is manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The advanced version of the indigenous Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA) will feature a series of additions to its flight and fight capabilities. Tejas 2.0 will be equipped with more powerful engines and indigenously developed Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar.

5. Who is the head of the Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on EV battery safety standards?

- A. Nandan Nilekani
- B. Ramesh Chand
- C. Parameswaran
- D. Tata Narsingh Rao ☒



सड़क परिवहन  
एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय  
MINISTRY OF  
ROAD TRANSPORT  
AND HIGHWAYS

सत्यमेव जयते

- ✓ Ministry of Road Transport and Highway constituted an Expert Committee, chaired by Tata Narsingh Rao. He is the Director of International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad. Based on the recommendations of the expert committee report, the Ministry has issued amendments including additional safety requirements related to battery cells, on-board charger, design of battery pack, thermal propagation due to internal cell short circuit leading to fire etc.

6. Mission Swavalamban is a flagship initiative of which institution?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. NABARD
- C. SIDBI ☒
- D. PFRDA



- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched the fifth phase of setting up of 300 Swavalamban Silai Schools across 10 districts of 6 States. This was launched under its flagship initiative Mission Swavalamban. It will cover Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Goa, Puducherry, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to empower women making them independent while pursuing entrepreneurship culture (Udyam Se Azadi).

7. Which institution launched its hackathon– Bima Manthan 2022?

- A. PFRDA  
B. IRDAI ☒  
C. GIC  
D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has invited individuals and institutions to develop technology-driven innovative solutions for automated death claim settlement, curtail miss-selling and other fields related to insurance. This was launched as a part of its first hackathon named 'Bima Manthan 2022' with the theme 'Innovation in Insurance'.

8. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of NaBFID?

- A. Viral Acharya  
B. K V Kamath  
C. Urjit Patel  
D. Rajkiran Rai G ☒



- ✓ Rajkiran Rai G has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) has appointed Rajkiran Rai G as its managing director (MD) for nearly five years. In 2021, the Government of India had appointed K V Kamath as chairperson of the development finance institution (DFI). The government has infused Rs 20,000 crore into NaBFID to start its operations to mobilise investment in infrastructure sector.

9. UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) is a flagship scheme of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of External Affairs  
B. Ministry of Civil Aviation ☒  
C. Ministry of Electronics and IT  
D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Civil Aviation's flagship program Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN (Ude Deshka Aam Nagrik) has completed 5 years of success since the launch of its first flight by Prime Minister on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The scheme was initiated on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016. It provides an enhanced aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in tier II and tier III cities. In the last five years, UDAN has significantly increased the regional air-connectivity in the country. There were 74 operational airports in 2014. Because of the UDAN scheme this number has increased to 141 by now.

10. Which state is the host of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the North East Olympics in 2022?

- A. Assam  
B. Meghalaya ☒  
C. Arunachal Pradesh  
D. Sikkim



- ✓ Meghalaya is set to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the North East Olympics from Oct. the 30<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> in Shillong. The first edition of Games was held in Manipur in 2018, with 12 disciplines. The Games coincides when Meghalaya is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year of its Statehood. In this edition, as many as 4,000 participants from eight North Eastern States will compete in 18 disciplines.

1. As per the latest figures from the IMF (September 2022), which country is the fifth largest economy in the world?

- A. UK
- B. India ☒
- C. France
- D. Australia



- ✓ According to figures from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India passed the United Kingdom (UK) to become the fifth-largest economy in the world in the last quarter of 2021. The United States, China, Japan, and Germany are the only nations ahead of India. However, in terms of per capita income, which is a measure of how much money is made per person in a country, India is ranked 122 out of 190 countries.

2. India's first-ever 'Night Sky Sanctuary' is set to come up in which state/UT?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. New Delhi
- C. Ladakh ☒
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ The Department of Science & Technology (DST) has undertaken to set up India's first-ever 'Night Sky Sanctuary' in Ladakh which will be completed within next three months. The Dark Sky Reserve will be located at Hanle, Ladakh as a part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. It will boost Astro-tourism in India. An MoU was signed among the UT administration, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA).

3. National Green Tribunal (NGT) smashed a Rs 3500 crore fine on which state government for violating waste management rules?

- A. New Delhi
- B. West Bengal ☒
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Assam



National Green Tribunal

- ✓ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked the West Bengal government to pay Rs 3,500 crore as 'compensation' for violating the norms for the management of solid and liquid waste. The Bengal government has the option to seek a review by the tribunal or move the Supreme Court. The bench has asked the state to deposit the amount within two months dedicated to solid waste management in the state and it will be operated according to the directions of the Chief Secretary.



4. Which is the venue of the 30<sup>th</sup> Southern Zonal Council meeting held recently?

- A. Thiruvananthapuram ☒
- B. Chennai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 30<sup>th</sup> Southern Zonal Council meeting in Thiruvananthapuram. In the meeting, 26 issues were discussed, 9 issues were resolved and 17 issues were reserved for further consideration. The main objectives of the Zonal Council meeting are settlement Centre– State disputes and inter–state disputes through mutual agreement, promotion of regional cooperation between States, among others.

5. Who has been nominated as executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority?

- A. Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- B. Justice D Y Chandrachud ☒
- C. Justice N V Ramana
- D. Justice U U Lalit



- ✓ Justice D Y Chandrachud, the second senior–most judge in the Supreme Court, has been nominated as executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority. President Droupadi Murmu nominated Justice Chandrachud to head the NALSA as executive chairman under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. The Chief Justice of India is the patron–in–chief of the NALSA.

6. Who has been recommended as the Chairman of NABARD by FSIB?

- A. Sarada Kumar Hota
- B. Mohammad Mustafa ☒
- C. K V Kamath
- D. Sivasubramanian Ramann



- ✓ The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommended Mohammad Mustafa as the Chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The final decision on the recommendation would be taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. NABARD is the apex regulatory body for overall regulation of regional rural banks and apex cooperative banks in India.

7. Which is the first country in the world to make menstrual period products free for all?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Scotland ☒
- C. Germany
- D. Finland



- ✓ Scotland has become the first country in the world to make menstrual period products free for all. Products will be distributed through councils and education providers as per the Period Products Act. There is now a legal duty on local authorities to provide free items such as tampons and sanitary pads to anyone who needs them.

8. Which Union Ministry implements 'NAMASTE' central sector scheme?

- A. Ministry of External Affairs  
B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒  
C. Ministry of Rural Development  
D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ 'NAMASTE' is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) as a joint initiative with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). It seeks to ensure safety and dignity of sanitation workers in urban India by enhancing their occupational safety through capacity building and access to safety gear and machines.

9. Mandla, which became the fully 'functionally literate' district in the country, is located in which state?

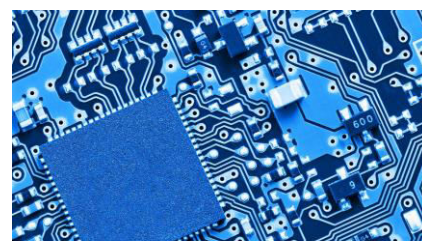
- A. Kerala  
B. Gujarat  
C. Madhya Pradesh ☒  
D. Telangana



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Mandla region has become the first fully 'functionally literate' district in the country. A person is called functionally literate when they are able to write their own name, to count and read and write in Hindi. The region rolled out a major campaign in 2020 to educate the people in the region.

10. Which countries are included in the 'Chip 4' meeting along with USA?

- A. Taiwan, South Korea and Japan ☒  
B. China, Taiwan and South Korea  
C. Thailand, Taiwan and South Korea  
D. Australia, China and Taiwan



- ✓ 'Chip 4' meeting is a meeting of the four chip manufacturing nations including the United States, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan. However, Taiwan announced that it has not been informed about the 'Chip 4' meeting. Taiwan is a major semiconductor producer and home to the world's largest contract chip maker. The group is described as the gathering as U.S.-led group of major microchip manufacturers.

1. Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- A. France
- B. Australia
- C. United Kingdom ☒
- D. Germany



- ✓ **Leader of the Conservative Party Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. The 47-year-old leader beat her rival, former finance minister Rishi Sunak in an internal leadership contest of the ruling Conservative party, after Boris Johnson's resignation in July. Liz Truss will be only the UK's third female Prime Minister following Theresa May and Margaret Thatcher.**

2. What is the name of the mascot for the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games Ahmedabad?

- A. Sher
- B. Savaj ☒
- C. Vikas
- D. Leo



- ✓ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the mascot and the anthem for the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games in Ahmedabad. The mascot is named as 'Savaj' which means cub in Gujarati. The theme of the anthem is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. The National Games will be organised from September 29 to October 12, across six cities in the state.**

3. Which state hosted the 'Conclave of State Science & Technology (S&T) Ministers'?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Bihar
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ **The Gujarat Science Conclave of State Science & Technology (S&T) Ministers is set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Science City, Ahmedabad. The conclave will include discussions on the theme of 'Doubling Private Sector investment in R&D by 2030'. All States and UTs will be asked to have individual STI policy on the lines of National STI policy.**

4. Which is the first country to approve needle-free, inhaled version of COVID-19 vaccine?

- A. USA
- B. China ☒
- C. Russia
- D. Israel



- ✓ China became the first country to approve a needle-free, inhaled version of a Covid-19 vaccine made by Tianjin-based CanSino Biologics. China approved CanSino's Ad5-nCoV for emergency use as a booster vaccine. The inhaled version can stimulate cellular immunity and induce mucosal immunity to boost protection without intramuscular injection.

5. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed a former president of which country as his new special envoy for Afghanistan?

- A. Kyrgyzstan ☒
- B. Pakistan
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Thailand



- ✓ U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed a former president of Kyrgyzstan as his new special envoy for Afghanistan. Roza Otunbayeva, who also served as foreign minister of Kyrgyzstan, replaces Deborah Lyons, who stepped down in June this year.

6. 'Dahi-Handi' has been announced as the official sport of which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra ☒



- ✓ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced that 'Dahi-Handi' will be recognised as an official sport in the state. The 'Govindas' who participate will get jobs under the sports category and the state will provide life insurance cover of ₹10 lakhs for all participants and insurance ₹5 lakhs if they end up being partially handicapped. 'Dahi-Handi' also known as 'Gopalakala' is a ritual held during Janmashtami festival.

7. Which financial services company has appointed 4 Indian badminton stars as its ambassadors?

- A. Paypal
- B. Mastercard ☒
- C. Visa
- D. American Express



- ✓ Mastercard has partnered with Indian badminton stars Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and appointed them as brand ambassadors in India. The winners of the Thomas Cup 2022 and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will spread awareness about the safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India.



8. Who is the author of the autobiography titled 'Madam Sir'?

- A. Manjari Jaruhar ☒
- B. Kiran Bedi
- C. Kanchan Chaudhary
- D. R Sreelekha



- ✓ **'Madam Sir' is the auto-biography of Manjari Jaruhar, one of the first five women police officers in India. She is the recipient of the government of India's Police Medal for meritorious service. She was also the first women police officer from the state of Bihar, when she was selected for the IPS in 1976. She retired as Special Director General of the CISF, and is presently an advisor to Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).**

9. Which is the venue of the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023?

- A. Madurai
- B. Chennai
- C. Mumbai
- D. Indore ☒



- ✓ **The External Affairs Ministry of India announced that the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9<sup>th</sup> January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community in the development of India. It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on the same day in the year 1915.**

10. When is the 'Akshay Urja Diwas' celebrated in India?

- A. August.15
- B. August.20 ☒
- C. September.15
- D. October.15



- ✓ **Every year, August 20 is observed as the Akshay Urja Diwas to raise awareness on development and efficient use of renewable energy in India. The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The day was first organised by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in 2004.**



1. Which cities have joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities?

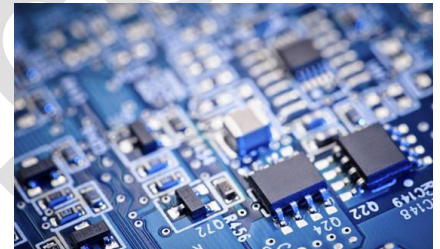
- A. Warangal, Thrissur and Nilambur ☒
- B. Mysuru, Varanasi and Jaipur
- C. Kochi, Mysuru and Varanasi
- D. Kanchipuram, Dolavira and Mysuru



- ✓ Warangal from Telangana and Thrissur and Nilambur from Kerala have joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC). 77 cities from 44 countries joined the list recently, which includes 294 cities from all around the world. The cities have been included in recognition of their outstanding efforts to promote lifelong learning across their communities at local level.

2. The Government has approved an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in which city?

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune ☒
- C. New Delhi
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ The government has approved an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in Pune at a cost of Rs 500 crore. The proposal, approved by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, is expected to attract investments of up to Rs 2,000 crore. The cluster will be set up over an area of 297 acres.

