

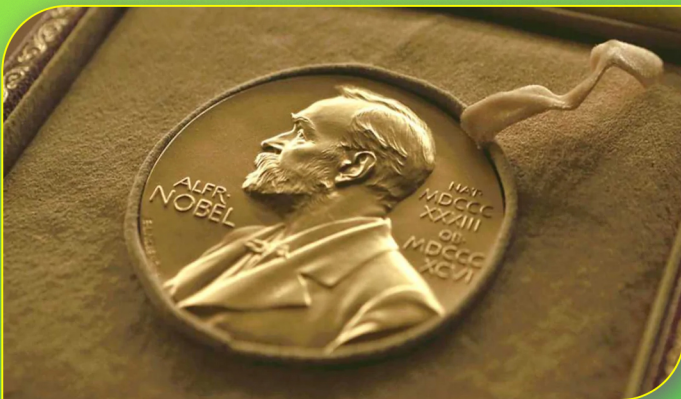
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1. As per FSSAI, to what value, industrially produced trans-fat should be limited?

- A) 10%
- B) 5%
- C) 2% ☒
- D) 1%



- ✓ Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has mandated that the industrially produced trans fats should be limited to less than 2% and make the country free from trans-fat by 2022. Recently FSSAI has stated that, only 1.34% of the newly tested processed food samples have shown breach of prescribed levels of industrially produced trans fats, which shows that India is on track to become Trans Fat free.

2. Which organization has released the report titled "Climate Indicators and Sustainable Development: Demonstrating the Interconnections"?

- A) UNFCCC
- B) UNICEF
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) WMO ☒



- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has released a report titled "Climate Indicators and Sustainable Development: Demonstrating the Interconnections".
- ✓ The report stresses the need for immediate action and international collaboration for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to curtail global warming to less than 2°C. WMO is a UN specialized agency, which is headquartered at Geneva, Switzerland.

3. Which of the following schemes is aimed to achieve Universal Health Coverage in India?

- A) PM JDY
- B) PM JJBY
- C) PM JAY ☒
- D) PM FBY



- ✓ PM Jan Arogya Yojana (PM JAY) is the Government of India's flagship scheme, launched on 23rd September 2018, with an aim to achieve universal health coverage. The scheme has successfully completed 3 years of operation. Under this scheme, health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization is provided to the more than 10 crore poor families.

4. 'Fed to Fail? The Crisis of Children's Diets in Early Life' is a report recently released by which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) UNICEF ☒
- D) World Bank



- ✓ The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) released a report titled 'Fed to Fail? The Crisis of Children's Diets in Early Life'. As per the report, only half of children aged 6-23 months are being fed the minimum recommended number of meals a day. Only a third consume the minimum number of food groups they need to prosper. It also revealed that COVID-19 pandemic could worsen the situation.

5. India held its first Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on Coal and Mines with which country?

- A) UK
- B) Russia
- C) Australia ☒
- D) Japan



- ✓ India and Australia held the first Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on Coal and Mines through Video conferencing. It is held ahead to the India-Australia Energy Dialogue scheduled to be held next month.
- ✓ The discussions focused on Indian coal resources, strategic minerals-demand and supply scenario and engagements with Australia. They also discussed collaboration on Clean Coal Technology, Surface Coal Gasification, Coal Bed Methane, sharing of Technology for fire quenching, Coal Based Hydrogen, among others.

6. What is the rank of India in the World Giving Index - 2021?

- A) 14 ☒
- B) 26
- C) 45
- D) 82



- ✓ The Charities Aid Foundation's (CAF) releases the World Giving Index (WGI). As per the 2021 edition, India is now in the top 20 most generous countries in the world, at 14th rank.
- ✓ The COVID-19 pandemic has toppled the charity trends across the world as several western countries did not fare well in the Index due to COVID lockdowns. The USA, Canada, Ireland, the UK, and the Netherlands fell down from the highest rankings.

7. Kun Peak, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which Indian state/UT?

- A) Ladakh ☒
- B) Sikkim
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The Kun Peak is a part of Nun Kun mountain massif. It is also the second highest summit of the massif with elevation of 23,219 ft in the eastern Himalayan Range. The peak is located near the Suru valley, Kargil, Ladakh. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged-in a team of National Institute of Mountaineering & Allied Sports (NIMAS) Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh, in New Delhi.
- ✓ The team completed a mountaineering expedition to Mount Kun between July 15, 2021 and August 10, 2021. NIMAS is a premier mountaineering institute functioning under the aegis of Ministry of Defence.

8. KVIC has recently set up a 'Tussar Silk Yarn Production Centre' in which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Odisha ☒
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has set up Odisha's first ever Tussar silk yarn production centre at Choudwar in Cuttack district. Tussar silk is one of the finest varieties of silk, known for its coarseness and porous weave.
- ✓ Silk comprises nearly 75% of the total khadi fabric production in Odisha. Set up at a cost of ₹75 lakh, the silk yarn production centre is capable of producing 200 kg of silk yarn worth ₹94 lakh annually.

9. Which Ministry launched the 'Planetarium Innovation Challenge' for Indian start-ups and entrepreneurs?

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- B) Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒
- C) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D) Ministry of MSME



- ✓ MyGov India, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has launched the Planetarium Innovation Challenge for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs.
- ✓ The challenge aims to encourage tech firms and Indian start-ups to build an indigenous planetariums system software using latest technologies like Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR) and Merged Reality (MR). The applicants may be Start-ups, Indian Entities or Individuals or Teams.

10. Who has been granted the 2021 Global Goalkeeper Award?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka ☒
- C) Leymah Gbowee
- D) Ellen Johnson Sirleaf



- ✓ The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, former United Nations under-secretary-general and executive director of UN Women, as the winner of the 2021 Global Goalkeeper Award. Fairouz Faizah Beether of Bangladesh has been chosen for the 2021 Changemaker Award for her work promoting good health and well-being.
- ✓ The 2021 Progress Award recognizes Jenifer Colpas of Colombia for her work to improve access to clean water and sanitation. The 2021 Campaign Award, recognizes Satta Sheriff of Liberia for her work to promote gender equality.

1. Which South Pacific Ocean country recently moved International Court of Justice, regarding Climate change?

- A) Fiji
B) Australia
C) Vanuatu ☒
D) Papua New Guinea



- ✓ Vanuatu, a South Pacific Ocean nation made up of 80 islands, has recently moved the International Court of Justice to issue an opinion on the rights of present and future generations to be protected from the effects of climate change.
- ✓ A dozen Pacific Island nations are facing rising sea levels and more regular storms. Vanuatu has a population of around 280,000. Vanuatu is set to route the initiative through the United Nations General Assembly.

2. Which entity operates "Digital Sky" Platform in India?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) Reserve Bank of India
C) Directorate General of Civil Aviation ☒
D) Ministry of Information Technology



- ✓ The "Digital Sky" Platform is operated by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in India. Recently, the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation has come out with an airspace map, exclusively for drone operations in India. This map can be accessed using the "Digital Sky" Platform. As per the map, air space is bifurcated into green, red and yellow zones for drone operations.

3. The Report on Deposits with Banks, is periodically released by which organization?

- A) DICGC
B) RBI ☒
C) Ministry of Finance
D) IBA



- ✓ The Report on Deposits with Banks is released by the Reserve Bank of India, which states that Bank deposits have grown by 11.9% year-on-year during FY 2020-21 compared to FY 2019-20. This is on account of growth in CASA (Current Account – Savings Account deposits).
- ✓ The report states that Maharashtra, UP and Karnataka constitute for 1/3rd total bank deposits in India.

4. National Pension System Diwas is set to be observed by PFRDA on which date?

- A) October.1 ☒
B) October.2
C) October.3
D) October.4



- ✓ Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has proposed to celebrate October 1 as National Pension System (NPS) Diwas. This is a part of a campaign of PFRDA to promote pension and retirement planning.
- ✓ A campaign titled #npdiwas is being promoted in social media. PFRDA is a statutory and regulatory body under the Union Ministry of Finance, whose present chairperson is Supratim Bandyopadhyay.

5. Which Indian state/UT hosted the 'First Himalayan Film Festival'?

- A) Ladakh ☒ B) Uttarakhand
C) Sikkim D) Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ The 5-day 'First Himalayan Film Festival' has been inaugurated recently at Leh in the Union Territory of Ladakh by Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur.
- ✓ The five-day festival is being held from September 24-28, 2021 as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. The festival is being organised by the administration of UT of Ladakh in collaboration with the Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. It is being hosted in collaboration with the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh.

6. Which country was ranked as worst environment for Internet freedom for the seventh year in a row by Freedom House?

- A) China ☒
B) North Korea
C) Syria
D) Iraq



- ✓ U.S.-based not-for-profit entity Freedom House recently released a report on Internet freedom, a term that includes digital rights, freedom of information, and the right to Internet access.
- ✓ As per the report, Internet Freedom has declined for the 11th year in a row worldwide. The greatest damaging effects were found in Myanmar, Belarus, and Uganda. China was ranked as the worst environment for Internet freedom for the seventh year in a row.

7. Abhishek Verma, who was seen in the news recently, is associated with which sports?

- A) Tennis
B) Badminton
C) Archery ☒
D) Cricket



- ✓ India's 3-time World Cup gold medal-winning compound archer Abhishek Verma has been elected to World Archery's athletes' committee. Reigning World Archery Champion Natalia Avdeeva of Russia and Abhishek Verma of India have been elected for a four-year term. 32-year-old Abhishek Verma, an Arjuna awardee, has won gold medals in the World Cups in Poland (2015) and Paris earlier this year.

8. Jyothi Surekha Vennam, who was seen in the news recently, is associated with which sports?

- A) Tennis
B) Squash
C) Archery ☒
D) Shooting



- ✓ Jyothi Surekha Vennam has bagged a silver medal in the women's compound event at the ongoing World Archery Championship in Yankton. She was defeated by world number three Sara Lopez of Colombia in the final clash.
- ✓ Earlier, the Indian women's and mixed compound teams won silver medals in the World Championships. India women's team comprised of Jyothi, Muskan Kirar and Priya Gurjar.

9. Who represented India in the Summit for Information and Democracy held at New York?

- A) Narendra Modi
B) Anurag Thakur ☒
C) Piyush Goyal
D) Nirmala Sitharaman



- ✓ Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur addressed the Summit for Information and Democracy on the sidelines of the UNGA organised in New York. He participated in the discussion, by joining from Leh, Ladakh.
- ✓ The 'International Partnership for Information and Democracy' was launched in New York on Sept.26 2019. It aims to promote freedom of opinion and expression and access to free, pluralistic and reliable information. The partnership has been signed by 43 States, till date.

10. What is the name of the third ever September cyclone which developed in the Bay of Bengal?

- A) Giza
- B) Gulab ☒
- C) Gina
- D) Guna



- ✓ The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, former United Nations under-secretary-general and executive director of UN Women, as the winner of the 2021 Global Goalkeeper Award. Fairouz Faizah Beether of Bangladesh has been chosen for the 2021 Changemaker Award for her work promoting good health and well-being.
 - ✓ The 2021 Progress Award recognizes Jenifer Colpas of Colombia for her work to improve access to clean water and sanitation. The 2021 Campaign Award, recognizes Satta Sheriff of Liberia for her work to promote gender equality.
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1. Lasker-DeBakey award is associated with which field?

- A) Literature
B) Sports
C) Science ☒
D) Social Service



- ✓ Mary and Albert Lasker founded the Lasker Awards in 1945 to honour the scientists whose biological and clinical discoveries have helped to improve human health. This year, two scientists- Katalin Karikó and Dr Drew Weissman who developed key technology used in the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines have been awarded the \$250,000 Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award. The messenger RNA (mRNA) forms the basis of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.

2. SAUBHAGYA scheme, which recently completed 4 years, is being implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
B) Ministry of Power ☒
C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - SAUBHAGYA is one of the largest household electrification schemes in the world.
- ✓ It was announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th September 2017. The objective of the scheme is to achieve Universal Household Electrification in the country and to provide access to electricity to all un-electrified households in rural areas and poor households in urban areas. 2.82 crore households have been electrified since the launch of SAUBHAGYA, till March 2021.

3. The second edition of Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge is organised by which organisation?

- A) Indian Army
B) Indian Navy
C) Ladakh Police ☒
D) Indian Oil



- ✓ The Ladakh police, in association with the Cycling Federation of India has organised the second edition of Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge. This has been organised under the "Fit India Movement" and "Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav". The event was flagged off by the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Shri Anurag Thakur.

4. Which Railway Station in the state of Tamil Nadu has become a fully solar powered station?

- A) Chennai Central ☒
B) Salem Junction
C) Virudhachalam Junction
D) Tirunelveli Junction



- ✓ The Chennai Central Railway Station of Indian Railways, also known as the Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station, has become a fully solar powered station. The station meets all its energy requirements by way of solar panels installed on the rooftop. The station has an installed capacity of 1.5 MW solar power.

5. 'National Cooperative Conference' was organised in which city?

- A) Mumbai B) New Delhi ☒
C) Varanasi D) Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah attended 'National Cooperative Conference' (Sehkarita Sammelan) in New Delhi as Chief Guest.
- ✓ He also announced that the Central Government will soon come out with a new cooperative policy and work along with states to strengthen the cooperative movement. The government is working on setting up cooperative common service centres, national database and a National cooperative university.

6. Which city hosted the first ever QUAD leaders' summit 2021?

- A) Washington ☒
B) Davos
C) Melbourne
D) New Delhi



- ✓ The first in-person meeting of Quad leaders was recently hosted by US President Joe Biden at Washington DC. Prime Minister of India Modi and his counterparts Scott Morrison from Australia and Yoshihide Suga from Japan gathered in the city for the meeting. In 2017, India, Japan, the US and Australia formed the alliance, named QUAD.

7. What is the theme of the World Pharmacist Day 2021?

- A) Leaving No one behind
B) Pharmacy: Always Trusted for Your Health ☒
C) Pharmacists are our Saviours
D) Sustainable Pharmacy



- ✓ World Pharmacist Day 2021 is celebrated on September 25, to celebrate and recognise the role of pharmacists.
- ✓ International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) established the World Pharmacist Day. It was on this day FIP was founded in 1912. FIP is the federation of national associations of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists. The theme of World Pharmacist Day 2021 is "Pharmacy: Always Trusted for Your Health".

