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1. 'Kunming Declaration', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?

- A) China ☒
- B) Japan
- C) USA
- D) South Korea



- ✓ China has recently submitted a "zero draft" of the 'Kunming Declaration' to the United Nations. The declaration includes the key Chinese Communist Party concept of "ecological civilisation". The document also calls on parties to focus biodiversity protection in decision-making and recognise the importance of conservation in protecting human health. The COP 15 biodiversity talks are due to take place in October 2021.

2. BH-series, which was making news recently, is associated with which sector?

- A) Textile
- B) Automobile ☒
- C) Artificial Intelligence
- D) Financial Inclusion



- ✓ Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has introduced a new registration mark for new vehicles named "Bharat series (BH-series)".
- ✓ A vehicle bearing this registration mark shall not require the assignment of a new registration mark when the owner of the vehicle shifts from one State to another. This new registration has been announced to facilitate seamless transfer of vehicles and to cater to vehicle owners who frequently shift their bases in India.

3. BRICS Nations have recently opposed the Carbon border tax, proposed by which association?

- A) EU ☒
- B) NATO
- C) OPEC
- D) G20



- ✓ BRICS Nations namely Brazil, Russia, China, and South Africa, have joined India in opposing the Carbon border tax, proposed by the European Union's (EU). The 27-member EU recently decided to levy a border tax on the import of carbon-intensive goods, which will be enforced from 2026 onwards. India along with other BRICS participants have objected to the proposal in the New Delhi statement of the five-nation group.

4. Which year is to be celebrated as the International Year of Millets under the leadership of India?

- A) 2022
- B) 2023 ☒
- C) 2024
- D) 2025



- ✓ The union minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar launched the National Food and Nutrition Campaign for the farmers. The Campaign is organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The Budget for Agriculture has been increased to ₹1.23 lakh crore, this year. 2023 will be celebrated as the International Year of Millets under the leadership of India.

5. Mudumalai and Anamalai Tiger Reserve, which received the global elite tag for best tiger conservation practices, are located in which districts?

- A) Nilgiri & Coimbatore ☒
- B) Nilgiri & Tiruppur
- C) Tiruppur & Erode
- D) Tenkasi & Theni



- ✓ Anamalai Tiger Reserve located at Pollachi near Coimbatore, one of the largest landscapes in the south of Palghat Gap with 4000 sq km of protected area, and the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the Nilgiris, a bio-diversity hotspot of the Western Ghats has now earned a global elite tag in tiger conservation. They are located in Tamil Nadu. It is the Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CATS) status, a conservation tool for best practices and standards to manage tigers.
- ✓ Only 14 reserves made the cut including Parambikulam in Kerala, Bandipur in Karnataka, and Manas, Kaziranga and Orang in Assam, for the accreditation exercise by India's National Tiger Conservation Authority under CATS. Well-known reserves like Corbett, Ranthambore and Bandhavgarh did not get the tag.

6. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Germany?

- A) Manpreet Vohra
- B) Ajay Bisaria
- C) Harish Parvathaneni ☒
- D) Jawed Ashraf



- ✓ Harish Parvathaneni, an Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1990 batch, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Germany. He is presently serving as an additional secretary in the MEA's headquarters in Delhi.

7. Which date is observed as Women's Equality Day?

- A) August 26 ☒
- B) August 27
- C) August 28
- D) August 29



- ✓ United States is commemorating the 101st year of Women's Equality Day. On August 26, the day is largely commemorated in the United States to honour American women gaining the constitutional right to vote. The United States Congress established August 26 as "Women's Equality Day" in 1971, and it was approved in 1973.
- ✓ Women's Equality Day draws attention to women's ongoing struggles towards gaining full equality.

8. How many gold medals did India win at the World Archery Youth Championships?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three ☒
- D) Four



- ✓ India has won 3 gold medals in Archery Championships. The Indian contingent won 15 medals at the World Archery Youth Championships. The 2021 World Archery Youth Championships was held in Wroclaw in Poland. Out of the 15 medals, India has won three gold medals in the compound cadet women's and men's and mixed team events.
- ✓ The women's team defeated Turkey 228-216 in the final match to win a gold medal.

9. What is India's rank in the global coronavirus innovation rankings for countries?

- A) 20
- B) 32 ☒
- C) 42
- D) 62

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- ✓ India fell six spots to the 32nd place in the global coronavirus innovation rankings for countries, as per a report prepared by StartupBlink in association with Health Innovation Exchange, UNAIDS. The report features the top-ranked 40 countries and 100 cities in the world based on innovative solutions developed to face the pandemic.

10. 'AREAS' is an initiative associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Power
- B) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy ☒
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ The Association of Renewable Energy of States (AREAS) is an initiative of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). It was formed as a Society in the year 2014 by MNRE. The Association of Renewable Energy of States (AREAS) recently celebrated its 7th Foundation Day.

1. 'India SIZE' Survey, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Textiles ☒
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Defence



- ✓ The National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, is undertaking a survey of 'India SIZE'. It is an extensive anthropometric research study to develop a comprehensive body size chart for the Indian population.
- ✓ The data can produce ergonomically designed products which are well suited for the Indian population.

2. Which Indian state has undertaken a Biodiversity conservation project, with the support of the French development agency 'AFD'?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Rajasthan ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Goa



- ✓ Rajasthan has undertaken a biodiversity conservation project in eastern districts of the state, with the support of the French development agency Agence Française de Développement (AFD). The Rajasthan Forestry and Bio development Project planned had already received the approval of the state government.
- ✓ It aims to promote eco-tourism and other sustainable income generation activities in the target villages with assistance to nearly 1200 self-help groups. A biodiversity park is also proposed to be developed in Bharatpur as part of the project.

3. India's first Green Hydrogen Plant is set to come up in which place?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) Mathura ☒
- D) Digboi



- ✓ The state-owned PSU and oil major IOCL is set to build the country's first green hydrogen plant at Mathura. Due to the proximity of Mathura to Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ), the place has been selected for this purpose. This project is set to introduce Green Hydrogen in the oil and gas sector in the country.

4. Sathiyam Gnanasekaran, who was seen in the news recently, is associated with which sports?

- A) Tennis
- B) Table Tennis ☒
- C) Badminton
- D) Boxing



- ✓ Indian Table Tennis player Sathiyam Gnanasekaran won 4-0 in the summit clash to claim the men's singles title at the ITTF Czech International Open.
- ✓ The 28-year-old, top seeded Indian player has been ranked 39 in the world. Last week, he had paired up with compatriot Manika Batra to win the mixed doubles title at the WTT Contender in Budapest.

5. How many countries are participating in Malabar-21 Naval Exercise?

- A) 2
- B) 4 ☒
- C) 6
- D) 8



- ✓ The naval forces of India, USA, Japan and Australia (QUAD) would be participating in the Malabar 21 naval exercises. These four countries have been a part of the Malabar exercise since 2020. This year's Malabar exercise is held at Pacific Island Guam. This year's exercise aims to enhance the interoperability amongst navies and develop common understanding and SOPs in maritime security.

6. Which country has cut its diplomatic relations with Morocco?

- A) Algeria ☒
- B) India
- C) France
- D) Pakistan



- ✓ Algeria's Foreign Minister Ramtane Lamamra announced that his country has severed diplomatic relations with Morocco due to hostile actions. This decision has been taken following months of resurgent tensions between the North African rival. The border between Algeria and Morocco has been closed since 1994. Algeria backs the Polisario movement, which seeks independence for Western Sahara, which Morocco considers as a part of its own territory.

7. What is 'Vigraha', with respect to Indian Coast Guard?

- A) Offshore Patrol Vessel ☒
- B) Cruise Missile
- C) Offshore Helicopter
- D) Offshore Drone



- ✓ Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Ship Vigraha, is the seventh in the series of Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs). It is set to be commissioned by the union defence minister Rajnath Singh in Chennai on August 28, 2021.
- ✓ The ship will be based in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh and operate on the eastern seaboard under the Operational and Administrative Control of the Commander, Coast Guard Region (East). The vessel has been designed and built indigenously by Larsen & Toubro Ship Building Limited.

8. Where is the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change headquartered?

- A) Switzerland ☒
- B) Geneva
- C) New York
- D) Germany



- ✓ The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is a body of the United Nations, headquartered at Geneva, Switzerland. The 6th Assessment Report (AR6) on climate change has been released by the IPCC under the title "AR6 Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis". The report gives upto date findings on climate systems and climate change. The assessment states that global temperature would exceed 1.5 degrees in the next 2 decades.

9. La Ganesan sworn in as 17th Governor of which Indian state?

- A) Telangana
- B) Manipur ☒
- C) Assam
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Former Rajya Sabha member La Ganesan was sworn in as the 17th Governor of Manipur in Imphal. Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court, PV Sanjay Kumar, administered the oath of office and secrecy to La Ganesan.

10. Shipping Ministry announced a new 'Skill Institute on Marine Studies' in which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Kerala
- D) Assam ☒



- ✓ Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal announced the setting up of a Skill Institute on Marine Studies at Guwahati in Assam under Indian Maritime University, Chennai. An MoU was earlier signed between Inland Water Authority of India & Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Ltd. for setting up a new 'Ship Repair Facility' at Pandu in Guwahati.
- ✓ The technical support is to be provided by IIT Madras and is expected to be completed by August 2023. The facility, known as Slipway, is to be developed on a land of 3.67 acres provided by Government of Assam

1. 'My Pad My Right' project, an initiative of NABARD, was launched recently in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Tripura ☒
- C) Gujarat
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the 'My Pad My Right' (MPMR) project in Tripura. The project is an initiative of NABARD and NAB Foundation, to provide better livelihood and menstrual hygiene to women in rural areas through grants-in-aid, wage support and equipment. Under the initiative, one sanitary pad making machine, raw materials for two months, wages for 50 days, packaging material with accessories and a five-day training in three phases are provided. The project aims to help rural women improve menstrual hygiene.

2. 'Mera Watan Mera Chaman', is a programme hosted by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C) Ministry of Minority Affairs ☒
- D) Ministry of Women and Child Development



- ✓ Ministry of Minority Affairs has organised 'Mera Watan Mera Chaman' Mushaira in New Delhi as part of Amrit Mahotsav of 75th Year of India's Independence. During the programme renowned poets from the country recited their poetry and couplets.
- ✓ In all those programmes, renowned as well as emerging poets will give patriotic message of "Ek Bharat- Shrestha Bharat".

3. As of August 2021, what is the total number of bank accounts under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna?

- A) 32 Crore
- B) 43 Crore ☒
- C) 56 Crore
- D) 67 Crore



- ✓ Bank accounts under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY) have increased to 43 crores, as of August 2021. As per the Finance Ministry Data, the total deposits under the accounts amount to over ₹1.46 lakh crore. The government's flagship 'Financial inclusion' scheme has also completed seven years of implementation. PMJDY was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day address on August 15, 2014 and was launched on August 28.

4. 'SACRED' is the name of the proposed employment exchange, targeting which segment of people?

- A) Transgender People
- B) Senior Citizens ☒
- C) Differently Abled
- D) Religious Minorities



- ✓ The proposed portal named 'SACRED' is an acronym for 'Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity'. The Union Ministry of Social justice and empowerment is drawing plans to implement the portal.
- ✓ Through this exchange, the Senior citizens looking for jobs will soon have a platform to reach out to potential employers. The inter-ministerial committee formed to set up the exchange has approved Rs 10 crores, for implementing the exchange.

5. Which country has hosted the Middle East Regional Conference, recently?

- A) UAE
- B) Iran
- C) Iraq ☒
- D) Bahrain



- ✓ Iraq has recently hosted a middle east regional conference, which is aimed to ease the tension in the region. Iraq, Saudi Arabia have been invited in the meeting, which is co-organized by France. During the meeting, regional water crisis, war in Yemen and economic conditions of Lebanon are discussed. This meeting has assumed significance since Iraq has been playing a neutral mediating role in the region.

6. S P Sethuraman, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A) Cricket
- B) Hockey
- C) Chess ☒
- D) Tennis



- ✓ Indian Grandmaster S.P. Sethuraman won the Barcelona Open chess tournament title here while compatriot Karthikeyan Murali finished third. Sethuraman collected 7.5 points from nine rounds and was declared as the winner, on the basis of a better tie-break score. Daniil Yuffa of Russia also finished with the same points as the Indian player. Sethuraman, the top seed, remained unbeaten through the nine rounds, winning six matches and drawing three.

7. Where is the Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL) headquartered?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Madhya Pradesh ☒
- C) Gujarat
- D) Odisha



- ✓ The government-owned Miniratna PSU Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) has announced to launch a skill development project amounting Rs. 3.5 crore. It is a subsidiary of the Coal India Limited (CIL) and the company is headquartered at Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The aim of the programme is to impart training to 500 youth living in and around the company's areas of operation. Under this programme, youth would be trained in the field of Plastic engineering trade, at a cost of Rs 70,000 per trainee.

8. As per the recent Forbes India report, which city has world's most CCTV cameras in public places?

- A) London
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Melbourne
- D) Chennai



- ✓ As per a recent Forbes India report on the most surveilled cities of the world, Delhi is on the top with 1,826.6 CCTV cameras per square mile. Delhi is followed by London with 1,138 CCTV cameras. Chennai secured third place with 609.9 CCTV cameras. As per the report, Mumbai came in 18th with 157.4 CCTV cameras per square mile. Only three Indian cities feature in the top 20 cities in the report.

9. Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana (RGKNY) is the initiative of which Indian state?

- A) Telangana
- B) Chhattisgarh ☒
- C) Assam
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana (RGKNY) is a flagship scheme of the state of Chhattisgarh.
- ✓ Under the RGKNY, the state government provides input assistance to farmers for crop production. If the crops sown during the ongoing kharif season get destroyed due to drought-like conditions, a financial assistance of Rs 9,000 per acre would be provided.

10. Buddhadeb Guha, who recently passed away, was associated with which profession?

- A) Sports person
- B) Writer ☒
- C) Politician
- D) Business-person



- ✓ Noted Bengali writer Buddhadeb Guha, who authored several popular books including Madhukari, recently passed away. The writer passed away at the age of 85. He had won several awards including the Ananda Purashkar and Sharat Puraskar.
- ✓ He is also the creator of two popular fictional characters in Bengali literature named 'Rivu and Rijuda'.

1. When is the "National Small Industry Day" celebrated every year?

- A) August 30 ☒
- B) September 1
- C) September 3
- D) September 5



- ✓ National Small Industry Day is an annual celebration to recognise the value of small industries in our society. Every year on August 30, the country celebrates National Small Industry Day. On August 30, 2000, a comprehensive policy package for the SSI sector was launched in India, to provide support to small firms in India. The UN General Assembly has declared June 27 as the MSME Day to enhance public awareness of the contribution of MSMEs in the global economy

2. Shanti Lal Jain has been appointed as the MD & CEO of which public sector bank?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Indian Bank ☒
- C) Union Bank of India
- D) State Bank of India



- ✓ Shanti Lal Jain has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Indian Bank. He was earlier serving as the Executive Director of the Bank of Baroda. His tenure of three years would start from September 1.