3. 'Indira Gandhi Shehari Rojgar Guarantee Yojana' is an initiative of which state/UT?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ Rajasthan is set to launch the country's first employment guarantee scheme for the urban poor named Indira Gandhi Shehari Rojgar Guarantee Yojana. It will start on September 9<sup>th</sup> with a budget of Rs 800 crore. The scheme aims to provide 100 days of guaranteed employment to the urban poor, especially those who lost their jobs during the CO VID-19 pandemic.

4. ISRO partnered with which country's space agency in space technology during Bengaluru Space Expo?

- A. USA
- B. Japan
- C. Australia ☒
- D. France



- ✓ Six MoUs signed between Indian and Australian space start-ups at Bengaluru Space Expo. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Australian Space Agency (ASA), have decided to partner to develop space technology markets for both India and Australia. ASA is an entity responsible for the development of Australia's commercial space sector.

5. PM SHRI Yojana, which was launched recently, is associated with which field?

- A. Electronics  
B. Export  
C. Education ☒  
D. Research and Development



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana. Under the scheme, 14,500 schools from across the country will be upgraded as PM-SHRI schools. They will have a modern and transformational method of imparting education. The PM SHRI Schools will showcase all components of the National Education Policy 2020.

6. Kukrail forest area, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Kerala  
B. Uttar Pradesh ☒  
C. Madhya Pradesh  
D. Maharashtra



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved a night safari park in Lucknow district's Kukrail forest area. Under the project, the government will establish a zoological park and night safari in the 2,027-hectare forest in the forest area. The Uttar Pradesh government has identified 56 ecotourism sites in the state's 56 districts under its One District, One Destination scheme, to boost ecotourism and increase employment opportunities.

7. The Border Road Organization (BRO) pilot steel slag road is to be built in which state?

- A. Assam  
B. West Bengal  
C. Bihar  
D. Arunachal Pradesh ☒



- ✓ The Border Road Organization (BRO) has planned to build steel slag road in Arunachal Pradesh on a pilot project basis. The Steel Slag Road, which can survive heavy rain and difficult weather conditions, is the first of its kind project of the BRO. This Road project will help to connect the strategic locations in the Northeast India.

8. Which company has commissioned a new green hydrogen plant at Hazira, Gujarat?

- A. ONGC
- B. BHEL
- C. L&T ☒
- D. BPCL



- ✓ Engineering major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) commissioned a new green hydrogen plant at Hazira in Gujarat. The company signed a joint venture with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and ReNew Power for the production of green hydrogen. The plant will produce 45 kg of green hydrogen daily, which will be used for consumption in the company's Hazira manufacturing complex.

9. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in which country?

- A. Paraguay ☒
- B. Iran
- C. Oman
- D. Qatar



- ✓ India's Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay. He also visited a place called 'Casa de la Independencia' from where the South American country's Independence movement started more than two centuries ago.

10. Which Indian airport is set to be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh?

- A. Chandigarh International Airport ☒
- B. New Delhi International Airport
- C. Cochin International Airport
- D. Mumbai International Airport



- ✓ Punjab and Haryana have agreed to name Chandigarh International Airport after Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh. Both the states had a decade-old tussle for renaming the international airport. Earlier Punjab Vidhan Sabha had passed a resolution to name the airport as 'Shaheed-E-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali'. The Haryana Vidhan Sabha passed a resolution on renaming the terminal, with the use of 'Chandigarh'.

1. The Union Environment Ministry approved the New Coastal Zone Management Plan for which state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka ☒
- C. Goa
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change recently approved the New Coastal Zone Management Plan for Karnataka. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for various works worth Rs 3,800 crore at Goldfinch city in Karnataka. Karnataka is the first State in southern India and only the second state in the country to get the Plan prepared and approved as per the new Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification.

2. As of March 2022, what is India's external debt, as per the Finance Ministry's data?

- A. USD 220 billion
- B. USD 420 billion
- C. USD 620 billion ☒
- D. USD 820 billion



- ✓ The External Debt Management Unit (EDMU) in the Department of economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, has released 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Status Report on India's External Debt 2021–22. India's external debt, at US\$ 620.7 billion as at end–March 2022, grew by 8.2 per cent over US\$ 573.7 billion as at end–March 2021. While 53.2 per cent of it was denominated in US dollar, Indian rupee denominated debt, estimated at 31.2 per cent, was the second largest. External debt as a ratio to GDP fell marginally to 19.9 per cent as at end–March 2022 from 21.2 per cent a year ago.
- ✓ Foreign currency reserves as a ratio to external debt stood slightly lower at 97.8 per cent as at end–March 2022 than 100.6 per cent a year ago. The long–term debt estimated at US\$ 499.1 billion, constituted the largest chunk of 80.4 per cent, while the short–term debt, at US\$ 121.7 billion, accounted for 19.6 per cent of the total.

3. Which country inaugurated Maitree Super Thermal Power Project, constructed under India's concessional financing scheme?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh ☒
- C. Nepal
- D. Myanmar



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina jointly unveiled Unit–I of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Project.



- ✓ The project is being constructed under India's concessional financing scheme. It will add 1320 MW to Bangladesh's National Grid. Seven agreements, including on water resources, railways, science and technology, space technology was exchanged between the Prime Ministers.

4. Which company developed iNOVACC, India's first intranasal Corona vaccine?

- A. BioCon  
B. Dr Reddy's Lab  
C. Bharat Biotech ☒  
D. Serum Institute of India



- ✓ The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) approved the country's first intra-nasal Covid-19 vaccine for restricted emergency use in those aged above 18 years. The vaccine named 'iNOVACC' was developed by Bharat Biotech and it is the only the second such vaccine in the world after CanSino Biologics' vaccine in China, to get regulatory approval. iNOVACC is a chimpanzee adenovirus vectored recombinant nasal vaccine.

5. India conducted a Cyber Security Exercise part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative, in collaboration with which country?

- A. Japan  
B. France  
C. UK ☒  
D. Australia



- ✓ India's National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the UK Government in collaboration with BAE Systems successfully conducted the Cyber Security Exercise for 26 Countries. The exercise has been conducted as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group, which is being led by India under the leadership of National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC).

6. Which is the venue of 'National Conference of Women Police'?

- A. New Delhi  
B. Lucknow ☒  
C. Shimla  
D. Mysuru



- ✓ A two-day 'National Conference of Women Police' is being organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) in Shimla in collaboration with Himachal Police. The conference will showcase the achievements of women police officers and discuss challenges faced by them. It will also discuss the new roles and responsibilities of women in terms of emerging technologies and crimes.



7. India recently concluded a 'Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)' with which country, with the participation of INS Sumedha?

- A. USA  
B. Australia ☒  
C. France  
D. Japan



- ✓ **INS Sumedha participated with HMAS Anzac in the exercise reaffirming the strong navy-to-navy links and interoperability between Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy. INS Sumedha is an indigenously built Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel. It is part of the Indian Navy's initiative to hoist 'Tiranga' on all continents as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.**

8. Which neighbouring country is experiencing its longest ever drought?

- A. Myanmar  
B. China ☒  
C. Sri Lanka  
D. Nepal



- ✓ **A month-long heatwave and record low rainfall have resulted in China's longest-ever drought along the Yangtze, the country's longest river. Lakes such as the Dongting Lake and tributaries have diminished as a result of the drought, exposing riverbeds. Low river levels have reduced the ability of hydro-electric power stations in the area to generate energy.**

9. Which country is the host of 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' military exercise?

- A. South Korea ☒  
B. Japan  
C. China  
D. Russia



- ✓ **South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years with a resumption of field training 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' in South Korea. The annual summertime exercise has been renamed Ulchi Freedom Shield this year by the South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol. Aim of this field training is to normalize the combined exercises.**

10. Which is the venue of 'Silk Mark Expo', which was recently inaugurated?

- A. New Delhi ☒  
B. Chennai  
C. Mussoorie  
D. Kanchipuram



- ✓ **Union Minister of State for Textiles Darshana Jardosh inaugurated the Silk Mark Expo in New Delhi. The expo is being organised by the Silk Mark Organisation of India under Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles. Silk Mark is a quality assurance label launched by government to determine that the product is made up of pure natural silk.**

1. 'Ni-kshay 2.0 portal', which was launched recently, is associated with which disease?

- A. Cancer
- B. Tuberculosis ☒
- C. COVID-19
- D. Anaemia



- ✓ Indian President Droupadi Murmu is set to launch the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan 'Ni-kshay 2.0' portal. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has set a target for eradication of tuberculosis by 2025. Nikshay 2.0 is a digital platform for community support for the persons with TB. It provides additional patient support to improve treatment outcome of tuberculosis patients.

2. Which state launched 'Pudhumai Penn Scheme', to provide monthly financial assistance for female students to complete UG programmes?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Odisha
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government launched the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme, also known as the 'Pudhumai Pen Scheme'. It provides a monthly grant of Rs 1,000 to female students to pursue a bachelor's degree, diploma, ITI, or any other recognised course. Those who attended government schools from Class 6 to 12 will be eligible for the financial aid.

3. As per the policy for long-term leasing of railway land for PM Gati Shakti, what is the tenure up to which land lease is provided?

- A. 10
- B. 15
- C. 25
- D. 35 ☒



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a policy for long-term leasing of railway land for the PM Gati Shakti programme. The new policy will facilitate to provide land lease for a longer period of up to 35 years as against five years at present. The new policy will enable the development of infrastructure and more cargo terminals. It has also cut down land lease fee from 6 percent to 1.5 percent.

4. Which state celebrates September 9 as 'Himalaya Diwas'?

- A. Bihar
- B. Assam
- C. Uttarakhand ☒
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ **Himalaya Diwas is celebrated every year on 9<sup>th</sup> September in the state of Uttarakhand, with an aim to conserve Himalayan ecosystem and region. It was officially declared as Himalaya Day in 2015 by the state's then Chief Minister. In 2014, the then Chief Minister Harish Rawat officially declared September 9 as 'Himalaya Diwas', to be celebrated across the State to spread the message of conservation of the Himalayan ecosystems.**

5. Which Indian chess player has recorded third consecutive win in his career against Magnus Carlsen?

- A. Gukesh D
- B. Praggnanandhaa R ☒
- C. Vidit Gujrathi
- D. Nihal Sarin



- ✓ **17-year-old Indian chess prodigy, R. Praggnanandhaa recorded a third consecutive win in his career against the Norwegian great Magnus Carlsen. Praggnanandhaa defeated the reigning 5-time World Chess Champion in his final match at the FTX Crypto Cup. Carlsen went on to win the FTX Crypto Cup while the Indian Grand Master finished at second place in the tournament.**

6. 'Mithila Makhana', which was awarded geographical indication (GI) tag, is cultivated in which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Bihar ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **The government has recently awarded geographical indication (GI) tag to 'Mithila Makhana', to help farmers get the maximum price for their produce. Its botanical name is 'Euryale Ferox Salisb' and it is a special variety of aquatic fox nut. Mithila Makhana is cultivated in the Mithila region of Bihar and some parts of Nepal. It is the fifth product from Bihar after Bhagalpur's Jardalu Mango, Katarni Dhaan (rice), Nawada's Maghai Paan and Muzaffarpur's Shahi Litchi.**

7. Which Indian has been appointed to the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel?

- A. Alkesh Kumar Sharma ☒
- B. Nandan Nilekani
- C. K V Kamath
- D. Kris Gopalakrishnan



- ✓ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed senior Indian bureaucrat Alkesh Kumar Sharma to the inaugural Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel. He is among 10 distinguished digital governance experts selected from across the globe. He is a 1990 batch IAS officer from Rajasthan and a former Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat. He has earlier served the UNDP as the national project director for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

8. As per the National Family Health Survey 2019–'21, what is India's sex ratio at birth?

- A. 110
- B. 108 ☒
- C. 105
- D. 101



- ✓ As per a recent study by the think tank Pew Research Center, India's sex ratio at birth, the number of girl children born for every 100 boys, has normalised slightly. The data from the National Family Health Survey 2019–'21 shows that the sex ratio at birth narrowed from 109 boys per 100 girls in 2015–'16 to 108 boys per 100 girls in 2019–'21. The average annual number of baby girls 'missing' in India also fell from about 4.8 lakh in 2010 to 4.1 lakh in 2019.

9. Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant has commenced production in which Indian state/UT?

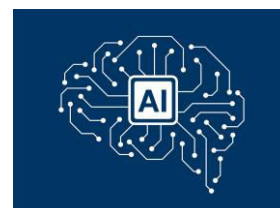
- A. Punjab ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant in the Sangrur district of Punjab has recently started commercial production. The Bio-gas is being supplied to the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) outlet. Punjab Energy Development Agency has allocated 42 additional CBG projects based on paddy straw and other agro-residue to prevent stubble burning.