8. The Bangabandhu-Bapu digital exhibition has been inaugurated in which country?

- A) India
B) Bangladesh ☒
C) Sri Lanka
D) Nepal



- ✓ The Bangabandhu-Bapu digital exhibition was recently inaugurated for public viewing in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The exhibition showcases the lives of the father of the nation of Bangladesh- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Mahatma Gandhi.
- ✓ The exhibition has been specially designed by the two governments to commemorate Mujib Boarsho, birth centenary of Bangabandhu and 150 years of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi and the golden jubilee of India-Bangladesh bilateral relations.

9. The recently announced Security alliance AUKUS includes how many countries?

- A) Three
B) Four ☒
C) Five
D) Ten



- ✓ In the month of September 2021, US president Joe Biden, Australian prime minister Scott Morrison and British prime minister Boris Johnson jointly announced the formation of the trilateral security alliance AUKUS.

- ✓ The US has also ruled out adding India or Japan to the trilateral partnership. This alliance is seen as an effort to counter China in the Indo-Pacific. It will also allow the US and the UK to provide Australia with the technology to develop nuclear-powered submarines for the first time.

10. Which Indian city topped the Emerging Ecosystems category in the ranking of international startup hubs?

- A) Mumbai ☒
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Chennai
- D) Thiruvananthapuram



- ✓ Mumbai maintained its first position in the Emerging Ecosystems category in the ranking of international startup hubs. The rankings are compiled by Startup Genome for its annual Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2021. London retained its second-place ranking tied with New York for the second year in a row.
- ✓ Bangalore was ranked at 23 globally and Delhi was placed at 36th. The report revealed that London is the most attractive destination to set up a tech start-up outside of Silicon Valley.

1. What is the name of the tourism app recently launched by the Delhi Government?

- A) My Delhi
- B) Dekho Meri Dilli ☒
- C) Tour Delhi
- D) Hamara Delhi



- ✓ The Government of Delhi has recently launched a mobile application named "Dekho Meri Dilli". This has been designed and built by the Tourism Department of the Delhi Government.
- ✓ The app is designed to act as a one-stop centre for all tourism related information in Delhi. It would also be a marker place for tickets to all major tourist destinations in Delhi.

2. Quarterly Employment Survey provides the employment and related variables of how many sectors of the country?

- A) 3
- B) 9 ☒
- C) 15
- D) 23



- ✓ Labour and Employment Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav today released the report of first quarter of Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) part (April to June 2021), of the All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES) prepared by the Labour Bureau.
- ✓ Announcing the results, Shri Yadav said, the estimated total employment in the 9 selected sectors from the first round of QES is 3 crores and 8 lakhs approximately against a total of 2 crores and 37 lakhs in these sectors taken collectively, as reported in the sixth Economic Census (2013-14) reflecting a growth rate of 29 percent.

3. What was the original duration of the Foreign Trade Policy, which is being currently implemented?

- A) 2014-2019
- B) 2015-2020 ☒
- C) 2016-2021
- D) 2017-2022



- ✓ The Government of India has proposed to extend the term and applicability of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 till March 2022. The policy was originally to end on 31st March 2020.
- ✓ The policy was first extended for one year till March 2021 and further to September 2021. For the third time, the term of the policy is proposed to be extended. This was announced by the Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.

4. What is "Akash Prime", that is seen in the news recently?

- A) New broadcasting station of AIR
- B) New broadband service by BSNL
- C) New version of Akash Missile ☒
- D) Navigation satellite of ISRO



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has recently test fired the missile 'Akash Prime', at the integrated test range at Chandipur in Odisha. This upgraded version of the Akash Missile has been designed and developed by the DRDO.

5. Where is the 'National Institute of Biotic Stress Tolerance' located?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Pune
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Raipur ☒



- ✓ The National Institute of Biotic Stress Tolerance is a Deemed University under the ICAR is located at Raipur. This institution came into existence in 2012. This institution is in news recently, as the new campus of the institution at Raipur was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During the event, the PM also dedicated 35 climate resilient crop varieties.

6. Which institution released the 'Report of the Hospital Based Cancer Registries, 2021'?

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



- ✓ The Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) released the 'Clinicopathological Profile of Cancers in India: A Report of the Hospital Based Cancer Registries, 2021'. As per the report, the proportion of all cancer cases was higher in males (52.4%) than females (47.4%).
- ✓ Gynaecological cancers, including breast cancer, comprise over half of all cancers in females. Childhood (0-14 years) cancers constitute 7.9% of all cancers. It also highlighted the cancers of the head and neck region were at nearly one third (31.2%) of the cancers among males.

7. Which Indian state emerged as the 5th Asian Ecosystem in Affordable Talent as per the "2021 Global Startup Ecosystem Report"?

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



- ✓ Kerala has emerged as the fifth Asian Ecosystem in Affordable Talent in the 2021 Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER). The report was prepared by Startup Genome and the Global Entrepreneurship Network and was globally launched recently.
- ✓ The 2021 Report, which ranks the top 140 ecosystems across the world, based on 7 parameters- performance, funding, connectedness, market reach, resource attraction, experience and talent.

8. Which Indian state inaugurated the state's first and the biggest Palmetum in North India?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Uttarakhand ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The Uttarakhand Forest Department dedicated the state's first Palmetum and the biggest one in North India, to the people in the Haldwani, Nainital. The Palmetum took over 3 years to develop and has over 110 species of palms. It was developed under CAMPA scheme.
- ✓ The palm species which is endemic to Uttarakhand is called Trachycarpus Takil (Takil Palm), that can survive sub-zero temperature.

9. Which Ministry is associated with the 'Hunarbaaz' Awards?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development ☒
- B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development



- ✓ Hunarbaaz Awards are instituted by the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad under the Ministry of Rural Development. NIRD&PR presented the awards for 75 differently-abled candidates as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, on the occasion of Antyodaya Diwas.
- ✓ It marks the birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya on 25th September 2021. The awards are given to the candidates who were trained through Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes schemes.

10. In which state, the world's highest electric charging station has been set up?

- A) Himachal Pradesh ☒
- B) Bihar
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Punjab



- ✓ Kaza – located in the Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh, has housed the world's highest electric charging station. This station has been set up by the company named "Go Ego". This station is set up at a height of 500 ft above the mean sea level. As a trial run, two electric scooters were charged at the station.

1. The 'International Week of Deaf People' is observed in which month every year?

- A) September ☒
- B) August
- C) July
- D) June



- ✓ The International Week of Deaf People is observed during the last week of September. This year's theme for the International Week of Deaf People is "Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities". The week falls under the key principle, "Nothing about us, without us!".
- ✓ The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) was established in 1951 in Rome, Italy. This international organisation declared Sunday in the last week of September as the International Day of the Deaf. Later, the day has been extended to a week.

2. Which Indian has been selected as the external auditor of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)?

- A) Vinod Rai
- B) Shashi Kant Sharma
- C) Rajiv Mehrishi
- D) GC Murmu ☒



- ✓ India's Comptroller and Auditor General G C Murmu selected as the external auditor of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). IAEA is a prestigious international institution that promotes peaceful use of nuclear energy. As per the Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), his candidature received majority support of the IAEA general conference and his tenure will be for six years, from 2022 to 2027.

3. "Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future" is the theme of which day, celebrated on 30 September?

- A) World Seafarers Day
- B) World Maritime Day ☒
- C) World Oceanography Day
- D) World Fishery Day



- ✓ The International Maritime Organization is a specialised agency of the United Nations responsible for regulating shipping. It is headquartered at London. World Maritime Day 2021 is celebrated every year on 30 September. IMO has declared 2021 a year of action for seafarers, who are facing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ The World Maritime Theme for 2021 is "Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future". The IMO building, including the Seafarer Memorial, will be lit in blue light on World Maritime Day, to unite the maritime community.

4. Which company has launched 'Future Engineer Programme' in India?

- A) Google
- B) Amazon ☒
- C) Microsoft
- D) Facebook



- ✓ E-commerce major Amazon India announced the launch of Amazon Future Engineer in India. It is the company's global computer science education programme. According to the company, the programme will enable access to quality computer science education and career opportunities for students from underserved communities.

5. Gold Exchange and Social Stock Exchange, which were in the news recently, are approved by which organisation?

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI ☒
- C) ECGC
- D) NSDL



- ✓ SEBI's board recently cleared a proposal for setting up a 'Gold exchange' and a 'Social Stock Exchange'. In the Gold Exchange, the metal will be traded in the form of Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) and they will be notified as securities. Any recognised stock exchange, existing as well as new, can launch trading in EGRs.

6. India unveiled a 'National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination' (NAPRE), to eliminate rabies by which year?

- A) 2025
- B) 2027
- C) 2030 ☒
- D) 2032



- ✓ India unveiled a 'National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination' (NAPRE) by 2030. It has been drafted by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) in consultation with the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying. World Rabies Day is observed on September 28. NAPRE is based on 5 major pillars - political will, sustained funding, intersectoral planning, coordination and review, community planning, and operational research.

7. Padmaja Chunduru, former MD & CEO of Indian Bank, has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of which organisation?

- A) SEBI MF
- B) NSDL ☒
- C) SBI
- D) LIC



- ✓ Padmaja Chunduru has been appointed managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of National Securities Depositories (NSDL). She has earlier served as the MD & CEO of Indian Bank between September 2018 and August 2021. Her appointment has been approved by the shareholders of NSDL. She is succeeding GV Nageswara Rao, who was the previous MD & CEO of NSDL.

8. Which country has witnessed 48% women candidate victory in its recent General elections?

- A) Germany
- B) Italy
- C) Iceland ☒
- D) Finland



- ✓ The general election results in Iceland have been a special event for the country, since 48% of the winning candidates were women. Out of the 63-seat parliament, 30 seats were won by women candidates.
- ✓ This makes Iceland's Parliament have the highest number of women's representation in Europe. Finland has 47% women representation and Sweden has 46% women representations in their respective Parliament.

9. Which country, one among the world's oldest republics, recently voted to legalise abortion?

- A) Italy
- B) Spain
- C) San Marino ☒
- D) Switzerland



- ✓ A referendum for a proposal to allow abortion up to 12 weeks of pregnancy was conducted in the Republic of San Marino. Nearly 77% of the total voters backed the proposal and favoured to allow abortion. Till date, in the Republic of San Marino, ending pregnancy was illegal and invited an imprisonment of 3 years, and an imprisonment of 6 years for the one who carries out abortion.

10. Which new indicator has been incorporated in the Swachh Survekshan 2022?

- A) Happiness of People
- B) Working conditions and livelihood of sanitation workers ☒
- C) Wellness of Doctors
- D) Condition and redevelopment of slums



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the 7th edition of Swachh Survekshan, which is the cleanliness survey conducted under the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban.
- ✓ In the current edition of Swachh Survekshan, specific indicators on 'working conditions and livelihood of sanitation workers' has been incorporated, in order to recognize the contributions made by them during the pandemic.

1. 'Weaver Services and Design Resource Center' is set to be setup in which state/UT?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir
- B) Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C) Sikkim
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Union Minister for Commerce, Industry and Textiles Piyush Goyal announced to set up a "Weaver Services and Design Resource Center" in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ This centre will help in encouraging the attractive handicraft products of the state and provide a better platform to export these products at the international market. Programme was organized under 'Seva & Samarpan Abhiyan' to commemorate the golden jubilee year of statehood of Himachal Pradesh on September 27, 2021.

2. My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future' is a memoir of which Indian personality?

- A) Jeff Bezos
- B) Andy Jassy
- C) Indra Nooyi ☒
- D) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw



- ✓ "My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future" is the memoir of 65-year-old former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi. It will be published in the month of September 2021 by Portfolio books. It narrates her life from childhood till her becoming one of the world's most powerful women. Indra Nooyi served as the CEO of PepsiCo for 12 years.

3. Lucy Mission, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which space agency?

- A) ISRO
- B) NASA ☒
- C) Blue Origin
- D) SpaceX



- ✓ Lucy is a mission of the USA's NASA, to study Jupiter's Trojan asteroids. This is set to provide new insights into the solar system's formation 4.5 billion years ago. The probe is named Lucy after an ancient fossil that provided insights into the evolution of human species. It is set to be launched on Oct.16 from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.

4. Which technology company has launched 'Creator education programme' in India?

- A) Google
- B) Amazon
- C) Microsoft
- D) Facebook ☒

facebook

- ✓ Facebook launched its largest creator education and enablement programme in India. Named "Born on Instagram" the programme includes e-learning course, aimed at encouraging, educating and enabling creators. The programme was originally launched in 2019. It focusses on content creators who drive more users, viewers and commerce across different platforms.

5. What does 'P' stand for in the PCA Framework, related with the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) Public
- B) Private
- C) Prompt ☒
- D) Priority



- ✓ Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) refers to the watchlist of weak banks, by the Reserve Bank of India. The regulator imposes restrictions like curbs on lending among others, on such banks.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently removed Indian Overseas Bank from the Prompt Corrective Action Framework. The bank was placed under the PCA framework in 2015. On the basis of the published financial results for 2020-21, the Board for Financial Supervision, found that the bank has not breached PCA parameter.

6. What is the External debt ratio to GDP of India, as of March 2020?

- A) 1.11%
- B) 11.1%
- C) 21.1% ☒
- D) 41.1%



- ✓ According to the Union Finance Ministry' status report on India's external debt, India's External debt to GDP ratio increased marginally to 21.1% from 20.6% as at end-March 2020.
- ✓ India's external debt rose by 2.1% year-on-year to \$570 billion as of March-end 2021. Reserves to external debt ratio increased to 101.2% from 85.6% during the same period.

7. Which Union Ministry has launched the 'Ease of Logistics' portal?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
- C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- D) Ministry of Animal Husbandry and Dairying



- ✓ Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) is the apex trade promotion organisation set up by the Ministry of Commerce, and private trade and industry bodies in 1965. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal recently launched the 'Ease of Logistics' portal. The new portal will be a connecting link between exporters and logistic service providers.

8. Which country has recently announced a multibillion-euro Defence deal with France?

- A) Greece ☒
- B) Turkey
- C) Italy
- D) Spain



- ✓ France and Greece announced a multibillion-euro Defence deal, which includes the decision of Greece to buy three French warships. Greece will boost its Defense capacities in the Eastern Mediterranean amid tensions with Turkey.
- ✓ President Emmanuel Macron and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis announced a Defense and security strategic partnership in Paris. Greece has already bought 18 French Rafale fighter jets.

9. CIPET: Institute of Petrochemicals Technology has been inaugurated with which city?

- A) Gandhi Nagar
- B) Jaipur ☒
- C) Chennai
- D) Hyderabad



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated CIPET: Institute of Petrochemicals Technology, Jaipur through video conference.