3. When is the 'International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances' observed?

- A) August 30 ☒
- B) September 1
- C) September 3
- D) September 5



- ✓ 'International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances' is marked every year on August 30, across the world.
- ✓ The day is observed to honour and pay tribute to people who have faced enforced disappearances. On December 21, 2010, the United Nations General Assembly officially proclaimed August 30 as the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances. The Assembly also welcomed the adoption of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

4. Who is the head of the committee constituted by the Centre, to develop technological platform for streamlining revenue litigation?

- A) Ashish Shiradhonkar ☒
- B) Adhir Ranjan Choudhary
- C) DY Chandrachud
- D) Tushar Mehta



- ✓ The Centre has constituted a committee to develop a technological platform streamlining the appeal filing process, which will be headed by Ashish Shiradhonkar. The platform aims to cover all processes related to direct and indirect taxation matters. Ashish Shiradhonkar, is also heading the e-courts project in National Informatics Centre. The committee is set to complete its work in three months and will have members from revenue department, CBDT and CBIT.

5. When is the International Day against Nuclear Tests observed every year?

- A) August 29 ☒
- B) August 30
- C) August 31
- D) September 01



- ✓ The 'International Day against Nuclear Tests' is observed on August 29 every year, across the world. The day aims to bring awareness regarding the harmful effects of testing nuclear weapons and calls for an end to such tests.
- ✓ The International Day against Nuclear Tests was established on December 2, 2009, by the United Nations General Assembly in its 64th session. The first nuclear test called Trinity was conducted by the United States Army in a desert site in New Mexico, on July 16 1945.

6. Which woman sports-person won India's first gold medal in Shooting in Olympics/Paralympics?

- A) Avani Lekhara ☒
- B) Elavenil Valarivan
- C) Apurvi Chandel
- D) Anjum Moudgil



- ✓ Indian paralympic shooter Avani Lekhara won country's first gold medal in shooting at the Tokyo Paralympics in the women's 10m air rifle. The 19-year-old became the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic or an Olympic gold medal in the country's history.
- ✓ India's discus thrower Yogesh Kathuniya clinched silver medal. Devendra Jhajharia and Sundar Singh won the silver and bronze medals in javelin throw event

7. Which country has warned of increase in West Nile Virus infections?

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



- ✓ Russia warned of a possible increase in West Nile Virus (WNV) infections, as mild temperatures and heavy precipitation create favourable conditions for the mosquitos that carry it. WNV is an infectious disease spread by infected mosquitoes.
- ✓ It spreads from birds to humans with the bite of an infected Culex mosquito. It can lead to a fatal neurological disease in humans. It is related to the Zika, dengue and yellow fever viruses.

8. Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

- A) Assam ☒
- B) Sikkim
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Deepor Beel is one of the permanent and largest freshwater lakes in Assam, located in Guwahati. It is the State's only Ramsar site and an Important Bird Area.
- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified the eco-sensitive zone of the Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary on the south-western edge of Guwahati. The wetland expands up to 30 sq. km in summer and reduces to about 10 sq. km in the winter.

9. Which institution releases the Quarterly House Price Index?

- A) National Housing Bank
- B) Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) National Statistics Office



- ✓ The Reserve Bank releases a quarterly house price index (HPI) based on transaction-level data received from housing registration authorities in ten major cities. The cities are Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, and Mumbai.
- ✓ According to RBI data, the growth in all-India House Price Index (HPI) slowed to 2 per cent in the first quarter this fiscal against 2.8 per cent in the last year. The HPI growth ranged from an expansion of 8.8 per cent (Ahmedabad) to a contraction of [-] 5.1 percent (Chennai).

10. Supertech twin tower case, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which state?

- A) Kerala
- B) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C) Karnataka
- D) Maharashtra



- ✓ The Supreme Court ordered the demolition of the twin towers that had come up in violation of building bye-laws in Supertech's Emerald Court housing project in Noida. The Court also ordered that the towers be razed within three months for violation of building norms in agreement with district officials.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has called for an inquiry and strict action against guilty officers in Noida in the illegal twin tower case. The Chief Minister also directed officers to register a criminal case against guilty persons.

1. Mariyappan Thangavelu and Sharad, who won medals in the Tokyo Paralympics, are associated with which sports?

- A) Weight Lifting
- B) Shooting
- C) High Jump ☒
- D) Javelin Throw



- ✓ Mariyappan Thangavelu and Sharad Kumar won the silver and bronze medals, respectively, in the high jump event in the Tokyo Paralympics. Mariyappan Thangavelu had also won a gold medal at the Rio Paralympics. India had won a total of 12 medals from the 1968 edition until 2016.

2. Which country has passed the world's first law to force tech companies to offer alternative payment systems?

- A) France
- B) Italy
- C) South Korea ☒
- D) India



- ✓ South Korean lawmakers passed the world's first law to force tech giants such as Google and Apple to offer alternative payment systems on their app stores. The country is set to amend the 'Telecommunications Business Act', the nation's primary telecommunications law.

3. Dale Steyn, who announced retirement from international cricket, is from which country?

- A) Australia
- B) South Africa ☒
- C) New Zealand
- D) West Indies



- ✓ Legendary South African fast bowler Dale Steyn announced his retirement from cricket, after a career spanning nearly 16 years. Steyn had retired from the Test Cricket last year as South Africa's highest wicket-taker with 439 wickets. Steyn played 93 Tests, 125 ODIs and 47 T20 internationals for South Africa since making his debut for the Proteas on December 17, 2004.

4. What is the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court of India?

- A) 18
- B) 25
- C) 34 ☒
- D) 45



- ✓ Nine new judges, including three women, were administered oath of office as judges of the Supreme Court. This appointment has taken its strength to 33, including the Chief Justice of India, out of the sanctioned strength of 34. This is the first time in the history of the Supreme Court that nine judges took oath of office, all at the same time. Justice Nagarathna, one among the nine judges, is in line to become the first woman Chief Justice of India in September 2027.

5. INS Airavat has reached which country in August 2021, as a part of Mission SAGAR?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Afghanistan
- C) Vietnam ☒
- D) Malaysia



- ✓ Indian Naval vessel – INS Airavat has recently reached Ho Chi Minh City Port in Vietnam, as a part of Mission SAGAR. The vessel has shipped 100 Metric Tons of Liquid Medical Oxygen and 300 Oxygen Concentrators of 10 LPM capacity, to fight against the COVID 19 pandemic. SAGAR stands for Security and Growth for All in the Region, under which India has been helping its neighbors at times of stress.

6. Which Indian neighbour has recently declared a Food emergency?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Sri Lanka ☒
- C) Myanmar
- D) Bhutan



- ✓ The island nation of Sri Lanka has declared food emergency and an economic emergency, under an ordinance. The declaration of this, empowers authorities to impose restrictions on stocking and pricing of food articles. The country was affected with a foreign exchange crisis, due to which it had undertaken a steep devaluation of its currency, resulting in inflation.

7. "e-Source" is an online platform being developed by which institution?

- A) BITS
- B) IIM-A
- C) IIT-M ☒
- D) ISRO



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) is developing an online platform named e-Source. This platform aims to tackle e-waste by linking various participants in formal and informal sector. It would act as a market place between buyers and generators of e waste, in electrical and electronic equipment segment. This is expected to pave a great way for recycle and reuse of electronic wastes, thus achieve the objectives of circular economy.

8. Indian Navy has undertaken a joint exercise with which country, in Gulf of Aden near Yemen?

- A) Russia
- B) Germany ☒
- C) France
- D) Italy



- ✓ Navies of India and Germany carried out a joint exercise, in Gulf of Aden near Yemen. The exercise included helicopter landings and search and seizure operations. The Indian Navy's frigate 'INS Triakand' exercised with German frigate 'Bayern' in the Gulf of Aden. INS Triakand is currently deployed in the Gulf of Aden region for anti-piracy patrol.

9. Dr Firdausi Qadri and Muhammad Amjad Saqib, who were seen in the news recently, are the recipients of which award?

- A) Booker Prize
- B) Ramon Magsaysay Award ☒
- C) Pulitzer Award
- D) Abel Prize



- ✓ Dr Firdausi Qadri, a vaccine scientist from Bangladesh and Muhammad Amjad Saqib, the microfinance pioneer from Pakistan are among the five recipients of this year's Ramon Magsaysay Award. Established in 1957, the award is Asia's highest honour and regarded as the Asian version of the Nobel Prize.

- ✓ The other winners are Filipino fisher and community environmentalist Roberto Ballon, American Steven Muncy for humanitarian work and refugee assistance and Indonesian torchbearer for investigative journalism, Watchdoc. The award is given every year to individuals or organisations in Asia who provide significant service to the society.

10. Who has been appointed as the new Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha?

- A) M Venkaiah Naidu
- B) Dr Ramacharyulu ☒
- C) Utpal Kumar Singh
- D) Desh Deepak Verma



- ✓ Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu appointed Dr. Parasaram Pattabhi Kesava Ramacharyulu as the new Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha. Ramacharyulu has been working as Secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat since 2018. He succeeds Desh Dipak Verma, who demitted office after serving for four years in the post. As per the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Ramacharyulu is the first ever Upper House employee to have reached the Secretary General's post.

1. The multi-nation military exercise named 'ZAPAD 2021' is held in which country?

- A) Russia ☒
- B) China
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) India



- ✓ Indian Army is participating in Exercise ZAPAD 2021, a multinational exercise at Nizhny, Russia from 3 to 16 September. The two-week military exercise named 'ZAPAD 2021' aimed at boosting anti-terror cooperation. More than a dozen countries from Eurasia and South Asia will also participate in the same exercise. China and Pakistan are also expected to take part in the exercise as observers. A contingent of 200 personnel of the Indian Army will participate in an exercise.

2. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes?

- A) J B Mohapatra ☒
- B) Rajesh Damor
- C) Pramod Y Devikar
- D) Deepa Rasal



- ✓ Senior bureaucrat J B Mohapatra has been appointed the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). Mohapatra, is a 1985-batch Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) officer, is currently the member in the board that frames the policy for the Income Tax department. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of J B Mohapatra, as the Chairman of CBDT.

3. Which state has launched 'Innovation Mission', a public-private partnership, to boost start-up sector?

- A) Telangana
- B) Punjab ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Kerala



- ✓ Chief Minister Amarinder Singh launched 'Innovation Mission Punjab' (IMPunjab), a public-private partnership, to boost start-up sector. The Mission aims to bring in global investors and experts to promote start-ups. The mission will be accelerated by the private sector with strong government backing.

4. What is the GST Revenue collected in the month of August, as per the recent data from Finance Ministry?

- A) Rs 88000 Cr
- B) Rs 98000 Cr
- C) Rs 1,12,000 Cr ☒
- D) Rs 1,34,000 Cr



- ✓ As per the recent data from the Finance Ministry, GST revenue touched Rs 1,12,020 crore. The revenue remained above Rs 1 trillion-mark for the second straight month in August.
- ✓ This is 30 percent higher than the collection in the year-ago period, but lower than Rs 1.16 trillion collected in July 2021. During August, the revenues from domestic transactions were 27 percent higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

5. "Ubreathe Life", the world's first 'Plant based' smart air-purifier, has been developed by start-up of which institution?

- A) IIT-Madras
- B) IIT-Ropar ☒
- C) IISc
- D) NIV



- ✓ A start-up company of IIT Ropar has claimed that it has developed the world's first 'Plant based' smart air-purifier. Named the "Ubreathe Life", has been developed by Urban Air Laboratory. The living-plant-based air purifier amplifies the air purification process in indoor spaces. The technology used in this product is 'Urban Munnar Effect'. Phytoremediation is a process by which plants effectively remove pollutants from the air.

6. Which is the first Indian state to vaccinate its entire adult population (first dose)?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Assam



- ✓ Himachal Pradesh has become the first State in the country where everyone above 18 years has been administered with at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.
- ✓ As of August 31, India has also crossed the mark of 50 crore first doses and 15 crore second doses, with total vaccinations crossing 65 crores. India also set a record by providing more than 1 Crore vaccinations on a single day, for two days in the month of August.

7. According to UNEP, which variant of petrol has been eradicated from the globe?

- A) Leaded Petrol ☒
- B) Waxed Petrol
- C) High Octane Petrol
- D) High Cetane Petrol



- ✓ The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has recently declared that the use of leaded petrol has been eradicated from the globe. This is seen as a major milestone in safeguarding human lives and environment, since this is expected to prevent 1.2 million premature deaths globally. Lead is added to low quality petrol to increase its octane number and hence enhance engine performance.

8. Which Indian state has launched a drone-based afforestation project, named 'Hara Bhara'?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Punjab
- C) Manipur
- D) Telangana ☒



- ✓ The Telangana government has recently launched a drone-based afforestation project, named 'Hara Bhara'. The state has partnered with Marut Drones, a Hyderabad-based drone technology start-up, to launch the project.
- ✓ Under the initiative, the state government will plant 50 lakh trees across 12,000 hectares of land in forests in all the 33 districts of Telangana. Named the 'Seedcopter', it involves the preparation of the seed balls by the local women and welfare communities, which are dispersed via drones in the targeted areas.

9. Which Indian state/UT recently hosted the 'Nomadic Festival'?

- A) Ladakh ☒
- B) Sikkim
- C) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- D) Kerala



- ✓ Ladakh Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur recently inaugurated a 2-Day Ladakh Nomadic Festival at Korzok Phu, Changthang region of

eastern Ladakh. The festival is organised by Ladakh Cultural Academy in collaboration with Ladakh Tourism Department.

- ✓ It aims to highlight the distinctive culture of Changthang region. The Changthangi is a breed of cashmere goat native to Ladakh, reared by the nomads of the region for fine-grade Pashmina wool.

10. 'Eat Right Station' certification is an initiative of which institution?

- A) FAO
- B) FSSAI ☒
- C) NABARD
- D) FCI



- ✓ 'Eat Right Station' certification is awarded by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), to Railway Stations. FSSAI empanelled third-party audit agency concludes the certification, with ratings from 1 to 5. The 5-star rating indicates excellent efforts by stations to ensure safe and hygienic food is available to passengers. Chandigarh Railway Station was awarded a 5- star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers. The certification is part of the 'Eat Right India' movement of FSSAI.