10. Which country is the host of Global AI Summit?

- A. Australia
- B. Saudi Arabia ☒
- C. France
- D. Spain



- ✓ Saudi Arabia is set to organise the second edition of the Global AI Summit in September this year, under the theme 'Artificial Intelligence for the Good of Humanity'. The upcoming event will be participated by experts from government agencies and major technology companies around the world. It will discuss a number of topics, with the aim of finding solutions to the current challenges and maximizing the use of the AI technologies.

1. What is the rank of India in the UNDP's Human Development Index 2021?

- A. 121  
B. 125  
C. 129  
D. 132 ☒

# 132

- ✓ India ranked 132<sup>nd</sup> among 191 countries and territories in the 2021 Human Development Index (HDI). As per a report by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), decline in the country's performance from its previous level due to a fall in life expectancy. In the 2020 report, India had ranked 131<sup>st</sup> among 189 countries and territories.

2. Which sportsperson of India recently became 'Diamond League Champion'?

- A. P V Sindhu  
B. Neeraj Chopra ☒  
C. H S Prannoy  
D. Hima Das



- ✓ Neeraj Chopra created history when he became the first Diamond Trophy winner from India, with a throw of 88.44 metre. Chopra had earlier won the Lausanne Diamond League with an 89.08-meter throw. He recorded 89.30m at Paavo Nurmi Games, while he clinched a historic silver medal at the World Championships in July.

3. Which businessperson was ranked first in the Fortune India's list of 'India's Richest' for 2022?

- A. Mukesh Ambani  
B. Gautam Adani ☒  
C. Cyrus Poonawala  
D. Adi Godrej



- ✓ According to a Fortune India's list of 'India's Richest' for 2022, Gautam Adani was ranked first with the wealth of Rs 10.29 trillion. The wealth of 142 billionaires based in India is collectively worth USD 832 billion (Rs 66.36 trillion). Asia's richest man Gautam Adani recently overtook Amazon founder Jeff Bezos to become the third richest person in the world, according to Forbes real-time billionaires list.

4. Which state launched a multi-purpose online portal called 'Residents Safety and Security Act'?

- A. West Bengal  
B. Meghalaya ☒  
C. Sikkim  
D. Odisha

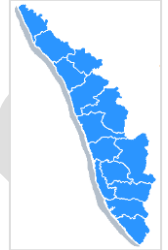




- ✓ The Meghalaya Government launched a multi-purpose online portal 'Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA)'. The digitisation process would connect more than 6,000 villages and localities across Meghalaya to the online system. This aims to ensure the safety and security of the residents, gathering intelligence inputs for better delivery of numerous government services.

5. Which state/UT is set to build the country's first 'Education Township'?

- A. Kerala ☒
- B. Karnataka
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government has announced that it is set to build an education township in the state. The move will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place. It will also provide accommodation and other facilities to students and teachers.

6. Prime Minister inaugurated Asia's biggest private hospital in which state/UT?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Haryana ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Amrita hospital in Haryana's Faridabad. It has been constructed over a period of six years with funding from the Mata Amritanandmayi Math. The hospital with 81 specialities is claimed to be the largest private hospital in the country and Asia, when completed. It has a dedicated seven-storey research block and eight centres of excellence.

7. Which institution has developed a fermentation method to produce a sugar substitute called 'Xylitol'?

- A. IISc Bengaluru
- B. IIT Guwahati ☒
- C. IIT Madras
- D. NIT Warangal



- ✓ IIT Guwahati researchers have developed an ultrasound-assisted fermentation method to produce a sugar substitute called 'Xylitol'. It is developed from sugarcane bagasse, the residue left after crushing of sugar cane. The product also overcomes the limitations of chemical methods of synthesis and the time delays associated with traditional method of fermentation. It also has potential anti-diabetic and anti-obesogenic effects.

8. Which state has launched its 'Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022'?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. West Bengal
- C. Odisha
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu has launched its Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022 at the Footwear & Leather Sector Conclave. The state accounts for 26 per cent of national leather manufacturing output and 48 per cent of exports. The policy will offer a special package for footwear and leather products (FLP) manufacture and incentives for FLP Design Studios. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin also laid the foundation stone for a 400-crore Mega Footwear Manufacturing Park at Ranipet.**

9. 'New India: Selected Writings 2014–19', which was released recently, is a book of compiled writings of which leader?

- A. Sushma Swaraj
- B. Arun Jaitley ☒
- C. Manohar Parrikar
- D. Atal Bihari Vajpayee



- ✓ **Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu launched a book titled 'New India: Selected Writings 2014–19'. It has articles penned by Arun Jaitley, who served as the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs of the Government of India from 2014 to 2019. The book was launched on the BJP leader's third death anniversary.**

10. Who received the 2022 UNESCO Peace Prize in recognition of efforts to welcome refugees?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Angela Merkel ☒
- D. Volodymyr Zelensky



- ✓ **German Chancellor Angela Merkel received the 2022 UNESCO Peace Prize 'in recognition of her efforts to welcome refugees'. Merkel received the Félix Houphout-Boigny-UNESCO Peace Prize for her 'courageous' decision to welcome more than 1.2 million migrants in 2015, particularly those from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Eritrea.**

1. Which Union Ministry organised the 'EU–India Green Hydrogen Forum'?

- A. Ministry of Power
- B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ☒
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



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RENEWABLE ENERGY**

- ✓ **The first EU–India Green Hydrogen Forum was organized jointly by the Delegation of the European Union and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. It was launched in cooperation with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Hydrogen Europe. The event brought together EU–India businesses to discuss joint projects on hydrogen and international hydrogen trade.**

2. Which state has set up a Committee on Uniform Civil Code headed by judge Ranjana Prakash Desai?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand ☒
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **A committee headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai was set up by the Uttarakhand government to prepare a draft of Uniform Civil Code. The Committee has recently launched a web portal to invite feedback and suggestions from people. People of the state can log into the portal and share their suggestions, grievances and complaints.**

3. Qimingxing–50 is the name of first fully solar–powered unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) of which country?

- A. Japan
- B. Israel
- C. China ☒
- D. South Korea



- ✓ **China has successfully tested its first fully solar–powered unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). Named 'Qimingxing–50', the UAV can fly for months and can function even as a satellite if required. It is the first large–sized UAV powered only by solar energy. This technology will promote China's Defence prowess. It can also be used in the field of renewable energy and aeronautical engineering.**

4. Which state is the host of first 'National Conference on Sustainable Coastal Management in India'?

- A. Goa
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Kerala
- D. Odisha ☒



- ✓ Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the first National Conference on Sustainable Coastal Management in India in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The Conference was focused on enhancing climate resilience of India's coastal communities. It was attended by officials from all 13 coastal states of India with focus on the three interrelated themes of coastal and marine biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation and coastal pollution.

5. India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' was inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Odisha
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Bihar ☒



- ✓ Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' on the Falgu River. It is a vast stretch of sand dunes. He also inaugurated the steel foot over bridge for the convenience of visitors who visit during Pitripaksha Mela. "The dam has been built at an estimated cost of Rs 324crore with the guidance from IIT (Roorkee).

6. Which country launched the world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains?

- A. India
- B. USA
- C. China
- D. Germany ☒



- ✓ Germany launched the world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains, replacing 15 diesel trains that previously operated on non-electrified tracks. The 14 trains use hydrogen fuel cells to generate electricity under the USD 92 million project. The trains manufactured by French company Alstom are operated by a regional rail company.

7. India's first 3D-printed post office is set to come up in which city?

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru ☒
- C. Cochin
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ IIT Guwahati researchers have developed an ultrasound-assisted fermentation method to produce a sugar substitute called 'Xylitol'. It is developed from sugarcane bagasse, the residue left after crushing of sugar cane. The product also overcomes the limitations of chemical methods of synthesis and the time delays associated with traditional method of fermentation. It also has potential anti-diabetic and anti-obesogenic effects.

8. Which is the venue of the fourth edition of the India Clean Air Summit (ICAS)?

- A. New Delhi  
B. Gandhi Nagar  
C. Bengaluru ☒  
D. Jaipur



- ✓ The fourth edition of the India Clean Air Summit (ICAS) began in Bengaluru. The summit has been organised by think-tanks Centre for Air Pollution Studies (CAPS) and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP). Several experts from different parts of the world are set to discuss an integrated approach to resolve air pollution and climate change.

9. Which subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) has been amalgamated with BPCL?

- A. Bharat Gas Resources Limited ☒  
B. Bharat Petroresources Limited  
C. Petronet LNG Limited  
D. Indraprastha Gas Limited



- ✓ Bharat Gas Resources Ltd (BGRL), a 100 per cent subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), has been amalgamated with the parent. The order approving the amalgamation was issued by the Corporate Affairs Ministry. The scheme of amalgamation has become effective on August 16.

10. Arjun Erigaisi, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Kabaddi  
B. Tennis  
C. Chess ☒  
D. Basketball



- ✓ India's Grand Master Arjun Erigaisi won the Abu Dhabi Masters chess title by scoring two back-to-back victories. As per the live ranking, Arjun is placed at a career-best 24<sup>th</sup> and third among Indians behind Viswanathan Anand (12<sup>th</sup>) and D Gukesh (20<sup>th</sup>).



1. Which Indian city is the host of 'National Defence MSME Conclave and Exhibition'?

- A. Gandhi Nagar
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Kota ☒
- D. Visakhapatnam



- ✓ The two-day National Defence MSME Conclave and Exhibition was recently inaugurated in Kota, Rajasthan. The Conclave is being organized for the first time in the state. Several defence equipment including T-90 and BMP-2 tanks, artillery guns, sniper and machine guns and military bridges are displayed in the exhibition. Many start-ups and MSMEs are displaying their products.

2. Who is the winner of the US Open Tennis Tournament 2022?

- A. Casper Ruud
- B. Carlos Alcaraz ☒
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Rafael Nadal



- ✓ Spanish teenage Tennis player Carlos Alcaraz beat Norway's Casper Ruud in the US Open final to claim his maiden Grand Slam title. After his first ever appearance at major final, the young player rose to the top of the world rankings. The 19-year-old player has won six ATP Tour singles titles and two Masters 1000 titles.

3. Which Indian Armed Force conducted the 'Parvat Prahar' Exercise?

- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Army ☒
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police



- ✓ The Indian Army is conducting a 20-day long exercise named Parvat Prahar. It is conducted amid the disengagement process between India and China in the Gogra-Hot Springs area on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande reviewed exercise Parvat Prahar. The disengagement process follows the talks between the corps commanders of India and China.

4. Where was the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 held?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Greater Noida ☒
- C. Amritsar
- D. Nainital



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 in Greater Noida. Indian dairy industry accounts for about 23% of global milk, producing around 210 million tonnes annually. Various schemes have led to an increase of milk production by more than 44% in the last eight years.

5. India recently pulled out of which pillar of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)?

- A. Fair Economy Pillar  
B. Trade Pillar ☒  
C. Clean Economy Pillar  
D. Supply Chains Pillar



- ✓ India pulled out of the trade-related negotiations of the United States-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal confirmed India's decision of not joining the trade pillar of IPEF. The IPEF Ministerial Meet was recently hosted by the United States.

6. Which states top the country in terms of food-grain production, as per recent data?

- A. Punjab and Uttar Pradesh  
B. Punjab and Haryana ☒  
C. Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal  
D. Punjab and West Bengal



- ✓ As per recent data, Punjab and Haryana are among the top States in terms of food-grain production and yield. Uttar Pradesh and some western and southern States have the highest production of non-food grains. Foodgrain includes rice, wheat, pulses and coarse cereals while non-foodgrains include oilseeds, cotton, sugarcane and jute. The net sown area has reduced in Odisha, Maharashtra and Bihar, while it has gone up in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh.

7. Which Indian company has partnered with UNESCO to promote the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India?

- A. Tata Consultancy Services  
B. Royal Enfield ☒  
C. Reliance Industries  
D. Mahindra and Mahindra



- ✓ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and India's leading Motorcycle brand Royal Enfield have partnered to promote and safeguard the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, starting with the Himalayas. India is one of the 178 countries to have adopted the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre' in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Punjab ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Telangana



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre' in Punjab's Mohali district. Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to treat all types of cancers. The hospital has been built at a cost of over ₹660 crore by Tata Memorial Centre.

9. What is the name of India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-1)?

- A. Vikram
- B. Vikrant ☒
- C. Karikalan
- D. Rajendran



- ✓ The Indian Navy has announced that India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-1) will be commissioned on September 2. As per the Navy, the warship will be christened 'Vikrant' and it will mark a milestone of realisation of Nation's commitment towards self-reliance. The ship was first launched in August 2013 while the sea trials began in August 2021.

10. How many tribal districts have been selected for focused interventions to eradicate TB?

- A. 25
- B. 50
- C. 75 ☒
- D. 100



- ✓ The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Central TB Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have now selected 75 tribal districts, for focused interventions to eradicate Tuberculosis. This decision has been taken after door-to-door TB screening of over 68,000 villages in tribal districts held over the past six months.