- ✓ The Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET), formerly called as the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology, was established in 1968 by India with the assistance of United Nations Development Programme at Chennai.

10. The Cabinet approved the continuation of the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) scheme till which year?

- A) 2022-23
- B) 2023-24
- C) 2024-25
- D) 2025-26 ☒



- ✓ The Cabinet approved the continuation of the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) scheme. The Government has announced an infusion of Rs 1,650 crore grant-in-aid over five years from FY 2021-2022 to FY 2025-2026. The Cabinet also approved the listing of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation Ltd. (ECGC), an unlisted CPSE, on the stock exchange. Rs 4,400 crore will be invested in ECGC Ltd in five years, starting from the financial year 2021-22.

1. 'International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction' is observed on which day?

- A) September.29 ☒
- B) September.30
- C) October.1
- D) October.2



- ✓ The world marks the second International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste on September 29, 2021. UNEP also launched the 'Food is Never Waste' Coalition at the UN Food Systems Summit held recently. The theme of the day this year is 'Stop Food Loss and Waste; For the People; For the Planet'.
- ✓ Around 14 percent of food produced is lost between harvest and retail, while 17 percent of total global food production is wasted across the world in various stages. World Heart Day is also celebrated on 29 September. The theme of this year is 'Use Heart to Connect'.

2. Sweet Revolution, a NBHM scheme is associated with which product?

- A) Sugarcane
- B) Honey ☒
- C) Fruits
- D) Palm



- ✓ National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM), which was announced for three years (2020-21 to 2022-23), aims for the development of scientific beekeeping in the country to achieve the goal of 'Sweet Revolution'. It is being implemented through National Bee Board (NBB).
- ✓ Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar recently launched 'Amul Honey- a product of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. with cooperation with 'National Bee Board'.

3. Fumio Kishida, who was seen in the news recently, is the next Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Japan ☒
- B) North Korea
- C) Thailand
- D) Vietnam



- ✓ Japan's former foreign minister Fumio Kishida is set to replace Yoshihide Suga as the Prime minister. He has won the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's leadership vote. Japan is facing a stagnant economy damaged by the coronavirus pandemic, unprecedented public health crisis, and increased political threatening by China.

4. Which Union Ministry has approved a "Dispute Avoidance Mechanism" through 'Independent Engineer' (IE)?

- A) Ministry of Power ☒
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ Union Minister of Power has recently approved a "Dispute Avoidance Mechanism" through 'Independent Engineer' (IE).
- ✓ The CPSEs executing Hydro Power Projects had been raising concerns that the present mechanism of dispute resolution in Hydro Power sector did not address the conflicts between the Employer and the Contractor at their initial stage.

5. Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme is associated with which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Finance ☒
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Ministry of Textiles



- ✓ The Union Finance Ministry has extended the validity of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by another six months till March 31, 2022, or till guarantees for the overall ceiling of Rs 4.5 lakh crore are issued, whichever is earlier.
- ✓ The scheme is aimed to support micro, small and medium enterprises, by helping them deal with funds shortage and promote exports. As of September 24, 2021, over Rs 2.86 lakh crore worth of loans were sanctioned under the scheme.

6. What is the new name of the national Mid-Day Meal Scheme?

- A) PM Mid-Day Meal
- B) PM Poshan ☒
- C) PM Bhojan
- D) PM Aahar



- ✓ The national Mid-Day Meal Scheme has been renamed as PM POSHAN Scheme. Involvement of Farmers Producer Organizations (FPO) and Women Self Help Groups in implementation of the scheme are also mentioned in the new features.
- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the 'PM POSHAN in Schools' scheme that will provide hot cooked meal to students of elementary classes in government and government-aided schools across the country. It will also cover students of balvatikas or pre-primary classes.

7. 'Central Institute of Fisheries Technology' is located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ The Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) was set up in 1957 in Cochin. It is the first and only national center where research in all disciplines relating to fishing and fish processing is undertaken. CIFT has developed fertiliser and pet supplement from shrimp shell. 'Foliar Spray', the customised fertiliser with antimicrobial agents, is developed to enhance crop yield and improve disease.

8. What percent of India's exports is contributed by MSMEs, approximately?

- A) 30
- B) 40 ☒
- C) 50
- D) 60



- ✓ India has more than 63 million MSMEs. They account for nearly 40 per cent of India's exports, about 6.11 percent of the country's manufacturing GDP. MSMEs contribute to 24.63 percent of the GDP from services sector.
- ✓ Union MSME Minister Narayan Rane has inaugurated the India Export Initiative and IndiaXports 2021 portal of the India SME Forum. India has fixed its exports target of USD 400 billion for this fiscal year. The Minister said that MSMEs would further take it to \$1 trillion by 2027.

9. 'Clean India Programme' has been inaugurated from which state?

- A) Bihar
- B) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C) Gujarat
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launched a month-long Clean India Programme from Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology-Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. The programme has been launched as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ✓ The aim of the cleanliness drive is to create awareness, encourage people and make them involve in cleaning waste especially the, 'Single Use Plastic' waste throughout the country. This campaign will continue till 31st October.

10. Hwasong-8, which was seen in the news recently, is a new hypersonic missile tested by which country?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) Israel
- D) North Korea ☒



- ✓ North Korea has claimed that it successfully tested a new hypersonic missile called Hwasong-8. This technology allows missiles to be pre-fuelled and then sent to the field. Days after the hypersonic missile, North Korea said it test-fired a new anti-aircraft missile. This marks the country's fourth weapons test in under a month. North Korea also said that its weapons are needed for self-defence.

1. 'Prashasan Gaon ke Sang', is an initiative of which Indian state / UT?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Punjab
- C) Rajasthan ☒
- D) Haryana



- ✓ The state government of Rajasthan has launched a campaign named 'Prashasan Gaon ke Sang'. It aims to enable access to 22 departments of the local administration for the people of remote villages in the state.
- ✓ Under the campaign, the camps in villages would be held under the observation of respective District Collectors on weekdays. Services related to land deeds and issuance of various certificates are also done.

2. 'Nata Sankirtana' is a UNESCO-recognised Festival of Dance and Music held in which Indian state?

- A) Assam
- B) Manipur ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Punjab



- ✓ Manipur organises the UNESCO-recognised Festival of Dance and Music 'Nata Sankirtana'. This year, the 3-Day Festival was inaugurated recently from the capital Imphal. Nata Sankirtan was introduced during the reign of Bhagyaachandra and recognised as intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO in 2013 for its uniqueness.

3. National Research Centre on Yak is located in which state/UT?

- A) Ladakh
- B) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C) Sikkim
- D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has approved a credit plan for Yaks. The scheme was developed by the National Research Centre on Yak (NRCY) at Dirang in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The NRCY functions under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The high-altitude animal is also referred to as "mountain cattle". Earlier, a scheme was announced to insure the Himalayan yaks against the impact of climate change.

4. Which Indian is one among the 2021 Yidan Prize awardees?

- A) Dr Rukmini Banerji ☒
- B) Santanu Mishra
- C) Rippan Kapur
- D) Anshu Gupta



- ✓ The Yidan Prize is an education award that recognizes individuals, or teams, who have contributed significantly to education research and development. The Yidan Prize Foundation have awarded India-based Dr Rukmini Banerji and US-based Professor Eric Hanushek the prestigious Yidan Prize 2021. Nine laureates have been awarded the Yidan Prize since its inception in 2016.
- ✓ Dr Rukmini Banerji, Chief Executive Officer of the Pratham Education Foundation, is awarded for her work in improving learning outcomes.

5. DigiSaksham programme, which was making news recently, was launched by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Labour and Employment ☒
- D) Ministry of Textiles

- ✓ Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupendra Yadav announced a collaboration with Microsoft India to launch DigiSaksham programme. Through DigiSaksham, 10 million active registered job seekers will be able to access the training including computing and computer science training on the National Career Service Portal.
- ✓ The programme is aimed to impact 3,00,000 job seekers in the first year by training them in subjects like programming languages, data analytics, software development etc.

6. Who took charge as the Chief Hydrographer to the Government of India?

- A) Adhir Arora ☒
- B) Vinay Badhwar
- C) Gaurav Arya
- D) R K Mathur



- ✓ Vice Admiral Adhir Arora, NM has taken charge as the Chief Hydrographer to the Government of India. He succeeded Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar, AVSM, NM who superannuated in this month.
- ✓ Adhir Arora was responsible for maritime boundaries aspects including representing India in the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) during the arbitration with Bangladesh. He was also the co-chair for the 3rd Indo - Mauritius hydrographic cooperation meeting.

7. Which institution publishes the Global Financial Stability Report semi-annually?

- A) World Bank
- B) IMF ☒
- C) ADB
- D) New Development Bank



- ✓ The Global Financial Stability Report is a semi-annual publication by the International Monetary Fund, which gives detailed review on the stability of global financial markets. In the recent Global Financial Stability Report, the IMF has dedicated an exclusive chapter to cryptocurrency. Under it, IMF mentions that rapid growth of the crypto ecosystem presents new opportunities at the same time, it has cautioned about the financial stability challenges.

8. Who has become the first Indian Woman cricketer to score a century in Australia?

- A) Smriti Mandhana ☒
- B) Mithali Raj
- C) Shafali Verma
- D) Punam Raut



- ✓ Indian ace woman cricketer Smriti Mandhana has created a new record by becoming the very first Indian woman to score a century in Australia. The previously held record in this regard was 58 runs in the second innings of the Melbourne Test in 1991. Mandhana scored 127 runs off 216 balls, which included 22 boundaries and a six.

9. Manu Bhaker, who was seen in the news recently, is associated with which sports?

- A) Running
- B) Swimming
- C) Wrestling
- D) Shooting ☒



- ✓ Indian shooter Manu Bhaker has made a top podium finish in the ISSF Junior World Championship held at Lima, Peru. She won Gold in individual pistol event as well as in a mixed team pistol with Sarabjot

Singh. Her contribution helped India to rise to the top of the medal tally at the championship.

10. Edayur and Kuttiattoor, which were in news recently, belongs to which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Kerala ☒
- D) Karnataka



- ✓ Edayur Chilli and Kuttiattoor Mango of the state of Kerala have received Geographical Indication tag (GI Tag) recently. Geographical Indication (GI) is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and is regulated under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act of 1999.
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1. The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$251 million loan for urban flood protection and management in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Karnataka
- D) Kerala



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$251 million loan for urban flood protection and management in the Chennai-Kosasthalaiyar river basin in the state of Tamil Nadu. The project will establish climate-resilient urban flood protection infrastructure in the region.
- ✓ It will construct 588 kilometers of new stormwater drains, rehabilitate or replace 175 km of stormwater drains among others. Chennai's rapid urbanization has made the city vulnerable to widespread flooding.

2. Which institution released a report titled 'Digital Economy Report 2021'?

- A) IMF
- B) World Bank
- C) UNCTAD ☒
- D) WTO



- ✓ Digital Economy Report 2021 was released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ✓ The report examines the implications of growing cross-border data flows, especially for developing countries. The Report also calls for innovative approaches to govern data and data flows to ensure equitable distribution of the gains from data flows.

3. Which institution released the report titled "Best Practices in the Performance of District Hospitals"?

- A) AIIMS
- B) NITI Aayog ☒
- C) IMA
- D) World Bank



- ✓ NITI Aayog recently released a performance assessment report of district hospitals in India, titled Best Practices in the Performance of District Hospitals. The report is made with collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and WHO India.
- ✓ The assessment framework covers 10 Key Performance Indicators and a total of 707 district hospitals across all States and UTs participated in the assessment. The Health Management Information System (HMIS) data for the year 2017-18 was used as baseline. 75 district hospitals across 24 States and UTs emerged as top performers.

4. 'Chacha Chaudhary' has been declared as the mascot of which programme in India?

- A) Swachh Bharat 2.0
- B) SAUBHAGYA
- C) Namami Gange Programme ☒
- D) PM Ujjwala Yojana



- ✓ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) announced that Chacha Chaudhary, the popular comic book character, has been declared as a mascot of Namami Gange Programme.
- ✓ The character would be used for sensitising children and youths about the cleaning of Ganga and other rivers. 'Ganga ki Baat, Chacha Choudhary Ke Sath' is a public engagement activity under the public outreach activities of Namami Gange mission."

5. "Bal Raksha Kit" is an immunity boosting medicine developed by which organisation?

- A) AIIMS
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) AIIA ☒
- D) DRDO



- ✓ The All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), under the aegis Union Ayush Ministry has developed an immunity booster kit for children named "Bal Raksha Kit", which can be consumed by children upto the age of 16 years. This can be undertaken by the children till the time vaccine is available for COVID 19 disease.
- ✓ The Ministry has planned that, on National Ayurveda Day (November 2), 10,000 Bal Raksha kits would be distributed free-of-cost.

6. Which organization publishes the "Model Lists of Essential Medicines"?

- A) AIIMS
- B) IMA
- C) WHO ☒
- D) FAO



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently published the latest edition of "Model Lists of Essential Medicines and Essential Medicines for Children". The new list has prioritized access to diabetes and cancer treatments. The list has included new medicines to assist people who want to stop smoking and new antimicrobials to treat serious bacterial and fungal infections.

7. When is the Mental Health Awareness Campaign Week observed by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare?

- A) October 1 to October 5, 2021
- B) October 2 to October 7, 2021
- C) October 10 to October 17, 2021
- D) October 5 to October 10, 2021 ☒



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is observing October 5 to October 10, 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Campaign Week, as a part of the World Mental health Day celebration on October 10.
- ✓ This week is observed to raise awareness about mental health and mobilize support in this regard. As a part of this initiative, the Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya also released the UNICEF's State of the World's Children Report.

8. "Azadi@75 - New Urban India" - the Urban conclave was inaugurated in which city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Varanasi
- D) Lucknow ☒



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi has inaugurated the "Azadi@75 - New Urban India" - an urban conclave cum expo at Lucknow. During the inaugural event, the PM handed over digitally the keys of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) houses to 75,000 beneficiaries located in 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh.

9. The Headquarters of the 'National Road Safety Board' is in which Indian city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Aurangabad
- D) Kolkata



- ✓ The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has notified the constitution of National Road Safety Board. The Board will be responsible for promoting road safety, innovation and adoption of new technology, and regulation of traffic and motor vehicles.
- ✓ The Head Office of the Board in the National Capital Region and the board may set up offices at other places in India. It shall consist of the Chairman and not three to seven Members, to be appointed by the Central Government.

10. Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) is a scheme of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Textiles ☒
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ The Ministry of Textiles has approved continuation of Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) with a total outlay of ₹160 crore. The scheme will now continue up to March 2026. Under the scheme, infrastructural support, market access, design and technology up-gradation support are provided to handicraft artisans.

1. What are 'Pandora Papers' which is seen in the news recently?

- A) Paper manufactured in Italy
- B) Eco friendly paper
- C) Documents revealing undisclosed wealth and tax avoidance ☒
- D) Documents related to Bitcoin

- ✓ The Pandora Papers are documents on hidden wealth, tax avoidance and money laundering by famous personalities across the globe. The data in this regard has been obtained by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and more than 140 media organisations are working on the people who are involved in money laundering.

2. Who is the MD of National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd?

- A) PM Nair ☒
- B) Ajit Doval
- C) Urjit Patel
- D) UK Sinha



- ✓ PM Nair – a stressed assets expert from State Bank of India is the MD of National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd, which has recently received the approval of the Reserve Bank of India to commence its operations. The decision to constitute the "Bad Bank" / NARCL to clean the books of PSU was declared in the Union Budget 2021–22.

3. "SVAMITVA" scheme is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Panchayat Raj ☒



- ✓ The "SVAMITVA" stands for "Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas" is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Under the scheme, clear ownership of property in rural inhabited areas is established by mapping land parcels using Drones. Recently, the Prime Minister distributed e-property cards to over 1,71,000 beneficiaries of Madhya Pradesh under the scheme.

4. "MITRA" scheme announced in Budget 2021–22 is associated with which sector?

- A) Defence
- B) Textile ☒
- C) Automobile
- D) Medicine



- ✓ The PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (MITRA) was announced in the Union Budget 2021–22 for growth of the textile sector and place India as a global leader in Textiles.
- ✓ The Government has approved setting up of 7 Mega Textile parks at a proposed cost of Rs.4445 crore. These parks are expected to provide job opportunities to 21 lakh people.

5. The Indian dish "Mihidana" which is a GI tagged product belongs to which state?

- A) West Bengal ☒
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Haryana
- D) Punjab



- ✓ Mihidana is a sweet dish of West Bengal and is a GI (Geographical Indication) tagged product. This is in news recently as the very first

consignment of Mihidana sourced from Bardhaman has been exported to Bahrain.

6. Where was the Business Summit on the National Mission on Edible Oil – Oil Palm for North East held recently?

- A) Guwahati ☒
- B) Agartala
- C) Itanagar
- D) Gangtok



- ✓ A Business Summit on National Mission on Edible Oil – Oil Palm for North East was held recently at Guwahati, which was presided over by Narendra Singh Tomar – the union minister for agriculture and farmers welfare.
- ✓ The National Mission on Edible Oil – Oil Palm is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which aims to add 6.5 lakh hectares for palm oil by 2025–26.

7. High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, was officially launched in which year?

- A) 1984
- B) 1992
- C) 2000
- D) 2021 ☒

2021

- ✓ The High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (HAC) is an intergovernmental group, co-chaired by France and Costa Rica. Its objective is to support the adoption of a target to protect 30% of the planet's land and 30% of its oceans by 2030 (30x30 target).
- ✓ The Coalition was officially launched at the One Planet Summit in 2021. It currently has around 70 members. India officially joined the coalition at a ceremony held between the French and Indian governments in New Delhi.

8. When is the 'Indian Air Force Day' celebrated every year?

- A) October 2
- B) October 4
- C) October 5
- D) October 8 ☒



- ✓ Every year on October 8, the country celebrates Indian Air Force Day. This year will celebrate the 89th anniversary of Indian Air Force Day. The day commemorates the establishment of Indian Air Force (IAF) on the same day in 1932. The first operational squadron was established in April 1933. The day also aims to increase awareness about the Indian Air Force, also known as the 'Bhartiya Vayu Sena'.

9. After RBI's October Monetary Policy Committee Meeting, what is the Repo rate?

- A) 4.5 %
- B) 4.25%
- C) 4.00% ☒
- D) 3.75%



- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the key lending rate – repo rate unchanged at 4 percent for the eighth time in a row. Reverse repo rate remained unchanged at 3.5 percent. RBI also retained FY22 GDP growth forecast at 9.5 percent.

10. What is the theme of the 'World Post Day' 2021?

- A) Innovate to recover ☒
- B) Post to Connect
- C) Communication during Covid
- D) Post across the World



- ✓ World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9th of October to mark the anniversary of establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874. India has been a member of the Universal Postal Union since 1876.
 - ✓ The theme for this year's World Post Day is 'Innovate to recover'. The objective of the World Post Day is to create awareness about the role of postal sector in the lives of people.
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1. Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary, which were seen in the news recently, are located in which state?

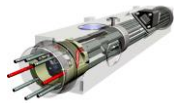
- A) West Bengal
- B) Odisha
- C) Chhattisgarh ☒
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The Chhattisgarh government is set to declare the combined areas of the Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve. The National Tiger Conservation Authority approved the state government's proposal. The new Reserve is located in the northern part of the state, bordering Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.

2. Deep Space Atomic Clock, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which space agency?

- A) ISRO
- B) NASA ☒
- C) Virgin Galactic
- D) SpaceX



- ✓ NASA's Deep Space Atomic Clock, has successfully ended its mission. The clock was built by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in southern California. The Deep Space Atomic Clock is an ultra-precise, mercury-ion atomic clock. It was launched aboard the Department of Defense Space Test Programme 2 mission on June 25, 2019.
- ✓ After the instrument completed its one-year primary mission in Earth orbit, NASA extended the mission to collect more data.

3. What is the name of the application launched by the Union Shipping Ministry to promote transparency in port-related information?

- A) AtmaNirbhar Port
- B) MyPort ☒
- C) Bharat Port
- D) Port in Hand



- ✓ Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal recently launched a port mobile application called 'MyPortApp' in Kolkata. The Application is aimed at promoting transparency and easy access to port-related information. The app includes all details digitally and monitors the operations of ports virtually.

4. Mette Frederiksen, who visited India recently, is the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Finland
- B) Denmark ☒
- C) France
- D) Australia



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Danish counterpart Mette Frederiksen held bilateral talks at Hyderabad House. Frederiksen, who arrived on a three-day visit, will hold talks with President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ Earlier, Frederiksen met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. Over 200 Danish companies are present in India and around 60 Indian companies are present in Denmark.

5. Atal Pragati Path, is an expressway project, proposed to be set up in which Indian state/ UT?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Madhya Pradesh ☒
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet has approved the proposal to provide government land in exchange for the private land being acquired for Atal Pragati Path. It is a 313-km four-lane expressway project implemented under the Bharatmala project.
- ✓ The proposed Atal Pragati Path will pass through Sheopur, Morena and Bhind districts of Madhya Pradesh. The state government is providing land free for the project.

6. Jim Corbett National Park, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand ☒
- B) Bihar
- C) West Bengal
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Jim Corbett National Park is a world-renowned tiger reserve in Uttarakhand. It was seen in the news recently, Union Minister of State for Forest and Environment Ashwini Kumar Choubey announced that it may be renamed as Ramganga National Park in the future. It is India's first national park which is spread over an area of about 521 km. It's known for its Bengal tigers, leopards and wild elephants.

7. Which Indian topped the Forbes Rich List for the 14th year in a row?

- A) Gautam Adani
- B) Mukesh Ambani ☒
- C) Rajinikanth
- D) Udhayanidhi Stalin



- ✓ Mukesh Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Industries, topped the rich list for the 14th year in a row, as per Forbes Rich List, with a total wealth of \$92 billion. He has added \$4 billion to his net worth in the year 2021.
- ✓ Gautam Adani, with a wealth of \$74.8 billion, is the second richest in India. Shiv Nadar of HCL was number three in the list with a wealth of \$31 billion. Radhakrishnan Damani, founder of Avenues Super-mart, and Cyrus Poonawalla, Chairman of Serum Institute, were placed fourth and fifth.

8. Which institution released a report titled 'Shifting Gears: Digitization and Services-Led Development'?

- A) IMF
- B) World Bank ☒
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) UNEP



- ✓ World Bank recently released the report titled 'Shifting Gears: Digitization and Services-Led Development'. As per the report, India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the current fiscal year is estimated to grow by 8.3%.
- ✓ This is a South Asia economic focus report released ahead of its annual meetings which start next week in Washington.

9. What is the theme for RBI's 4th regulatory sandbox cohort?

- A) MSME Lending
- B) Retail Lending
- C) International Banking
- D) Financial Frauds ☒



- ✓ The RBI Governor – Shaktikanta Das has announced that the fourth regulatory sandbox cohort of the Reserve Bank would be on "Financial Frauds". It has been stated that the main focus would be on "reduce the lag between the occurrence and detection of frauds" and to "strengthen the governance structure".
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10. Which India conglomerate has won the bid to acquire Air India?

- A) Tata Sons ☒
- B) Reliance Industries Limited
- C) Adani Group
- D) Mahindra Group



- ✓ The Tata Sons has emerged as the winner in the bid to acquire Air India and will take over 100% Government of India's stake in the carrier. Tata sons placed a bid of Rs 18,000 crore, of which Rs 2,700 crore would be paid in cash and the remaining would be absorbed Rs 65,562 crore debt of the airline. The Government of India in 1953 took control of Air India from the Tata Group.
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1. Indian Born Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, who passed away recently is associated with which field?

- A) Atomic and Nuclear Science ☒
- B) Cricket
- C) Politics
- D) Agriculture



- ✓ Indian Born Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, also known as the father of Pakistan's atomic weapons program died recently in Pakistan. He was born in the year 1936 in Bhopal and moved to Pakistan during the 1947 Partition of India and Pakistan.

2. When is the 'International Day of the Girl Child' observed across the world?

- A) October.10
- B) October.11 ☒
- C) October.14
- D) October.15



- ✓ The International Day of the Girl Child is observed annually on October 11, to highlight the gender equality impacts. In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child, to recognise the challenges faced by girls.
- ✓ This year, the UN urges the world to bridge the gender digital divide existing in diverse skills and jobs.

3. Which Indian banker has joined as the Chairman of BharatPe?

- A) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- B) Rajnish Kumar ☒
- C) Chanda Kochhar
- D) Urjit Patel



- ✓ Rajnish Kumar, former chairman of State Bank of India (SBI), has joined the board of Fintech firm BharatPe as its Chairman. Rajnish Kumar earlier retired from the country's largest lender after four decades of service in October 2020. He was previously appointed as a non-executive director for banking giant HSBC's Asia unit.

4. Minister for Forest and Environment released the Vision Plan for Indian zoos, for which duration?

- A) 2021-2031 ☒
- B) 2021-2025
- C) 2022-2032
- D) 2022-2026



- ✓ Union Environment Minister released important publications of the Central Zoo Authority, at the National conference for Zoo directors and veterinarians organized by Central Zoo Authority and hosted by Sardar Patel Zoological Park, Gujarat.
- ✓ First is the Vision Plan [2021-2031] for Indian zoos to upgrade them to global standards and strengthening of Central Zoo Authority. It focusses on animal care, research, and visitor experiences. Second is the WASH Manual for Zoos- for creating and maintaining WASH facilities within the premises for staff and visitors. He also gave away 'Prani Mitra' Awards, set up by CZA.

5. Who has been appointed the director-general of the Indian Space Association (ISPA)?

- A) Anil Bhatt ☒
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Ajit Doval
- D) Rajnath Singh



- ✓ The Prime Minister recently launched the Indian Space Association (ISPA). It is an industry association of space and satellite companies. The Founding members include Larson & Toubro, Nelco (Tata Group), OneWeb, Bharti Airtel, MapmyIndia, Walchandnagar Industries and Ananth Technology Limited. Other core members include Godrej, Hughes India, among others. Lt Gen Anil Bhatt (Retd) has been appointed the director-general of the association.

6. Which public sector bank has launched a campaign named "6S Campaign"?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Punjab National Bank ☒
- C) Canara Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda



- ✓ Punjab National Bank, the country's second largest Public Sector Bank, has launched a "6S Campaign" including different schemes such as - Swabhiman, Samruddhi, Sampark and Shikhar, Sankalp and Swagat. The objective is to drive awareness campaign for development of financial services in the country. It aims to create awareness on credit growth, social security schemes and drive digital banking push, especially credit outreach for the agricultural sector.

7. India agreed to provide a USD 200 million Line of Credit for development projects in which country?

- A) Nepal
- B) Tajikistan
- C) Kyrgyzstan ☒
- D) Indonesia



- ✓ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held talks with the top Kyrgyzstan leadership to boost bilateral ties, including defence cooperation. India also agreed to provide a USD 200 million Line of Credit for development projects in the country. Jaishankar is on his four-day visit to Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Armenia with an aim to further expand bilateral ties with the three Central Asian countries.

8. Mont Blanc, which was seen in the news recently, is the highest peak in which mountain range?

- A) Himalayas
- B) Alps ☒
- C) Andes
- D) Mount Everest



- ✓ Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in the Alps and Western Europe. The summit of the Mont Blanc peak, has shrunk by two metres over the past 20 years. Recently, surveyors including experts and high mountain guides measured the peak and announced its new measurements. It has reached an official height of 4,807.81 metres above sea level. The highest reading was 4,810.9 metres in 2007.

9. When is the International Translation Day celebrated every year?

- A) September 30 ☒
- B) October 1
- C) October 2
- D) October 3



- ✓ Every year, the 30th September is celebrated as the International Translation Day. This day is chosen to remember the Bible translator St. Jerome, who is considered the father of translators.

- ✓ A resolution in this regard was passed by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 2017, in order to recognise the role played by language professionals in connecting nations and promoting peace.

10. David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian, who were in the news recently, are the winners of which award?

- A) Manbooker Prize
- B) Abel Prize
- C) Nobel Prize ☒
- D) Fields Medal



- ✓ 2021 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has been announced to two joint winners, David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian.
- ✓ The award has been given for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch that gives the ability to sense heat, cold and touch needed for survival. David Julius is a professor with the School of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. Ardem Patapoutian is an immigrant, is a Professor in the Department of Neuroscience at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

1. India has entered into an agreement with Croatia in which field, recently?

- A) Indian traditional medicine ☒
- B) Sports
- C) Digital Education
- D) Defence



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Ayush, Government of India has entered into an agreement with the Government of Croatia for research and development in Indian traditional medicine systems.
- ✓ The MoU agreement was signed by the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) on Indian behalf. Croatia has proposed to include Indian Ayurveda and Yoga along with its tourism packages.