1. Who is the head of the committee set up to review the existing guidelines of the Journalist Welfare Scheme?

- A) Ashok Tandon ☒
- B) Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- C) Neerja Sekhar
- D) Alok Agrawal



- ✓ The Government set up a 12-member committee to review the existing guidelines of the Journalist Welfare Scheme (JWS). The committee is headed by Prasar Bharti Board member Ashok Tandon. The committee will examine the need for revision of the amount of ex-gratia payment in death as well as other cases under the JWS.

2. Which country is organising the first ever BRICS Film Technologies Symposium in 2021?

- A) Russia
- B) Brazil
- C) China
- D) India ☒



- ✓ India's Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Ministry of External Affairs is organising BRICS Film Technologies Symposium on 1-2 September. The symposium has been conducted in collaboration with FICCI in virtual format.
- ✓ India is organising the first ever BRICS Film Technology Symposium as a part of the special event planned before BRICS summit to be held in India. The focus of the BRICS Film Tech symposium is to acknowledge the service sector and technicians working for the film industry.

3. The C.1.2 variant of the Coronavirus disease, was first reported in which country?

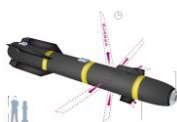
- A) China
- B) South Africa ☒
- C) India
- D) USA



- ✓ The C.1.2 variant of the Coronavirus disease was first reported from South Africa. The variant has now spread to at least six countries, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- ✓ As per the Indian Government, India has no cases of the new C.1.2 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) variant detected so far. The public health body of the United Nations announced that it was monitoring the new C.1.2 virus strain.

4. R9X Hellfire missile, also called as the 'Ninja' bomb, is associated with which country?

- A) USA ☒
- B) China
- C) UAE
- D) India



- ✓ The United States used a special missile in its drone strikes in Afghanistan that does not explode but releases knife-like blades. The US drone strikes were carried out using the Hellfire missile. There are various variants of the Hellfire missile.
- ✓ The R9-X is also called the 'Ninja' bomb. It weighs about 45 kg and the missile can also be launched from helicopters, aircraft and Humvees. The range of these missiles varies from 500 metres to 11 km.

5. Recently, Ismail Sabri Yaakob has been appointed as the prime minister of which country?

- A) Malaysia ☒
- B) Australia
- C) Myanmar
- D) Indonesia



- ✓ King of Malaysia has appointed Ismail Sabri Yaakob as the prime minister of the country on August 20, 2021. Ismail Sabri Yaakob replaced Muhyiddin Yassin as Prime Minister.
- ✓ Yassin stepped down as he lost the majority in parliament as he failed to effectively manage public health system. Ismail Sabri was earlier Muhyiddin's deputy. Ismail Sabri secured majority support of 114 out of 222 members in Parliament.

6. Recently, which bank has opened an ATM on a Houseboat at Dal Lake, Srinagar?

- A) State Bank of India ☒
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Indian Bank



- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) has opened an ATM on a Houseboat at Dal Lake, Srinagar for the convenience of locals and tourists. The floating ATM was inaugurated by the SBI Chairman Dinesh Khare. SBI had launched the first floating ATM in Kerala in 2004. This floating ATM of SBI was installed in Jhankar yacht owned by Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC).

7. Exercise Bright Star is a multinational military exercise, held in which country?

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) USA
- D) Egypt ☒



- ✓ Exercise Bright Star is a multinational military exercise, held once in two years at Egypt. This year's exercise would witness participation from 21 countries including the USA. The first such exercises were held in the year 1980 after signing of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. The last Bright Star exercise was conducted in 2018, with 16 participating nations.

8. 'Patrakar Kalyan Kosh' is a scheme for journalists, implemented in which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Haryana
- D) Chhattisgarh ☒



- ✓ The State Government of Chhattisgarh has implemented the scheme named 'Patrakar Kalyan Kosh'. Under this scheme, the families of journalists who lost their lives in COVID, would be provided with financial assistance. Further, under this scheme, a sum of Rs 2 lakh would be given to journalists for treatment of COVID disease.
- ✓ The state has also decided to increase the monthly pension to senior journalist from Rs.5000 to Rs.10,000, under the Senior Journalist Samman Nidhi scheme.

9. "University of Health Sciences Bill" has been passed by the assembly of which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Odisha ☒
- D) Karnataka



- ✓ The Legislative Assembly of Odisha has passed the University of Health Sciences Bill 2021, recently. This bill seeks to bring all the medical and paramedical institutions of the state under a single University of Health Sciences.
- ✓ Presently, various medical and paramedical institutions of the state are affiliated to different universities. This bill has been passed amidst strict opposition from various fronts.

10. Where was the World Stamp Exhibition 'Philanippon 2021' held?

- A) China
- B) Malaysia
- C) Taiwan
- D) Japan ☒



- ✓ Philanippon 2021 is the World Stamp Exhibition, held recently in Tokyo, Japan. This event is held every 10 years in Japan since 1971, to mark the founding of Postal service in Japan. This year marked the 150th year anniversary of Japan's postal service.

1. Which institution released 'Atlas of Mortality and Economic Losses from Weather, Climate and Water Extremes'?

- A) FAO
B) WMO ☒
C) WTO
D) IMF



- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) released the Atlas of Mortality and Economic Losses from Weather, Climate and Water Extremes (1970-2019).
- ✓ As per the report, every third death (35%) from extreme weather, climate or water stress in half a century was in Africa. The African continent accounts for only 17% of global population. Four droughts (1973 and 1983 in Ethiopia, 1981 in Mozambique and 1983 in Sudan) were responsible for 89 per cent of the total deaths in Africa from weather, climate and water extremes in the last 50 years. Almost 99% of all reported deaths occurred in low-to-lower-middle-income countries in Africa.

2. What is the name of the event to be conducted by the Department of School Education & Literacy, during September 2021?

- A) Shikshak Parv ☒
B) Shikshak Kaal
C) Shikshak September
D) Vidya Parv



- ✓ The Department of School Education & Literacy has decided to celebrate Shikshak Parv-2021 from 5th September till 17th September 2021. President Ram Nath Kovind will confer the awards to 44 Awardees, on 5th September, 2021 through virtual mode. The National Awards to Teachers were first instituted in 1958 to recognize excellence and commitment of teachers working in elementary and secondary schools.

3. Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) is an annual meet held in which country?

- A) Switzerland
B) Russia ☒
C) Japan
D) Singapore



- ✓ Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) is an annual meet held in Vladivostok, Russia. It aims to encourage foreign investments in Russia's resource-rich but underdeveloped Far East regions. In 2019, PM Modi had announced a \$1-billion line of credit for the Far East.
- ✓ The proposed Chennai-Vladivostok maritime corridor will promote the bilateral relationships together. Mazagon Docks Limited will partner with the Russian ship-building facility at Zvezda to build important commercial ships. India and Russia are partners in space exploration through the Gaganyaan programme.

4. Which is the first Asian country to launch a Plastics pact?

- A) Thailand
B) Nepal
C) India ☒
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ World-Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) have joined hands to develop a platform to promote a circular system for plastics. The new platform is called, the 'India Plastic Pact'. India generates 9.46 million tonnes of plastic waste annually, of which 40 percent is not collected.

✓ About half of all plastics produced in the country are used in packaging, most of it is single use in nature. The pact has time-bound targets for reducing, innovating and re-imagining plastic packaging.

5. Which State/UT has adopted snow leopard and black-necked crane as State/UT animal and bird?

- A) Delhi
B) Haryana
C) Punjab
D) Ladakh ☒



- ✓ The Union Territory of Ladakh has officially adopted snow leopard and black-necked crane as its state animals. These two species are endangered. The Black-necked cranes are endemic to the UT while the snow leopards are largely found in this region.
- ✓ As per IUCN, Black-necked crane is "Nearly Endangered" while snow leopard is placed in "vulnerable" category. The black-necked crane was the state bird of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir till August 2019.

6. A new 'Climate Finance Leadership Initiative (CFLI) India' partnership has been signed with which country?

- A) USA
B) France
C) UK ☒
D) Australia



- ✓ At the 11th India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD), the Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak met virtually. They signed a USD 1.2-billion package of public and private investment in green projects and renewable energy.

7. What is the name of the India's first satellite and ballistic missile tracking ship?

- A) Ajit
B) Dhruv ☒
C) Naren
D) Rudra



- ✓ India's first satellite and ballistic missile tracking ship named 'Dhruv' is set to be commissioned from Visakhapatnam. The ship is built by Hindustan Shipyard in collaboration with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO). INS Dhruv can also map ocean beds for research and detection of enemy submarines.

8. Under SAGAR mission, Indian Navy's Offshore Patrol Vessel INS Savitri arrived Chattogram harbour, at which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
B) Bangladesh ☒
C) Nepal
D) Thailand



- ✓ Indian Navy's Offshore Patrol Vessel INS Savitri arrived Chattogram harbour, Bangladesh, carrying two 960 LPM (Litres Per Minute) Medical Oxygen Plants (MOP) to support the ongoing efforts of the Bangladesh in tackling Covid-19. The MOPs were developed and manufactured by DRDO in India. The ship is also scheduled to participate in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with BN ship on departure from the Chattogram port.

9. Who is the first IAS officer from India to win a Paralympics medal?

- A) Suhas Yathiraj ☒
- B) Devendra Jhajharia
- C) Yogesh Kathuniya
- D) Bhavina Patel



- ✓ Suhas L. Yathiraj, Noida District Magistrate, created history as the first-ever IAS officer to win a medal at the Paralympics. He defeated Fredy Setiawan of Indonesia in his men's singles SL4-Group A.
- ✓ In 2016, he participated in the Asian Championship in Beijing and became the first non-ranked player to win the gold medal. He has earlier won many medals at BWF Turkish championship in 2017 and 2019. He also won a gold medal in Brazil in 2020.

10. ISRO in association with which institution has developed a device to cultivate microorganisms in space?

- A) IIT-Madras
- B) IIT-Bombay
- C) IISc ☒
- D) DRDO



- ✓ A team of researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) have jointly developed a modular device to cultivate microorganisms in space. The device uses LED and photodiode sensor combination to track micro-organism and bacteria growth. This device would be used by astronauts to carry out biological experiments in outer space during mission 'Gaganyaan' which is India's first crewed spacecraft.

1. Karbi Peace Accord, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which state?

- A) Haryana
B) Assam ☒
C) Meghalaya
D) Mizoram



- ✓ The Government of India would sign a tripartite "Karbi Peace Accord" between the Union Government, Government of Assam and representatives of Karbi outfits. The Karbis are one of the major ethnic communities in the north eastern India, especially in Assam.
- ✓ Assam has a long history of violent activities by Karbis since the 1980s. Recently, 1,040 terrorists of five insurgent groups of this group have laid down arms at an event in Guwahati and have surrendered.

2. Which state has launched the 'Vatan Prem Yojana'?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Gujarat ☒
C) Haryana
D) Punjab



- ✓ The Government of Gujarat has launched a scheme named 'Vatan Prem Yojana', under which NRI Gujaratis who are willing to donate for development of their native village, would get financial support from the state government. Under this scheme, the government encourages donations for development of social infrastructure like schools, drainage, sports complex etc in rural areas.

3. Which country holds the presidency of the Council of the European Union?

- A) Belgium
B) Slovenia ☒
C) Czech Republic
D) Denmark



- ✓ Slovenia currently holds the presidency of the Council of the European Union. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Slovenian President Borut Pahor and discussed the challenges facing India and the European Union.
- ✓ The Minister is set to visit Slovenia, Croatia and Denmark to boost bilateral ties and strengthen India's cooperation with the EU. Slovenia has invited Jaishankar to attend the informal meeting of the foreign ministers of the EU states. Jaishankar will also attend the Bled Strategic Forum (BSF) being held in Slovenia.

4. Digital Currency "eNaira", which was in the news recently, is associated with which country?

- A) Nigeria ☒
B) Sudan
C) Namibia
D) Egypt



- ✓ Nigeria Central Bank announced plans to launch its own digital currency named the "eNaira". The Central Bank will work with Bitt Inc as a technical partner to launch its own cryptocurrency.
- ✓ eNaira would operate as a wallet against which customers can hold existing funds in their bank account.

5. What is the name of the India - Kazakhstan joint military, which is held in Kazakhstan?

- A) Indradhanush-V
B) KAZIND-21 ☒
C) Yudh Abhyas
D) Sampriti IX



- ✓ KAZIND-21 is the India - Kazakhstan joint military exercise, which is held in Kazakhstan. This year's KAZIND is the 5th annual bilateral joint exercise between the two armies. India is represented by a contingent of 90 soldiers and Kazakhstan is represented by 120 troops. This exercise comprises 48 hours joint validation exercise.

6. Which state government has decided to celebrate September 17 as Social Justice Day?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
B) West Bengal
C) Karnataka
D) Kerala



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has decided to celebrate every year the birth anniversary of reformist leader E. V. Ramasamy Periyar on September 17 as Social Justice Day.
- ✓ Periyar [September 17, 1879–December 24, 1973] was instrumental in the enactment of the first Constitutional Amendment Act [that safeguarded reservation for backward classes].

7. Recently, which state/UT has decided to ban online gambling or betting?

- A) Maharashtra
B) Goa
C) Karnataka ☒
D) Sikkim



- ✓ Karnataka has decided to ban online gambling or betting, and to amend the Karnataka Police Act, 1963. The ban does not include lottery or betting on horse races as mentioned by Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy. This decision was undertaken after the Karnataka High Court repeatedly asked the State Government to take a stand on online betting.

8. Which state/UT has decided to issue "Resident Certificate" only to Permanent Resident Certificate holders of the region?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir
B) Ladakh ☒
C) Sikkim
D) Dadra and Nagar Haveli



- ✓ According to the Ladakh Resident Certificate Order 2021 passed on September 4, 2021, the Ladakh administration has decided to issue "Resident Certificate" only to Permanent Resident Certificate holders of the region unlike J&K, where new domicile laws allowed outsiders too to apply for jobs, land and other facilities.

9. Who has been awarded 7th Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award?

- A) Sudha Murty
B) Arundhati Roy
C) Kiran Desai
D) Namita Gokhale ☒



- ✓ Writer Namita Gokhale has been awarded the 7th Yamin Hazarika Woman of Substance Award. She was conferred upon the honour recently in a virtual ceremony.
- ✓ Organised by a collective of women professionals from the year 2015, the annual award honours Yamin Hazarika, the first woman from Northeast India to be selected for DANIPS, a federal police service that administered Delhi and the Union Territories in 1977.

