

1. Which is the northern most state of India, as of 2022?

- A) Jammu & Kashmir  
 B) Punjab  
 C) Himachal Pradesh   
 D) Haryana



- ✓ Himachal Pradesh is the northernmost state of India and shares borders with the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh to the north. The state is celebrating its 52<sup>nd</sup> full statehood day on 25 January, as it was formed as the 18<sup>th</sup> Indian state on the same day in 1971, with Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar as its first Chief Minister.

2. 'INS Khukri Memorial' is located in which state/UT?

- A) Punjab  
 B) Diu   
 C) Puducherry  
 D) Goa



- ✓ 'INS Khukri Memorial' is a Indo-Pakistani War memorial commemorating a frigate attacked by a Pakistani submarine in 1976. INS Khukri, the lead ship of the Indian Navy's Khukri class corvettes and an indigenous surface-to-surface missile fitted vessel, was handed over to Diu administration. Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, the ship was commissioned in 1989, in Mumbai. The ship was decommissioned in December 2021 and sent to Diu, for public display in INS Khukri Memorial.

3. Nagaland was carved out from which state, with which it shares a 512 km long border?

- A) Assam   
 B) Sikkim  
 C) Arunachal Pradesh  
 D) West Bengal



- ✓ Nagaland state was carved out of Assam in 1963 and the two states share a 512.1-km-long border. Nagaland has been demanding Naga Hills and all Naga-dominated areas in the then North Cachar and Nagaon districts of Assam, to be part of the state. The Governments of Nagaland and Assam announced that they are ready for out-of-court settlement of the long pending inter-state boundary dispute.

4. India has paid \$29.9 million in budget assessment of which institution?

- A) World Bank  
 B) United Nations   
 C) ADB  
 D) BRICS Bank



- ✓ India has paid USD 29.9 million in United Nations regular budget assessments for the year 2022. India is a non-permanent member of the 15-nation Security Council and its two-year term will end on December 31, 2022. As of January 21, 2022, 24 Member States have paid their regular budget assessments in full.
- ✓ Iran, Guinea and Vanuatu paid sufficient dues to the UN regular budget to regain their voting rights. Only Venezuela and Papua New Guinea don't have the right to vote in the 193-member body.

5. As per IMF World Economic Outlook January assessment, what is the estimated growth of India in 2021-22?

- A) 8.5%  
 B) 9%   
 C) 9.5%  
 D) 10%



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released its World Economic Outlook January 2022 assessment.
- ✓ As per the update, India is estimated to grow at 9% in 2021-2022, down from 9.5% projected in October 2021. It also projects 9% growth for the Indian economy in 2022-23. Global economic growth will dip from 5.9% in 2021 to 4.4% in 2022.

6. 'National Commission for Safai Karamcharis' is a body under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Law and Justice  
 B) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment   
 C) Ministry of Home Affairs  
 D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the extension of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) for three years with effect from April 1, 2022. NCSK was constituted as a statutory body in 1994 by 'National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993. The tenures have been extended several times. It works under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. As per official data, there were 58,098 manual scavengers identified in the country as on December 31, 2021.

7. Laokhowa and Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuaries are located in which state?

- A) Assam   
 B) Madhya Pradesh  
 C) Andhra Pradesh  
 D) Maharashtra



- ✓ A Census in Assam's Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve has found that the National Park has at least 868 swamp deer, down from 907 counted in 2018 due to the two floods.
- ✓ In the census of wetland birds, a total of 66,776 numbers of birds of 126 species were enumerated, out of which 42,205 birds were counted in the Kaziranga National Park area while 24,571 numbers of birds were counted in Laokhowa & Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuaries of Assam.

8. Which institution releases the 'Digital Payment Index'?

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



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India releases the 'Digital Payment Index', which shows the deepening of payments through digital modes in India. The Index rose by 39.64 per cent to 304.06 in September 2021 against 217.74 in the year-ago month.

9. India along with which country signed the 'Green Strategic Partnership - Action Plan 2020-2025'?

- A) France  
 B) Denmark   
 C) Australia  
 D) United Kingdom



- ✓ India and Denmark have agreed to initiate joint research and development on green fuels, including green hydrogen. This is a part of the already adopted Green Strategic Partnership - Action Plan 2020-2025.

- ✓ The India-Denmark Joint Committee discussed the priorities and developments in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) of both countries with a special focus on green solutions.
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10. Prabha Atre, who was conferred the Padma Vibhushan is associated with which field?

- A) Literature
- B) Music
- C) Sports
- D) Civil Service



- ✓ The President of India Ram Nath Kovind approved to confer 128 Padma Awards this year, on the eve of the 73rd Republic Day. The 89-year-old Kirana gharana Vocalist 'Prabha Atre' was awarded the Padma Vibhushan. She holds a world record for releasing 11 books on music in Hindi and English from a single stage. She established the 'Swarmayee Gurukul'.
  - ✓ Radheyshyam Khemka (Posthumous; Literature, UP), General Bipin Rawat (Civil Service) and Kalyan Singh (Posthumous; Public Affairs, UP) were also awarded the Padma Vibhushan.
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