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1. Which Indian city has been ranked second-most noise polluted city globally, as per the UNEP 'Annual Frontier Report, 2022'?

- A) Mumbai  
B) Moradabad ☒  
C) Kanpur  
D) Patna



- ✓ According to the recent 'Annual Frontier Report, 2022' published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad is the second-most noise polluted city globally.
- ✓ The area recorded noise pollution of 114 decibels at its highest (dB) in 2021, against the WHO standard of 55 dB. Dhaka tops the list of 61 cities around the world, which includes five Indian cities.

2. As per recent Government data, which state has the highest number of ODF plus villages in the country, as of 2022?

- A) Tamil Nadu  
B) Telangana ☒  
C) Gujarat  
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ The country has over 50,000 ODF plus villages, the government recently announced. An ODF plus village is one that sustains its open-defecation-free status, ensures solid and liquid waste management and is visually clean. The top-performing states include Telangana with 13,960 ODF Plus villages; Tamil Nadu with 11,477; Madhya Pradesh with 3,849.

3. India's First-ever live sighting of rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*) have been reported in which state/UT?

- A) Kerala  
B) Lakshadweep ☒  
C) Goa  
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ A Marine Mammals Research team of the Department of Environment and Forest in Lakshadweep has reported the first-ever live sighting of rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*) in Indian waters.

4. 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2022' was inaugurated in which Indian state/UT?

- A) Rajasthan  
B) Andhra Pradesh ☒  
C) Gujarat  
D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2022 was inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh by the Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan. Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav is the flagship festival of the Ministry of Culture which aims to preserve, promote, and popularise the rich cultural heritage of India. The first Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav was organised in 2015.

5. Which movie won the Oscar Award 2022 for Best Picture?

- A) King Richard  
B) The Power of Dog  
C) CODA ☒  
D) West Side Story



- ✓ In the 94<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards, Sian Heder's 'CODA' created history by becoming the first movie from a major streaming service to win an Oscar for best picture.
- ✓ Will Smith was declared the best actor for 'King Richard,' and Jessica Chastain won the best actress award. Ariana DeBose created history

by becoming the first queer woman of colour to bag the award for the film 'West Side Story'.

6. India has achieved which milestone in Exports, in the Financial Year 2021-2022?

- A) \$200 billion  
B) \$300 billion  
C) \$400 billion ☒  
D) \$500 billion

**EXPORT**

- ✓ India has recently achieved its target of reaching USD 400 billion in exports, in a financial year for first time.
- ✓ This success is achieved nine days ahead of schedule. India's goods exports in FY21 were USD 298.1 billion.

7. Pushkar Singh Dhami sworn in as the Chief Minister of which Indian state/UT?

- A) Manipur  
B) Goa  
C) Uttarakhand ☒  
D) Punjab



- ✓ BJP leader Pushkar Singh Dhami took oath as the chief minister of Uttarakhand for his second consecutive term. Along with him, eight cabinet ministers were also administered the oath. Dhami became the 12<sup>th</sup> chief minister of the hill state-Uttarakhand.

8. When is the 'International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims' observed?

- A) March.22  
B) March.24 ☒  
C) March.26  
D) March.28



- ✓ On 24 March, the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed. The Day was proclaimed in 2010 by the United Nations General Assembly.

9. Who is the first para-athlete to receive the Padma Bhushan in India?

- A) Devendra Jhajharia ☒  
B) Mariappan Thangavelu  
C) Avani Lekhara  
D) Bhavina Patel



- ✓ Devendra Jhajharia became the first para-athlete to receive the Padma Bhushan in India. Padma Bhushan is the country's third-highest civilian award.
- ✓ Devendra Jhajharia has won many Paralympic medals, including his first gold at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, second gold at the 2016 Rio Games, and a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Avani Lekhara, a para-shooter, was awarded Padma Shri award.

10. What is the target set by India for establishing new Airports, by 2025?

- A) 110  
B) 220 ☒  
C) 330  
D) 440



- ✓ The Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced that the Central Government has planned to set up as many as 220 new airports by 2025.

1. Which Indian company has been named as an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022?

- A) TATA
- B) Paytm
- C) BYJU'S ☒
- D) Zomato



- ✓ Indian Ed-tech company BYJU'S has been named as an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. The 2022 FIFA World Cup is scheduled to take place in Qatar from 21 November to 18 December, 2022.