10. Who has been awarded the Behler Turtle Conservation Award?

A) Joseph L. Goldstein

B) Shailendra Singh ☒

C) Richard Dawkins

D) Priyambada Mohanty Hejmadi



- ✓ Indian biologist Shailendra Singh has been awarded the Behler Turtle Conservation Award for bringing three critically endangered turtle conservation species back from the brink of extinction.
 - ✓ The award has been bestowed by several global bodies involved in turtle conservation such as Turtle Survival Alliance, IUCN/SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group, Turtle Conservancy, and the Turtle Conservation Fund.
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1. Which country's Prime Minister topped in the survey conducted by 'The Morning Consult'?

- A) Russia
- B) Australia
- C) New Zealand
- D) India ☒



- ✓ In a survey conducted by 'the Morning Consult', the Indian Prime Minister has obtained an approval rating of 70 percent.
- ✓ The survey calculates the approval and disapproval rating of global leaders, based on a 7-day moving average of adults in each country, which is analysed by online interviews. Indian PM's approval rating is highest among 13 global leaders polled in the survey and is ahead of the heads of Mexico, Italy, Germany, UK etc.

2. Panjshir Valley, which is in news recently, is located in which country?

- A) India
- B) Pakistan
- C) China
- D) Afghanistan ☒



- ✓ The National Resistance Front (NRF) has been demonstrating stiff resistance against the Taliban forces at Panjshir Valley in Afghanistan. The NRF have called for a ceasefire and have proposed that Taliban stop its military operations in Panjshir. Although the major parts of Afghanistan including the capital city have been taken in Taliban's control, the Panjshir Valley is yet to be taken control by Taliban.

3. How many medals have been bagged by the Indian contingent at the Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020?

- A) 6
- B) 17
- C) 19 ☒
- D) 21



- ✓ At the Tokyo Paralympic Games, the Indian contingent finished with a total of 19 medals which includes 5 gold, 8 silver, and 6 bronze medals. Out of the total 162 countries, India was ranked at 24th position and 20th in terms of number of medals.
- ✓ This year, India had sent the largest contingent of 54 para-athletes, who participated in 9 sporting disciplines.

4. The UN International Day of Charity on Sept. 5th, is observed to commemorate the death anniversary of which leader?

- A) 'Swami' Vivekananda
- B) 'Mother' Teresa ☒
- C) 'Mahatma' Gandhi
- D) 'Karmaveer' Kamraj



- ✓ Every year, 5th September is observed as the International Day of Charity. This day was so chosen, in memory of the death anniversary of Mother Teresa. This day aims to bridge the gap between the rich and poor and to meet the SDGs by 2030.
- ✓ The resolution in this regard was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 2012, which was co-sponsored by 44 UN member nations.

5. India has signed an MoU with which country, to reconstruct heritage sites and health sector projects, affected in 2015 earthquake?

- A) China
- B) Pakistan
- C) USA
- D) Nepal ☒



- ✓ India and Nepal have signed a MoU (memorandum of understanding), under which India would help Nepal in reconstruction of 14 cultural heritage and 103 health sector projects which were damaged during the 2015 earthquake. The total cost of these reconstruction is 420 crore Nepalese Rupees.
- ✓ This is a part of India's post-earthquake reconstruction package, under which India has committed a total grant of USD 250 million to Nepal.

6. SIMBEX is a Maritime Naval Exercise between Singapore and which country?

- A) USA
- B) China
- C) Russia
- D) India ☒



- ✓ The 28th edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) was held at South China Sea. Due to the COVID pandemic, this year's SIMBEX was conducted as an 'at-sea only' exercise without any physical intervention. SIMBEX is the Indian Navy's oldest bilateral maritime exercise with a foreign country.

7. The INSPIRE Awards – MANAK is constituted / given by which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology ☒
- B) Ministry of Electronics
- C) Ministry of Agriculture
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The National Level Exhibition and Project Competition for INSPIRE Awards – MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) has commenced, under the aegis of Dept. of Science and Technology – Union Ministry of Science and Technology.
- ✓ The INSPIRE Awards – MANAK scheme has been launched to motivate students in the age group of 10–15 years of class 6 to 10th standards, to become future innovators.

8. India has signed an agreement with which country for development of Air-launched unmanned aerial vehicle (ALUAV)?

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



- ✓ India's Ministry of Defence has signed a project agreement with the US Department of Defence for cooperation in the development of air-launched unmanned aerial vehicle (ALUAV).
- ✓ This Project Agreement for ALUAV is under the overall framework of the Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI). It also includes the collaboration between Air Force Research Laboratory, Indian Air Force, and DRDO in the process of co-developing an ALUAV Prototype.

9. In which city, Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav has launched the first functional Smog Tower of India?

- A) Delhi ☒
- B) Varanasi
- C) Kolkata
- D) Lucknow



- ✓ Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav has virtually inaugurated the first functional smog tower in India at Anand Vihar, Delhi.
- ✓ A smog tower is a structure designed as large/medium scale air purifiers to reduce air pollution, usually by forcing the air through filters. The tower has been built by Tata Projects Limited with NBCC (India) Ltd. as the project management consultant.

10. Which ministry has launched the PRANA portal?

- A) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ☒



- ✓ Union environment minister, Bhupendra Yadav has launched a portal called PRANA on September 7, 2021. PRANA Portal will be used to track the progress of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in order to comply with India's commitment to ensure clean air and blue skies to everybody. This portal was launched on the occasion of 'International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies' in non-attainment cities (NAC).
- ✓ Non-attainment cities are those cities that failed to meet the National air quality standards in a five-year period.

1. Which state has appointed former SBI Chairperson Rajnish Kumar as its economic advisor?

- A) West Bengal
B) Odisha
C) Andhra Pradesh ☒
D) Assam



- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh government has appointed Rajnish Kumar as its economic advisor. A former SBI chairman, Rajnish Kumar's tenure in the cabinet rank position is for two years.

2. Which State/UT has launched the 'Business Blasters' programme?

- A) Sikkim
B) Delhi ☒
C) Karnataka
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia, launched the 'Business Blasters' programme on September 7, 2021. This programme aims at developing young entrepreneurs at the school-level by providing students seed money to start a business.
- ✓ The programme will be implemented in all Delhi government schools under the "Entrepreneurship Mindset Curriculum (EMC)". Under the programme, class 11 and 12 students will be provided seed money of Rs 2,000 to start their business.

3. Which ministry has launched 'Bujurgon ki Baat-Desh Ke Saath' programme?

- A) Ministry of Women and Child Development
B) Ministry of Culture ☒
C) Ministry of Tourism
D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ Union Minister of Culture Kishan Reddy Gangapuram has launched the program 'Bujurgon ki Baat-Desh Ke Saath' with Union MoS for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal, at IGNC, New Delhi.
- ✓ The programme aims at enhancing the interaction between the youth and the elder persons who are 95 years and above and thus have spent around 18 years in India before independence.

4. Which city is the venue of the 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament?

- A) Paris
B) New Delhi
C) Beijing
D) Vienna ☒



- ✓ 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament is being held in Vienna on Sept 7th and 8th. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla reached Vienna to attend the 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament by the Austrian Parliament, Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations.
- ✓ The World Conference of Speakers of Parliament is held regularly every five years with the goal to reinforce the Parliamentary dimension of global governance.

5. Recently, who won the Formula One Dutch Grand Prix?

- A) Lewis Hamilton
B) Max Verstappen ☒
C) Charles Leclerc
D) George Russell



- ✓ Max Verstappen won the F1 Dutch Grand Prix for Red Bull on September 5, 2021 at Zandvoort, Netherlands followed by Mercedes drivers Lewis Hamilton and Valtteri Bottas in second and third places respectively.

6. Who has been elected as the Chairman of the Assembly of Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI)?

- A) Hou Kai
B) Mitsuhiro Kawado
C) GC Murmu ☒
D) Chen Chu



- ✓ The Comptroller and Auditor General of India GC Murmu has been elected as the Chairman of the Assembly of Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) from 2024-2027 with India set to host the 16th Assembly of ASOSAI in 2024.

7. 'Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojna' and 'Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojna' schemes have been launched by which state?

- A) Sikkim
B) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Assam



- ✓ The state government of Arunachal Pradesh has launched 2 schemes named Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojna and Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojna. AtmaNirbhar Krishi Yojna is an agri sector scheme while Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojna is a horticulture scheme. The government has allocated a total sum of Rs. 120 crores for these two schemes, Rs.60 crores for each of the schemes.

8. Who has been appointed as India's Sherpa for G20?

- A) Piyush Goyal ☒
B) Ashwini Vaishnaw
C) Mansukh Mandaviya
D) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar



- ✓ Commerce and Industry Minister, Piyush Goyal, has been appointed as India's Sherpa for G20. G20 is an influential grouping which brings together the major economies of world. Next G20 Summit is scheduled to take place from October 30 to 31, 2021 under Italian Presidency. India will hold the G20 Presidency from December 1, 2022 and will also convene G20 Leaders' Summit in 2023 for the first time.

9. In which state's national highway, an emergency landing facility has been inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh?

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



- ✓ Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh and Union Highways Minister, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Emergency Landing Facility on a National Highway in Rajasthan. This emergency landing facility has been constructed on the Satta-Gandhav stretch of National Highway (NH) 925A in Barmer, Rajasthan. This is the first time a National Highway will be used for emergency landing of IAF aircraft.

10. Government of India and Asian Development Bank has signed a \$112 million loan in order to develop water supply infrastructure in which state?

- A) Bihar
- B) Rajasthan
- C) West Bengal
- D) Jharkhand ☒



- ✓ Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a \$112 million loan in order to develop water supply infrastructure in the state of Jharkhand.
 - ✓ The loan will also strengthen capacities of urban local bodies (ULBs) in order to improve service delivery in four towns of Jharkhand. It will ensure continuous, treated piped water supply in Ranchi and other three towns namely Jhumri Telaiya, Hussainabad, and Medininagar. These towns are located in economically and socially backward areas.
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1. With which country, Tamil Nadu has partnered to create an energy island in the Gulf of Mannar?

- A) Germany
- B) Denmark ☒
- C) Japan
- D) South Korea



- ✓ Tamil Nadu and Denmark have planned to create an energy island in Gulf of Mannar that lies between the west coast of Sri Lanka and south-eastern tip of India. This plan was made as Tamil Nadu is looking to expand its footprint in the green energy sector.
- ✓ To achieve this target, Denmark is likely to invest \$5-10 billion in the renewable energy sector in the state. It also includes investment for an energy island in the Gulf of Mannar. With this investment, island would be able to produce 4-10 GW of energy.

2. Indian government and the Asian Development Bank have signed a 300-million-dollar loan to expand rural connectivity in which state?

- A) Assam
- B) Maharashtra ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) Jharkhand



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank and the Government of India has signed a \$300 million loan as additional financing to scale up improvement of rural connectivity to help boost rural economy in the state of Maharashtra. The additional financing for the ongoing Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project will help improve an additional 1,100 rural roads and 230 bridges.

3. Which Indian airport has won the prestigious awards of CII National Energy Leader and Excellent Energy Efficient Unit?

- A) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport
- B) Delhi International Airport Limited ☒
- C) Chennai International Airport Limited
- D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport



- ✓ Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has won the prestigious awards of CII 'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' at the 22nd National Award ceremony for 'Excellence in Energy Management' organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

4. With which organization, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd has signed a MoU for Renewable energy development projects?

- A) Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Ltd ☒
- B) Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited
- C) West Bengal Electricity Distribution Corporation Ltd
- D) South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited



- ✓ The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has signed a MoU with Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO).
- ✓ Under the MoU, IREDA will extend technical expertise & support to TANGEDCO for Renewable energy project development, to bid process management, and provide implementation support. IREDA will also assist TANGEDCO in debt raising by developing financial models, assistance in the understanding market instrument, underwriting services for the proposed debt requirement, conducting pre-market surveys, and road shows to evoke interest amongst potential investors.

5. Which institution recently launched a two-day 'Lunar Science Workshop 2021'?

- A) ISRO ☒
- B) NASA
- C) IISc
- D) Birla Planetarium



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) opened a two-day Lunar Science Workshop 2021, to commemorate the completion of two years of operation of Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft around the lunar orbit. Chandrayaan-2 has completed more than 9,000 orbits around the Moon. The imaging and scientific instruments on board have been relaying the required data.
- ✓ ISRO Chairperson also released the documents based on data from Chandrayaan-2, along with data from spacecraft's orbiter payloads.

6. Which date in September is celebrated as Himalayan Diwas?

- A) September 9 ☒
- B) September 10
- C) September 11
- D) September 12



- ✓ The National Mission for Clean Ganga organised Himalayan Diwas in association with Naula Foundation on September 9, 2021. This year's theme is 'Contribution of Himalayas and our responsibilities'. Himalaya Diwas is celebrated every year on 9th September in the state of Uttarakhand. It is celebrated with the aim to conserve Himalayan ecosystem and region. It was officially declared as Himalaya Day in 2015 by the then Chief Minister.

7. With which country, India has partnered to launch Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind?

- A) Canada
- B) France
- C) Denmark ☒
- D) Japan



- ✓ Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, RK Singh met Minister for Climate, Energy & Utilities of Denmark, Dan Jorgensen in New Delhi. It was highlighted that energy transition towards green is an important part of India's policy. India has set a target of 450 Giga Watt of Renewable Energy capacity by 2030.
- ✓ Currently, India's whole renewable energy portfolio is at 146 GW. India is also looking towards making Ladakh, Andaman Nicobar Island and Lakshadweep Island green in energy and transport. Both the ministers jointly launched 'Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind' under the Green Strategic Partnership.

8. Which ministry has launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021?

- A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- D) Ministry of Jal Shakti ☒



- ✓ Minister of State of Jal Shakti Ministry, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, launched the "Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021" under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II.
- ✓ It was launched at an event organized by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) on September 9, 2021. Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021 will be undertaken by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) across the country.

9. Who has won Women's Prize for Fiction for the fantasy novel Piranesi?

- A) JK Rowling
- B) Susanna Clarke ☒
- C) Sudha Murty
- D) Michelle Obama



- ✓ British writer Susanna Clarke won the prestigious Women's Prize for Fiction for her mind-tweaking fantasy novel 'Piranesi'. Clarke, 61, was awarded the 30,000 pounds (\$41,000) prize for her novel.
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10. Which date in September is observed as World Suicide Prevention Day?

- A) September 11
- B) September 10 ☒
- C) September 9
- D) September 12



- ✓ World Suicide Prevention Day is observed annually on September 10. The theme this year is "Creating hope through action." World Suicide Prevention Day is an awareness day observed on 10 September every year, in order to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides. World Suicide Prevention Day is organised by the International Association for Suicide Prevention.
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1. Governor Baby Rani Maurya who recently resigned, was the governor of which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Odisha
C) Manipur
D) Uttarakhand ☒



- ✓ Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya resigned on September 8, 2021, two years before completing her tenure. She tendered her resignation to President Ram Nath Kovind. She was sworn in as the governor of Uttarakhand on August 26, 2018.