1. What is the retail inflation in August in India, as per the official data?

- A. 6.5%
- B. 7.0% ☒
- C. 7.5%
- D. 8.0%



- ✓ India's retail inflation rose to 7% in August from 6.71% in July due to higher food prices. The consumer price index-based inflation is above the RBI's target level of 6% for the eighth month in a row. As per the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), India's industrial production rose 2.4% in July, while the IIP had grown 11.5% in July 2021. Food inflation soared as prices of essential crops like wheat, rice and pulses were driven higher.

2. FAO and World Food Program warned recently about acute food insecurity in which neighbouring country of India?

- A. Myanmar
- B. Sri Lanka ☒
- C. Nepal
- D. Afghanistan



- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) warned in a new report that around 6.3 million people in Sri Lanka are facing moderate to severe acute food insecurity. Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM) report also warned that their situation is expected to worsen if adequate life-saving assistance and livelihood support is not provided.

3. India is set to reintroduce Cheetahs from Namibia in which National Park?

- A. Kuno Palpur National Park ☒
- B. Jim Corbett National Park
- C. Ranthambore National Park
- D. Kaziranga National Park



- ✓ India is set to re-introduce Cheetahs from South Africa's Namibia in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno Palpur National Park. After the Cheetahs arrive in the National Park, they will stay in smaller enclosures during the quarantine phase before being shifted to the bigger ones. Cheetahs went extinct in India in 1952 and the 'African Cheetah Introduction Project in India' was started in 2009.



4. Which organisation in its report stated that 50 million people worldwide are stuck in 'modern slavery'?

- A. FAO      B. IMF  
C. ILO ☒      D. WEF



International  
Labour  
Organization

- ✓ The United Nations' International Labour Organization (ILO) released a report, in which it stated that 50 million people worldwide are stuck in 'modern slavery'. The number of people trapped in forced labour or forced marriage and other crises has rose by one fifth in recent years to about 50 million on a single day. The study was conducted along with the Walk Free Foundation.

5. What is the share of government health expenditure in GDP in 2018–19?

- A. 0.85 %  
B. 1.01 %  
C. 1.28 % ☒  
D. 2.0 %



- ✓ As per the findings of the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India for 2018–19, there has been an increase in the share of government health expenditure in the total GDP of the country. The share has increased from 1.15% in 2013–14 to 1.28% in 2018–19. In 2017–18, it was at 1.35 %. The share of Government Health Expenditure in Total Health Expenditure has also increased in 2018–19 at 40.6%.

6. India signed a MoU with which country on interim water of the Kushiya River?

- A. Bangladesh ☒  
B. Nepal  
C. Myanmar  
D. Pakistan



- ✓ India and Bangladesh held the meeting of the Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) in New Delhi where the countries finalised MoU on interim water of the Kushiya River. The meeting was held after 12 years of long gap, according to a statement released by Ministry of Jal Shakti. Both sides welcomed the finalization of the design and location of water intake point on the Feni River to meet the drinking water needs of Tripura's Sabroom town.

7. Which country has spotted Carbon di oxide in the atmosphere of an exo-planet?

- A. China      B. USA ☒  
C. Australia      D. Israel





- ✓ The James Webb Space Telescope has spotted carbon dioxide in the atmosphere of a planet in another solar system. The finding marks the first detailed scientific result published from the new telescope. It also shows new possibilities of finding the same greenhouse gas in the atmospheres of smaller, rockier planets that are similar to the Earth.

8. Who is the first Indian sportsperson to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title?

- A. P V Sindhu  
B. Dhanalakshmi  
C. Neeraj Chopra ☒  
D. Hima Das



- ✓ Tokyo Olympics Gold medallist Neeraj Chopra has won the javelin throw competition at the Lausanne Diamond League. With the best throw of 89.08 metre, Neeraj became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title. The League is an annual series of elite track and field athletic competitions. Neeraj has been qualified for the Diamond League Finals at Switzerland and also qualified for the 2023 World Championships.

9. Dr. Asghar Wajahat, who was conferred with the Vyas Samman Award, is a writer of which language?

- A. Urdu  
B. Hindi ☒  
C. Kannada  
D. Gujarati



- ✓ The 31<sup>st</sup> Vyas Samman Award was conferred to Hindi writer Dr. Asghar Wajahat in New Delhi. He has been chosen for the prestigious award for his play Mahabali focused on Mughal emperor Akbar and poet Tulsidas. The Vyas Samman is given by K K Birla Foundation for outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.

10. 'Vajra Prahar 2022' is a Defence Exercise held between India and which country?

- A. France  
B. Japan  
C. USA ☒  
D. Australia



- ✓ The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the India–US Joint Special Forces Exercise Vajra Prahar 2022 was carried out at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh. The exercise includes training in Air Borne Operations, Special Operations and Counter Terrorism operations. This annual exercise is hosted alternatively between India and the United States. The 12th edition was conducted at Washington (US) in 2021.

1. Who is the head of the Committee constituted by the Finance Ministry to address issues faced by venture capital (VC) and private equity (PE)?

- A. Ajay Tyagi
- B. Mahalingam
- C. M Damodaran ☒
- D. Subash Chandra Garg



- ✓ The Finance Ministry constituted an expert committee headed by former SEBI chief M. Damodaran to examine and suggest measures to address regulatory issues to scale up investments by venture capital (VC) and private equity (PE). Other members of the committee include G Mahalingam, former whole-time member of SEBI and executive director of RBI; representatives from CBIC; Income tax Department; NCAER among others. FY23 budget proposed to set up such a committee.

2. How many drugs are included in the 'National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)'?

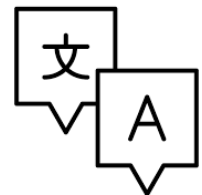
- A. 84
- B. 184
- C. 284
- D. 384 ☒

384

- ✓ Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched National Lists of Essential Medicines (NLEM) 2022. NLEM ensures accessibility of affordable quality medicines and helps in reduction in Out-of-Pocket Expenditure on healthcare for the citizens. 384 drugs have been included in this list with addition of 34 drugs, while 26 from the previous list have been dropped.

3. Which city is the host of 'All-India Official Language Conference' held in 2022?

- A. Surat ☒
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Pune



- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah participated in the All-India Official Language Conference in Gujarat's Surat. The conference is being organised on the occasion of Hindi Day, which is celebrated annually on September 14 across the country.

4. Which planet disappeared from sight on Sep.14, due to a phenomenon called 'Lunar occultation'?

- A. Mercury
- B. Venus
- C. Uranus ☒
- D. Saturn



- ✓ The sixth planet from the sun, Uranus appeared to pass directly behind Earth's moon, going out of sight for three and a half hours. The disappearing act is also known as the lunar occultation of Uranus. Only viewers in Europe, northern Africa and western Asia were at the exact right angle to see the phenomenon.

5. 'Swachh Sagar' portal, which was recently launched, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Union Ministry of Earth Sciences ☒
- B. Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Union Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Union Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ Union Minister for Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh unveiled a dedicated website to give further boost to the ongoing Coastal Clean-Up campaign. The awareness campaign 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' will culminate on 'International Coastal Clean-up Day'. Dr. Singh also launched the campaign Logo-Vasuki, as a part of ongoing pan-India Coastal Clean-Up campaign.

6. The Indian Coast Guard conducted 'SAREX-22' National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise in which city?

- A. Chennai ☒
- B. Mumbai
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Thoothukudi



- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted the 10<sup>th</sup> National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 in Chennai. ICG Dornier planes demonstrated ways of rescuing passengers from ships and aircraft during emergencies. The theme of this edition of the biennial exercise is "Capacity Building towards Marine Passenger Safety".

7. The world's longest branch canal in the world has been inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A. Himachal Pradesh      B. Assam  
C. Kerala      D. Gujarat ☒



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Narmada canal that will bring water to Kutch from the Narmada Sarovar dam in south Gujarat. The 357.18-km long Kutch Branch Canal (KBC) that stretched from the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Dam in Narmada district, to the last of the villages of Gujarat's Mandvi taluka. Built at the cost of Rs 6493 crore, KBC has been claimed as the longest branch canal in the world.

8. National Cancer Grid (NCG) is an initiative of the Government of India through which department?

- A. Department of Atomic Energy ☒  
B. Department of Science and Technology  
C. Department of Health and Family Welfare  
D. Department of Health and Research



- ✓ The National Cancer Grid (NCG) is an initiative of the Government of India through the Department of Atomic Energy and its grant-in-aid institution, the Tata Memorial Centre. The National Cancer Grid (NCG) has recently established the Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (KCDO) to promote use of digital technologies and tools to improve cancer care across India. NCG has over 270 hospitals in its network across India, at present.

9. The Indian Army began the reconstruction of the 150-year-old Bailey Bridge over the Sukhtawa River in which state?

- A. Maharashtra      B. Madhya Pradesh ☒  
C. Karnataka      D. Assam



- ✓ The Indian Army began the reconstruction of the 150-year-old Bailey Bridge over the Sukhtawa River, which collapsed earlier in April. It is on the Bhopal –Nagpur Highway. The Army is using the technique, which is used to build bridges in hilly areas. The bridge will be 93 feet long and 10.50 feet wide. It will be very strong and can sustain even 40 tonnes of weight.

10. 'The Centre for Medical Skills for paramedical staff' is set to come up in which state/UT?

- A. Assam      B. Sikkim  
C. Meghalaya ☒      D. West Bengal



- ✓ 'The Centre for Medical Skills for paramedical staff' is set to come up at Babadam in West Garo Hills of Meghalaya. The Meghalaya Cabinet approved the construction of Centre that will be built at the cost of Rs 152 crores. The Medical Skill Hunar Hub will have space for 2500 students with several facilities including hostel, Pharmaceutical College, Paramedical College and Skill Development Centre.

1. Which country is the host of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2022?

- A. India
- B. Kazakhstan ☒
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Uzbekistan



- ✓ The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit is being held in Samarkand in Uzbekistan. It is SCO's first in-person summit in after two years. The summit will also see the participation of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The meeting aims to deliberate on regional security challenges, boosting trade and energy supplies among other issues.

2. Shoonya Campaign, which was seen in the news, is aimed at which process?

- A. Reduce Air Pollution by banning crackers
- B. Reduce Air Pollution by using Evs ☒
- C. Promote Rain Water Harvesting
- D. Promote Afforestation



- ✓ Shoonya is an awareness campaign to reduce air pollution by promoting the use of electric vehicles (EVs) for ride-hailing and deliveries. NITI Aayog held a forum to commemorate the one-year anniversary of Shoonya, India's zero pollution e-mobility campaign. During the event, the National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Energy Storage report was also launched.

3. Which Indian zoological park tops the Central Zoo Authority's recent rankings?

- A. Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai
- B. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling ☒
- C. Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru
- D. Thiruvananthapuram Zoo



- ✓ As per the list released by the Central Zoo Authority based on management and effectiveness, the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling was given the highest percentage of 83. The Red Panda is one of the top attractions of the Zoo, besides Himalayan Black Bear, Snow Leopard, Goral and Himalayan Thar. The Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Chennai has secured the second position, followed by the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens in Mysore.



4. Which country is the host of FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. UAE
- C. India ☒
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ The Union Cabinet of India approved the Signing of Guarantees for hosting Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Under 17 Women's World Cup 2022 in India.
- ✓ The prestigious FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup will be held for the first time in India between 11 and 30 October, 2022. India had earlier hosted the FIFA Under-17 Men's World Cup 2017. The matches will be played in Navi Mumbai, Goa and Bhubaneswar while teams from 16 countries will participate in the event.

5. Which country is the host of the World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022?

- A. Spain
- B. Germany
- C. Denmark ☒
- D. Hungary



- ✓ International Water Association (IWA) World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022 is hosted by Copenhagen, Denmark. The Indian Delegation launched a Whitepaper on 'Urban Wastewater Scenario in India' at the International Exhibition. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, Ministry of Jal Shakti and National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), international agency Innovation Centre Denmark (ICDK) and academia Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) prepared the whitepaper.

6. Which Indian state/UT launched the 'Mahila Nidhi', loan scheme for social and economic development of women through loans?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched 'Mahila Nidhi', a loan scheme for the social and economic development of women through loans. The scheme was launched on the occasion of Women's Equality Day. Under the scheme, easy credit will be available to women for starting new businesses and expanding their business. In the state budget 2022-23, the government announced to set up 'Mahila Nidhi' through Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council.

7. Which pharma company launched India's first indigenously developed qHPV against cervical cancer?

- A. Dr Reddy's Lab                      B. Serum Institute of India ☒
- C. Biocon                                  D. Bharat Biotech



- ✓ The Department of Biotechnology in partnership with the Serum Institute of India is set to launch India's first indigenously developed Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV) against cervical cancer. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), India accounts for about a fifth of the global burden for cervical cancer with 1.23 lakh cases and around 67,000 deaths every year.