2. 'Suraksha Kavach 2' is a Joint Security Exercise organised by Indian Army and which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Telangana
- C) Gujarat
- D) Maharashtra ☒



- ✓ Suraksha Kavach 2, a Joint Security Exercise was organised between Indian Army and Maharashtra Police at Lullanagar, Pune. The aim of the exercise was to harmonize the procedures undertaken by Army and Police to counter any likely terrorist actions in Pune.

3. Serdar Berdimukhamedov has won the Presidential Election of which country?

- A) Turkmenistan ☒
- B) Iran
- C) Pakistan
- D) Afghanistan



- ✓ 40-year-old Serdar Berdimukhamedov has won the Presidential Election of Turkmenistan. He is the son of the country's leader. Berdimukhamedov secured 72.97% of votes in the recently held election and succeeded his father Gurbanguly, as per the Central Election Commission.

4. As per the Final Estimates of 2020-21 of Area and Production of Horticultural Crops, what was the total production in 2020-21?

- A) 134.60 million Tonne
- B) 234.60 million Tonne
- C) 334.60 million Tonne ☒
- D) 434.60 million Tonne



- ✓ The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare released the Final Estimates of 2020-21 and First Advance Estimates of 2021-22 of Area and Production of various Horticultural Crops. Total Horticulture production in 2020-21 is estimated to a record 334.60 million Tonne, an increase of about 4.4% over that achieved in 2019-20.
- ✓ Production of Fruits and Vegetables is estimated to be 102.48 million Tonne and 200.45 million Tonne respectively. Total Horticulture production in 2021-22 is estimated to be 333.3 million Tonne, (decrease of 0.4%) over 2020-21.

5. Which country recently approved a bill to provide USD 52 billion in subsidies for semiconductor chips manufacturing?

- A) Russia
- B) USA ☒
- C) UK
- D) Germany



- ✓ The US Senate approved a bill to provide USD 52 billion in subsidies for semiconductor chips manufacturing. The legislation was sent to the House of Representatives, to launch a formal process known as a "conference".

6. 'Jingkieng Jri: Living Root Bridges', which were seen in the news recently, are situated in which state?

- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Meghalaya ☒
- D) Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ "Jingkieng Jri: Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscapes of Meghalaya" has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site tentative list.
- ✓ The Living Root bridges are home to several critically endangered species of flora and fauna. They were built by the indigenous people of Meghalaya, using the living roots of Ficus trees planted on both sides of a river.

7. 'Indian Agriculture towards 2030' book was launched by NITI Aayog along with which institution?

- A) UNEP
- B) FAO ☒
- C) NABARD
- D) ICAR



- ✓ Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar released a book titled Indian Agriculture towards 2030: Pathways for Enhancing Farmers' Income, Nutritional Security and Sustainable Food and Farm Systems.
- ✓ The book captures the outcomes of the dialogue by NITI Aayog and the Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare; and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, and facilitated by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN.

8. Rushikulya beach, which is known for mass nesting of endangered Olive Ridley turtles, is located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Odisha ☒
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Recently, a record 1,14,305 Olive Ridley turtles arrived at the Rushikulya river mouth for their annual mass nesting. The Rushikulya beach is located in Odisha's Ganjam district.

9. Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government e-Market (GeM) portal?

- A) Nandan Nilekani
- B) P K Singh ☒
- C) Amitabh Kant
- D) Ramesh Chand



- ✓ The Government e-Market (GeM) portal was launched in 2016, for online purchases of goods and services by all the central government ministries and departments. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of GeM announced that the portal has crossed Rs 1 lakh crore during this fiscal year. GeM is among the top five e-public procurement systems globally. The top four states that are buying from the portal are Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh.

10. Solomon Islands, which has drafted a security deal with China, is located in which Ocean/Sea?

- A) Atlantic Ocean
- B) Pacific Ocean ☒
- C) Indian Ocean
- D) Arabian Sea



- ✓ Solomon Islands, a country of hundreds of islands in the South-Pacific, has confirmed that it is drafting a security deal with China.
  - ✓ As per media reports, a Chinese military base could potentially be set up on the island to Australia's north. This step has triggered concern in neighbouring Australia and other Western allies in the Indo-Pacific.
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1. 'Tulip Festival' is an annual festival conducted in which Indian city?