2. The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Understanding between India and which country on cooperation in the field of Geosciences?

- A) Australia
B) France
C) Russia ☒
D) New Zealand



- ✓ Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Russia on cooperation in the field of Geosciences. MoU was signed between the Joint Stock Company Rosgeologia (State holding Company) of Russia and the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines.

3. With which organization, Assam government has partnered to strengthen the health infrastructure at the Silchar Medical College & Hospital?

- A) Coal India Ltd ☒
B) NTPC Ltd
C) AIIMS
D) ICMR



- ✓ Coal India Ltd. (CIL), under the Ministry of Coal has signed a MoU with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of Assam for strengthening the health infrastructure at the Silchar Medical College & Hospital, Silchar, Assam. In this new CSR initiative, CIL will contribute Rs 5 crores towards setting up of an ICU facility and medical gas pipeline in the Silchar Medical College & Hospital.

4. Recently, which public sector bank has been taken out of the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework by the Reserve Bank of India?

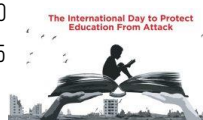
- A) Union Bank of India
B) Punjab & Sind Bank
C) Bank of India
D) UCO Bank ☒



- ✓ Reserve Bank of India has taken public sector lender UCO Bank out of Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework (PCA) on improvement in financial and credit profile. This decision gives the bank more freedom for lending, especially to corporations and grows the network, subject to prescribed norms.

5. Which date is observed as International Day to Protect Education from Attack?

- A) September 9 ☒
B) September 10
C) September 12
D) September 15



- ✓ International Day to Protect Education from Attack is observed globally on 9th September. The first ever International Day to Protect Education from Attack was observed on 9th Sept 2020. This day is also observed to spread awareness about the difficulties faced by those children living in countries which are affected by military conflicts.

6. Recently, who has been announced as the brand ambassador of Tata AIA Life Insurance?

- A) Bajrang Punia
B) Neeraj Chopra ☒
C) Lovlina Borgohain
D) PV Sindhu



- ✓ Tata AIA Life Insurance has announced Indian athlete and Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra, as its brand ambassador. This association also marks the very first brand partnership to be signed with the gold medalist javelin thrower.

7. Recently, with which country India has held a Maritime Affairs Dialogue?

- A) Australia
B) Great Britain
C) Japan ☒
D) France



- ✓ India and Japan held their sixth Maritime Affairs Dialogue in a virtual format on September 9, 2021. The consultations involved exchanges on developments in the maritime security environment, regional cooperation activities and opportunities for cooperation between the two countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

8. Who is the Minister of State for External Affairs who has recently delivered the keynote in the fourth Conference of the Protectors of Emigrants?

- A) Nityanand Rai
B) V Muraleedharan ☒
C) Anurag Thakur
D) Babul Supriyo



- ✓ The fourth Conference of the Protectors of Emigrants was held on Sept 10, coinciding with the date of enactment of the Emigration Act, 1983. Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan delivered the keynote address and observed that Protectors of Emigrants have an important role to play in informing youth and workers about new destinations and opportunities.

9. In which city, a Digital Population Clock has been inaugurated?

- A) Hyderabad
B) Mumbai
C) Nagpur
D) Delhi ☒



- ✓ Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar inaugurated and presided over the Seminar on Population, Human Capital and Sustainable Development in New Delhi on September 10, 2021.

- ✓ She also inaugurated a digital population clock at the Institute for Economic Growth nestled inside the University of Delhi. She also launched a book titled "Infant and Child Mortality in Assam – Demographic and Socio-Economic Interrelations" on the occasion. The book was written by Dr Dipanjali Haloi and Dr Suresh Sharma.

During the event, a HMIS Brochure was also launched.

10. Who has been appointed as the governor of Punjab?

A) RN Ravi

B) Banwarilal Purohit ☒

C) Gurmit Singh

D) Jagdeep Dhankar



- ✓ President Ram Nath Govind has appointed Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit as the new Governor of Punjab.

1. Who has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat?

- A) Bhupendra Patel ☒
- B) Acharya Devvrat
- C) Anandiben Patel
- D) Pushkar Singh Dhami



- ✓ Bhupendra Patel has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. He was sworn in by Governor Acharya Devvrat at the Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar. He is also a member of Gujarat Legislative Assembly and represents Ghatlodia constituency. Bhupendra Patel became chief minister of Gujarat on September 13 after Vijay Rupani resigned from the post.

2. Who has become the first woman excavation engineer to work in an open cast mine at Central Coalfields Ltd?

- A) Akanksha Kumari
- B) Shivangi Singh
- C) Bhawana Kanth
- D) Shivani Meena ☒



- ✓ Shivani Meena, an IIT Jodhpur alumna, has become the first woman excavation engineer to work in an open cast mine at Coal India arm CCL (Central Coalfields Ltd). She will be posted at CCL's Rajrappa project, one of the important enterprises of the coal mining behemoth.
- ✓ Until now the position belonged to men. The feat follows another milestone when Akanksha Kumari became Coal India's first woman mining engineer to work in an underground mine at CCL's Churi facility in North Karanpura area in Jharkhand.

3. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Lebanon?

- A) Hassan Diab
- B) Aziz Akhannouch
- C) Najib Mikati ☒
- D) Michel Aoun



- ✓ A new government has been announced in Lebanon over a year after the previous administration quit following the devastating Beirut port explosion. Najib Mikati – Lebanon's richest man – becomes Prime Minister, a position he has held twice before.

4. Who has been appointed as Prime Minister of Morocco?

- A) Moulay Hafid Elalamy
- B) Aziz Akhannouch ☒
- C) Nizar Baraka
- D) Aziz Rabbah



- ✓ King Mohammed VI of Morocco has appointed Aziz Akhannouch of the liberal National Rally of Independents (RNI) party as Prime Minister and asked him to form a government.
- ✓ RNI emerged as the biggest party in Parliamentary election held on September 8. Elected politicians in Morocco have only limited powers, as key decisions remain in the hands of the monarch.

5. Who is the author of the book 'Human Rights and Terrorism in India'?

- A) Ajit Doval
- B) Subramanian Swamy ☒
- C) Bipin Rawat
- D) Shashi Tharoor



- ✓ The release of three dreaded terrorists in exchange of hijacked Indian Airlines passengers in Afghanistan's Kandahar in 1999 is the "worst capitulation" to terrorists in India's modern history, says BJP MP Subramanian Swamy.
- ✓ He has come out with a book 'Human Rights and Terrorism in India' which traces how the combating of terrorism can be harmonised with human and fundamental rights within reasonable restrictions that is permitted by the Constitution and upheld by the Supreme Court.

6. Who has been appointed as the new governor of Uttarakhand?

- A) Acharya Devvrat
- B) Baby Rani Maurya
- C) Bandaru Dattatreya
- D) Gurmit Singh ☒



- ✓ Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh, who retired as the Deputy Chief of Army, was appointed the Governor of Uttarakhand, a post which fell vacant after Baby Rani Maurya resigned from the post.

7. Who is heading the newly formed government panel for framing new law for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices?

- A) Balram Bhargava
- B) Randeep Guleria
- C) V G Somani ☒
- D) Gagandeep Kang



- ✓ The government has constituted an eight-member panel for framing a new law for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices.
- ✓ The panel is being headed by Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) Dr V G Somani. The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, regulates the import, manufacture, distribution and sale of drugs, cosmetics and medical devices. This Act is amended from time to time. The last amendment in the Act was made in 2008.

8. Who has chaired the 13th BRICS Summit?

- A) Xi Jinping
- B) Narendra Modi ☒
- C) Vladimir Putin
- D) Cyril Ramaphosa



- ✓ Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, chaired the 13th BRICS Summit virtually on September 9, 2021. India chose the theme of the Summit as "BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus".
- ✓ The Summit was participated by all other BRICS Leaders namely, President of Brazil Jair Bolsonaro, President of Russia Vladimir Putin, President of China Xi Jinping and President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa. Under India's chair ship, BRICS took several new initiatives, which includes First BRICS Digital Health Summit, First BRICS Ministerial Joint Statement on multilateral reforms, BRICS Counter-Terrorism Action Plan, Agreement on cooperation in field of remote-sensing satellites, Virtual BRICS vaccine Research & Development Centre, BRICS Alliance on Green Tourism etc.

9. Which bank has launched its digital banking platform named 'bob World'?

- A) Indian Bank
- B) Bandhan Bank
- C) Bank of Baroda ☒
- D) Paschim Banga Gramin Bank



- ✓ Bank of Baroda has launched its digital banking platform 'bob World', aimed at providing all banking services under one roof. bob World' will offer a wide gamut of banking products and services, to be rolled out in phases, under four key pillars – Save, Invest, Borrow and Shop.
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10. Who has been appointed as the managing director of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)?

- A) Harsha Bhupendra Bangari ☒
- B) David Rasquinha
- C) Shaktikanta Das
- D) Nripendra Misra



- ✓ The government has appointed Harsha Bhupendra Bangari as the managing director of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank). Bangari, who is presently the deputy managing director at EXIM Bank, would be at the helm for a period of three years or until further orders of the government.
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1. Who has won the Italian Grand Prix 2021?

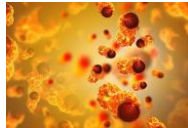
- A) Max Verstappen
B) Daniel Ricciardo ☒
C) Lando Norris
D) Lewis Hamilton



- ✓ Australian Daniel Ricciardo has won the Italian Grand Prix with Lando Norris coming second at Monza while Formula One title rivals Max Verstappen and Lewis Hamilton took each other out of the race. Valtteri Bottas finished third.

2. Which country has commenced the world's biggest trial of a blood test where they will detect more than 50 types of cancer?

- A) China
B) Russia
C) France
D) United Kingdom ☒



- ✓ The United Kingdom's state-run National Health Service (NHS) has commenced the world's biggest trial of a blood test where they will detect more than 50 types of cancer. The world's largest trial of blood test will find out different types of cancer even before the symptoms appear.

3. Eminent writer Aziz Hajini who passed away recently belonged to which state/UT?

- A) Ladakh
B) Jammu and Kashmir ☒
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ Eminent writer of Jammu and Kashmir, Aziz Hajini has recently passed away. He was a Kashmiri writer, poet, critic, and organizer.
✓ He had served as the first secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Arts, Culture, and Languages. He was also awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in the year 2013 for his book Tej Pazar and in the year 2016 for Kitab Aan Khane.

4. Recently, with which country India has held a Maritime Affairs Dialogue?

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D) France



- ✓ India and Japan held their sixth Maritime Affairs Dialogue in a virtual format on September 9, 2021. The consultations involved exchanges on developments in the maritime security environment, regional cooperation activities and opportunities for cooperation between the two countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

5. Which state has decided to commemorate the death anniversary of Subramania Bharathi as 'Mahakavi Day'?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu government has decided to commemorate the death anniversary of Subramania Bharathi, a firebrand poet & freedom fighter, as Mahakavi Day on September 11. Death anniversary of

Subramania Bharathi is on September 11. His works ignited patriotism and left indelible mark on Tamil literature.

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Government will also be conducting a state-level poetry competition for school and college students and "Bharati young poet Award" will be presented along with a purse of Rs 1 lakh. Women Livelihood Mission will also be renamed after Bharatiyar. This scheme is to be implemented by the rural development department.

6. Recently, who has been appointed as acting president of the Olympic Council of Asia?

- A) Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahad al-Sabah
B) Thomas Bach
C) Randhir Singh ☒
D) Gianni Infantino



- ✓ Veteran India sports administrator Randhir Singh has been appointed as acting president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) after incumbent Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahad al-Sabah had to step aside after being found guilty of forgery by a Geneva Court. He had served as Secretary General of the OCA for 24 years from 1991 to 2015.
✓ He also served as the Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association from 1987 to 2012 and was a full member of the International Olympic Committee from 2001 to 2014 before becoming its honorary member.

7. 14 districts of which state have partnered with the Indian Institute of Millets Research to boost production of millets?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Chhattisgarh ☒
D) Jharkhand



- ✓ Fourteen districts of Chhattisgarh have signed MoUs with the Hyderabad-based Indian Institute of Millets Research to boost production of millets in their respective areas.
✓ These millets will be procured through Van Dhan societies of the Chhattisgarh Minor Forest Produce Co-operative Federation, and after processing, will be used in mid-day meal schemes, public distribution system and nutrition programmes.

8. Which institute has been adjudged the best higher educational institution in 2021 in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)?

- A) IIT Madras ☒
B) IIT Bombay
C) Anna University
D) Madurai Kamarajar University



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) has been adjudged the best higher educational institution in 2021 followed by Indian Institute of Science Bangalore (IISc) and IIT Bombay. The rankings were announced by education minister Dharmendra Pradhan as part of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), an initiative of the government to rank top Indian institutions.

9. In which country, world's largest plant to capture CO₂ from air has started functioning?

- A) Iceland ☒
B) Germany
C) India
D) Japan



- ✓ The world's largest plant designed to suck carbon dioxide out of the air and turning it into rock started running in Iceland. The plant, named Orca, after the Icelandic word "orka" meaning "energy", consists of four units. Constructed by Switzerland's Climeworks and Iceland's Carbfix, when operating at capacity the plant will draw 4,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) out of the air every year.
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10. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and MD of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)?

- A) Arun Kumar Singh ☒
- B) S Varadarajan
- C) Arun Singh
- D) K Ellangovan



- ✓ Arun Kumar Singh appointed new Chairman and MD of BPCL Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a 'Maharatna' and a Fortune Global 500 Company has announced the appointment of Arun Kumar Singh as the Chairman and Managing Director of the company and consequently he has taken charge on September.7, 2021.
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1. Who has become the first professional golfer in the world to get the prestigious 10-year Dubai Golden Visa?

- A) Tiger Woods
- B) Jeev Milkha Singh ☒
- C) Rory McIlroy
- D) Hideki Matsuyama



- ✓ 4-time winner on the European Tour, Jeev Milkha Singh has become the first professional golfer in the world to get the prestigious 10-year Dubai Golden Visa in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport.

2. With which country, India has launched the Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue?

- A) China
- B) Russia
- C) France
- D) United States of America ☒



- ✓ Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry have launched Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue under India-US Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership. This partnership will provide both countries an opportunity to renew collaborations on climate change while addressing the financing aspects.

3. What is the theme of the World Coconut Day 2021?

- A) Building a Safe Inclusive Resilient and Sustainable Coconut Community Amid COVID-19 Pandemic & Beyond ☒
- B) Coconuts and Nutrition World
- C) Coconuts and COVID-19
- D) Coconuts in Asian and Pacific regions



- ✓ Every year, September 2 is observed as World Coconut Day across the world. It is celebrated to create awareness about the importance of the coconut and its benefits. It also commemorates the foundation day of the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community. This year, the theme is "Building a Safe Inclusive Resilient and Sustainable Coconut Community Amid COVID-19 Pandemic & Beyond".