2. A group of 136 countries, including India have set a minimum global tax rate at what per cent, for big companies?

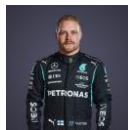
- A) 5%
- B) 10%
- C) 15% ☒
- D) 20%

15%

- ✓ A set of 136 countries including India have set a minimum global tax of 15% for big companies. This sets a floor tax rate for these countries to attract investment and prevents countries from levying tax at a lower rate to multinational companies. By many countries including the USA, this move is seen as a level playing field and this rate is lower than the corporate tax rate of 23.5% in many countries.

3. Which racing driver won the Turkish Grand Prix 2021?

- A) Lewis Hamilton
- B) Valtteri Bottas ☒
- C) Max Verstappen
- D) Sergio Perez



- ✓ Finnish racing driver Valtteri Bottas wins the Turkish Grand Prix 2021. Another Racing Driver Max Verstappen came in the 2nd place and Sergio Perez was in the 3rd place. Ace Racing Driver Lewis Hamilton crossed the line in the 5th place while Charles Leclerc took the fourth place. Bottas, the 32-year-old driver has won ten races from 2017 till 2021.

4. Where is the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) headquartered?

- A) New York
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Colombo
- D) Rome



- ✓ The Centre for Development of Telematics is an Indian Government owned telecommunications technology development centre.
- ✓ It is headquartered at New Delhi. C-DOT has been asked to start working on 6G technologies which is said to be 50 times faster than 5G and other futuristic technologies. Union Telecom Secretary recently inaugurated C-DOT's Quantum Communication Lab and launched the indigenously developed Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) solution.

5. What is the rank of India, in the Henley Passport Index 2021?

- A) 90 ☒
- B) 82
- C) 70
- D) 65



- ✓ India's rank has slipped by six places from last year to 90 on the Henley Passport Index, which lists the world's most travel-friendly passports. The index ranks the passports of countries according to the number of destinations their holders can visit without a prior visa.
- ✓ The rankings are based on the analysis of data provided by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). Japan and Singapore hold the first rank on the passport index, while the second position is shared by South Korea and Germany.

6. What is the theme of the 'International Day of Older Persons' 2021?

- A) Digital Equity for All Ages ☒
- B) Respect and Love for Elders
- C) Empathy and Equity
- D) Fair Treatment to all Elders



- ✓ 'International Day of Older Persons' is celebrated every year on October 1. The aim of the day is to spread awareness about the need for health facilities and social care for elderly. On Dec.14 1990, the United Nations General Assembly declared Oct.1 as the International Day of Older Persons. The theme for 2021 is "Digital Equity for All Ages".

7. The State Election Commission of which state is set to conduct India's first dry run for "Voting through smart phone"?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Telangana ☒
- C) Karnataka
- D) Kerala



- ✓ The State Election Commission of Telangana is about to conduct a dry run of the voting using their smartphones. This trial has got approval from the state government. The trial would be run in Khammam district on October 20th 2021 and would be the country's first e-voting process using mobile smart mobile phones.

8. The Exercise Malabar is associated with which Armed force of India?

- A) Indian Army
- B) Indian Navy ☒
- C) Indian Coast Guard
- D) National Security Guard



- ✓ The Exercise Malabar is a Naval / Maritime Exercise of Navies of India, Japan, Australia and USA. The second phase of Malabar exercise would be conducted from October 12-15, 2021 in the Bay of Bengal. INS Ranvijay, INS Satpura, P81 Maritime Patrol Aircraft and a Submarine would be representing India in the exercise.

9. Sunil Chhetri, who was in the news recently, is associated with which sports?

- A) Cricket
- B) Football ☒
- C) Volleyball
- D) Kabaddi



- ✓ Indian professional footballer and the Captain of Indian National Football team – Sunil Chhetri has recently scored his 77th international goal, in a match against Nepal at the SAFF Championships in Male. With this, he has equalled the goal table of Pele, former legendary Brazilian Footballer. This record was made by him in his 123rd match for India.

10. What is the proposed financial outlay for the PM Gati Shakti Master Plan?

- A) Rs. 100 crores
- B) Rs. 1 lakh crore
- C) Rs. 10 lakh crores
- D) Rs. 100 lakh crores ☒



- ✓ The PM on the 75th Independence Day speech had announced for "PM Gati Shakti Master Plan" at a total financial outlay of Rs.100 lakh crore, aiming for holistic infrastructure development. The scheme is proposed to offer modal connectivity to more than 1000 industrial clusters and would include projects under existing schemes like Bharatmala, Sagarmala, Udaan etc.
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1. When is the 'National Voluntary Blood Donation Day' observed?

- A) October 1 ☒
 B) October 2
 C) October 3
 D) October 4



- ✓ National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is celebrated on 1st October of every year across the country. It aims to raise awareness about blood donation and promote voluntary Blood donation in the country.
- ✓ The theme for this year's Blood donation event is "Give Blood and keep the world beating". Our country needs around 1.45 crore units of blood every year. Collection of blood is done through 3500 licensed blood banks across the country.

2. Who is the head of the expert panel set up by the International Financial Services Centres Authority, on sustainable finance?

- A) Urjit Patel
 B) C K Mishra ☒
 C) Abhijeet Banerjee
 D) Jean Drèze



- ✓ The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has set up an expert panel headed by former Environment and Forest Secretary C K Mishra to suggest a framework to develop a world-class sustainable finance hub at IFSC. IFSCA was established in April last year under the IFSC Authority Act, 2019. It is headquartered at GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- ✓ IFSCA is an authority for the development and regulation of financial products, financial services and financial institutions in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in India.

3. What is the name of the cyclone that hit Oman and is an offspring of the cyclone Gulab?

- A) Shaheen ☒
 B) Fakit
 C) Gulmuhar
 D) Tez



- ✓ The Tropical Cyclone Shaheen has hit the coast of Oman. This cyclone is an offspring of the cyclone Gulab which had a devastating impact on the east coast of India in late September 2021. The remnant of cyclone Gulab along with the low-pressure region over Gujarat had gained strength to form the new cyclone Shaheen.

4. Which Ministry has launched the "Good Samaritan" initiative?

- A) Ministry of Finance
 B) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways ☒
 C) Ministry of Rural Development
 D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ The Government of India's Union Ministry of Road transport and highways has launched a scheme named "Good Samaritan". Under the scheme, anyone who saves the life of a road accident victim would be incentivized with Rs.5000/- and a certificate, if the victims are rushed to hospital within the "Golden hour". Also, individuals could be awarded a maximum of five times in a year under the scheme.

5. "Keeping cybercriminals out: #JustOneClick" is a cyber security campaign launched by which organization?

- A) NASSCOM
 B) RBI
 C) Data Security Council of India
 D) Interpol ☒



- ✓ The Interpol has launched a cyber security campaign - "Keeping cybercriminals out: #JustOneClick" from Oct.4 to 22, which will be organized mainly in social media.
- ✓ The aim of this campaign is to create awareness about cyber threats and help people to protect their computer systems, networks and personal information from cyber criminals.

6. Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov, who received Nobel Peace Prize, are associated with which profession?

- A) Politics
 B) Journalism ☒
 C) Defence
 D) Social Service



- ✓ Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov have been chosen for the Nobel Peace Prize 2021, for their efforts to safeguard and promote freedom of expression in the Philippines and Russia.
- ✓ Maria Ressa is a Filipino-American journalist, author, and the co-founder of a media company Rappler. Dmitry Muratov is a Russian journalist and a television presenter.

7. Subject Expert Committee on Covid-19 granted emergency use approval to which vaccine for children (2-18 years)?

- A) Covishield
 B) Covaxin ☒
 C) Sputnik
 D) Pfizer



- ✓ Subject Expert Committee on Covid-19 granted emergency use approval to Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for children in the 2-18 years age group.
- ✓ Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech had completed Phase-2 and Phase-3 trials of Covaxin on children below 18 years of age and submitted the trial data to the Drugs and Comptroller General of India (DCGI). The 1st group examined was between 12 -18 years, the 2nd group was between 6- 12 years and the third age group was between 2-6 years.

8. CRISP-M tool, which was seen in the news recently, embeds climate information in implementing which scheme?

- A) MGNREGS ☒
 B) PM Awas Yojana
 C) SAUBHAGYA
 D) PM Ujjwala Yojana



- ✓ Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Shri Giriraj Singh jointly launched Climate Resilience Information System and Planning (CRISP-M) tool.
- ✓ It is used for integration of climate information in Geographic Information System based watershed planning under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme. It was launched along with Lord Tariq Ahmad, Minister of State for South Asia and the Commonwealth in the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office through a virtual event.

9. Union Home Ministry has enhanced the powers of which Central Armed Police Force, recently?

- A) ITBP
 B) BSF ☒
 C) CRPF
 D) CISF



- ✓ The Union Home Ministry has recently enhanced the powers of the Border Security Force (BSF) to arrest, search and seize within 50 km from the international boundary in Assam, West Bengal and Punjab. BSF is a Central armed police force under the Union.
- ✓ This power will also be applicable to the newly created Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Earlier, the BSF's limit was fixed up to 80 km from the international boundary in Gujarat and 15 km in Rajasthan, Punjab, West Bengal and Assam.

10. Who is the first Indian to be elected as the Chairman of World Steel Association?

- A) Sajjan Jindal ☒
- B) Aditya Mittal
- C) Anirban Dasgupta
- D) Gautam Adani



- ✓ JSW Steel Chairman and Managing Director Sajjan Jindal has been elected as the Chairman of the World Steel Association (WSA) for the 2021-22 period. Jindal also becomes the first representative from India to serve as Chairman of the WSA.
- ✓ He precedes Yu Yong as the Chairman of WSA, whose members represent approximately 85 percent of the world's steel production. Established in 1967, it is headquartered in Brussels.

1. "Extended Producer Responsibility" which is in news recently, is associated with?

- A) Plastic waste management ☒
- B) Automobile Manufacturing
- C) Meat Production
- D) Agricultural Export



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Environment has released a draft notification on regulation of extended producer responsibility under the plastic waste management rules 2016. This covers three categories of plastics namely rigid plastic packaging; flexible plastic packaging of single layer / multilayer plastics. As per the draft, quantity of waste that will have to be managed by producers and importers has been specified.

2. Which institution has released the 'State of The World's Hand Hygiene' report?

- A) WHO and UNICEF ☒
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) Bell and Melinda Gates Foundation
- D) Indian Medical Association



- ✓ World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF jointly released the 2021 State of The World's Hand Hygiene report. As per the report, all households in the world's 46 least developed countries could have handwashing facilities by 2030 if the world invested less than \$1 per person per year, in hand hygiene. An annual cost to governments on promoting handwashing with soap at home comes to 2.5% of the average government health expenditure in these countries.

3. What is the name of skill development programme for the unemployed youths of India, conducted by Indian Railway?

- A) Better India Better World
- B) Skill India
- C) Rail Dristi
- D) Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana ☒



- ✓ The Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana is a technical skill development programme organized and conducted by the Indian Railways, to unemployed youths of age 18-35 years.
- ✓ The scheme aims to enhance their employability and entrepreneurship. Recently, the Indian Railways' Banaras Locomotive Works had successfully conducted the training for its first batch of trainees, and distributed self-employment toolkits cum certificated to the trainees.

4. "The Naval Interaction-2021" is a joint naval exercise between which two countries?

- A) India and USA
- B) India and China
- C) China and Russia ☒
- D) Japan and Australia



- ✓ The Naval forces of China and Russia have commenced the "The Naval Interaction-2021" joint Naval exercise, which aims to enhance the two country's capability and hone their skills to jointly deal with maritime security threats. The exercise is taking place at Russia's Peter the Great Gulf in the Sea of Japan.

5. What is the theme of 'World Sight Day 2021'?

- A) Love Your Eyes ☒
- B) Donate Eyes; Donate Life
- C) Eye Health matters
- D) Sight First



- ✓ World Sight Day is observed annually on the second Thursday of October. This year, the Day is observed on October 14.
- ✓ It is a global event which aims to create awareness on blindness and vision impairment. It was originally initiated by the Sight First Campaign of Lions Club International Foundation in 2000. The theme for World Sight Day 2021 is 'Love Your Eyes'.

6. Where was the eighth ministerial meeting of the India-USA Economic and Financial Partnership Dialogue held recently?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Washington DC ☒
- C) Pune
- D) New York



- ✓ The eighth ministerial meeting of the India-U.S.A. Economic and Financial Partnership Dialogue held at Washington DC. The meeting was chaired by Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman and the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States Dr. Janet Yellen.
- ✓ During the meeting, discussions were held on recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, financial regulatory and technical collaboration, multilateral engagement, climate finance and anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism.

7. The Challenge, the world's first movie in space, is being made by which country?

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



- ✓ "The Challenge" is the world's first movie to be shot in space. Russian actress and a director along with a cosmonaut returned to Earth after spending 12 days in the International Space Station (ISS) shooting scenes for the movie. The trio departed ISS in their Soyuz MS-18 spacecraft, according to NASA. They blasted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan earlier this month.

8. A K Goel, MD & CEO of UCO Bank has been recently elected as the Chairman of which body?

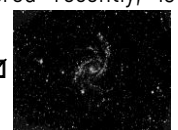
- A) Press Trust of India
- B) IBPS
- C) Indian Bank's Association ☒
- D) RBI Services Board



- ✓ The present Managing Director and CEO of UCO Bank Shri. A K Goel has been elected as the chairman of Indian Bank's Association for the year 2021-22. The election was held at the body's Managing Committee meeting held on 2021 Oct.14th. He succeeds Rajkiran Rai G, who is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Union Bank of India.

9. 'Hamilton's Object' which was discovered recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Physics
- B) Space Science ☒
- C) Virology
- D) Economics



- ✓ From the images captured by the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope, a team of astronomers led by Timothy Hamilton have discovered an unusual gravitational lensing configuration. It is named as 'Hamilton's Object'.

10. *Amoria thorae*, which was seen in the news recently, is a new species of?

- A) Marine Snail ☒
- B) Turtle
- C) Spider
- D) Crab



- ✓ *Amoria* is a genus of marine gastropods (snails and slugs). These predatory creatures are found in onshore and offshore waters around the entire coast of Australia. Some species extend into waters of southern Indonesia. Named *Amoria thorae*, the species is very rare.
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1. Which public sector unit has recently been accorded "Maharatna" status?

- A) Power Finance Corporation ☒
- B) Airports Authority of India
- C) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- D) BEML Limited



- ✓ The Central Government has accorded "Maharatna" status to Power Finance Corporation (PFC). PFC is the 11th state-owned entity to get the status, joining the elite group of ONGC, Indian Oil Corporation, SAIL among others.
- ✓ "Maharatna" status is granted to a company which has recorded more than ₹5,000 crore of net profit for three consecutive years.

