

1. Robert Lewandowski is associated with which sports?

- A) Tennis  
B) Football   
C) Hockey  
D) Cricket



- ✓ Polish striker Robert Lewandowski won the FIFA Best Men's Player award for 2021. At present, he plays for Bayern Munich and has won the award for the second straight year. Barcelona's Spanish midfielder Alexia Putellas won the FIFA Best Women's Player prize. The Puskas Award for best goal of the year was won by Argentine Erik Lamela.

2. 'Nusantara' is the new capital city of which country?

- A) Kazakhstan  
B) Afghanistan  
C) Indonesia   
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ Indonesia passed a bill replacing its capital Jakarta with East Kalimantan, situated to the east of Borneo Island. The new capital city of the country will be called Nusantara. Nusantara means 'Archipelago' in Javanese language. The Government also aims to build a smart metropolis in the new city as Jakarta was already overpopulated. As of 2022, Indonesia is the fourth largest populous country.

3. Which institution released the 'Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2022' Report?

- A) World Bank  
B) World Economic Forum   
C) World Trade Organization  
D) International Telecom Union



- ✓ The World Economic Forum released the 'Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2022' report. As per the report, the COVID-19 pandemic has fast-tracked the use of digital tools in business and the home. These advances have led to several frequent, costly and damaging cyber incidents.

4. Which Indian Armed Force conducts 'Operation Sard Hawa'?

- A) Indo-Tibetan Police Force  
B) Border Security Force   
C) Central Reserve Police Force  
D) Central Industrial Security Force



- ✓ The Border Security Force will increase surveillance along the Pakistan border in Rajasthan under its "Operation Sard Hawa" to be held from January 23 to 28. The Border Security Force conducts "Operation Garam Hawa" in summer and "Operation Sard Hawa" in winter every year.

5. Which financial institution launched the 'Saathi' mobile app?

- A) Reserve Bank of India  
B) NABARD  
C) SEBI   
D) SIDBI



- ✓ Capital markets regulator SEBI launched its mobile App named 'Saathi' to create awareness among investors about the basic concepts of securities market. The app has been released among the recent rise in individual investors entering the market, and a large proportion of trading being mobile phone based.
- ✓ The App aims to create awareness about the basic concepts KYC process, trading and settlement, mutual funds, market developments, investor grievances redressal mechanism, etc.

6. Which country played host to the 'AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022'?

- A) Japan  
B) Australia  
C) China  
D) India



- ✓ India is hosting the 'AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022'. India is aiming to qualify for the quarterfinals and create history by reaching the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup. The FIFA Women's World Cup is scheduled to be held in Australia and New Zealand next year.
- ✓ No Indian senior football team has ever played in a World Cup. Japan is looking to reaffirm its top position for third consecutive time, with Australia and China as the biggest challenges.

7. 'Infinity Bridge' is the iconic architectural structure located in which country?

- A) Russia  
B) UAE   
C) India  
D) USA



- ✓ The 'Infinity Bridge' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, has been opened to traffic for the first time recently. The new bridge which is built over the Dubai Creek, beside the Al Shindagha Tunnel, which allowed vehicles to cross the Creek underwater. The Infinity Bridge is part of the Al Shindagha Corridor Project, which was first proposed in 2018.

8. Which department manages the 'Contingency Fund of India' on behalf of the President?

- A) Department of Economic Affairs   
B) Department of Expenditure  
C) Department of Financial Services  
D) Department of Revenue



- ✓ The 'Contingency Fund of India' is held by the Finance Ministry's Department of economic affairs on behalf of the President of India. It can be operated by executive action and used during disasters and related unforeseen expenditures.
- ✓ Recently, the Government has tweaked spending norms for Contingency Fund, allowing 40% of the total corpus to be placed at disposal of the expenditure secretary.

9. Who has been selected for Assam's highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav'?

- A) Ratan Tata   
B) Gautam Adani  
C) Mukesh Ambani  
D) Azim Premji



- ✓ The Assam government is set to confer the state's highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav' on industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata. The state will also confer Assam Baibhav, Assam Saurav and Assam Gaurav Awards. The Assam Saurav award will be conferred on five personalities including Olympics medallist Lovlina Borgohain.

10. *Halodule uninervis*, a species of sea grass, is found to have strong activity against which disease?

- A) Cancer
- B) Hypertension
- C) Diabetes
- D) COVID-19



- ✓ Researchers have recently found scientific evidence of a strong anti-cancer activity in the ethyl acetate fraction of *Halodule uninervis*.
- ✓ It is a species of sea-grass found in the coastal region near Rameswaram in southern Tamil Nadu. It evaluated the activity of the species against various human cancer cell lines, including malignant melanoma, lung, cervix, carcinoma and colorectal cancers.