4. When is 'International Day of Charity' observed across the world?

- A) September.5 ☒
- B) September.10
- C) September.15
- D) September.20



- ✓ The International Day of Charity is observed every year on September 5, across the world. The day aims to sensitize people and NGOs to engage in volunteer and philanthropic activities. This date of 5 September marks the day of the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa. She was honoured as a Saint was known for her missionary work in Kolkata. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

5. What is the theme of 'International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer' (World Ozone Day) 2021?

- A) Ozone for Life
- B) Ozone and COVID-19
- C) Ozone defending Humans
- D) Montreal Protocol – Keeping us, our food and vaccines cool ☒



- ✓ World Ozone Day or 'International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer' is observed on September.16 all over the world. Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer was adopted and signed by 28 countries, on 22 March 1985. The theme of this year is "Montreal Protocol – Keeping us, our food and vaccines cool".

6. When is the International Equal Pay Day observed?

- A) September.15
- B) September.18 ☒
- C) September.20
- D) September.22



- ✓ September 18 is observed as the International Equal Pay Day by the United Nations. It has been celebrated for the first time this year. The day is observed by the United Nations to throw light and end discrimination against women and girls.

7. On which date, World Alzheimer's Day is observed?

- A) September.21 ☒
- B) September.22
- C) September.23
- D) September.24



- ✓ Alzheimer's is a progressive disease which leads to memory loss. The condition worsens with time and makes it difficult to perform day to day functions. Since 1994, each year 21st September is observed as the World Alzheimer's Day. September is the month which is observed each year as the World Alzheimer's Month in order to enable national and local Alzheimer associations worldwide to extend their reach of awareness programmes over a longer period of time.

8. On which date, World First Aid Day – 2021 was observed?

- A) September.10
- B) September.11 ☒
- C) September.12
- D) September.13



- ✓ World First Aid Day is observed on the second Saturday of September annually. So, this year the day was celebrated on 11 September across the globe. The special day is marked to encourage people in first aid training which helps in preventing injuries and saving lives in critical situations. The theme for World First Aid Day 2021 is 'First aid and road safety,' according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

9. Who has been appointed as chairman of National Commission for Minorities?

- A) Iqbal Singh Lalpura ☒
- B) Atif Rasheed
- C) P K Pincha
- D) John Barla



- ✓ Former IPS officer Iqbal Singh Lalpura, has been chosen as chairman of National Commission for Minorities. The awards he has won include President's police medal, police medal for meritorious services, Shiromani Sikh Sahitkar award, Sikh scholar award, etc. He hails from Punjab.

10. In which city, India's first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification-based Methanol Production Plant has been inaugurated?

- A) Hyderabad ☒
- B) Chennai
- C) Mangaluru
- D) Bengaluru



- ✓ India's first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification-based Methanol Production Plant has been inaugurated at BHEL R&D Centre, Hyderabad. The plant was funded by Department of Science and Technology at the initiative of NITI Aayog, PMO-India and Ministry of Coal.
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1. In which city, PM Modi has laid foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University?

- A) Aligarh ☒
 B) Meerut
 C) Jaipur
 D) Varanasi



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh. The university is being established by the Uttar Pradesh government in the memory and honour of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, freedom fighter, educationist and social reformer. The university will provide affiliation to 395 colleges of the Aligarh division.

2. On which date, Engineers Day 2021 was observed?

- A) September.14
 B) September.10
 C) September.15 ☒
 D) September.11



- ✓ Engineers Day 2021 was observed on September 15, to mark the birthday of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. This day marks the contributions of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya in the field of engineering and education. He played a significant role in constructing dams, reservoirs and hydro-power projects across India.

3. Recently, which airport has been declared as a Customs notified airport by The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs?

- A) Kangra Airport
 B) Pakyong Airport
 C) Swami Vivekananda International Airport
 D) Kushinagar Airport ☒



- ✓ The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has declared Kushinagar Airport as a Customs notified airport. This would also facilitate international passenger movements including that of Buddhist pilgrims.

4. Which organization has launched "Project Udaan" on the occasion of Hindi Diwas?

- A) IIT Guwahati
 B) IIT Bombay ☒
 C) IIT Gandhinagar
 D) IIT Delhi



- ✓ IIT-Bombay launched its "Project Udaan" on the occasion of Hindi Diwas on September 14, 2021. Project Udaan was launched with the aim of breaking the language barrier that many students face while joining the institutes of higher education. Project Udaan enables the translation of textbooks and other study material of the engineering and other streams from English to Hindi & other Indian Languages.

5. Who has been conferred with the Swami Brahmanand Award 2021?

- A) H C Verma
 B) Arvind Kejriwal
 C) Anand Mahindra
 D) Anand Kumar ☒



- ✓ Mathematician Anand Kumar was conferred with the Swami Brahmanand Award 2021 for his contribution in the field of education through his "Super 30" initiative, which prepares underprivileged students for the IIT entrance exam.

6. Who has won the US Open women's doubles title?

- A) Coco Gauff and caty McNally
 B) Samantha Stosur and Zhang Shuai ☒
 C) Samantha Stosur and Emma Raducanu
 D) Peng Shuai and Wang Qiang



- ✓ Samantha Stosur of Australia and Zhang Shuai of China won their 11th straight match to triumph in the US Open women's doubles final over American teenagers Coco Gauff and Caty McNally at Flushing Meadows.

7. With which country's navy, INS Tabar has conducted a military exercise in the Red Sea?

- A) Sudan ☒
 B) Egypt
 C) Ethiopia
 D) Oman



- ✓ Indian Navy and Sudanese Navy carried out a bilateral maritime exercise in the Red Sea off the Sudanese coast. INS Tabar and two Sudanese Navy ships- Almazz and Nimer- participated in this maiden exercise with the Indian Navy.

8. Which country has been suspended from the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics by the International Olympic Committee?

- A) Cuba
 B) North Korea ☒
 C) Venezuela
 D) Peru



- ✓ North Korea was formally suspended from the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as punishment for refusing to send a team to the Tokyo Games citing the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. Which state has passed a bill seeking exemption from NEET for medical courses' admissions?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
 B) Kerala
 C) Maharashtra
 D) Odisha



- ✓ Tamil Nadu assembly has passed a bill seeking a permanent exemption to the state from NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test). With the passing of this bill, students would get admissions to UG Medical degree courses based on the qualifying HSC or class 12 marks, just like it used to happen before NEET was implemented.

10. India has handed over Dornier Aircraft to which country?

- A) Singapore
 B) Vietnam
 C) Mauritius ☒
 D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ India has handed over Dornier Aircraft to Mauritius as part of Vision SAGAR for enhanced maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region. SAGAR stands for Security and Growth for All in the Region. Through this India seeks to enhance security and economic cooperation with its maritime neighbours.

1. Which state has been adjudged first in the country in installation of off-grid solar pumps under PM KUSUM scheme?

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



- ✓ Haryana has been adjudged first in the country in installation of off-grid solar pumps under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahaabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM) with installation of 14,418 pumps against 15,000 sanctioned pumps for the year 2020-21.

2. On which date, National Forest Martyrs Day is observed?

- A) September.14
- B) September.10
- C) September.15
- D) September.11 ☒



- ✓ National Forest Martyrs Day is marked on September 11. The day as the name suggests is observed to pay tributes to those who laid down their lives in order to protect the jungles, forests and wildlife across India.
- ✓ The day officially came into existence in 2013 after the Ministry of Environment and Forest made the declaration. The date of September 11 was chosen as on this date in 1730, the infamous Khejarli massacre took place. During this tragic incident, people started cutting Khejarli trees on the orders of the then king Maharaja Abhay Singh of Rajasthan. These trees were considered sacred by the people that belonged to the Bishnoi community in Rajasthan's Khejarli village.

3. Which organization has launched a report titled 'Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India'?

- A) National Development Council
- B) NITI Aayog ☒
- C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



NITI Aayog

- ✓ NITI Aayog has launched a report on 'Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India'. The report comprises a set of recommendations on various aspects of urban planning—such as interventions for planning healthy cities, optimum utilization of urban land, ramping up human-resource capacities, strengthening urban governance, building local leadership, enhancing the role of private sector, and advancing the urban planning education system.

4. Which state has decided to set up a new Police Commission to get to know the demands and needs of cops?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Manipur



- ✓ Tamil Nadu government will set up a new Police Commission to get to know the demands and needs of cops.
- ✓ It will be constituted to recommend ways to strengthen the relationship between police and public, necessary schemes, and new training programs for police personnel. An online complaint filing mechanism would also be created, besides the launch of a mobile-based application for the benefit of the general public to register their grievances with the police. Experts would be hired to deal with offences involving banks, employment and other online crimes.

5. With which company, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare has signed MoU for taking forward Digital Agriculture?

- A) CISCO
- B) Ninjacart
- C) ITC Ltd
- D) All of the above ☒



- ✓ Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare has signed five MOUs with private companies for taking forward Digital Agriculture. Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the MOUs aimed at increasing farmer's income and protecting their produce.
- ✓ The MoUs were signed for pilot projects with CISCO, Ninjacart, Jio Platforms Limited, ITC Limited and NCDEX e-Markets Limited. Based on these pilot projects farmers will be able to take informed decisions on what crop to grow, what variety of seed to use and what best practises to adopt to maximise the yield.

6. Which country has launched an Earth observation satellite that can obtain radioactive data?

- A) China ☒
- B) India
- C) Germany
- D) Japan



- ✓ China has launched the 24th Gaofen-series Earth-observation satellite in a bid to monitor environmental protection efforts and boost its natural resources surveillance.
- ✓ The satellite was launched from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi province on a Long March 4C carrier rocket. China has mounted seven imagers and sensors on that spacecraft that are capable of obtaining spatial, spectral and radioactive data.

7. Rekha Jain has been appointed as a shareholder director of which bank?

- A) Indian Bank
- B) Punjab National Bank ☒
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) ICICI Bank



- ✓ Punjab National Bank has appointed Rekha Jain as a shareholder director after Asha Bhandarker stepped down as shareholder director after completing her tenure of three years.
- ✓ Previously, she has served as an independent director on the board of Telecommunication Consultants of India Ltd. (TCIL) from 2015 to 2019. Jain has also chaired the audit committee of the TCIL board.

8. Which organization has launched the Planetarium Innovation Challenge?

- A) MyGov India ☒
- B) ISRO
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Birla Planetarium



my GOV
मेरी सरकार

- ✓ The "Planetarium Innovation Challenge" has been launched by MyGov India for tech entrepreneurs and Indian start-ups. This Planetarium challenge was launched with the primary aim of bringing together local Start-ups and tech firms that have potential to build indigenous planetariums system software.

9. Recently, which country has applied to join the Asia-Pacific Free Trade grouping?

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) China ☒
- D) Singapore



- ✓ China has applied to join the Asia-Pacific Free Trade Grouping composed of 11 countries to increase its influence in international politics. Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao submitted the application to the Trade Minister of New Zealand as a representative of Comprehensive & Progress Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) or the Asia-Pacific free Trade grouping.
- ✓ CPTPP was a group promoted by former USA President Barack Obama to increase its relations with Asia. CPTPP comprises of Brunei, Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Singapore, New Zealand and Vietnam.

10. Where was Swachhata Pakhwada 2021 launched?

- A) Mormugao Port Trust
- B) Cochin Port Trust ☒
- C) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust
- D) Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal



- ✓ On September 16, 2021, at the Cochin Port Trust Swachhata Pakhwada 2021 was launched and the Swachhata pledge was administered in all departments. On this occasion, shramdaan cleaning activities were started in the Port areas.
- ✓ During the Pakhwada activities that were proposed comprised of cleaning of work places, office premises and crafts & public spaces within the Port area. Swachhata Pakhwada is an environment awareness campaign which was launched under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

1. Which organization is working on technologies in order to develop reusable GSLV Mk-III launch vehicle?

- A) SpaceX
- B) ISRO ☒
- C) Virgin Galactic
- D) ROSCOSMOS



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is working to develop the technology which is required to reuse GSLV MkIII launch vehicle.
- ✓ This new technology will help ISRO to vertically land its GSLV MkIII launch vehicle. This technology will be similar to what SpaceX is doing. The development of the reusable GSLV MkIII transmitter will help ISRO save money.

2. Recently, with which country the Union Cabinet has approved a MoU for Disaster Risk Reduction?

- A) Germany
- B) Japan
- C) Italy ☒
- D) Belgium



- ✓ The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM Modi was apprised about the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of the Republic of India and the Italian Republic on Cooperation in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management.
- ✓ The MoU seeks to put in place a system, whereby both India and Italy will benefit from the Disaster Management mechanisms of each other and it will help in strengthening the areas of preparedness, response and capacity building in the field of Disaster Management.

3. Which state/UT has launched the Mission named 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi'?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Haryana
- C) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- D) Jammu & Kashmir ☒



- ✓ In order to promote door to door digital banking and financial services in remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched Mission 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi', at Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) in Pampore.

4. In which country Exercise Peaceful Mission - 2021 is being held?

- A) United States
- B) Russia ☒
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Australia



- ✓ The Indian military contingent consisting of an all arms combined force of 200 personnel, including 38 personnel from the Indian Air Force, is taking part in the Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION -2021.
- ✓ This exercise is being held in the Orenburg Region of South West Russia from September 13 to 25, 2021. SCO Peaceful Mission is a Multilateral & Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise. The exercise is conducted biennially under the "military diplomacy" between the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states.

5. Which organization from India has won the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2021?

- A) National Institute of Open Schooling ☒
- B) Anna University
- C) Madras University
- D) IISc



- ✓ The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) of India, Noida won the prestigious UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2021. This organization is run by the education ministry and has bagged global recognition from UNESCO for its innovative approach towards education. The UNESCO International Literacy Prizes focus on a specific theme.
- ✓ This year, the focus was on inclusive distance and digital literacy learning. Along with NIOS, this year's UNESCO International Literacy Prizes was awarded to other five outstanding literacy programs from Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guatemala, Mexico, and South Africa.

6. Which ministry has launched a Pan-India Special Campaign called "Ek Pahal"?

- A) Ministry of Law and Justice ☒
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D) Ministry of Finance



- ✓ A Pan-India Special Campaign called "Ek Pahal Drive" for Justice Delivery at doorstep was launched by the Ministry of Law and Justice. This campaign was launched in a bid to encourage mass registration under Tele-Law. Department of Justice and NALSA launched this campaign.