2. What is the theme of the 'World Arthritis Day 2021'?

- A) Don't Delay, Connect Today: Time2Work ☒
- B) Leaving No one behind
- C) Misdiagnosis in Arthritis
- D) 25 years of Arthritis Day



- ✓ World Arthritis Day is observed every year on October 12 to spread awareness about the existence and impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. The day was first observed in 1996 and this year the theme of the day is "Don't Delay, Connect Today: Time2Work".

3. Union Home Ministry began tripartite talks with Gorkha representatives and which state government?

- A) Odisha
- B) West Bengal ☒
- C) Assam
- D) Jharkhand



- ✓ The Union Home Ministry began tripartite talks with Gorkha representatives from the Darjeeling Hills, Terai and Dooars region and the Government of West Bengal. The talks were held with the objective of resolving the demand of statehood in the North Bengal region.
- ✓ The talks were chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah. The second round of talks with the officials of the Government of West Bengal is scheduled in November 2021.

4. Which animal species is also called as 'Dhole'?

- A) Asiatic Wild Dog ☒
- B) Hyena
- C) Aardwolf
- D) African Elephant



- ✓ The 'Dhole' (*Cuon alpinus*) is an animal native to Central, South, East, and Southeast Asia. Other names for the species include Asiatic wild dog, Indian wild dog, whistling dog, red dog, and mountain wolf. It is a Schedule II species under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- ✓ A recent study has identified 114 priority tehsils where habitats can be consolidated to enhance population connectivity for the dhole or Asiatic Wild Dog. The animals are found across India.

5. Which institution has formed a Scientific Advisory Group for the Origins on Novel Pathogens (SAGO)?

- A) UNICEF
- B) World Health Organisation ☒
- C) FAO
- D) John Hopkins



- ✓ The Director-General of the World Health Organisation has set up the WHO Scientific Advisory Group for the Origins on Novel Pathogens (SAGO). The SAGO will advise the Secretariat on technical and scientific considerations on emerging and re-emerging pathogens.
- ✓ An Indian epidemiologist, Dr Raman Gangakhedkar, will be part of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Scientific Advisory Group for determining the origin of covid-19 pandemic.

6. Malabar series of exercises began as a bilateral naval exercise between India and which country, in 1992?

- A) USA ☒
- B) France
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Bangladesh



- ✓ The Malabar series of exercises, which began as an annual bilateral naval exercise between India and the US in 1992. The Indian Navy is set to participate in the Second Phase of Multilateral Maritime Exercise Malabar along with the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force, Royal Australian Navy and the United States Navy. It is being conducted in the Bay of Bengal from 12 - 15 Oct 2021. First Phase of the exercise was conducted in the Philippines Sea in August.

7. Which institution releases the 'Fiscal Monitor' Report?

- A) World Bank
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) International Monetary Fund ☒
- D) World Trade Organization



- ✓ As per the International Monetary Fund's 'Fiscal Monitor' Report, the global debt has jumped to a new high of USD 226 trillion. Advanced economies and China contributed more than 90 per cent to the accumulation of world-wide debt in 2020.
- ✓ India's debt increased from 68.9 per cent of its GDP in 2016 to 89.6 per cent in 2020. It is projected to jump to 90.6 per cent in 2021.

8. As per Government's recent notification released in 2021, what is the gestational limit for termination of pregnancy?

- A) 12 weeks
- B) 18 weeks
- C) 20 weeks
- D) 24 weeks ☒



- ✓ As per the government's new rules, the gestational limit for termination of a pregnancy in India has been increased to 24 weeks. Earlier the limit was 20 weeks.
- ✓ Under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Rules, 2021, the women including survivors of sexual assault, rape or incest, minors, those whose marital status changes during pregnancy (widowhood and divorce) and those with physical disabilities are included for the new limit.

9. Sela tunnel, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which Indian state?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Sikkim
- C) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- D) Assam



- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually conducted the final breakthrough blast of the Sela tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh, recently. The construction of the tunnel is expected to be over by June 2022.

Sela tunnel is expected be the world's largest bi-lane tunnel at an altitude of more than 13,000 feet.

- ✓ The construction is being undertaken by Border Roads Organisation (BRO). The tunnel goes through Sela Pass and will cut down the distance to the China border through Arunachal Pradesh by 10 km.

10. Henrietta Lacks, who received WHO Director-General's Award, was from which country?

- A) USA ☒
- B) Australia
- C) India
- D) Germany



- ✓ The Chief of the World Health Organisation honored the late Henrietta Lacks with the Director-General award. She an American woman whose cancer cells were taken without her knowledge during the 1950s. The cells provided the foundation for vast scientific inventions, including research about the coronavirus.
 - ✓ The 'HeLa' cell line, derived from the 1st two letters of Henrietta Lacks, helped in the development of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.
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1. What is the name of the consortium launched by the Department of Biotechnology, to monitor Bacterial and Viral infections?

- A) Bharat Health
- B) One Health ☒
- C) Covid Warrior
- D) Health Heroes



- ✓ The Department of Biotechnology has recently launched 'One Health' consortium, to monitor important bacterial, viral and parasitic infections of zoonotic and pathogens in the country. The project aims to study the use of existing diagnostic tests and the development of additional procedures for monitoring and understanding the spread of emerging diseases. One Health Consortium consists of 27 organisations led by DBT-National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad.

2. Tawang Garden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang Monastery), which was seen in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) India ☒
- B) Nepal
- C) Thailand
- D) South Korea



- ✓ The Tawang Garden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang Monastery), which is the second largest monastery of Tibetan Buddhism, is located in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh. India strongly rejected China's objection to a recent visit to Arunachal Pradesh by Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu. China has been objecting to visits of Indian leaders to Arunachal Pradesh, citing it as a part of South Tibet.
- ✓ Tawang provides a strategic entry into India's northeastern region and is a critical point in the corridor between Tibet and Brahmaputra Valley.

3. President's Tatrakshak Medal is awarded to which armed force?

- A) Coast Guard ☒
- B) Border Security Force
- C) Indian Navy
- D) Central Reserve Police Force



- ✓ The President of India Ram Nath Kovind has awarded President's Tatrakshak Medal (PTM) and Tatrakshak Medal (TM) to Indian Coast Guard personnel. The awards are being given to the personnel of Indian Coast Guard on Republic Day and Independence Day every year, since 26 Jan 1990. The awards are given for their act of exemplary gallantry and meritorious service on the occasion of the Republic Day 2021.

4. "Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Award for National Integration and National Contribution" is awarded by which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Odisha
- D) Assam ☒



- ✓ 'Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Award' is the Government of Assam's highest civilian award for National Integration and National Contribution. Gopinath Bordoloi was a freedom fighter, Assam's first Chief Minister after independence.
- ✓ The award carries a prize of Rs.5 lakh, a citation. This year's award was presented by the Vice President M. Venkaiah.

5. Abiy Ahmed, has been sworn in as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Israel
- B) Iran
- C) Ethiopia ☒
- D) Venezuela



- ✓ Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has been sworn in for a new five-year term. The government has been facing a lot of challenges, including a long conflict in the northern region of Tigray. Abiy's Prosperity Party was declared the winner of parliamentary elections earlier this year. The prime minister was also the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize winner for restoring ties with neighbouring country Eritrea.

6. Which city is set to play host to the 40th edition of India International Trade Fair (IITF)?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Varanasi
- D) Ahmedabad



- ✓ India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) is set to conduct the 40th edition of India International Trade Fair (IITF) at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from November 14 to 27.
- ✓ The fair is to be conducted with the theme of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" with a focus on economy, export potential, infrastructure supply chain, demand and vibrant demography. The event is organised as a part of "AzadiKaAmritMahotsav".

7. When is World Habitat Day observed every year?

- A) First Monday of October ☒
- B) First Sunday of October
- C) Last Sunday of September
- D) Last Saturday of September



- ✓ Every year, First Monday of October is observed by the United Nations as "World Habitat Day", to stress on the basic right of all to adequate shelter and to highlight the state of our habitats. This year, it was observed on October 4. The theme for this year's World Habitat Day is "Accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world".

8. The 'Ajeya Warrior' Defence exercise is held between India and which country?

- A) UK ☒
- B) France
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Bangladesh



- ✓ India and the UK kickstarted a two-week military exercise 'Ajeya Warrior' at Chaubatia in Uttarakhand. It aims to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries. As per the Indian Army, this edition of the 'Ajeya Warrior' exercise is part of an initiative to develop interoperability and sharing of expertise, it said.

9. Karuppur kalamkari paintings & wood carvings of Kallakurichi, which have received GI tags, belongs to which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
- B) Kerala
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Haryana



- ✓ Karuppur Kalamkari paintings and wood carvings of Kallakurichi, both belonging to the state of Tamil Nadu have received geographical indication or GI tag, from the Government of India. GI tag is awarded to products of specific geographical origin and it adds significance to the product. It is regulated under the Geographical Indications registration is administered by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act of 1999.

10. When is the 'World Day Against the Death Penalty' observed every year?

- A) October 8
- B) October 10 ☒
- C) October 12
- D) October 14



- ✓ October 10 marks the World Day Against the Death Penalty. This year, the theme is focused on safeguarding the health and rights of women and girls around the world. According to Amnesty International's 2020 death penalty report, more than two-thirds of the world has now abolished the death penalty in law or practice.
- ✓ As many as 108 countries have completely abolished the death penalty for all crimes. As per the report, at least 483 people were known to have been executed in 2020.

1. What is the theme of the 'International Day for Rural Women 2021'?

- A) Rural women cultivating good food for all ☒
- B) Gender Equality
- C) Empowering Rural Women
- D) Good Village; Good Country



- ✓ 'International Day for Rural Women 2021' is celebrated on October 15. The day focuses on gender equality and empowering women in rural areas. The theme for this year is "Rural women cultivating good food for all". The United Nations General Assembly had established this day on December 18, 2007.
- ✓ According to a report by the United Nations, 40% of the total agricultural labour force in developing countries includes women.

2. LORROS, which is in news recently, is a system associated with which field?

- A) Agriculture
- B) Surveillance ☒
- C) Artificial Intelligence
- D) Finance



- ✓ LORROS stands for Long Range Reconnaissance and Observation System, which is a sensor system to provide for long-range day-time and night-time surveillance. It is used by the national security forces like the Indian Army, to counter infiltration.

3. G Sathyan, Harmeet Desai and A Sharath Kamal are associated with which sport?

- A) Table Tennis ☒
- B) Tennis
- C) Shooting
- D) Boxing



- ✓ Indian Men's Table Tennis team which includes ace players G Sathyan, Harmeet Desai and A Sharath Kamal have won bronze medal at the Asian Championships at Doha, Qatar. The team lost to South Korea with a 0-3 point at the semi-finals. During the event, the Indian women's team secured the 5th position.

4. When is the 'International Day of Non-Violence' observed every year?

- A) October 1
- B) October 2 ☒
- C) October 4
- D) October 5



- ✓ The birth anniversary of India's 'Father of Nation' Mahatma Gandhi is observed as the 'International Day of Non-Violence' every year, on Oct. 2.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), in a resolution adopted in 2007, established the day as an occasion to spread the message of non-violence through education and public awareness. In 2004, Iranian Noble Laureate Shirin Ebadi proposed the idea of the commemoration.

5. Which state is set to receive the first consignment of Kashmiri walnuts, flagged off for the first time?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Karnataka ☒
- C) Kerala
- D) Punjab



- ✓ The first consignment of Kashmiri walnuts was recently flagged off from Budgam. The consignment with 2,000 kgs of walnuts was despatched to Bengaluru, Karnataka under the One District, One Product (ODOP) initiative.
- ✓ ODOP is a flagship initiative of Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Kashmir accounts for 90% of India's walnut production. They are known for the superior quality, taste and nutrients and hence widely in demand across the globe.

6. India's first e-fish market app 'Fishwaale' has been launched in which state/UT?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Assam ☒
- D) Kerala



- ✓ Assam Fisheries Ministry recently launched an application, stated to be India's first e-fish market app named 'Fishwaale'. The application will help both buyers and sellers to place orders and sell fish, aquaculture equipment and medicine, fish feed and fish seed online.
- ✓ Products such as Freshwater and seawater frozen fish, dry fish and processed fish items will be sold. The app was developed by Aqua Blue Global Aquaculture Solutions, in collaboration with the state fisheries department.

7. 'Monthly Economic Review' is released by which institution in India?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Finance Ministry ☒
- C) ASSOCHAM
- D) FICCI



- ✓ As per the Finance Ministry's Monthly Economic Review, India is well-placed on the path to swift recovery with growth impulses visibly transmitted to all sectors of the economy. The finance minister also said that economic activity is gaining further momentum in September. India's merchandise exports crossed the \$30-billion mark for the sixth consecutive month in fiscal year 2021-22.
- ✓ The rate of growth of bank credit stood at 6.7 per cent year-on-year in the fortnight ending September 10, 2021, compared to 5.3 per cent in the corresponding period of the previous year, it added.

8. Which country has launched the world's first automated, driverless train?

- A) Germany ☒
- B) Russia
- C) The Netherlands
- D) Sweden



- ✓ German rail operator Deutsche Bahn and industrial group Siemens unveiled the world's first automated, driverless train in the city of Hamburg. The project is part of a 60-million-euro (\$70 million) modernisation of Hamburg's rapid urban rail system. As per the operator, this project can bring up to 30 percent more passengers, can improve punctuality and save more than 30 percent energy.

9. What is India's growth forecast for 2021-22, as per IMF's recent World Economic Outlook report?

- A) 7.5 %
- B) 12.0 %
- C) 9.5 % ☒
- D) 10.0 %



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has kept India's growth forecast for 2021–22 unchanged at 9.5%, in its latest World Economic Outlook report. It also projected India's economy to grow 8.5% in FY23. It has lowered the global growth projection marginally to 5.9% from 6% earlier. Supply disruptions in advanced economies and worsening pandemic impact in developing countries are the reasons.
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10. Which company has launched the technology solution named "U Fill"?

- A) Indian Oil
B) NTPC
C) BPCL ☒
D) Tata Power



- ✓ Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has launched "U Fill" which is an automated fueling technology at the fuel outlets. The technology is said to eliminate manual intervention during vehicle fueling enhance the customer experience. The company has launched the technology in 65 cities.
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1. Which country was recently hit by the tropical storm Kompasu?