- A) Shimla
- B) Srinagar ☒
- C) Chandigarh
- D) Guwahati



- ✓ Asia's largest tulip garden, with over one million tulips, has been opened to the public in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar. The Tulip Garden has been cultivated over months for the upcoming Tulip Festival.
- ✓ The Tulip Festival in Srinagar annually attracts tourists from all over the world at the beginning of spring.

2. Sanjhi Art, which was seen in the news recently, is practised in which state?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ Lok Sabha Member and Actor Hema Malini asked the government if it has any plan to encourage artists from Mathura-Vrindavan involved in Sanjhi art. Sanjhi art is a unique craft form that features exquisite designs and picture motifs, cut into paper.
- ✓ Originated in Mathura in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, Sanjhi painting is also practised in Vrindavan.

3. When is the 'International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery' observed?

- A) March.23
- B) March.25 ☒
- C) March.27
- D) March.29



- ✓ The 'International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery' is observed every year on March 25. The theme of the day in 2022 is "Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism".

4. PACER Initiative, which was seen in the news recently, is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Earth Science ☒
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Defence
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ The Polar Science and Cryosphere Research (PACER) scheme is implemented through National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ✓ It comprises of the Antarctic program, Indian Arctic program, Southern Ocean program and Cryosphere and Climate program. The scheme is organising 41st Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica. PACER scheme has recently been approved for continuation during 2021-2026.

5. Which Indian state/UT topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Gujarat ☒
- D) Telangana



- ✓ NITI Aayog, in partnership with the Institute of Competitiveness, released the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021. As per the report, most of the Coastal States of India are the best performers, and Gujarat was the top-performer.
- ✓ The EPI ranks states and UTs on 4 main pillars namely 'Policy; Business Ecosystem; Export Ecosystem; Export Performance' and 11 sub-pillars.

6. 'Le Corbusier's Edict' which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which Indian city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Chandigarh ☒
- D) Puducherry



- ✓ The Punjab Government made a resolution to install three statues in the Assembly Building of Capitol Complex, Chandigarh. It was opposed by Heritage Experts of the city. The 'Edict of Chandigarh' is a rule book prescribed by Le Corbusier, the planner of Chandigarh. Other than statues, the Edict also specifies a complete ban on noise and commercial structures at the Sukhna Lake.

7. Sariska Tiger Reserve, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A) Bihar
- B) Rajasthan ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Kerala



- ✓ A massive fire has recently broken out in the Sariska Tiger Reserve, located in Alwar district, in the state of Rajasthan. Air Force helicopters equipped with water sprays are battling the fire, as the 8-10 sq km area in the Akbarpur range has been affected. Sariska Tiger Reserve has a total of 27 tigers.

8. 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' campaign was first launched in which year?

- A) 2015
- B) 2017
- C) 2021 ☒
- D) 2022



- ✓ The President of India Ram Nath Kovind, presented the third National Water Awards and launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign 2022 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Government of India in 2019 launched the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan' and in the same year 'Jal Jeevan Mission' was also launched. On 22nd March in 2021, on 'World Water Day', the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' campaign was launched, to urge citizens to conserve water.

9. The 'Great Wall of India' and the second-longest wall of the world is located in which state/UT?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Rajasthan ☒
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ 'Kumbhalgarh' also known as the Great Wall of India is a fort on the range of Aravalli Hills near Udaipur of Rajasthan state. It is the second-longest wall of the world after the Great Wall of China.
- ✓ The formation of Rajasthan on March 30 is celebrated as 'Rajasthan Diwas'. On 30 March 1949, the princely states of Jodhpur, Jaipur,



Jaisalmer and Bikaner merged to form the 'Greater Rajasthan Union'.  
2022 marks 73 years of Rajasthan Diwas.

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10. What is the name of the portal, in which central sector and centrally sponsored schemes are on-boarded to ensure Direct Benefit Transfer?

- A) DBT Bharat Portal ☒
- B) Atmanirbhar DBT Portal
- C) Pradhan Mantri DBT Portal
- D) Amrit Kaal DBT Portal



- ✓ As many as 313 central sector and centrally sponsored schemes from 53 ministries have been onboarded on the DBT Bharat Portal. The Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) programme was launched to bring transparency through the transfer of subsidies to the beneficiaries through their bank accounts.
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1. 'Bali Declaration' which was unveiled recently, aims to prevent illegal trade of which product?

