

1. The North East Power Project, NERPSIP which was seen in the news recently, is implemented by which organisation?

[A] REC

[B] POWERGRID ☒

[C] Tripura

[D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **The North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project (NERPSIP) was approved in 2014 as a Central Sector Scheme and is being funded with the assistance of World Bank fund. It is being implemented through POWERGRID, a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Power in association with six beneficiary North Eastern States namely, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura. The Union Cabinet has approved the Revised Cost Estimate of the scheme at Rs 6700 crore.**

2. Union External Affairs Ministry has launched which category of website, to highlight 'Brand India'?

[A] Economic Diplomacy website ☒

[B] Counter Terrorism website

[C] Cyber Diplomacy website

[D] Cultural Growth website



- ✓ **The Ministry of External Affairs has recently launched an Economic diplomacy website, to project 'Brand India' to global investors. It is managed by the Economic Diplomacy Division of the Ministry. The website will also showcase India's economic, regional and state-wise trends, the economic and policy profiles of state/ UTs. It connects the Indian businesses and the interested investors through agencies like APEDA.**

3. Which is the first Indian zoological park to receive ISO Certification?

[A] Arignar Anna Zoological Park

[B] Nehru Zoological Park ☒

[C] Thiruvananthapuram Zoo

[D] Alipore National Park



- ✓ **Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, recently received the ISO Certification, after an assessment from the UK-based accreditor ASCB. The park became the first zoological park in India to acquire**

the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Standards Certification. The standards followed in the Park in the area of sanitation, food processing, animal breeding, among others were assessed.

**4. What is the rank of India in the Human Development Index, if the new metric 'PHDI' is taken into account?**

- [A] 101
- [B] 108
- [C] 121
- [D] 123 ☒



- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme introduced a new measure named called the Planetary Pressures-adjusted HDI, or PHDI. It assesses the impact caused by each country's per-capita carbon emissions and its material footprint. While India stands at 131<sup>st</sup> rank in the Human Development Index, when this metric is considered, India is placed at 123<sup>rd</sup> rank in the list, which is topped by Ireland.

**5. Chilahati–Haldibari is a railway link between which two countries?**

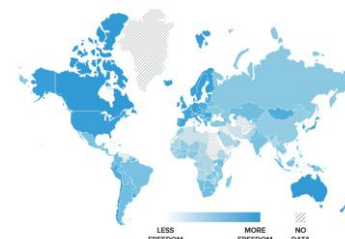
- [A] India – Pakistan
- [B] India – Bangladesh ☒
- [C] India – Bhutan
- [D] India – Nepal



- ✓ The pre 1965 rail link between India and Bangladesh – Chilahati–Haldibari rail link has been inaugurated. In order to enhance the rail connectivity between the two countries, it was decided that six number of pre 1965 rail routes would be reopened. With the Chilahati–Haldibari rail link declared opened, five out of the said six routes are operational between India and Bangladesh.

**6. What is India's rank in the Human Freedom Index 2020?**

- [A] 110
- [B] 111 ☒
- [C] 112
- [D] 113



- ✓ The Human Freedom Index 2020 is released by the Cato Institute in the United States and Fraser Institute in Canada, which measures the state of Human Freedom in the world. Out of 162 countries that were ranked in the index, India has been placed at 111<sup>th</sup> rank. India was ranked 110

in terms of personal freedom and 105 on economic freedom. An overall score of 6.43 out of 10 was given to India, with the global average score being 6.93.

**7. Communication satellite CMS-01, which was launched recently, was launched by which organisation?**

- [A] NASA
- [B] ISRO ☒
- [C] JAXA
- [D] ROSCOSMOS



- ✓ **India's communication satellite CMS-01 was successfully launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The satellite was launched aboard the launch vehicle, PSLV-C50, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota. The vehicle injected the satellite into its planned orbit. PSLV-C50 is the 52<sup>nd</sup> flight of PSLV and this was the 77<sup>th</sup> launch vehicle mission from SDSC SHAR.**

**8. Chinese spacecraft Chang'e 5 has returned to the Earth, carrying samples from which astronomical body?**

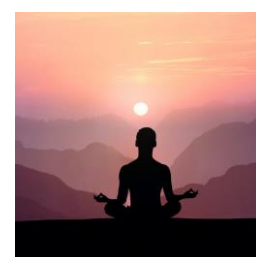
- [A] Jupiter
- [B] Saturn
- [C] Moon ☒
- [D] Sun



- ✓ **Chinese spacecraft Chang'e 5 probe has returned to Earth with the first samples of rock and debris from the moon. The modules of the probe landed on the moon and collected about 2 kilograms of samples by drilling the surface of the moon. After Soviet Union's Luna 24 robot probe in 1976, only this probe brought fresh samples of lunar rocks.**

**9. Which country offered official recognition to Yogasana as a competitive sport?**

- [A] India ☒
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] China



- ✓ **The Government of India has recently offered official recognition to Yoga as a competitive sport, as a push to make it a part of the Olympic Games. Recently, India established the National**

Yogasana Sport Federation of India (NYSFI) for the development of yoga as a competitive sport. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Ministry of AYUSH are collaborating in this regard.

**10.** 'Great Astronomical Conjunction', which was seen in the news recently, is the closer appearance of which two planets?

[A] Jupiter and Saturn ☒

[B] Saturn and Venus

[C] Jupiter and Venus

[D] Mercury and Venus



- ✓ **An Astronomical Conjunction**, which is the closer appearance of the heavenly bodies from the Earth's perspective, is to occur on the night of December 21. The planets will appear extremely close to each other, making them look like one bright dot in the sky. However, the actual distance from each other will be around 735 million kms. The planets were seen very close only in 1623.
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