- A) Philippines ☒
B) USA
C) Indonesia
D) Germany



- ✓ Tropical storm Kompasu hit the Philippines and left dead at least 19 people. The storm has triggered landslides and flash floods as it crossed the northern tip of the Asia-Pacific islands.
✓ Kompasu returned to tropical storm strength after making landfall on the Chinese island province of Hainan. It also crossed Hong Kong and Vietnam and caused damages.

2. Actor William Shatner, who became the oldest person ever in space, travelled aboard the rocket-ship of which agency?

- A) Virgin Galactic
B) Blue Origin ☒
C) SpaceX
D) United Launch Alliance



- ✓ Actor William Shatner flew aboard a Blue Origin rocket-ship on a sub-orbital trip and landed in the Texas desert to become at age 90 the oldest person ever in space. Shatner was one of four passengers aboard the fully autonomous New Shepard spacecraft. The four astronauts travelled above the internationally recognized boundary of space known as the Karman Line, about 100 km above Earth.

3. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Prerana Sthal was inaugurated at Naval Science & Technological Laboratory, located in which city?

- A) Kochi
B) Visakhapatnam ☒
C) Chennai
D) Bhubaneswar



- ✓ 'Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Prerana Sthal' was inaugurated at Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam. It was inaugurated on the occasion of 90th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, and to commemorate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. NSTL is the premier naval research laboratory of Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO). NSTL products including Varunastra, Torpedo Advanced Light (TAL) and Maareech decoy are displayed at the venue.

4. "Our Future is at Hand – Let's Move Forward Together" Is the theme of which special day observed on October 15?

- A) Global Handwashing Day ☒
B) World Zoonotic Diseases Day
C) World Malnourishment Day
D) World Hygiene Day



- ✓ Global Handwashing Day 2021 is observed on October 15, to spread awareness about the importance of hygiene. The theme for 2021 is "Our Future is at Hand – Let's Move Forward Together." The day was founded by the Global Handwashing Partnership.

5. Pragganandhaa, who was seen in the news recently, is associated with which game?

- A) Cricket
B) Chess ☒
C) Soccer
D) Volleyball



- ✓ Pragganandhaa is Indian ace Chess player and is one of the young Grandmasters of the country. Recently, he won Julius Baer

Challengers Chess Tour by winning against his American opponent Christopher Yoo. With this victory, Pragganandhaa has won \$12,500 prize money as well as the right to play with an elite set of chess champions at the Meltwater Champions Tour in 2022.

6. "Collective Security Treaty Organisation", which is an intergovernmental military alliance, comprises how many full-time members?

- A) 17
B) 13
C) 11
D) 6 ☒



- ✓ The Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO) is an inter-governmental military alliance of 6 full time members (Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan) and two non-member observer states (Afghanistan and Serbia).
✓ Recently the CSTO has proposed to hold a military drill near the Afghan border in Tajikistan from October 22-23.

7. Where is NATO's headquarters located?

- A) Belgium ☒
B) USA
C) Russia
D) France



- ✓ North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is an intergovernmental military alliance of 30 member countries, of which 28 are European countries and 2 North American Countries. The NATO is headquartered at Brussels, Belgium. Recently, Russia has announced that it is suspending its missions to NATO and that NATO's military liaison and information offices in Moscow would be closed.

8. As per the study conducted by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water, which state/UT top in electric cooking?

- A) Delhi and Haryana
B) Maharashtra and Goa
C) Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh
D) Delhi and Tamil Nadu ☒



- ✓ As per the study report by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water, 17% of households in Delhi and Tamil Nadu are using some form of electric cooking means. The rate in Telangana is 15% and in the state of Kerala the rate is 12%. Council on Energy, Environment and Water commonly called as CEEW, is a not-for-profit policy research institution based at Delhi.

9. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has unveiled the "Bhoodan Grove" plaque in which country?

- A) USA
B) UK
C) France
D) Israel ☒



- ✓ India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has unveiled the "Bhoodan Grove" plaque at Jerusalem Forest of Israel. This is in recognition of Jayaprakash Narayan's visit to Israel in 1958 and a 27-member Sarvodaya team in 1960 to Israel, to study the social structure of Israel's communal and cooperative institutions.

10. Pamban railway bridge, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which district?

- A) Ramanathapuram ☒
- B) Thoothukudi
- C) Sivagangai
- D) Pudukkottai



- ✓ Indian Railways had begun the construction work on the new 2.05 km Pamban railway bridge in Mandapam, which will connect Rameswaram to the mainland in Tamil Nadu. The Ministry of Railways announced that this bridge will be operational from March next year.
- ✓ The new 2-km-long bridge, linking the island of Rameswaram in the Bay of Bengal to the mainland, is set to replace the existing 104-year-old bridge. It will have a 63-metre stretch, that will lift up vertically to allow passage to small ships.

1. India has joined hands with which country for 'Sustainability and Value Addition in Cotton Economy'?

- A) France
- B) Germany ☒
- C) Denmark
- D) Finland



- ✓ The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has collaborated with Ministry of Textiles supported by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. An MoU was signed on Implementation Agreement of Indo German Technical Cooperation Project on 'Sustainability and Value Added in the Cotton Economy'.
- ✓ The objective of the project is to increase the value addition from sustainable cotton production in India. 4 major cotton producing states are focussed- Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

2. "River ranching programme" which has been launched recently in Uttar Pradesh is introduced under which scheme?

- A) PM Krishi Sanchayee Yojana
- B) PM Matsya Sampada Yojana ☒
- C) Per Drop More Crop
- D) PM Fasal Bima Yojana



- ✓ "River ranching programme" designed as a special activity under the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana under the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying aims to augment and enhance fish production. The programme has been launched by the union minister Parshottam Rupala at Brijghat, Garh Mukteshwar, Uttar Pradesh.

3. Who is the head of the Economic Division of the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance?

- A) Prime Minister of India
- B) Finance Minister
- C) Finance Secretary
- D) Chief Economic Advisor ☒



- ✓ The Chief Economic Advisor is the head of the Economic Division of the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. KV Subramanian who was the Chief Economic Advisor of India since December 2018 has stepped down from the post and has returned to academia. He has been instrumental in roll out of Economic Surveys for FY19, FY20 and FY21.

4. When is the 'World Mental Health Day' observed?

- A) October 10 ☒
- B) October 15
- C) October 17
- D) October 20



- ✓ Every year, October 10th is observed as the World Mental Health Day by the World Health Organisation (WHO). This day is celebrated to raise awareness of mental health issues and mobilise support in this regard. This year's October 10 is observed under the tagline "Mental health care for all: let's make it a reality".

5. Where is the International Energy Agency headquartered?

- A) Geneva
- B) Paris ☒
- C) Doha
- D) Kathmandu



- ✓ The International Energy Agency (IEA) is an intergovernmental organization, established in the year 1974 and is headquartered at Paris, France. It was established in the framework of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
- ✓ The IEA has invited India to become its full-time member. If India becomes a full-time member of the forum, then it would be required to maintain a strategic oil reserves of 90 days.

6. In addition to the Wholesale Price Index, which other data is released by the Office of the Economic Adviser?

- A) Consumer Price Index (All India)
- B) Consumer Price Index (Urban)
- C) Monthly Index of Core Industries Production ☒
- D) Food Inflation

- ✓ The Office of the Economic Adviser is an attached office of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, under the Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- ✓ The key function of the office includes Compiling and releasing monthly Wholesale Price Indices and Compiling and releasing monthly Index of Core Industries Production. The wholesale price-based inflation has eased to a six-month low of 10.66% in 2021 Sept.

7. Which Indian entrepreneur has been named winner of Prince William's inaugural Earthshot Prize?

- A) Ratan Tata
- B) Anil Ambani
- C) Vidyut Mohan ☒
- D) Deepinder Goyal



- ✓ Vidyut Mohan, an Indian entrepreneur has been named the winner of Prince William's inaugural Earthshot Prize under the "clean our air" category, for his innovation which recycles agricultural waste into sellable bio-products. This prize is also called Eco Oscars and is awarded to innovators who strive to save the planet earth.

8. Which institution released the 2021 Production Gap Report?

- A) WEF
- B) UNEP ☒
- C) FAO
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The UN Environment Programme (UNEP), along with the leading research institutes released the 2021 Production Gap Report. The report measures the gap between governments' planned production of coal, oil, and gas and the global production levels consistent with meeting Paris Agreement limits. As per the new report, governments plan to produce more than double the amount of fossil fuels in 2030 than the consistent level to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

9. 'Web-based project monitoring portal' for Military Engineer services (MES), has been developed by which institution?

- A) DRDO
- B) BISAG-G ☒
- C) CDAC
- D) NIELIT



- ✓ Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched a web-based project monitoring portal for military engineer services (MES). The portal has been developed by the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-G).

- ✓ It will enable real time monitoring of projects along the process. All stakeholders not only from MES but also the Armed Forces can gain access to the project information.
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10. Ministry of Culture is organising the Abhidhamma Day, along with which state?

- A) Bihar
- B) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C) Sikkim
- D) Meghalaya



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Culture, International Buddhist Confederation in association with the Government of Uttar Pradesh is organising the Abhidhamma Day on the auspicious occasion of Ashwin Poornima. PM Narendra Modi is also participating in an event marking Abhidhamma Day at Mahaparinirvana Temple. Eminent monks from Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar, South Korea, Nepal, Bhutan, Cambodia and ambassadors of several nations will take part in occasion.
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1. Allium negianum, which was seen in the news, as discovered in which Indian state/UT?

- A) Assam
- B) Uttarakhand ☒
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Goa



- ✓ Allium negianum, a plant discovered in Uttarakhand in the year 2019 has been recently confirmed as a new species of Allium, in journal PhytoKeys. Allium is the genus that includes many foods such as onion and garlic, among 1,100 species globally. It was discovered in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. It grows at 3,000 to 4,800 m above sea level. The scientific name Allium negianum honours late Dr Kuldeep Singh Negi, an explorer and Allium collector.

2. As of October 2021, who is the highest wicket-taker in T20 International cricket?

- A) R Ashwin
- B) Jasprit Bumrah
- C) Shakib Al Hasan ☒
- D) Tim Southee



- ✓ Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan became the highest wicket-taker in T20 International cricket after he surpassed Lasith Malinga's tally of 107 wickets. Shakib has 108 wickets from 89 T20 International games. He is also the only cricketer to have a double of 100 wickets and 1000 plus runs in this format. The third cricketer in the list is New Zealand's Tim Southee, with 99 wickets.

3. Nechipu tunnel, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Sikkim
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The Border Roads Organization (BRO) is constructing a 500-metre tunnel near Nechipu pass in Arunachal Pradesh. It aims to cut down the travel time for vehicles going towards the forward base near China border. The Nechipu tunnel is being constructed at an altitude of 5,600 feet under Project Vartak of BRO.

4. Ayush Van, a dedicated forest for Ayurvedic plants, has been inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Gujarat ☒
- C) Punjab
- D) Chandigarh



- ✓ Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated Ayush Van, a dedicated forest for Ayurvedic plants, at Gandhidham, Gujarat. The Ayush Van was set up in 30 acres of land allotted by the Deendayal Port Trust (DPT). Tree plantation is being done to improve greenery in urban area and increase density of tree cover in the Kutch region.

5. Talpiot Cemetery, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Russia
- B) Israel ☒
- C) Italy
- D) USA



- ✓ Talpiot Cemetery is seen in the news recently, as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited the place as he began his five-day visit to Israel. It is the cemetery for Indian soldiers who laid down their lives in the region during the World War I, located in Talpiot, Jerusalem. About 900 Indian soldiers are buried in cemeteries across Israel in Jerusalem, Ramle and Haifa. The Indian Army commemorates September 23 every year as Haifa Day.

6. Which Indian cricketer, also an ICC Elite Panel Match Referee, has been awarded life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)?

- A) Harbhajan Singh
- B) Javagal Srinath ☒
- C) Rahul Dravid
- D) VVS Lakshman



- ✓ India's Harbhajan Singh and Javagal Srinath have been awarded life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). They have joined sixteen other cricketers who were given the honour this year. Harbhajan is India's third-highest wicket-taker in Tests (417 wickets) and more than 700 plus international wickets. Srinath is an ICC Elite Panel Match Referee at present. He is a fast bowler with 315 ODI wickets and 236 Test wickets.

7. Which institution is set to play host to the "Aadhaar Hackathon 2021"?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) NRDC
- C) UIDAI ☒
- D) RBI



- ✓ Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is set to host a Hackathon titled "Aadhaar Hackathon 2021". According to a statement issued by the Ministry of Electronics and IT on Monday, the Hackathon is themed around two topics. The first theme is "Enrolment and Update", which covers some of the real-life challenges being faced by the residents while updating their address.
- ✓ The second theme of the Hackathon is around the "Identity and Authentication", for solutions to prove Identity without sharing the Aadhaar number or any demographics information.

8. The headquarters of the 'National Road Safety Board' is in which Indian city?

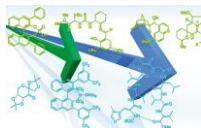
- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Aurangabad
- D) Kolkata



- ✓ The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has notified the constitution of National Road Safety Board. The Board will be responsible for promoting road safety, innovation and adoption of new technology, and regulation of traffic and motor vehicles.
- ✓ The Head Office of the Board in the National Capital Region and the board may set up offices at other places in India. It shall consist of the Chairman and not more than three to seven Members, to be appointed by the Central Government.

9. The Nobel Prize for Chemistry 2021 has been awarded for developing a new way for building molecules known as?

- A) Asymmetric organocatalysis ☒
- B) Altered DNAs
- C) Altered mRNAs
- D) None of these



- ✓ The Nobel Prize for Chemistry 2021 has been awarded to Benjamin List and David WC MacMillan. They were cited for developing a new way for building molecules known as "Asymmetric organocatalysis." As per the Nobel panel, List and MacMillan independently developed a new way of catalysis.

10. What is the theme of the World Cotton Day 2021?

- A) There's more to cotton than you think ☒
- B) Sustainable Cotton
- C) e-commerce in Cotton
- D) White Gold: Cotton



- ✓ The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) established the World Cotton Day, which is celebrated on October 7th every year since 2019. This year the theme is "There's more to cotton than you think".
- ✓ The purpose of the international day is to maximize the importance of cotton. It also emphasises the problems faced by the world's cotton economies. The inaugural World Cotton Day was held in Geneva in 2019.