8. 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah' is observed every year during which month?

- A. July                                      B. August
- C. September ☒                      D. December



- ✓ India observes National Nutrition Week from September 1 to September 7 every year to raise awareness about the importance of consuming nutritious food.
- ✓ Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 across the nation from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September. This year, the objective of the 'Poshan Maah' is to celebrate 'Poshan Maah' through Gram Panchayats as Poshan Panchayats with key focus on 'Mahila aur Swasthya' and 'Bacha aur Shiksha'.

9. Who is the author of the book "Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence"?

- A. K V Kamath                      B. Urjit Patel
- C. Ashutosh Ranavikar ☒                      D. Arundhati Bhattacharya



- ✓ Dr Ashutosh Ranavikar, Director in the DEPR of RBI has authored a book titled "Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence". The books attempt to capture developments in the Indian banking sector over the last 75 years. It describes how the banking sector displayed great resilience during South-East Asian crisis of the late '90s, global meltdown of 2008, the taper-tantrums of 2013–14 among other crises.

10. What is the name of the national single-window source for all assessment-related information of education boards?

- A. NIPUN                      B. STARS
- C. PARAKH ☒                      D. KALAM



- ✓ PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) was announced in the National Educational Policy (NEP). The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and the state education boards are collaborating to draw up a 'benchmark framework' to bring uniformity across state and central boards. PARAKH will be the national single-window source for all assessment-related information. It will oversee the periodic tests like the National Achievement Survey (NAS) and State Achievement Survey.

1. 'The Green Fins Hub', the first-ever global marine tourism industry platform, is associated with which institution?

- A. WEF
- B. IMF
- C. UNEP ☒
- D. UNICEF



- ✓ **The Green Fins Hub is the first-ever global marine tourism industry platform. The tool has been developed by The Reef-World Foundation in partnership with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The tool helps to overcome sustainability challenges in the marine conservation tourism industry. It helps operators to make simple changes to their daily practices, keep track of their annual improvements and communicate with their communities and customers.**

2. Roger Federer, the veteran Tennis player, represents which country?

- A. France
- B. Switzerland ☒
- C. Serbia
- D. Italy



- ✓ **Roger Federer, regarded as one of the greatest Tennis players in the world, announced that he is retiring from professional tennis at age 41. The former World No. 1 from Switzerland announced that the upcoming edition of the Laver Cup will be his final ATP tournament. Federer has played more than 1500 matches over 24 years, winning 20 Grand Slam titles. He became the oldest World No. 1 at the age of 36 in 2018.**

3. Which state has announced India's first 'Breakfast scheme for government school students'?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Telangana



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin launched the breakfast scheme for government school students from class 1 to 5 in Madurai. The Chief Minister announced that several studies have concluded that breakfast programmes led to improvement in learning skills and school attendance. The first-ever noon meal scheme was launched in 1922 in Chennai by the Justice Party, the precursor to the Dravidian movement.**

#### 4. Which institution organised the 'ANGAN 2022' Conference?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Bureau of Energy Efficiency ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Central Board of Indirect Taxes



- ✓ The second edition of the international conference ANGAN 2022 (Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat) was recently held on the title "Making the Zero-Carbon Transition in Buildings". ANGAN 2.0 is being organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, in collaboration with Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC) under the Indo-Swiss Building Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP). The Conference had discussions related to building energy efficiency and reducing carbon emission from buildings.

#### 5. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers ☒
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, more than 8,700 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras have been opened across the country. They sell quality generic medicines, surgical equipment in affordable prices. It is implemented by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers said in a statement. The government recently launched diabetes drug Sitagliptin and its combinations at rates as low as Rs 60 per pack of ten, at Janaushadhi Kendras.

#### 6. Which state launched the, 'CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana'?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched 'CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana', on the occasion of National Sports Day. Under the scheme, 1950 boys and 1950 girls will be given sports scholarships. Chief Minister Sports Development Fund will be established to give financial benefits while Malchang game will also be included in the game policy.

7. Which Indian air carrier has joined a sustainable initiative spearheaded by the World Economic Forum?

- A. Air India                      B. IndiGo ☒
- C. Spicejet                      D. Vistara



- ✓ India's air carrier IndiGo has joined a sustainable initiative spearheaded by the World Economic Forum (WEF). The airline has become a signatory to the 'Clear Skies for Tomorrow', India Coalition campaign. The 'Clean Skies for Tomorrow' launched in 2019, provides a mechanism for top executives and public leaders, for transition to sustainable aviation fuels.

8. Dugar Hydroelectric Project, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Assam
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Telangana



- ✓ State-owned hydro power major NHPC has signed an agreement with the Himachal Pradesh government for the implementation of 500 MW Dugar Hydroelectric Project. Earlier, a MoU for 449 MW Dugar Hydro Electric Project was signed between NHPC and government of Himachal Pradesh. Dugar Hydroelectric Project is expected to generate 1,759.85 million units in a year.

9. When is the 'National Small Industry Day' is observed?

- A. August.27                      B. August.30 ☒
- C. September.27                      D. September.30



- ✓ Every year, the National Small Industry Day is observed on August 30 in India. The Ministry of Small-Scale Industries declared this day as National Small Industry Day in 2001. The day is celebrated to encourage the development of small-scale businesses for the economic development of the country. This was an initiative by the Government of India which made for the growth of small-scale industries in the country.

10. Mikhail Gorbachev, who passed away recently, was a former President of which country?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Russia ☒
- C. Belarus
- D. Bulgaria



- ✓ Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the former Soviet Union from 1985 until 1991, has passed away at the age of 91. In 1986, Gorbachev made a historic proposal to eliminate all long-range missiles held by the United States and the Soviet Union. It was the beginning of the end of the Cold War. He was also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.



1. What is India's logistics cost as a proportion of GDP, as of 2022?

- A. 9–10 %
- B. 13–14 % ☒
- C. 15–16 %
- D. 19–20 %



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Logistics Policy (NLP), which aims to promote seamless movement of goods across the country, by reducing logistics cost. It also aims to improve its competitiveness of Indian goods in domestic as well as global markets. India's logistics cost as a proportion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is estimated to be around 13–14 per cent.

2. Which country is the host of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2023?

- A. India ☒
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Pakistan
- D. China



- ✓ Uzbekistan handed over the rotating presidency of the eight-member Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to India in Samarkand. The SCO has eight full members, including its six founding members, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India and Pakistan joined as full members in 2017.

3. Vigyan Pragati, which received the National Rajbhasha Kirti Award, is a science magazine released by which institution?

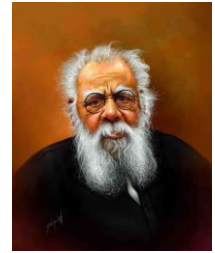
- A. ISRO
- B. BARC
- C. CSIR ☒
- D. AIIMS



- ✓ Vigyan Pragati is a popular science magazine released by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The magazine has received the National Rajbhasha Kirti Award at the Second All India Rajbhasha Sammelan held at Surat from Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs. 'Vigyan Pragati' magazine aims at communicating Science and Technology to the masses in simple language.

4. Which state celebrates 'Social Justice Day' on the birthday of reformist leader E V Ramasamy (Periyar)?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ Tamil Nadu government celebrates the birthday of reformist leader E V Ramasamy (Periyar) as 'Social Justice Day' in the state. On that day every year, employees in all government offices including the State Secretariat would take pledges to follow values based on the leader's ideals which include, brotherhood, equality, self-respect and rationalism.

5. Which institution leads the Coastal Clean-up Day Campaign in India?

- A. NCC
- B. Indian Coast Guard ☒
- C. Indian Navy
- D. NSS



- ✓ The International Coastal Clean-up Day (ICC) is observed worldwide on the third Saturday of September. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has led this campaign in India since 2006. This year, the Coast Guard cleaned beaches at 75 locations across the country as part of the International Coastal Clean-up Day and 'Swachh Sagar Abhiyan'. ICG's efforts align with the programme of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, 'Swachh Sagar-Surakshit Sagar.'

6. Which ship building company has been conferred with the Green Channel Certification by Ministry of Defence?

- A. Goa Shipyard
- B. Cochin Shipyard
- C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers ☒
- D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders



- ✓ Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE), has been conferred with the coveted Green Channel Certification by Ministry of Defence. It is one of the leading Public Sector Undertaking and Mini-Ratna Category 1 Shipyard. The certification was conferred for supply of Portable Steel Bridges (Bailey Type) of various configurations to Indian Army.

7. Which company has announced to build India's first and one of the world's largest Carbon Fibre plants at Hazira, Gujarat?

- A. TATA Power  
B. Reliance Industries ☒  
C. NTPC  
D. GAIL



- ✓ **Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani announced to build India's first and one of the world's largest Carbon Fibre plants at Hazira, Gujarat. The plant will have a capacity of 20,000 MTPA based on Acrylonitrile feedstock. Ambani announced an investment of ₹75,000 crore over the next five years to expand capacities in existing and new value chains including Polyester value chain, Vinyl chain, and New Materials.**

8. Which state/UT recorded the highest number of cybercrime incidents in 2021?

- A. Maharashtra  
B. Karnataka ☒  
C. Gujarat  
D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ **As per the data released by the National Crime Records Bureau, the number of cybercrime incidents in 2021 has gone up by 18.4 per cent since 2019. The number of such cases against women has risen at 28 per cent. Out of the 52,974 incidents reported in 2021, 20.2 per cent were reported as cases of crime against women. Karnataka had the highest share with 2,243 cases, followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.**

9. Which Union Ministry launched the 'GENESIS initiative'?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ☒  
C. Ministry of MSME  
D. Ministry of Education



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- ✓ **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched the Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups (GENESIS) initiative in July 2022, with an outlay of more than Rs 750 crore. Under the scheme, the central government will promote over 10,000 startups in the next five to six years. GENESIS is a National Deep-tech Startup Platform, to support and create successful startups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities of India.**

10. Which state/UT approved the Handicrafts Policy-2022?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir  
B. Rajasthan ☒  
C. Himachal Pradesh  
D. Karnataka



- ✓ **The State cabinet of Rajasthan approved the Handicrafts Policy-2022 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. The objective of Rajasthan Handicrafts Policy 2022 is to empower 6 lakh craftsman and artisans across the state. Under the new policy National-level Handicrafts Week will be organised every year in December and artisans will be felicitated.**

1. 'District Disability Rehabilitation centre (DDRC)' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- B. Ministry of Law and Justice
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar virtually inaugurated 9 model District Disability Rehabilitation centres (DDRC), which had been upgrading to model DDRCs. DDRCs were established to provide effective rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities (PwDs) for the last twenty years.

2. Which city is the host of 'Global Clean Energy Action Forum'?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pittsburg ☒
- C. Paris
- D. Rome



- ✓ Union Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh is set to lead an Indian delegation at Global Clean Energy Action Forum at Pittsburg in the US. Ministers from over 30 countries will participate in the event to discuss ways to accelerate clean energy innovation and deployment.

3. Which state has announced to set up NITI Aayog-like state-level institution?

- A. Kerala
- B. Maharashtra ☒
- C. Telangana
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Maharashtra government has announced that it is planning to set up an institution on the lines of NITI Aayog. The institution would be responsible to perform comprehensive data analysis and make decisions on various sectors in the state. NITI Aayog has also carried out an extensive study on similar issues and developed a tool, where inter-related data from various departments is analysed for a better decision-making process.

4. As of 2022, which country is the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka?

- A. China
- B. India ☒
- C. Australia
- D. USA



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- ✓ India has become the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka by disbursing a total of USD 968 million in loans in four months of 2022, surpassing China. China has maintained its position as the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka in the past five years from 2017 to 2021. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been the largest multilateral lender in the past five years by disbursing an amount of USD 610 million in 2021.

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5. Who is the first Indian to win four medals at World Wrestling Championships?

- A. Vinesh Phogat  
B. Bajrang Punia ☒  
C. Babita Kumari  
D. Gita Phogat



- ✓ India's Bajrang Punia recently won bronze in men's 65 kg category at World Wrestling Championships in Belgrade. With this medal, Bajrang Punia becomes first Indian to win four medals at world wrestling championships. He won bronze in 2013, silver in 2018 and bronze in 2019. Another Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat captured a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category.

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6. What is the theme of the 'World Coconut Day 2022'?

- A. Growing coconut for a better future and life ☒  
B. Nutritional benefits of Coconut  
C. Sustainable Nature of Coconut  
D. Consuming Coconut and Eradicating Malnutrition



- ✓ September 2 is observed as World Coconut Day across the world. This year's theme for World Coconut Day is 'Growing coconut for a better future and life. Coconuts are some of the most popular and versatile food product in the world. This day highlights the significance of coconuts in our daily lives and its benefits for health.

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7. Ramon Magsaysay Awards are associated with which field?