- A) Gold
- B) Mercury ☒
- C) Wildlife
- D) Human Organs



- ✓ The Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-4) was held recently at Bali, Indonesia.
- ✓ It had been decided that 10 types of products contain mercury that can be phased out, while the use of four types of products with mercury should be reviewed at COP-5 in Geneva, Switzerland. 'Bali Declaration' was unveiled to prevent illegal mercury trade.

2. Jens Stoltenberg is the Secretary-General of which organisation?

- A) EU
- B) NATO ☒
- C) G20
- D) G7



- ✓ North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) extended the term of Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg by a year until September 30, 2023.
- ✓ At the NATO summit in Brussels, the US President Joe Biden and other NATO leaders agreed to extend Stoltenberg's term. He was a former Norwegian prime minister and was named NATO Secretary-General in 2014. His term was due to expire in September 2021.

3. Airports Authority of India (AAI), partnered with which institution to develop indigenous Air Traffic Management Systems?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) BEL ☒
- D) HAL



- ✓ Airports Authority of India (AAI), under its R & D initiative, has entered into an agreement with Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to jointly develop indigenous Air Traffic Management Systems. The Agreement was signed during 'Wings India 2022' in Hyderabad.

4. 'Prasthan' is an offshore security exercise, conducted by which Indian Armed Force?

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



- ✓ 'Prasthan' is an offshore security exercise, conducted by the Indian Navy every six months. It includes participation from the Indian Air Force, Coast Guard, ONGC, Mumbai Port Trust, Customs, state fisheries department, Marine Police among others.
- ✓ This exercise aims to ensure offshore security and to integrate efforts of all maritime stakeholders involved in offshore defence.

5. Which Mutual fund House has filed for launching India's first Defence Fund?

- A) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- B) HDFC Mutual Fund ☒



C) SBI Mutual Fund

D) Canara Robeco Mutual Fund

- ✓ HDFC Mutual Fund filed a scheme information document (SID) with SEBI for India's first Defence Fund – HDFC Defence Fund.
- ✓ It is an open-ended equity scheme, which will invest in defence & allied sector companies.

6. Which Indian state was ranked third in terms of per capita income in the fiscal year 2021-22?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Chandigarh
- D) Puducherry



- ✓ According to the Economic Survey of Delhi 2021-22, Delhi ranked third in terms of per capita income behind Sikkim and Goa. As per the survey, Delhi's per capita income grew 16.81 per cent year-on-year to Rs 4,01,982 in fiscal 2021-22. The per capita income of Delhi was three times higher than the national average in 2021-22.

7. 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP) is supported by which global institution?

- A) International Monetary Fund
- B) World Bank ☒
- C) UNICEF
- D) World Economic Forum



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved USD 808 million (₹6,062.45 crore) for a new scheme 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP). The new scheme assisted by the World Bank is expected to commence in the financial year of 2022-23.
- ✓ It aims to improve access to market and credit of the MSMEs. It focuses on strengthening institutions and governance of the MSME programme, and support to market access and access to finance.

8. Which section of Railways has completed 100 per cent electrification across the zone?

- A) Konkan Railway ☒
- B) North East Frontier Railway
- C) East Coast Railway
- D) South Central Railway



- ✓ Konkan Railway has recently completed 100 per cent electrification across the zone and it has set new benchmarks for sustainable development.
- ✓ The Konkan Railway has completed the electrification work on its complete 741 km long route between Roha in Maharashtra and Thokur in Karnataka. The cost of this electrification project is Rs 1287 crore.

9. Kaziranga National Park is located along which Indian River?

- A) Ganga
- B) Yamuna
- C) Brahmaputra ☒
- D) Sutlej



- ✓ Kaziranga National Park is a protected area in Assam, spread along the Brahmaputra River. The National Park has successfully completed 14th Rhino Census in 2022. There was increase of 200 one-horned rhinoceros from the 2018 figures.

10. Which bank acquired the Indian consumer banking businesses of Citibank?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) Axis Bank ☒
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Yes Bank



- ✓ Indian private sector lender Axis Bank has acquired the Indian consumer banking businesses of US bank Citigroup. The sale includes businesses of credit cards, retail banking, wealth management and consumer loans for Rs 12,325 crore.
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1. The Lok Sabha passed a bill to merge three municipal corporations of which city into a single entity?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Delhi ☒
- C) Kolkata
- D) Chennai



- ✓ The Lok Sabha passed the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill seeks to unify the three municipal corporations of Delhi into a single and integrated entity, for better planning and optimal utilisation of resources. Through the bill, the Centre proposed to appoint a 'Special officer' who will discharge the functions of the elected wing of councillors till the meeting of the new corporation is held. The bill is expected to give more autonomy to the unified corporation.

