

1. Which country is set to re-establish the Homeland Security Dialogue with India?

- A) Japan
B) USA ☒
C) United Kingdom
D) Russia



- ✓ India and the U.S. have recently agreed to re-establish the U.S.- India Homeland Security Dialogue, as per the announcement of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Dialogue aims to discuss important issues such as cybersecurity and emerging technology. It also aims to address violent extremism. The first Homeland Security Dialogue between the two countries was held in 2011.

2. The Union Minister of Education has inaugurated the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Smarak in which state/UT?

- A) Punjab
B) New Delhi ☒
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Haryana



- ✓ The University of Delhi organized a programme to commemorate 90 years of martyrdom of the leaders: Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru on 'Shaheed Diwas'.
✓ Union Minister of Education, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' virtually inaugurated the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Smarak. The existing collection of books on freedom fighters in the Bhagat Singh Smarak has been announced to be converted into "Shaheed Smriti Pustakalaya".

3. Which global rating agency releases report titled 'Global Economic Outlook' GEO?

- A) Fitch Ratings ☒
B) CRISIL
C) Standard & Poor
D) Ind-RA



- ✓ American credit rating agency Fitch releases the report titled 'Global Economic Outlook GEO'. In its recent edition, it has revised India's GDP growth estimate to 12.8% for next fiscal. Earlier, the ratings agency had estimated a growth rate of 11%. The reasons stated are a stronger carryover effect, a looser fiscal stance, and better virus containment. Fitch also expects GDP growth to ease to 5.8% in Fiscal Year 2023.

4. Which Indian state has recorded a huge decline in the incidence of Tuberculosis, at a rate of 7.5%?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala ☒
C) Maharashtra
D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ In the state of Kerala, the estimated incidence of tuberculosis (TB) went down by 37.5% between 2015-20. With this, the southern state has registered an annual decline rate of 7.5%. As the global reduction rate would only be 2-3% and hence the state's reduction rate is very significant. The state has also won the bronze medal in the Health Ministry's Certification of Efforts Towards Elimination of TB.

5. What is the rank of India in the latest International Intellectual Property (IP) Index?

- A) 20
B) 30
C) 40 ☒
D) 50

40

- ✓ India has been ranked 40 on the latest annual edition of the International Intellectual Property (IP) Index. The IP index is released annually by the US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC). It assesses the Intellectual Property rights in 53 global economies in several areas from patent and copyright policies to commercialisation of IP assets etc.

6. What is "Manyamkonda Jatara", that is seen in the news recently?

- A) Ancient Harappan Site
B) Buddhist Vihara
C) Interstate Religious Festival ☒
D) Pre-Independence Movement



- ✓ Manyamkonda Jatara is an interstate religious festival of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. This festival involves shifting idols from Odisha to Andhra at Polluru village in Mothugudem mandal of East Godavari District. Incidents of untoward incidents and left-wing extremisms have been reported in the past during this festival.
✓ But, due to abundant precautionary measures, this year's festival went on peacefully.

7. Union Cabinet has approved MoU between UPSC of India and its counterpart in which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
B) Bangladesh
C) Afghanistan ☒
D) Pakistan



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) of India and Independent Administrative Reforms and Civil Services Commission (IARCS) of Afghanistan.
✓ This MoU is aimed to share experience, expertise between the two agencies in recruitment of civil servants.

8. Where was the 116th Meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission between India and Pakistan held?

- A) Lahore
B) New Delhi ☒
C) Jaipur
D) Jalandar



- ✓ The 116th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission meeting between India and Pakistan was held recently in New Delhi. This meeting took place after a gap of more than two and half years. This meeting coincided with the National Day of Pakistan.
✓ It is a 2-day meeting which on the Indian side is headed by Indus Water Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Saxena.

9. Commemorative stamp of which Indian leader's visit to Odisha in 1921 has been released recently?

- A) Netaji Subash Chandra Bose
B) Babasaheb Ambedkar
C) 'Mahatma' Gandhi ☒
D) 'Karmaveer' Kamarajar



- ✓ Mahatma Gandhi visited Odisha for the first time in the year 1921 (100 years ago) and had addressed a massive gathering of people as a part of his non-cooperation movement.

- ✓ To commemorate this event, a commemorative postage stamp on '100 years of first visit of Mahatma Gandhi to Odisha' has been released recently.

10. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India?

- A) Pankaj Kumar
- B) Guruprasad Mohapatra
- C) Arun Kumar
- D) Sanjeev Kumar ☒



- ✓ Sanjeev Kumar, a 1991 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), it said. As per the order issued by the Personnel Ministry, Atish Chandra will be Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary. As many as 22 bureaucrats have been appointed to different ministries.