- A. Journalism  
B. Social Service ☒  
C. Sports  
D. Theatre Art



- ✓ Ramon Magsaysay Award is also regarded as Asia's version of the Nobel Prize. Named after the late Philippine president, it is presented annually to individuals or organizations in Asia who undertakes selfless service and transformational actions. This year's award has been presented to four people across the world for their selfless service to the people of Asia.



8. Alappuzha, which recently became a fully digital banking district, is in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Alappuzha has become the fifth fully digital banking district in the State of Kerala. This was declared by Reserve Bank of India (RBI). As part of the initiative, at least one digital transaction facility, such as debit-credit card, Internet banking, mobile banking, UPI etc, has been enabled in 26 lakh bank accounts in 29 banks in the district. Banking services in Thrissur, Kottayam, Palakkad and Kasaragod have already become digital.

9. Who is the head of the restructured SEBI its high-level panel on cyber security (September 2022)?

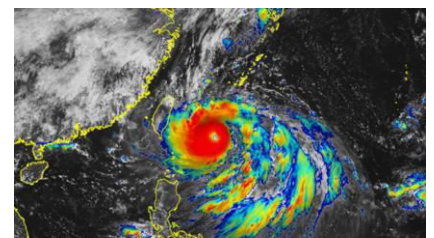
- A. Navin Kumar Singh ☒
- B. Ajay Tyagi
- C. Nandan Nilekani
- D. Subhash Chandra Garg



- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has restructured its high-level panel on cyber security. The committee, which has now six members, will be chaired by Navin Kumar Singh, DG at National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC). The Steering committee has been given the task of overseeing and providing guidance on cyber security initiatives for SEBI as well as for the capital market.

10. Which country is hit by the strongest tropical storm of 2022, dubbed Super Typhoon 'Hinnamnor'?

- A. China
- B. Philippines
- C. Japan ☒
- D. New Zealand



- ✓ The strongest tropical storm of 2022, dubbed Super Typhoon 'Hinnamnor', has been moving across the western Pacific Ocean with wind speeds of up to 241 kilometres per hour. It was classified as the category 5 typhoon, the highest classification on the scale. The typhoon is expected to develop further, as it moves towards the Japanese islands. Japan's Meteorological Agency has warned of flooding, heavy downpour, landslides and thunderstorm warnings.

1. 'Maya', which was seen in the news, is the world's first cloning of which animal?

- A. Wild Arctic Wolf ☒
- B. One-horned Rhino
- C. Lion-tailed Macaque
- D. Great Indian Bustard



- ✓ A Beijing-based gene firm successfully cloned a wild Arctic wolf for the first time in the world. The wild Arctic wolf is also called as the white wolf or polar wolf. The animal is native to the High Arctic tundra of Canada's Queen Elizabeth Islands.
- ✓ The cloning is regarded as a milestone achievement in conserving rare and endangered species. Maya's donor cell came from skin sample of wild female Arctic wolf, while its oocyte came from a female dog. Maya's surrogate mother is a beagle dog.

2. Which state has launched a web portal named 'CM Da Haisi' (Inform to CM)?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur ☒
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh recently launched a web portal named 'CM Da Haisi' (Inform to CM). It seeks to receive complaints and grievances from the general public. The complainants can also check the status of their complaints. The Public Grievances Redressal and Anti-Corruption Cell at CM Secretariat will also use the portal to collaborate with the concerned departments.

3. 'Astana' is the new Capital of which country?

- A. Turkmenistan
- B. Kazakhstan ☒
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Uzbekistan



- ✓ Kazakhstan's President Kassym Jomart Tokayev has signed a law limiting presidential terms and reverting to the old name of the country's capital to Astana. The bill extends presidential mandates to a seven-year term, from five. It also bars any president from running for a second term in office. The bill also reinstated the capital's name to Astana, whose name was changed to Nur-Sultan in 2019, in honour of outgoing President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

4. India, the UAE and France held their first trilateral Foreign Ministers' meeting in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Dubai
- C. New York ☒
- D. Paris



- ✓ India, the UAE and France held their first trilateral Foreign Ministers' meeting in New York on the sidelines of a UN General Assembly (UNGA) session. The Ministers discussed contemporary ways of doing diplomacy with a focus on active exchange of ideas between strategic partners and UNSC members. India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also met UN General Assembly President and had bilateral meetings with his counterparts from across the world.

5. Which Indian city is the host of 'Global Fintech Conference' in 2022?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Mumbai ☒
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ Global Fintech Fest is being organized by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the Payments Council of India (PCI) and the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC). It was attended by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. The finance minister called upon fintech industry to take advantage of opportunities in green finance for building a sustainable financial environment.

6. Where was the 'Thai Trade Expo' held in India in 2022?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Hyderabad ☒
- C. Mysuru
- D. Varanasi



- ✓ The Thai trade centre in Chennai launched its first trade expo in Hyderabad, with the aim to build stronger ties between Telangana and Thailand. The trade expo will focus on building business relations between Thai companies and Hyderabad business community. An MoU that was earlier signed between the Government of Telangana and the Ministry of Commerce, Thailand to increase bi-lateral trade.

7. Bhitarkanika National Park, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. West Bengal      B. Odisha ☒  
C. Bihar              D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **Bhitarkanika National Park is located in the state of Orissa. It houses several rare and endangered varieties of wildlife species. A record 3,700 saltwater crocodiles were born in Bhitarkanika National Park recently from 122 nests. As per reports, last year, around 2,500 crocodiles were born from 84 nests.**

8. Which country is the host of the multilateral command Exercise Vostok – 2022?

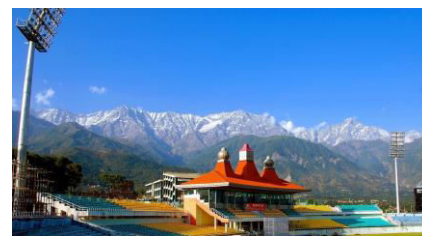
- A. China  
B. Russia ☒  
C. USA  
D. Australia



- ✓ **A multilateral strategic and command Exercise Vostok – 2022 has begun in Russia. The exercise is aimed at coordination among other participating military contingents and observers. The Indian Army contingent comprising of troops from 7/8 Gorkha Rifles undertakes joint drills including joint field training exercises, combat discussions, and firepower exercises.**

9. Dharamshala, where the Tibetan Democracy Day is celebrated, is located in which Indian state/UT?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh  
B. Himachal Pradesh ☒  
C. Sikkim  
D. Manipur



- ✓ **Tibetan Democracy Day is celebrated on September 2, to mark the inception of the Tibetan government-in-exile in Dharamshala. The Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), Tibetan government-in-exile in Dharamshala, governs over 1 lakh refugees across the world. It is the home of the Dalai Lama and all the Tibetans in exile. This year, the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Tibetan Democracy Day was celebrated.**

10. What is the name of the Hydrogen that is produced from a carbon-free nuclear power?

- A. Green Hydrogen      B. White Hydrogen  
C. Pink Hydrogen ☒      D. Orange Hydrogen



- ✓ **The Carbon-free hydrogen produced from a carbon-free nuclear power is referred as the Pink Hydrogen. Pink hydrogen can also be manufactured via electrolysis, where the electricity supplied by nuclear power plants. To manufacture green hydrogen, where electrolyzers are supplied by and electricity is supplied by a wind or solar farm.**



1. IHCI is a Hypertension Control Initiative launched by which country?

- A. USA
- B. India ☒
- C. Indonesia
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ **'India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)' is a hypertension intervention under the National Health Mission of India. It is a collaborative initiative of Union Health Ministry, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), state governments and World Health Organization–India. IHCI won the '2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award' was announced at the UN General Assembly side event.**

2. Which Union Ministry is associated with 'Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill'?

- A. Ministry of Law and Justice
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs ☒
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment



- ✓ **The Central government notified the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022, which would enable investigating Police Officers to collect the biometric details of prisoners. The law was passed by the Parliament in April 2022. The law also empowers a magistrate to order the documenting of measurements or photographs of a person during the probe of an offence.**

3. Which institution has unveiled a detailed framework for Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?

- A. RBI
- B. SEBI ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Union Finance Ministry



- ✓ **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has unveiled a detailed framework for Social Stock Exchange (SSE). It specifies minimum requirements for a Not-for-Profit Organisation (NPO) for registration and disclosure requirements. The capital markets regulator SEBI earlier notified rules for Social Stock Exchange (SSE) to provide social enterprises with an additional avenue to raise funds.**

4. SCALE App, which was launched recently, provides skill-development solutions for employees of which field?

- A. Textile
- B. Automobile
- C. Leather ☒
- D. Electronics





- ✓ Union Minister of Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan launched the SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) app. It provides a one-stop solution for skilling, learning, assessment, and employment needs of the leather industry. He launched the application during a visit to CSIR–Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai.

5. As per the recent Asian Development Outlook (ADO) update, what is the 2022–23 growth projection for India's economy?

- A. 8.2%                      B. 7.6%  
C. 7.0% ☒                      D. 6.8%



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently released a supplement to its Asian Development Outlook (ADO). As per the report, the 2022–23 growth projection for India's economy was slashed to 7% from 7.5% estimated in April. The report says that India's inflation has turned out to be more persistent than expected, and led to a sharp tightening in monetary policy, eroding consumers' purchasing power.

6. The United Nations has released a report on alleged human rights abuses in which country?

- A. India  
B. China ☒  
C. USA  
D. Australia



- ✓ China has responded to a United Nations report on alleged human rights abuses in its north-western Xinjiang region targeting Uyghurs and other mainly Muslim ethnic minorities. The report has been in the works for years and was released recently. The report claims that more than 1 million ethnic minority members were forcibly sent to re-education centers.

7. Jigyasa 2.0 program, which was seen in the news, recently is associated with which field?

- A. Finance  
B. Science and Technology ☒  
C. Sports  
D. Music



- ✓ 'Jigyasa for Renewable Fuel program' under Jigyasa 2.0 program was successfully organized for the school students of Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior at CSIR–Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun. The main objective of the program is to give an exposure to different technologies developed for the utilization of non-edible vegetable oils, used cooking oil and waste plastic to different types of fuels.

8. Which Indian state recently allowed the sale of locally made wine?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Mizoram ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Mizoram cabinet allowed the locally grown grapes to be processed as wine and sold in the market freely. Natural grapes are mainly grown in Champhai and Hnahlan areas in eastern Mizoram. The Chief Minister announced that the Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Draft Rules, 2022 should be continued to be implemented strictly in the state.

9. RBI is set to run the pilot projects for digitalisation of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) in which states?

- A. Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- B. Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh ☒
- D. Madhya Pradesh and Kerala



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India will run the pilot projects for digitalisation of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) lending from this month in the select districts of Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The project is being developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH). It aims to make KCC-based lending more efficient by reducing costs and turn-around time for borrowers, and improving credit flow to the rural population.

10. When is the National Teachers Day celebrated in India?

- A. September.05 ☒
- B. September.10
- C. September.15
- D. September.20



- ✓ Every year the Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 across India. It commemorates the birth anniversary of our first Vice President of India and the second President of India, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was born on September 5 in the year 1888. The Teachers' Day was first observed in the year 1962. World Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is an international day held annually on 5 October.

1. What is the upper limit of the 'UPI Lite' payment transaction?

- A. Rs.1000
- B. Rs.500
- C. Rs.200 ☒
- D. Rs.100



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das recently launched three key digital payment initiatives at the Global Fintech Fest 2022. The initiatives include RuPay Credit Card on UPI, UPI LITE, Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments. Through UPI Lite on BHIM App, users will be able to make small-value transactions in near-offline mode. The upper limit of a UPI Lite payment transaction will be ₹200.

2. When is the 'International Day of Sign Languages' observed every year?

- A. 20<sup>th</sup> September
- B. 23<sup>rd</sup> September ☒
- C. 25<sup>th</sup> September
- D. 27<sup>th</sup> September



- ✓ The UN General Assembly declared 23 September as the International Day of Sign Languages to raise awareness of importance of sign language in realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. It commemorates the day on which the World Federation of the Deaf was established in Rome in 1951. The International Day of Sign Languages was first celebrated in 2018 as part of the International Week of the Deaf.

3. Kigali Amendment, which was seen in the news, is related to which action?

- A. Increase Use of Electric Vehicles
- B. Reduction of hydrofluorocarbons ☒
- C. Increase Renewable Energy Consumption
- D. Phasing out Coal plants



- ✓ US Senate recently ratified Kigali Amendment to the 1987 Montreal Protocol on ozone pollution, to limit use of refrigerants.
- ✓ The international agreement requires participating nations to phase down production and use of hydrofluorocarbons, also known as HFCs, by 85% over the next 14 years. More than 130 countries, including China, India and Russia, have formally ratified the agreement.

4. 'Moonlighting', which was seen in the news, is related to which field?