2. Which Indian player won the Swiss Open Super 300 badminton tournament in 2022?

- A) K Srikanth
- B) P V Sindhu ☒
- C) Saina Nehwal
- D) HS Prannoy



- ✓ Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu defeated Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan to win the Swiss Open Super 300 badminton tournament in Basel.
- ✓ P V Sindhu won her second title in Basel in straight games with a score-line of 21-16, 21-8. Sindhu earlier won the Syed Modi India International in January. India's HS Prannoy lost the men's singles final in Basel to Jonathan Critie.

3. The sixth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) has been extended till which month?

- A) June 2022
- B) May 2022
- C) August 2022
- D) September 2022 ☒



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has decided to extend the PMGKAY till September 2022.
- ✓ Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), 5 kg of food grains (wheat, rice, coarse grain) is provided to each beneficiary each month free of cost. Phase-V of the scheme was to end in March 2022.

4. 'Decentralised Waste Management Technology Park' has been inaugurated at which state/UT?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Rajasthan



- ✓ The Waste to Wealth Mission of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, has inaugurated Decentralised Waste Management Technology Park in East Delhi. It was inaugurated in collaboration with the East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC), for onsite processing of fresh Municipal solid waste.

5. Who were the recipients of Lifetime Achievement APJ Abdul Kalam Award at the Sansad Ratna Awards 2022?

- A) Dr H V Hande and Veerappa Moily ☒
- B) H D Deve Gowda and Veerappa Moily
- C) Dr H V Hande and S M Krishna
- D) H D Deve Gowda and S M Krishna



- ✓ During the 12th session of the Sansad Ratna Awards Committee, the inaugural Lifetime Achievement APJ Abdul Kalam Award given to 95-year-old veteran MLA of the Tamil Nadu assembly, Dr H V Hande, a former health minister.
- ✓ Former Karnataka chief minister Veerappa Moily, veteran MLA and MP, was also the recipient of this award. Supriya Sule and Amar Patnaik are among 11 MPs who were honoured at the Sansad Ratna Awards 2022, awarded by the Prime Point Foundation.

6. What is the theme of the Earth Hour in 2022?

- A) Shape our Future ☒
- B) Stand for Environment
- C) Save our Children
- D) Decarbonise the Planet



- ✓ Earth Hour was observed from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m on March 26. It is the world's largest movement for the environment where people across the globe unite to take a stand against climate change by turning off non-essential lights for one hour.
- ✓ It commenced as a symbolic light-out event in Sydney in 2007, and then was observed every year on the last Saturday of March in more than 180 countries.

7. Gilbert F Hounbo has been elected as the Director-General of which global organisation?

- A) UNEP
- B) ILO ☒
- C) IMF
- D) WEF



- ✓ The ILO Governing Body has elected Gilbert F. Hounbo as the Organization's 11th Director-General. Hounbo, who is currently President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), will assume office in October 2022. He is also the first African to hold the Director-General post of ILO. The current Director-General, Guy Ryder, from the United Kingdom, has held the office since 2012.

8. Which Airport won the 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022 event?

- A) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
- B) Cochin International Airport ☒
- C) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- D) Kempegowda International Airport



- ✓ The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has bagged the 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022. It is Asia's largest event on civil aviation jointly organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and FICCI.
- ✓ CIAL was selected for the implementation of a project named 'Mission Safeguarding' during the Covid pandemic to ensure safe travel at Kochi Airport.

9. Which country is the winner of 2022 SAFF U-18 Women's Championships?

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



- ✓ Indian Team emerged as the Champions of the 2022 SAFF U-18 Women's Championships, despite losing 0-1 to Bangladesh. The result was declared because of a better goal difference. India enjoyed a better goal difference of +11 in comparison to +3 of Bangladesh.
- ✓ The valuable player of the tournament and the highest goal scorer was Lynda Kom who scored five goals.

10. 'Nalagarh Medical Devices Park' is a project of which Indian state/UT?