7. With which organization, NITI Aayog has partnered to provide free access to education to students in 112 Aspirational Districts in India?

- A) Unacademy
- B) BYJU ☒
- C) TATA Institute of Fundamental Research
- D) IIT Kanpur



- ✓ NITI Aayog has tied up with BYJU'S to provide free education opportunities for students in 112 Aspirational Districts in India. As part of the partnership, Byju's will provide students with high-quality and technology-oriented learning programs free of charge to ensure high-quality education. This project will provide for the establishment of a dedicated working group, which in turn should help establish a system of knowledge, innovation and strategic support.

8. The Indian High Commission located in which country has celebrated the 57th Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) day?

- A) Australia
- B) Qatar
- C) Bangladesh ☒
- D) South Korea



- ✓ On September 16, 2021, The Indian High Commission in Dhaka celebrated the 57th Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC).
- ✓ The event was hosted by Vikram Doraiswami, High Commissioner of India in Bangladesh. About 100 ITEC alumni and VIPs from all walks of life participated in the event. ITEC is the flagship program of the Indian government. It was established in 1964 to provide development

experience and appropriate technology to developing countries by India.

9. Which organization has decided to train 50,000 youths under a recently launched scheme?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Ministry of Railways ☒
- C) Prasar Bharati
- D) Ministry of Finance



- ✓ As part of the Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana initiated by the Minister of Railway Ashwini Vaishnaw on September 17, 2021, the railway will train 50,000 young people aged 18 to 35 in the next three years in industry-related skills in various Railway Training Institutes.

10. Which organization has launched a unique scheme called SPIN (Strengthening the Potential of India)?

- A) Khadi and Village Industries Commission ☒
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) National Small Industries Corporation
- D) State Bank of India



- ✓ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has launched a unique Scheme called Strengthening the Potential of India (SPIN) and has also set up a pottery cluster under the SFURTI Scheme in Varanasi with the aim to empower over 1100 persons belonging to the marginalized potters. 780 electric potter wheels were also sanctioned to SPIN Scheme participants.

1. On which date, World Patient Safety Day is observed?

- A) September 15
B) September 17 ☒
C) September 20
D) September 23



- ✓ World Patient Safety Day was observed around the world on September 17 to raise global patient safety awareness and encourage individuals to demonstrate their commitment to safer healthcare. WHO and its international partners celebrate this day. Theme for World Patient Safety Day 2021 is "Safe maternity and newborn care."

2. On which date, International Equal Pay Day was celebrated?

- A) September 20
B) September 18 ☒
C) September 16
D) September 14



- ✓ On September 18, 2021 the International Equal Pay Day was celebrated. In all regions, women's pay is lower than men's, and the global gender pay gap is estimated to be 23%. The Equal Pay International Coalition is led by the International Labour Organization, UN Women and partners. The goal of the alliance is to achieve equal pay for men and women everywhere.

3. Recently, who broke the national record in women's 1500 m race?

- A) B Aishwarya
B) Parul Chaudhary
C) Harmilan Kaur Bains ☒
D) Sushila Chanu



- ✓ At the 60th National Open Athletics Championships at the Nehru Stadium in Warangal, B Aishwarya of the railway won the women's long jump gold medal with a personal best of 6.52 meters.
✓ Railways' Parul Chaudhary won the gold medal in women's 3000m steeplechase with a personal best time of 9:51.01. In the women's 1500m, Harmilan Kaur Bains won gold in a time of 4:05.39s breaking 19-year-old national record of Sunita Rani's made in the year 2002.

4. Which state has declared 'Katley' as the state fish?

- A) West Bengal
B) Sikkim ☒
C) Odisha
D) Assam



- ✓ The Sikkim government has declared "Cooper Mahseer" which is locally named "Katley" as a state fish to emphasize the importance of the fish and emphasize its protection measures. "*Neolissochilus Hexagonolepis*" is the biological name of this fish.

5. On which date, World Bamboo Day is observed?

- A) 15 September
B) 18 September ☒
C) 20 September
D) 22 September



- ✓ Annually, on 18 September the World Bamboo Day is observed globally. The purpose of this day is to raise the world's awareness of the protection and promotion of the bamboo industry and bamboo plantations. This special day was celebrated by the World Bamboo

Organisation (WBO), which aims to protect natural resources and the entire environment.

- ✓ The message for World Bamboo Day 2021 is "#PlantBamboo: It is time to Plant Bamboo." WBO also launched new hashtag #PlantBamboo.

6. On which date, The International Red Panda Day was celebrated?

- A) 15 September
B) 18 September ☒
C) 20 September
D) 22 September



- ✓ Every year on the third Saturday of September the International Red Panda Day (IRPD) is celebrated to increase public awareness and support for the protection of red pandas. In 2021, the IRPD was observed on September 18, 2021. This day was initiated by Red Panda Network in 2010. On September 18, 2010, the first International Red Panda Day was celebrated.

7. How many trainers have been presented with Kaushalacharya Awards 2021 for their exemplary contribution to the skill ecosystem?

- A) 31
B) 41 ☒
C) 51
D) 61



- ✓ Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Education Minister and Skill Development Minister, has virtually presented the Kaushalacharya Award 2021 to 41 qualified trainers in recognition of their exemplary contributions to the skill ecosystem. These 41 trainers are from various initiatives and training programs of Skill India Directorate General of Training, Apprenticeship, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Jan Shikshan Sansthan and Entrepreneurship.

8. Recently, Sirarakhong Chilli and Tamenglong Orange belonging to which state have received GI tag?

- A) Assam
B) Nagaland
C) Manipur ☒
D) Meghalaya



- ✓ Sirarakhong Chilli and Tamenglong Orange which are famous and found in the state of Manipur have received the Geographical Index (GI) tag. Manipur's CM N Biren Singh made this announcement.

9. What is the official motto of the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 that was revealed recently?

- A) Together for a Shared Future ☒
B) Together We Stand for Peace
C) United by Emotion
D) Great Athletes. Great Performances



- ✓ Recently, "Together for a Shared Future" was revealed as the official motto of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics and Paralympics by the organizing team. The Winter Olympics will be held in Beijing, China from February 4 to 20, 2022.

10. Which organization used to publish the 'Ease of Doing Business' reports which have been recently discontinued?

- A) International Monetary Fund
- B) World Bank ☒
- C) Asian Development Bank
- D) United Nations Development Programme



- ✓ 'Ease of Doing Business' reports which are published by the World Bank Group will be discontinued.
 - ✓ It added that it will study a new method to assess the business and investment environment in various countries. After ethical matters irregularities were raised involving former bank employees and board members, the World Bank will study a new method to assess the business and investment environments of countries.
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1. Which institution releases the 'Crime India' report every year?

- A) National Crime Records Bureau ☒
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) Narcotics Control Bureau
- D) Central Board of Investigation



- ✓ The annual 'Crime India' report is released by National Crime Records Bureau. The report for the year 2020 was released recently. As per the report, India recorded 1.20 lakh cases of "deaths due to negligence relating to road accidents" in 2020. Communal riots marked an increase of 96% in 2020 over the previous year.
- ✓ Offences against the State, had a drop of 27% over 2019 but Uttar Pradesh was the only major state to record an increase in this category.

2. Which state has inaugurated South Asia's largest Product development centre 'Digital Hub', to support start-ups?

- A) Kerala ☒
- B) Karnataka
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated Digital Hub with a capacity to support 200 start-ups via video conferencing recently. The product development centre, one of the largest in South Asia, at the Technology Innovation Zone (TIZ) in Kalamassery, Kochi. The Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) leads the implementation of the project.

3. Which two countries are set to participate in the Defence Exercise 'Samudra Shakti'?

- A) India and Indonesia ☒
- B) India and Nepal
- C) India and China
- D) India and Bhutan



- ✓ Indian & Indonesian Navy are participating in the two-day bilateral maritime exercise 'Samudra Shakti' in Jakarta scheduled from September 20-22. The exercise aims to strengthen the bilateral relationship, enhance mutual understanding and interoperability in maritime operations between the two navies. The Indian Navy ships Shivalik and Kadmat, and Anti-Submarine Warfare-Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance Aircraft P8I are participating in the exercise.

4. Recently, who has become India's 70th Grandmaster in Chess?

- A) Tania Sachdev
- B) Surya Shekhar Ganguly
- C) Padmini Rout
- D) Raja Rithvik ☒



- ✓ Raja Rithvik from the state of Telangana has become India's 70th Grand Master after crossing the ELO 2,500 mark at the Vezerkepzo GM Chess Championship which was held in Budapest, Hungary. After defeating the FIDE master Fennek Vaclav from Czechoslovakia, he scored 4 points.

5. Who has been sworn-in as the 16th chief minister of Punjab?

- A) Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa
- B) Aruna Chaudhary
- C) Charanjit Singh Channi ☒
- D) Ashok Gehlot



- ✓ Charanjit Singh Channi was sworn-in as the 16th chief minister of Punjab and he became the first individual from the Dalit community

in Punjab to hold this post. He was sworn in by Banwarilal Purohit, the governor of Punjab.

6. With which country, India is participating in the military training exercise 'Surya Kiran'?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Nepal ☒
- D) Indonesia



- ✓ India and Nepal on 20th September has begun a 15-day military exercise in Pithoragarh located in the state of Uttarakhand with a focus on counter-terror drills and disaster relief operations. The 15th India-Nepal military training exercise is named 'Surya Kiran' and it is being held to boost inter-operability between the two militaries.

7. Which state has launched 'Music Bus' to train students in audio production, film production, and graphic designing?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Kerala
- C) Delhi ☒
- D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Delhi government has launched a "music bus", which will train students in audio production, film production and graphic design. This is the first "mobile music classroom and recording studio" in India.
- ✓ It was launched at the School of Specialized Excellence in Performing and Visual Arts with the aim to help the children of Delhi State School to pursue their passion for music.

8. In FSSAI's 3rd State Food Safety Index, which state has topped among the larger states?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Gujarat ☒
- C) Kerala
- D) Karnataka



- ✓ Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, released Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)'s third state food safety index (SFSI) to measure the performance of states in five food safety parameters. In this year, Gujarat was the highest ranked state among the larger states, followed by Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ Among the smaller states, Goa appeared first, followed by Meghalaya and Manipur. In UT, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and New Delhi topped the list. 19 Mobile Food Testing Vans (Food Safety on Wheels) were also flagged off by the minister to supplement the national food safety ecosystem, bringing the total number of these mobile inspection vehicles to 109.

9. What is India's rank in the 2021 edition of Global Innovation Index launched by World Intellectual Property Organization?

- A) 40
- B) 46 ☒
- C) 35
- D) 31



- ✓ On September 20, 2021, the 2021 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) was published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The 2021 edition of GI shows the latest global innovation rankings of 132 economies based on 81 different indicators. Switzerland, Sweden, the United States and the United Kingdom

continue to lead the innovation rankings and have entered the top five in the past three years.

- ✓ South Korea will be among the top five in GII for the first time in 2021, while 4 other Asian economies are in the top 15: Singapore (8), China (12), Japan (13) and Hong Kong (14th). India ranks 46th in this list.

10. Which ministry is celebrating 'Vanijya Saptah' from 20 to 26 September?

- A) Ministry of Commerce ☒
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting



- ✓ During 20–26 September 2021, the Ministry of Commerce is organizing special programmes and events named 'Vanijya Saptah', as part of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebration.
- ✓ National Single Window System and Industrial Park Rating System platforms will be launched by The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) during this event period.

1. Which organization has issued India's first-ever Euro Green Bond?

- A) NTPC
B) Power Finance Corporation ☒
C) AIIMS
D) TANGEDCO



- ✓ Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), the leading NBFC in power sector, has successfully issued its maiden Euro 300 million 7-year Euro Bond. The pricing of 1.841% achieved is the lowest yield locked in by an Indian Issuer in the Euro markets.
- ✓ It is the first ever euro denominated green bond issuance from India. Moreover, it is the first ever Euro issuance by an Indian NBFC and the first Euro bond issuance from India since 2017.

2. Which bank has won the 'World's Best Bank 2021' title given by Euromoney in its Global Awards for Excellence 2021?

- A) SBI Bank
B) DBS Bank ☒
C) ICICI Bank
D) Axis Bank



- ✓ UK-based financial publication Euromoney in its Global Awards for Excellence 2021, has honoured DBS with the 'World's Best Bank 2021' title. This is the second time DBS bank has won this title in three years. DBS Bank was also named as 'World's Best Digital Bank 2021', thus making it the 1st bank in the world to hold both the titles at the same time.

3. In which state, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has successfully commissioned India's largest Floating Solar PV plant?

- A) Andhra Pradesh ☒
B) Maharashtra
C) Bihar
D) Karnataka



- ✓ India's largest floating solar photovoltaic system (PV) plant has been successfully commissioned by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) at NTPC Simhadri in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ This 25 MW project covers an area of 100 acres. The project will not only generate clean electricity, but will also reduce water evaporation by shielding the covered area.

4. Which organization has launched "Guidance Note for Environmentally Sensitive, Climate Adaptive and Socially Inclusive Urban Riverfront Planning and Development?"

- A) National Mission for Clean Ganga ☒
B) Jal Shakti Ministry
C) Namami Gange
D) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways



- ✓ The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has launched "Guidance Note for Environmentally Sensitive, Climate Adaptive and Socially Inclusive Urban Riverfront Planning and Development." This was launched by NMCG at 'Connect Karo' which was organised by World Resources Institute (WRI), India.

5. In which year, was the APEDA Act was passed in the Parliament?

- A) 1970
B) 1980
C) 1985 ☒
D) 1995



- ✓ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act (APEDA Act) was passed in the Parliament in the year 1985 which led to the establishment of APEDA. As per a recent estimate by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, the export of APEDA products has registered a 21.8% growth during April to August 2021.

6. "Aadhaar based e-KYC", "self KYC" and "OTP based conversion" are a part of which reforms initiated by the Government of India?

- A) LPG Reforms
B) Power Sector Reforms
C) MSME Reforms
D) Telecom Reforms ☒



- ✓ With an aim to provide world class internet / tele-connectivity for the marginalised and to simplify the KYC processes, the Department of Telecommunications - Ministry of Communications, Government of India has initiated reforms in the telecom sector.
- ✓ These include "Aadhaar based e-KYC", "Self-KYC" for getting SIM cards delivered at doorstep and "OTP based conversion of mobile connection" from prepaid to postpaid.

7. "VR Chaudhari", who is seen in the news recently, is associated with which organisation?

- A) ISRO
B) Indian Air Force ☒
C) ONGC
D) Indian Oil



- ✓ The present Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force Shri. VR Chaudhari, has been appointed by the Government of India as the next Chief Marshal of the Air Force. He would succeed Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhaduria, who would retire from the service on 30th September.
- ✓ VR Chaudhari was commissioned into the IAF in December 1982 has a flying experience of more than 3,800 hours on a wide spectrum of aircrafts.