- A. Space Science
- B. Employment ☒
- C. Psychology
- D. Finance



- ✓ Indian IT major Wipro has terminated the services of 300 employees, who were found to be working for its competitors simultaneously. The act is also called as 'Moonlighting'. Companies worry that this practice might create a conflict of interests, data breaches, and mis-use of company's Intellectual Property (IP) and assets.

5. 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. Ministry of Tourism ☒
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Communications



- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism had identified 15 tourist circuits under its Swadesh Darshan scheme including Ramayana Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Coastal Circuit and Desert Circuit among others. Union Tourism and Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy announced a special tourist train to cover the 'Ambedkar Circuit'.
- ✓ The train will visit key sites associated with Dr BR Ambedkar including Mhow (his birthplace called Dr. Ambedkar Nagar in Indore), London (where he resided and studied), Nagpur (also studied here), Delhi (where he passed away) and finally Mumbai (where he was cremated.)

6. Which Indian city was ranked second in the Asia Pacific region in the top tech hubs list?

- A. Bengaluru ☒
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ According to a report by Cushman and Wakefield, Bengaluru ranked second in the Asia Pacific region in the top tech hubs list and is only behind China's Beijing. The report titled 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate', studied 115 different 'tech cities' across the globe. Three other Indian cities, Chennai, Delhi and Hyderabad were in the next three ranks. Mumbai and Pune were at eighth and ninth position in a list of 14 cities from the APAC.

7. Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- A. France
- B. United Kingdom ☒
- C. Australia
- D. Germany



- ✓ **Leader of the Conservative Party Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. The 47-year-old leader beat her rival, former finance minister Rishi Sunak in an internal leadership contest of the ruling Conservative party, after Boris Johnson's resignation in July. Liz Truss will be only the UK's third female Prime Minister following Theresa May and Margaret Thatcher.**

8. What is the name of the mascot for the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games Ahmedabad?

- A. Sher
- B. Savaj ☒
- C. Vikas
- D. Leo



- ✓ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the mascot and the anthem for the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games in Ahmedabad. The mascot is named as 'Savaj' which means cub in Gujarati. The theme of the anthem is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. The National Games will be organised from September 29 to October 12, across six cities in the state.**

9. Which state inaugurated Schools of Excellence and Model Schools Scheme, based on the schools of Delhi?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **The Tamil Nadu government inaugurated the Schools of Excellence and Model Schools Scheme, broadly based on the schools of Delhi. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the scheme in Tamil Nadu in the presence of his counterpart M K Stalin. As many as 26 Schools of Excellence and 15 Model Schools are covered under the scheme, in the initial phase. 'Thagaisal Palligal' and 'Mathiri Palligal' are the official Tamil names for the SoE and Model Schools.**

10. Which Former President won the best narrator Emmy Award for his documentary series 'Our Great National Parks'?

- A. Barack Obama ☒
- B. Emmanuel Macron
- C. Ramnath Kovind
- D. Shinzo Abe



- ✓ **Former USA President Barack Obama won the best narrator Emmy Award for his Netflix documentary series 'Our Great National Parks'. Barack Obamas' production company, Higher Ground, is behind the series on national parks around the world. The former President has already received two Grammy awards. He becomes only the second US president in history to win an Emmy.**



1. Which is the first e-commerce company to set up solar farms in India?

- A. Walmart
- B. Amazon ☒
- C. Flipkart
- D. ebay



- ✓ Amazon announced its first solar project in India with three new solar farms in Rajasthan, with a combined energy capacity of 420 megawatts (MW). Amazon aims to use 100% renewable energy across its business by 2025. The Indian project includes a 210-MW project to be developed by ReNew Power, a 100-MW project to be developed by Amp Energy India, and a 110-MW project to be developed by Brookfield Renewable Partners.

2. Defence Ministry signs deal for dual role Surface-to-Surface BrahMos missile with which company?

- A. Dassault Aviation
- B. Dhruv Aerospace
- C. DRDO
- D. BAPL ☒



- ✓ Defence Ministry signed deal for dual role Surface-to-Surface BrahMos missile with BAPL (BrahMos Aerospace Pvt. Ltd). The additional dual -role (land and anti-ship) capable BrahMos missiles will be acquired at Rs 1,700 crore under 'Buy-Indian' category. BrahMos Aerospace (BAPL) is a joint venture between India and Russia.

3. Which state is the host of the 'National Conference of Environment Ministers'?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Goa
- C. Gujarat ☒
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Conference of Environment Ministers in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat. The two-day conference will have six thematic sessions with topics focusing on LiFE, Combating Climate Change; PARIVESH –Single Window System for Integrated Green Clearances ; Forestry Management; Prevention and Control of Pollution; Wildlife Management ; Plastics and Waste Management.

4. Which is the first Indian bank to get Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approval for rupee trade?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. UCO Bank ☒
- D. Federal Bank



- ✓ India's Public sector lender UCO Bank is the first bank to receive the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) approval for rupee trade. The Kolkata-based bank will open a special vostro account with Gazprombank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees. In July, RBI announced its decision to allow Indian banks to settle trade in Indian currency. RBI also allowed trade settlements between India and other countries, including Sri Lanka and Russia.

5. Who is the author of the book titled 'The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World'?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. S Jaishankar ☒
- C. Arun Jaitley
- D. Raghuram Rajan



- ✓ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently launched the Gujarati translation of his book, "The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World" in Gujarat. The original version of the book in English was launched in the year 2020. India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar seeks to address the question of 'what should be the direction of India's foreign policy as the global order changes?' in the book.

6. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated mechanization and industrialization projects worth Rs 3,800 crores in which city?

- A. Mysuru
- B. Mangaluru ☒
- C. Pune
- D. Kochin



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of mechanization and industrialization projects worth Rs 3,800 crores in Mangaluru. He inaugurated a project for mechanisation of containers and other cargo undertaken by the New Mangalore Port Authority, and laid foundation stone of projects worth around ₹1,000 crore undertaken by the port. He also inaugurated two projects undertaken by Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL).

7. Which country is the host of the 'World Health Summit for Pride of Homoeopathy'?

- A. India
- B. UAE ☒
- C. Singapore
- D. China



- ✓ The first edition of 'World Health Summit for Pride of Homoeopathy' was held in Dubai with the theme "Diseases caused by climate change and global warming". The summit aimed to promote homoeopathic system of medicine, drugs, and practices. The summit was virtually addressed by Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State of Environment Forest & Climate change.

8. Which Indian state/UT has successfully set up 'Bio-Villages'?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Tripura ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Tripura government has successfully set up five 'Bio-Villages' for promoting sustainable development, climate change mitigation and climate adaption. As per the Compendium of Best Practice on Climate Action from Indian states, in Tripura, over 500 households have been benefited with the successful implementation in five 'Bio-Villages'. The concept of 'Bio-Village' was introduced by the Directorate of Biotechnology, Tripura in 2018 for promoting organic farming.

9. Aravindh Chithambaram, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- A. Squash
- B. Badminton
- C. Chess ☒
- D. Table Tennis



- ✓ Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram recently became champion in the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament. Seven Indians finished in the top 10 while R Praggnanandhaa shared the second spot with five others including Abhijeet Gupta, Jaykumar Sammed Shete and S P Sethuraman.

10. Which state won the first rank in the implementation of Poshan Abhiyan scheme, as per a recent NITI Aayog Report?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Maharashtra ☒
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Punjab



- ✓ Niti Aayog released a report titled 'Preserving Progress on Nutrition in India: Poshan Abhiyan in Pandemic Times'. As per the report, Maharashtra won the top rank among states in the implementation of the Poshan Abhiyaan scheme. Andhra Pradesh came second and Gujarat is at the third rank. Andhra Pradesh is first in 100 per cent recruitment of human resources required for implementation of Poshan during Covid. It also tops in the distribution of mobile phones to Anganwadi workers.

1. As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report 2020, what is the Under five mortality rate in 2020, in India?

- A. 25      B. 32 ☒  
C. 37      D. 40

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- ✓ As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020 released on September 22, 2022 by Registrar General of India (RGI), India has been witnessing progressive reduction in IMR, U5MR and NMR. Under-five mortality rate was recorded at 32 per 1000 live births in 2020 against 35 per 1000 live births in 2019. Infant Mortality rate (IMR) has also registered 2-point decline to 28 per 1000 live births in 2020 from 30 per 1000 live births in 2019.

2. India exported the first consignment of plant-based meat products from which state?

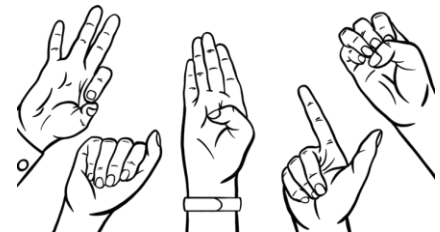
- A. Bihar  
B. Gujarat ☒  
C. Andhra Pradesh  
D. Karnataka



- ✓ India has exported the first consignment of plant-based meat products from Kheda district of Gujarat to California in the United States. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Authority (APEDA) facilitated the export of the first consignment of plant-based meat products under the Vegan Food category. APEDA has planned to promote a variety of vegan food products to Australia, Israel, New Zealand, and others.

3. What is the name of the Indian Sign Language dictionary mobile application recently launched?

- A. ISL Seekho App  
B. Sign Learn App ☒  
C. Bharat Sign App  
D. India Sign Language App



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched an Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary mobile application called 'Sign Learn'. It is based on the Indian sign language dictionary of the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) which contains 10,000 words. ISLRTC signed MoU with NCERT to convert NCERT textbooks from classes 1 to 12 into the Indian Sign Language to make the textbooks accessible to children with hearing disabilities.

4. Which country has discovered 'Lunar crystal named 'Changesite-(Y)' on the Moon?

- A. Israel      B. China ☒  
C. USA      D. UAE



- ✓ Researchers in China have discovered a new type of crystal in the volcanic debris of the near side of the moon. They also discovered potential fuel source for production of clean and efficient energy on Earth. The small, transparent crystal has been named Changsite-(Y), after the Chinese moon goddess Chang'e.

5. 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan' programme is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development  
B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ☒  
C. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
D. Ministry of Renewable Energy



- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) will launch the 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan' programme under National Clean Air Programme 2019 (NCAP). Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan will rank 131 cities in the country for implementing City Action Plans prepared as part of NCAP to reduce air pollution up to 40 per cent by 2025–26.

6. Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande was conferred with the honorary rank of General of which country?

- A. Nepal ☒  
B. Bangladesh  
C. Myanmar  
D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande was conferred with the honorary rank of General of Nepal Army by President of Nepal Bidhya Devi Bhandari. The ceremony was part of the unique tradition between the Armies of both the countries. General Pande is on a four-day official visit to Nepal. He also handed over non-lethal military aids including Artillery Equipment, Mine Protected Vehicles, Medical Stores and Horses to Nepal Army.

7. Who is the head of the 'Committee for drafting of the national cooperative policy document'?

- A. Amit Shah  
B. Suresh Prabhu ☒  
C. L K Advani  
D. Murli Manohar Joshi



- ✓ The Union Cooperative Ministry announced the constitution of a committee for drafting of the national cooperative policy document. The 47-member committee will be headed by former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu. The existing National Policy on Cooperatives was formulated in 2002. At present, India has around 8.5 lakh co-operative societies with a member base of around 29 crore.



8. "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces" is the theme of which special day celebrated on September 8?

- A. International Education Day
- B. International Literacy Day ☒
- C. International Culture Day
- D. International Community Learning Day



- ✓ **International Literacy Day is observed every year on September 8 to highlight the importance of literacy and to focus on issues that exist and affect local communities around us. September 8 was proclaimed as International Literacy Day (ILD) by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1966. The theme for International Literacy Day this year is 'Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces'.**

9. Who is the head of the Committee recently set up to review the current gas pricing formula?

- A. Suresh Prabhu
- B. Kirit Parikh ☒
- C. Jitendra Singh
- D. Hardeep Singh Puri



- ✓ **The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has set up a committee under noted energy expert Kirit Parikh to review the current gas pricing formula. There have been concerns over rising global natural gas prices increasing energy and industrial costs. The committee has been asked to submit the report by the end of this month.**

10. Nilivurallu and Chaya Someshwaralayam, which were proposed for UNESCO Heritage tag, are located in which state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Punjab
- C. Gujarat
- D. Telangana ☒



- ✓ **Telangana has proposed two monuments with architectural magnificence for UNESCO World Heritage tag. The Nilivurallu megalithic burial site and Chaya Someshwaralayam were proposed for the recognition. The state has already achieved the World Heritage tag for the Kakatiya Rudreshwara temple (Ramappa temple).**

1. As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report, which state had the lowest sex ratio in India in 2018–20?