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



- ✓ The Himachal Pradesh Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Mohali as knowledge partner for the upcoming Medical Devices Park at Nalagarh in Solan district.

1. Which institution releases the 'State of World Population Report'?

- A) UNICEF  
B) UNFPA ☒  
C) IMF  
D) World Bank



- ✓ United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) recently released the 'State of World Population: Seeing the Unseen: The case for action in the neglected crisis of unintended pregnancy' Report.
- ✓ As per the report, nearly half of all pregnancies, totalling 121 million each year throughout the world, are unintended. Globally, an estimated 257 million women who want to avoid pregnancy are not using safe and modern methods of contraception.

2. Which institution launched the digital platform 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records' (FASTER)?

- A) Reserve Bank of India  
B) Supreme Court of India ☒  
C) Election Commission of India  
D) Central Bureau of Investigation



- ✓ The Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana launched digital platform 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records' (FASTER).
- ✓ The platform would be used by the court officials to instantly to send e-copies of the orders to intended parties, through a secured electronic communication channel. It covers all types of orders of the court.

3. Which regulator body launched the ideathon named 'Manthan'?

- A) RBI  
B) NABARD  
C) SEBI ☒  
D) IRDAI



- ✓ SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch launched the 'Manthan', a six-week long ideathon, in association with various institutions including BSE, NSE, NSDL, KFinTech, CAMS, LinkInTime and MCX.
- ✓ It will facilitate the creation of a set of ideas and innovative solutions related to the securities market in India.

4. 'The Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya' is located in which state/UT?

- A) New Delhi ☒  
B) Uttar Pradesh  
C) Uttarakhand  
D) Gujarat



- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya, a museum dedicated to prime ministers of India, is set to be inaugurated on April 14 to coincide with B R Ambedkar's birth anniversary. Being built on a 10,000-square metre land adjacent to the Nehru Memorial Museum in Delhi, the museum covers the life and times of all 14 Indian prime ministers so far.

5. Which city is the host of the 'Mega International Summit on MSMEs 2022'?

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



- ✓ Ministry of MSME, Government of India and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, organised a 'Mega International Summit on MSMEs' at the India International Centre, New Delhi.
- ✓ The two-day summit was attended by entrepreneurs, academicians, policymakers, industry leaders, industry associations, start-ups, social impact organizations, MSMEs and self-help groups from India and across the world.

6. A new Project to enhance climate resilience of coastal communities, has been initiated across which states?

- A) Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Odisha  
B) Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Odisha ☒  
C) Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Kerala  
D) Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Odisha



- ✓ The Centre has initiated a project across the states of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Odisha to enhance climate resilience of coastal communities. The project has been undertaken at a total cost of USD 130.269 million (around Rs 1,000 crore) which includes a grant of USD 43.419 million.

7. The World Autism Awareness Day is observed on which date?

- A) April 01  
B) April 02 ☒  
C) April 03  
D) April 04



- ✓ World Autism Awareness Day aims to create awareness about the obstacles that people with autism face every day. Each year, World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated on April 2 globally to spread awareness about autism spectrum disorder. This year, the theme of World Autism Awareness Day is 'Inclusion in the Workplace'.

8. When is the National Maritime Day celebrated every year?

- A) April.01  
B) April.03  
C) April.05 ☒  
D) April.07



- ✓ India recently celebrated the 59th National Maritime Day which falls on April 5 every year. This year's theme is 'Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19'. The first anniversary of the day was held in 1964 to raise awareness about international trade and economy.
- ✓ An award ceremony is held to honour those who made important contributions to the Indian maritime industry.

9. Which day is celebrated as World Health Day?

- A) April.01  
B) April.03  
C) April.05  
D) April.07 ☒



- ✓ 7 April is celebrated as the World Health Day to create public awareness regarding health all over the world under the sponsorship of World Health Organization and other related organizations. The theme for this year's World Health Day is "Our Planet, Our Health".

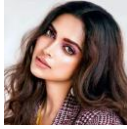
10. Which Indian personality has featured in the 'Time100 - Impact Awards'?

A) Virat Kohli

B) Sivakarthikeyan

C) Deepika Padukone ☒

D) PV Sindhu



- ✓ Indian Actor Deepika Padukone was honoured at the TIME 100 impact awards, for her work on mental health through her organisation 'Live Love Laugh' foundation. This is the second honour by the TIME magazine for the ace actress.
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