1. What is the theme for the tiger rallies which commenced on 2nd October across 51 tiger reserves in India?

- A) Amrut Bharat
- B) India for Tigers – A Rally on Wheels ☒
- C) Atma Nirbhar Tigers
- D) Tiger on Wheels



- ✓ The union minister for Environment Forest and Climate Change Shri. Bhupender Yadav has launched tiger rallies in 51 reserves in the country, under the theme "India for Tigers – A Rally on Wheels". This is a part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations in India.

2. 'The State of Climate Services 2021: Water report' has been released by which organisation?

- A) WMO ☒
- B) FAO
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) NABARD



- ✓ World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has recently released a report titled 'The State of Climate Services 2021: Water report'.
- ✓ The report was coordinated by WMO and includes input from more than 20 international organizations, development agencies and scientific institutions. As per the report, some 3.6 billion people globally had inadequate access to water for one month per year in 2018, which is expected to surpass five billion by 2050.

3. Mosquirix, which was seen in the news, is the first vaccine approved by WHO, against which disease?

- A) Dengue
- B) Malaria ☒
- C) Zika
- D) West Nile virus



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended the use of the first-ever malaria vaccine for children. The WHO panel approved the RTS, S/AS01 malaria or Mosquirix – a vaccine developed by the British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). As per WHO, Malaria kills about 500,000 people each year, about half of them are the children in Africa.

4. 'Judima', which got G.I tag recently, is the home-made wine of which state?

- A) Assam ☒
- B) Manipur
- C) Meghalaya
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Judima, the home-made rice wine of the Dimas tribe from the Dimas Hasao district of Assam received the GI tag recently. It is a local fermented drink made with rice, in a pale yellow or reddish colour and a mellow fragrance. The drink is an important part of their tradition.

5. Abdulrazak Gurnah, who won the 2021 Nobel Prize, belongs to which country?

- A) Israel
- B) Tanzania ☒
- C) USA
- D) Australia



- ✓ Tanzanian novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah won the 2021 Nobel Prize for his compassionate literary works on colonialism and refugees.

Abdulrazak Gurnah was born in 1948 and grew up on the island of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean but arrived in England as a refugee at the end of the 1960's.

6. What is the theme of World Polio Day 2021?

- A) Leaving No one behind
- B) Delivering on a Promise ☒
- C) Inclusive and Inspirational
- D) No Polio World



- ✓ World Polio Day is observed on October 24 every year to raise awareness for polio vaccination and to eradicate polio. The theme of World Polio Day 2021 is "Delivering on a Promise".
- ✓ The World Polio Day was established by Rotary International to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

7. When is the 'United Nations (UN) Day' observed every year?

- A) October 21
- B) October 24 ☒
- C) October 25
- D) October 27



- ✓ The United Nations Day has been observed on October 24 every year, to commemorate the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter, in 1945. UN officially came into existence on 24 October 1945. The year 2021 marks the 76th anniversary of the United Nations and its founding Charter. It is the founding document of the UN, which has been working towards global peace and equality.

8. Who has been awarded the top EU human rights prize – the Sakharov Prize for 2021?

- A) Vladimir Putin
- B) Alexei Navalny ☒
- C) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- D) Narendra Modi



- ✓ Imprisoned Russian Opposition leader Alexei Navalny has been awarded the European Union's top human rights prize– the Sakharov Prize. The European Parliament praised the 45-year-old activist's immense personal bravery. He was poisoned with a nerve agent last year and arrested and imprisoned. He has campaigned consistently against the corruption of Russia's ruling government.

9. Which movie won the Best Feature Film award, at the National Film Awards ceremony?

- A) Marakkar: Lion of the Arabian Sea ☒
- B) Chhichhore
- C) Asuran
- D) Kesari



- ✓ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented the 67th National Film Awards, at Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan. The Best Feature Film award was given to Priyadarshan's Malayalam period epic Marakkar: Lion of the Arabian Sea. Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut won Best Actress award for her performances in Manikarnika and Panga, while the Best Actor award went to Manoj Bajpayee for Bhonsle and Dhanush for Asuran.

10. Konkan Shakti 2021 is the first-ever tri-services joint exercise between India and which country?

- A) UK ☒
- B) USA
- C) France
- D) Japan



- ✓ Konkan Shakti 2021 is the first-ever tri-services joint exercise between India and the UK.
 - ✓ The week-long exercise has begun recently. The exercise will be a platform to share each other's experiences and to showcase the cooperation between the two countries. The maritime component of the exercise will be conducted off India's west coast and the Harbour phase will be held in Mumbai. The land phase of the exercise will be held at Chaubatia in Uttarakhand.
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1. Which country has successfully transplanted a pig's kidney onto a human?

- A) India
B) USA ☒
C) Russia
D) China



- ✓ In a first, doctors at a health centre in New York temporarily transplanted a pig's kidney onto a human. It is considered as a significant step toward Animal-to-human organ transplants, known as xenotransplants. The doctors altered the pig's genes, to avoid immediate rejection from the human immune system due to the presence of a sugar molecule in pig cells called Glycan.

2. What is the rank of India in the Global Food Security Index 2021?

- A) 62
B) 71 ☒
C) 83
D) 94



- ✓ India is ranked at 71st position out of 113 countries in the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021, with an overall score of 57.2 points. It is a global report released by Economist Impact and Corteva Agri-science.
✓ Ireland, Australia, the UK, Finland, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Canada, Japan, France and the US shared the top rank with the overall GFS score in the range of 77.8 and 80 points on the index. The GFS Index considers 58 unique food security indicators including income and economic inequality.

3. When is the 'Police Commemoration Day' observed every year in India?

- A) October 21 ☒
B) October 23
C) October 24
D) October 26



- ✓ The 'Police Commemoration Day' is observed every year in India on October 21. The day is observed memory of 10 police personnel who died at Hot Springs in Ladakh while fighting Chinese troops in 1959. The Police Forces across the country paid tributes to 377 martyrs from the police and Central Armed Police Forces from last year.
✓ They also paid tributes to the warriors, who lost their lives during the times of the Covid-19 pandemic.

4. As per the 2021 Global Agricultural Productivity Report, what is the annual rate of Total factor productivity (TFP)?

- A) 0.50 %
B) 1.36 % ☒
C) 2.50 %
D) 4.00 %



- ✓ According to the 2021 Global Agricultural Productivity Report (GAP Report), total factor productivity (TFP) is growing at an annual rate of 1.36 percent. This is below the Global Agricultural Productivity Index, whose annual target is at 1.73 percent growth to sustainably meet the needs of consumers for food and bio-energy in 2050.
✓ TFP tracks changes in how efficiently agricultural inputs such as land, labour, fertiliser and machinery are transformed into outputs like crops and aquaculture products.

5. The Forest Conservation Act, to which changed are proposed, was passed in which year?

- A) 1972
B) 1980 ☒
C) 1992
D) 2000



- ✓ The Union Environment Ministry has released a consultation paper on amending the Forest Conservation Act 1980 to bring some important changes to Forest governance in India.
✓ It includes enabling private plantations for harvesting and exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas deep beneath forest land by drilling holes from outside the forest areas. State governments have been asked to send their comments within 15 days.

6. Bathukamma is a floral festival celebrated in which Indian state?

- A) Kerala
B) Telangana ☒
C) West Bengal
D) Punjab



- ✓ A floral festival celebrated mainly in Telangana and some parts of Andhra Pradesh; Bathukamma is celebrated for nine days. To mark the beginning of the nine-day festival, women carry thalis containing flowers and incense sticks. The goddess is created each year, and immersed in local water bodies, on the 10th day of the festival.

7. With regard to the Indian Civil Services, Oct.9th is celebrated as?

- A) Indian Police Services Day
B) Indian Administrative Services Day
C) Indian Foreign Services Day ☒
D) Indian Revenue Services Day



- ✓ October 9th of every year is observed in India as the Indian Foreign Services Day (IFS Day). It was on this date in 1946, the Indian Foreign Service was established for the purpose of India's diplomatic and commercial representation in overseas nations.
✓ This day is being observed since 2011 to recognize the important role played by IFS officers.

8. 'Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow' is the theme of which international observance on October 16?

- A) World Food Day ☒
B) World Farmers Day
C) World Agriculture Day
D) World Health and Hygiene Day



- ✓ Every year World Food Day is observed on October 16, to raise awareness on the issue of hunger and healthy food habits for all. It marks the founding day of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in the year 1979. This year the day is jointly led by organisations like FAO, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and the World Food Programme (WFP). The theme for World Food Day 2021 is "Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow".

9. Which country won the SAFF Football Championship held in Male?

- A) Nepal
- B) India ☒
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Bangladesh



- ✓ India defeated Nepal 3-0 for its eighth SAFF Championship title. During the match, Sunil Chhetri equalled the ace footballer Lionel Messi with his 80th international strike. Second half goals from Chhetri (49th minute), Suresh Singh (50th) and Sahal Abdul Samad (90th) helped India win the title. Chhetri became the second highest goal-scorer in international football among active players.

10. Who is the new Chairman and Managing Director of the National Research Development Corporation?

- A) Amit Rastogi ☒
- B) Kasturi Rangan
- C) Mayilsamy Annadurai
- D) K Sivan



- ✓ Amit Rastogi, took over as the chairman and managing director of the National Research Development Corporation. Amit Rastogi has been appointed to this position, after his service of 34 years in Indian Navy. NRDC is an enterprise of DSIR, Ministry of Science & Technology. It was established in 1953 to promote the development, promotion and transfer of technologies from various national R&D institutions.

1. Who has been appointed as the first Director General of the Ordnance Directorate?

- A) S Vaidhyanathan
- B) ER Sheikh ☒
- C) M Sathyan
- D) Dr C Sylendra Babu



- ✓ Senior IOFS officer ER Sheikh has assumed charge as the first director general of the Ordnance Directorate. The Ordnance Directorate is a newly created entity to replace the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). ER Sheikh is a 1984 batch Indian Ordnance Factory Service (IOFS) officer who has served in various capacities in various ordnance factories.

2. NITI Aayog, Amazon Web Services and Intel have jointly established a new experience studio at which location?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) New Delhi ☒
- D) Hyderabad



- ✓ The NITI Aayog, Amazon Web Services and Intel have jointly created a new experience studio, which is located at NITI Aayog Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center, New Delhi. This premise would serve as an experimentation facility for government, start-ups, enterprises, and industry experts. It would house technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), Internet of Things (IoT), augmented reality and virtual reality etc.

3. Dare to Dream 2.0 & Young Scientists' awards were presented by which institution?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO ☒
- C) AIIMS
- D) BARC



- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh felicitated the winners of 'Dare to Dream 2.0' Contest of Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO). He also launched 'Dare to Dream 3.0' to promote innovators & startups. Dare to Dream is DRDO's nation-wide contest to promote Indian academicians, individuals and start-ups to develop defence and aerospace technologies. DRDO provides support to the winners under Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme. DRDO Young Scientists awards for the year 2019 were also presented to 16 DRDO scientists.

4. When is the 'Indian Air Force Day' celebrated every year?

- A) October 2
- B) October 4
- C) October 5
- D) October 8 ☒



- ✓ Every year on October 8, the country celebrates Indian Air Force Day. This year will celebrate the 89th anniversary of Indian Air Force Day. The day commemorates the establishment of Indian Air Force (IAF) on the same day in 1932. The first operational squadron was established in April 1933. The day also aims to increase awareness about the Indian Air Force, also known as the 'Bhartiya Vayu Sena'.

5. Which is the leading cause of trauma across the world?

- A) Road Traffic Accident ☒
- B) Natural Calamities
- C) Migration
- D) Environmental Risks



- ✓ Every year, 17th October is celebrated as World Trauma Day across the world. This day highlights the high rate of accidents and injuries causing death and disability across the world and the need to prevent them. Road Traffic Accident (RTA) is the leading cause of trauma across the world. Every year, over 5 million people die from injuries across the world. In India alone, around one million people die and 20 million are hospitalized every year due to injuries.

6. Which country is the largest emitter of carbon dioxide on a per capita basis among G-20 countries?

- A) India
- B) China
- C) Saudi Arabia ☒
- D) Russia



- ✓ Saudi Arabia, one of the world's largest oil producers, announced that it aims to reach "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions by 2060. Saudi Arabia is the 10th largest emitter of carbon dioxide globally. It is also the largest emitter on a per capita basis among G-20 countries. This was announced by the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman at the inauguration of the kingdom's first-ever Saudi Green Initiative Forum.

7. The first calf of which cattle breed was born using in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) in India?

- A) Sahiwal
- B) Banni ☒
- C) Ongole
- D) Murrah



- ✓ Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced that the first calf of Banni buffalo breed was born using in-vitro fertilisation (IVF). A Banni buffalo belonging to a dairy farmer in Gir Somnath gave birth to the IVF male calf.
- ✓ The process was carried out to enhance the number of genetically superior buffaloes to increase milk production. Banni breed of buffaloes, found primarily in Gujarat's Kutch region, are known for its resilience and higher milk producing capacity in an arid environment.

8. Which actor has been conferred with 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award recently?

- A) Rajinikanth ☒
- B) Kamal Hassan
- C) Sathyaraj
- D) Parthiban



- ✓ 'Superstar' Rajinikanth was conferred with 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award for his outstanding contribution to the Indian Cinema. The award was presented by Vice-President M Venkaiah at the 67th National Film Awards ceremony, recently held in New Delhi. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is considered to be India's highest film award and was instituted by the Indian Government in the year 1969.

9. As per World Food Programme's recent announcement, which country is 'marching to starvation'?

- A) Venezuela
- B) Afghanistan ☒
- C) Syria
- D) Sudan



- ✓ The World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director David Beasley said that 22.8 million people, more than half of Afghanistan's 39 million population, were facing acute food insecurity and "marching to starvation". Two months ago, it was announced that 14 million were in the edge of food crisis.
- ✓ The UN official also announced that millions of Afghans, including children, could die of starvation unless urgent action is taken. He also urged to free the frozen funds to be used for humanitarian efforts.

10. Who is the chairperson of the new National Steering Committee setup to implement the NIPUN Bharat Mission?

- A) Union Education Minister ☒
- B) Union Skill Development Minister
- C) NITI Aayog CEO
- D) ISRO Chairperson



- ✓ A National Steering Committee (NSC) has been recently formed for the implementation of National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN) Bharat Mission. It will be chaired by the Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of State for Education Annapurna Devi would be the vice-chairperson.
- ✓ The Department of School Education and Literacy had launched the Mission in July 2021, to achieve the goal of universal proficiency in foundational literacy and numeracy for every child by end of Class 3 by 2026-27.