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Haryana
- D. Uttarakhand ☒



- ✓ According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020, released by the Registrar General of India (RGI), Uttarakhand's sex ratio at birth was found to be the worst in the country at 844. Sex Ratio is the number of females per 1,000 males. Kerala's ratio was the best, at 974. The report stated that India's overall sex ratio at birth had gone up by 3 points to 907 in 2018–20 from 904 in 2017–19. It was 907 in rural areas and 910 in urban areas.

2. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Swachh Toycathon' programme?

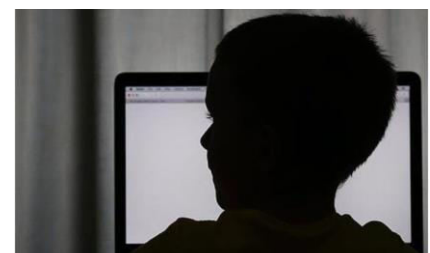
- A. Ministry of Housing And Urban Affairs ☒
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D. Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has recently launched the Swachh Toycathon under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav. The competition is a convergence between the National Action Plan for Toys (NAPT) and Swachh Bharat Mission phase two (SBM 2.0). It aims to explore solutions for the use of waste in manufacturing toys. The Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar is the knowledge partner for the programme.

3. Operation 'Megha Chakra', which was seen in the news, is associated with which institution?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Central Bureau of Investigation ☒
- C. Indian Coast Guard
- D. Central Vigilance Commission



- ✓ As part of Operation 'Megha Chakra', the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) carried out searches at 56 locations in 19 states and a UT in connection with two cases of circulation of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) online. The recent searches were based on inputs from Interpol Singapore and intelligence obtained during Operation Carbon, conducted last year against peddlers of CSAM on Internet.

4. Which state has created a memorial for rhinos using ashes named as 'Abode of the Unicorns'?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Assam ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Statues of three rhinos created using ashes collected from rhino horns burnt by the Assam Government were launched at Kaziranga National Park in Assam. A year ago, on World Rhino Day, Assam Government burnt around 2500 rhino horns that were collected by the conservation authorities from poachers and illegal traders. The memorial, which consists of three rhino sculptures— an adult male, an adult female and a calf, is named as 'Abode of the Unicorns'.

5. As per a recent study, which species across the world collectively constitute about 12 million tonnes of dry carbon?

- A. Mosquitoes
- B. Ants ☒
- C. Bees
- D. Butterflies



- ✓ As per a recent study, ants present across the world collectively constitute about 12 million tonnes of dry carbon. The number of ants across the world is estimated about 20 quadrillion or 20 thousand million million. They collectively weigh more than wild birds and mammals combined.

6. Subroto Cup, which was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Hockey
- B. Football ☒
- C. Cricket
- D. Badminton



- ✓ The 61<sup>st</sup> edition of the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament began after a gap of two years. It is regarded as the most prestigious football tournament for schools all over the country. The tournament is organised by the Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society along with the Indian Air Force. A total of 92 schools representing 25 States and UTs of India along with the Air Force School, Bangladesh are competing in the tournament.

7. Which state/UT announced a ban on production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers till January 1, 2023?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Himachal Pradesh

- ✓ Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai announced that the ban on production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers will be extended till January 1, 2023. The decision has been taken to contain the pollution during the festival season. The ban has been also been extended to online sale of firecrackers. An action plan is set to be drawn to ensure strict enforcement of the ban. The AAP also launched the 'patakhe nahi diye jalao' campaign to create awareness against bursting of firecrackers.

8. Which state bagged the International Tourism award for 'best destination for culture'?

- A. Tamil Nadu  
B. Kerala  
C. West Bengal ☒  
D. Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association, an affiliate of the UN World Tourism Organization, will confer West Bengal with the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'. The award will be presented in Berlin at the World Tourism and Aviation Leaders' Summit. The UNESCO heritage status was earlier conferred to West Bengal's Durga Puja. .

9. Which Indian bank launched a 'Rainbow Savings Account' exclusively for the transgender community?

- A. ESAF Small Finance Bank ☒  
B. AU Small Finance Bank  
C. YES Bank  
D. Kotak Mahindra Bank



- ✓ ESAF Small Finance Bank launched a 'Rainbow Savings Account' exclusively for the transgender community. The account hosts a lot of features, including high savings rate and advanced debit card facilities. The Kerala-based institution was founded as a small finance bank in 2017.

10. Mohenjo Daro, the UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located in which country?

- A. India  
B. Afghanistan  
C. Pakistan ☒  
D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruins of Mohenjo Daro is located in southern Sindh province of Pakistan near the Indus River. An unprecedented monsoon season has killed hundreds of people in Pakistan and this condition has posed a threat to the archeological site of Mohenjo Daro dating back 4,500 years, which were discovered in 1922.

1. What is the new target for reduction in particulate matter concentration in cities under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) by 2026?

- A. 25%
- B. 30%
- C. 40% ☒
- D. 50%

40%

- ✓ Union Environment Ministry has set a new target of 40 percent reduction in particulate matter concentration in cities covered under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) by 2026. The earlier target of 20 to 30 percent reduction by 2024 has been updated. Twenty cities have met the national standards for annual average PM10 concentration (60 microgram per cubic metre). Under NCAP, city-specific action plans are prepared.

2. What is 'InvenTiv', an event which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Employment Fair
- B. Research and Development Fair ☒
- C. Skill Development Fair
- D. Start-Up Fair



- ✓ Twenty-three Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) will organise a mega research and development fair called "InvenTiv". The event is aimed at creating holistic awareness around research and innovation projects being done in the institution. It will also seek collaborations with universities and institutes, industry and the IITs for better development of the innovations.

3. 'National Anti-Corruption Commission bill' is associated with which country?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Australia ☒
- D. Pakistan



- ✓ Australia's attorney general recently introduced the National Anti-Corruption Commission bill. The National Anti-Corruption Commission is a body to investigate and report on serious or systemic corruption in the public sector. It will be led by a commissioner, who will serve one fixed term of five years. NACC has a broad jurisdiction to investigate commonwealth ministers, parliamentarians, staff, the heads and employees of commonwealth agencies, government contractors and their employees, defence force members, statutory office holders among others.



4. Which are the districts where Tamiraparani river mainly flows?

- A. Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi ☒
- B. Madurai and Sivagangai
- C. Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari
- D. Salem and Erode



- ✓ The Tamiraparani River originates from the Pothigai hills of the Western Ghats in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research and the Environment (ATREE) researchers initiated the restoration of the Tamiraparani River under the 'TamiraSES' project. It aims to enable conditions for native biodiversity to flourish and enhance multiple ecosystem services.

5. Which Union Ministry/ Ministries developed the 'JALDOOT' app?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj ☒
- C. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ JALDOOT app has been jointly developed by Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj. This app will be used across the country to capture the water level of selected wells in a village. Manual monitoring of water levels in open wells will be measured twice by Jaldoots, (officers assigned to measure the water levels). They will upload geo-tagged photographs through the app.

6. Jhabua power plant, which was recently acquired by NTPC, is located in which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. Chhattisgarh



- ✓ India's largest integrated power producer NTPC has successfully acquired Jhabua Power Limited (JPL) through Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process for Rs 925 crore. The process initiated by National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata, (NCLT). This is the first acquisition of a power asset by NTPC through NCLT route. JPL has an operational thermal power capacity of 600 MW located in Madhya Pradesh.

7. Which city hosted the inaugural 'Shikshak Parv Conclave'?

- A. Bengaluru      B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Varanasi      D. Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ **Shikshak Parv is being to felicitate the Teachers and to take National Education Policy 2020 forward. The beginning of Shikshak Parv was marked with an inaugural conclave organised by Ministry of Education, CBSE, AICTE and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in New Delhi. During the occasion, 'Report on National Mental Health Survey', 'National Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Study report' and 'Screening Tools Mobile App for Specific Learning Disabilities – Prashast' were launched.**

8. Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away recently, was the monarch of Britain for how many years?

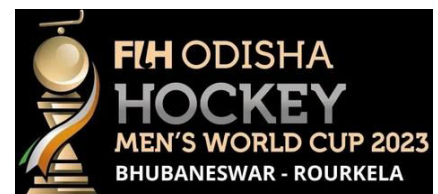
- A. 30
- B. 45
- C. 60
- D. 70 ☒



- ✓ **Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away recently at the age of 96, ascended the royal Britain throne in the year 1952. As of now, she is the longest serving monarch, who reigned for 70 years. The Queen became the UK's longest-serving monarch in 2015, when she surpassed the record of Queen Victoria, who had ruled from 1837 to 1901. Her eldest son, Charles, succeeds her on the throne as King Charles III.**

9. Which Indian state/UT hosts the Hockey Men's World Cup 2023?

- A. Tamil Nadu      B. New Delhi
- C. Odisha ☒      D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **The Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 will take place at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneshwar and at the Bisra Munda Stadium in Rourkela in January, 2023. The draw of the tournament was held recently in Bhubaneswar. Belgium is the reigning champion of the world cup, as it defeated Netherlands in 2018 to win its first ever title. The 16 participating teams, including India, Japan, England and Australia, will be divided among four pools.**

10. Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Kalam no Carnival' Book Fair in which city?

- A. Mumbai      B. Ahmedabad ☒
- C. Varanasi      D. Rameswaram



- ✓ **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inauguration ceremony of 'Kalam no Carnival' Book Fair organised by Navbharat Sahitya Mandir in Ahmedabad. The traditional exhibition helps in expanding the literature and knowledge of Gujarat.**

1. Which state has been awarded 'Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022'?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has been awarded Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022 for adding various health facilities to health facility register. It is the best performing state in the country with 28728 Health facilities added to National health facility register. It is also the second-best State in creating Ayushman Bharat health account (ABHA) with almost 2 crores ABH Accounts.

2. The Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) was inaugurated in which city?

- A. Thiruvananthapuram
- B. Bengaluru ☒
- C. Shimla
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ President of India Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru. The facility houses over 70 hi-tech equipment and testing facilities for manufacturing cryogenic (CE20) and semi-cryogenic (SE2000) engines of Indian rockets. In 2013, HAL signed an MoU with ISRO for setting up the facility for manufacturing cryogenic engine modules at HAL.

3. Which state has released the 'Encyclopedia of Tribes' of the state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Odisha ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released the 'Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha'. The five volumes of the encyclopedia were published by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI) and Odisha State Tribal Museum. The edited volumes contain 3800 pages and 418 research articles covering all 62 tribal communities and 13 particularly vulnerable tribal groups. The book will be a repository for academicians, researchers and policy makers.

4. What is PMGKAY, which was recently extended till December 2022?

- A. Health Insurance Scheme
- B. Free foodgrains Scheme ☒
- C. MSME Subsidy Scheme
- D. Free LPG Cylinder Scheme



- ✓ The Central Government has decided to extend the free food-grain scheme for those below the poverty line (BPL), for another three months till December 31, 2022. This will be the seventh phase of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) which will cost the Centre an additional Rs 44,762 crore.

5. Pullampara, India's is the first digitally literate panchayat, is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Telangana
- D. Punjab



- ✓ Pullampara in Thiruvananthapuram has become the first digitally literate gram panchayat in Kerala. Pullampara became the first panchayat in the country to attain full digital literacy among its residents. The 'Digi Pullampara' project was launched on August 15, 2021 to impart digital education to the most underprivileged sections of society in the panchayat. It was run with the assistance of volunteers from colleges, Kudumbashree units and other self-help groups.

6. What is the theme of the 'World Suicide Prevention Day' 2022?

- A. September.05
- B. September.10 ☒
- C. September.15
- D. September.20



- ✓ World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on September 10. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 703,000 people a year take their life around the world. 'Creating Hope through Action' has been the triennial theme for World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021 to 2023. It aims to raise awareness on preventing suicides among organisations, the government and the public.

7. Which city is the host of second India–Japan 2+2 Dialogue in 2022?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Tokyo ☒
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Osaka



- ✓ The second India–Japan 2+2 Dialogue was recently in Tokyo. It was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar along with their counterparts. Both sides re-affirmed their resolve to make India–Japan ties more robust and complementary, while respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

8. 'Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis' is the theme of which day observed on September 8?

- A. World Ayush Day
- B. World Physiotherapy Day ☒
- C. World Bone Health Day
- D. World Orthopaedic Day



- ✓ September 8 is observed as World Physiotherapy Day in 1996. World Physiotherapy was established on this day in 1951. The day honours the togetherness and unity of the physiotherapy communities. This was celebrated on the theme of 'Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis'.

9. Volker Turk, who was appointed as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, is from which country?

- A. Turkey
- B. Austria ☒
- C. USA
- D. UK



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has approved the appointment of Austrian diplomat Volker Turk as the new UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. He replaces former Commissioner Michelle Bachelet. Volker Turk had previously served with the UN refugee agency in various countries including Malaysia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kuwait.

10. Which country tested the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile?

- A. Japan
- B. USA ☒
- C. Israel
- D. France



- ✓ The US Air Force launched an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile test at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. The purpose of the ICBM test launch program is to demonstrate the readiness of US nuclear forces.