8. Which organisation is set to conduct 'Sailing regattas and Sail parade' to commemorate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav?

- A) Indian Army
B) Indian Navy ☒
C) Shipping Corporation of India
D) Dredging Corporation of India



- ✓ As part of commemorative activities of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Indian Navy under the aegis of Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA) has planned to conduct Sailing regattas and a sail parade by Sailing boats and dingies in all three Command Headquarters locations for popularising Sailing sports among local population.
- ✓ The first event is scheduled to be conducted by Indian Naval Watermanship Training Center, Kochi in Ernakulam channel on 23 Sep 21. A total of 75 Naval personnel will participate and showcase their yachting skills during the event.

9. Which Ministry in association with UGC has organised a Webinar on "Ensuring Inclusive Governance: Making Every Person Matter"?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Social Justice
- C) Ministry of Women Development
- D) Ministry of Education ☒



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Education along with the UGC has organised a Webinar titled "Ensuring Inclusive Governance: Making Every Person Matter". This has been a part of the Ministry's vision of quality education to all. Arjun Munda – Union Minister of Tribal Affairs was the Chief Guest for the function.
- ✓ This webinar created an opportunity to bring academicians, educationists and administrators on a single platform and was supported by the Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow.

10. What does VIPER denote in VIPER, which is seen in the news regarding space exploration?

- A) Intelligence
- B) Investigating ☒
- C) Interesting
- D) Information



- ✓ The US Space agency NASA has announced the deployment of VIPER (Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover), which is a mobile robot to the Moon. This would be sent as a part of the Artemis programme in the year 2023, and is aimed to search ice and other resources on and below the lunar surface.
- ✓ The Moon's South Pole is one of the coldest areas in our solar system. No prior missions to the Moon's surface have explored it yet.

1. Ruskin Bond, Vinod Kumar Shukla and six others were selected for which award/ fellowship recently?

- A) Sahitya Akademi Fellowship ☒
- B) Jnanpith Award
- C) Vyas Samman
- D) Dr BC Roy Award



- ✓ English author Ruskin Bond, Hindi writer Vinod Kumar Shukla and six others were selected for the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship. The National Academy of Letters said that the general council of Sahitya Akademi announced its highest honour, the Fellowship.
- ✓ The others who received the Fellowship are Sirshendu Mukhopadhyay (Bengali), M Leelavathy (Malayalam), Dr. Bhalchandra Nemade (Marathi), Dr Tejwant Singh Gill (Punjabi), Swami Rambhadracharya (Sanskrit), Indira Parthasarthy (Tamil).

2. Pankaj Advani, who was in the news recently, is associated with which sports?

- A) Weight-lifting
- B) Snooker ☒
- C) Tennis
- D) Table-tennis



- ✓ India's Pankaj Advani successfully lifted the Asian Snooker Championship, held in Doha, Qatar, outplaying Amir Sarkhosh of Iran 6-3. He won the title in 2019 but he was the runner-up in 2017. In 2019, Pankaj also became the only player in the world who won the titles in all forms of billiards, snooker, 6Reds, and 10Reds competitions.

3. The Ministry of Labour recently launched India's first national database on unorganised workers on which portal?

- A) e-Shram portal ☒
- B) Samadhan portal
- C) AtmaNirbhar Bharat portal
- D) None of the above



- ✓ The e-Shram portal is India's first national database on unorganised workers. The portal came into being after the Supreme Court directed the Government to complete the registration process of unorganized workers. Over 1 crore registered on e-shram portal. 68% of those registrations were done through Common Service Centres (CSC).

4. Researchers from which organization have designed a device that can generate electricity from raindrops?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Delhi ☒
- D) IIT Bangalore



- ✓ Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi have developed a device that can generate electricity from water droplets, raindrops, water currents and even ocean waves. The device is developed using electrostatic induction and triboelectric effect. It is called "liquid-solid interface triboelectric nanogenerator". The device is composed of a nanocomposite polymer and a contact electrode.

5. Who is the Chairperson of the recently set up 12-member committee for change in CBSE / NCERT curriculum?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Kasturirangan ☒
- C) Bimal Jalan
- D) Injeti Srinivas



- ✓ The Government of India has constituted a 12-member National Steering Committee, under the chairmanship of K Kasturirangan, for formulating guidelines for changes in the CBSE / NCERT curriculum.
- ✓ The Committee has a term of three years. The document, called as the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), was last prepared in 2005. Kasturirangan is the former Chief of ISRO and has also headed the committee that drafted the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

6. Which state has passed the Religious Structures (Protection) Bill, 2021 recently?

- A) Odisha
- B) Karnataka ☒
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Kerala



- ✓ The state assembly of Karnataka has recently passed Karnataka Religious Structures (Protection) Bill, 2021. The bill was introduced by the state Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, with an aim to protect the religious constructions on public places.
- ✓ As per the bill, a religious structure is defined as a "temple, church, mosque, gurudwara, Budh Vihar, Majar etc, constructed on a public place without authority of law"

7. The Odisha Forest department proposed to fit 'Radio Collars' on which animals, to eliminate animal - human conflict?

- A) Tigers
- B) Elephants ☒
- C) Deer
- D) Gharial



- ✓ The forest department of Odisha has proposed to fit radio collars on 7 Elephants of the state, to track their movement and prevent them from entering the human settlements.
- ✓ It aims to eliminate animal - human conflict. Three elephants of Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary and four elephants of the Similipal Tiger Reserve have been selected for this purpose. The device is fitted with a GPS device and the location can be tracked real time.

8. "Transforming Food Systems for Rural Prosperity" report has been released by which organization?

- A) UNESCO
- B) FAO
- C) IFAD ☒
- D) NABARD



- ✓ "Transforming Food Systems for Rural Prosperity" report has been released by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) which is an international financial institution and an UN specialised agency. The organization is headquartered at Rome, Italy. The report has laid emphasis on government investment in farming as well as in small and medium enterprises which support farm activities.

9. Which institution awards the 'Blue Flag certification'?

- A) UNESCO
- B) UNICEF
- C) Foundation of Environment Education ☒
- D) UNFCCC



- ✓ The Foundation for Environment Education - Denmark is an environment organisation with presently 77 member countries. This organisation awards the Blue Flag certification, which is an eco-label for sustainable beaches across the globe.

- ✓ Recently, the foundation has awarded Blue Flag certification to 2 more beaches in India – Kovalam in Tamil Nadu and Eden in Puducherry. With this, the number of Blue Flag certified beaches in India has gone up to 10.
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10. Where is the headquarters of Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) located?

- A) Dubai
- B) Davos
- C) Paris ☒
- D) Geneva



- ✓ Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is an intergovernmental economic organisation which aims to stimulate economic progress and world trade. It is headquartered at Paris, France and has 36 member countries.
 - ✓ Recently, the President of the United States has nominated veteran Indian-American diplomat Manisha Singh as America's next envoy to OECD. The diplomat had previously served in several significant positions which includes her present role as the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs.
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1. Brig S V Saraswati, who received the National Florence Nightingale Award 2020, is associated with which profession?

- A) Politician
- B) Nurse ☒
- C) Police
- D) Scientist



- ✓ Deputy Director General of Military Nursing Service (MNS) –Brig S V Saraswati has been presented with the National Florence Nightingale Award 2020. National Florence Nightingale Award is the highest national distinction given to nurses for selfless devotion and professionalism.
- ✓ For her significant service in nursing to the soldiers and their families, she had been awarded General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Commendation (2005), United Nations Medal (MONOC) (2007) and Chief of the Army Staff Commendation (2015).

2. Which country ranked first in the annual "Freedom on the Net" report 2021?

- A) Norway
- B) Iceland ☒
- C) Germany
- D) Finland



- ✓ The annual "Freedom on the Net" report was released by the US think-tank Freedom House. As per the report of this year's edition, Iceland topped the ranking, followed by Estonia and Costa Rica, the world's first country to declare internet access a human right.
- ✓ Internet shutdowns in Myanmar and Belarus show that online rights declined globally for the 11th year in a row.

3. Which institution released a report titled 'Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India'?

- A) Bloomberg India
- B) NITI Aayog ☒
- C) World Bank
- D) UNICEF



- ✓ NITI Aayog has recently launched a report on measures to ramp up urban planning capacity in India. The report was titled 'Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India'. The report has been developed by NITI Aayog, in consultation with concerned ministries and experts in the domain of urban and regional planning.
- ✓ It presents a result of the deliberations and consultations conducted over a period of 9 months. The report makes several recommendations to solve the bottlenecks in the value chain of urban planning capacity in India.

4. When is the World Rhino Day celebrated across the world?

- A) September 22 ☒
- B) September 23
- C) September 24
- D) September 25



- ✓ The rhinoceros is critically endangered and is on the verge of extinction. To highlight the significance of the efforts to be made to save them, World Rhino Day is celebrated on September 22, from 2010.
- ✓ The IUCN lists the one-horned rhino, also known as the Indian rhinoceros, as a vulnerable species.

5. 'Purple Revolution', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which product?

- A) Aromatic Crops ☒
- B) Horticulture Crops
- C) Dairy Products
- D) Poultry Products



- ✓ Union Minister of State (IC) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh has recently proposed Integrated Aroma Dairy Entrepreneurship for Jammu & Kashmir to promote the income of farmers.
- ✓ The Animal Husbandry and Dairy resources of the UT can be integrated with Aroma Mission, which has already been launched in J&K by CSIR under the aegis of Union Ministry of Science & Technology. The Aroma Mission, also called as "Lavender or Purple Revolution". The CSIR-IIIM are laudable introduced the crop native to Europe, in the districts of Doda, Kishtwar and Rajouri in J&K.

6. Which act provides for a legal mandate to ensure rights related to elections, to persons with disabilities?

- A) The Representation of the people Act, 1951
- B) Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 ☒
- C) The Conduct of Election Rules, 1961
- D) The Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2003



- ✓ The Rights of persons with disabilities Act 2016 provides for a legal mandate to ensure all polling stations to be made accessible for persons with disabilities. All material related to the electoral process are easily understandable and usable by them.
- ✓ The Election Commission of India (ECI) recently organised a virtual national conference on 'Accessible Elections 2021'. About 77.4 lakh persons with disabilities (PwDs) are registered voters in our country.

7. With which country NATO has begun conducting Rapid Trident-2021 military exercise?

- A) Ukraine ☒
- B) Sudan
- C) Norway
- D) Tanzania



- ✓ Ukraine began joint military exercises with the United States and other NATO forces on September 20, 2021. This military exercise is being conducted at that time during which neighbouring countries Russia and Belarus were conducting large-scale exercises, which aroused the vigilance of the West. The Rapid Trident 2021 exercise will continue until October 1.

8. Justin Trudeau, has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country, for the third time?

- A) Australia
- B) New Zealand
- C) Germany
- D) Canada ☒



- ✓ Justin Trudeau – the Liberal party leader of Canada has been elected as the Prime Minister of the country for the third time. He has been in power since 2015 and has won 3 elections in a term of 6 years.

9. With which country, India formally launched negotiation on Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)?

- A) USA
- B) China
- C) Brazil
- D) UAE ☒



- ✓ The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is India's 3rd largest trading partner in terms of value in 2019 and 2020 and the trade value is presently valued close to USD 59 billion. It is also India's 2nd largest export destination after the USA.
- ✓ Recently, India and UAE have formally launched negotiation on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which is expected to increase the bilateral trade between the two countries to USD 100 billion in 5 years.

10. "National single-window system for investors and businesses" has been launched to achieve which of the following objectives?

- A) Single window for approval and clearance ☒
- B) Claim of Tax Rebate
- C) GST Data Entry
- D) Grievance Redressal



- ✓ The Government of India has recently launched the "National single-window system for investors and businesses". This portal is designed to act as a single point of contact for obtaining all approval and clearance for business enterprises and investors.
- ✓ This would enhance Ease of Doing Business, transparency, and accountability. Presently, approvals across 18 central departments and nine states have been onboarded to the portal and another 14 departments would be onboarded by December 2021.

1. India has recently come out with easing the rules for storage of which hazardous chemical?

- A) Sodium Chloride
- B) Nitric Acid
- C) Sulphuric Acid
- D) Ammonium nitrate and Calcium carbide ☒



- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India has revised and eased the rules pertaining to storage and handling of ammonium nitrate and calcium carbide, for improved safety. This revision comes at the backdrop of the deadly Beirut (capital of Lebanon) explosion which occurred due to storage of 3,000 tons of ammonium nitrate at the port for 6 years.

2. Which Bank has committed a sum of Rs.30,000 crore lending in India, towards sustainable financing till FY 2026?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Axis Bank ☒
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Union Bank of India



- ✓ India's leading private sector Bank – Axis Bank, has committed a sum of Rs.30,000 crore for lending to sustainable financing till the financial year 2025-26, which is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.
- ✓ This commitment is intended to assist India to reach the SDG targets by 2030. The Bank intends to make wholesale lending to Sustainable Development projects which would have positive social and environmental impact.

3. When is the 'World Alzheimer's Day' observed every year?

- A) September 20
- B) September 21 ☒
- C) September 22
- D) September 23



- ✓ Every year, 21st September is observed as World Alzheimer's Day. This day aims to raise awareness about the Alzheimer's disease, its causes, symptoms and the ways to handle it. Alzheimer's disease is a brain condition which retards memory and cognitive abilities of the affected person. It is the most frequent cause of dementia in older individuals, which may cause brain cells to weaken and die.

4. NDEAR and NETF, which were seen in the news recently, are initiatives associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Power
- B) Ministry of Education ☒
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan held a meeting on 'Universalisation of quality education through digital education'.
- ✓ The discussion focussed on using satellite technology and internet to develop an integrated digital ecosystem. The meeting also called for strengthening the existing Swayam Prabha Initiative and coordinate initiatives like National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR) and National Educational Technology Forum (NETF). They were announced in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

5. Where is the headquarters of the G-24 intergovernmental association located?

- A) Washington D.C ☒
- B) Geneva
- C) Paris
- D) Rome



- ✓ The Intergovernmental Group of 24 on International Monetary Affairs and Development, or the Group of 24 was established in 1971 at Lima, Peru. It is headquartered at Washington D.C.
- ✓ It is a chapter of G-77, to coordinate developing countries on monetary and development finance issues. India, along with other Group of 24 (G24) member countries, has objected to the withdrawal of measures like the Equalisation levy (EL). India is worried that the proposed global digital tax deal covering only top 100 companies may not lead to sufficient revenue for developing countries.

6. 'Doing Business' report was the flagship publication of which institution?

- A) IMF
- B) World Bank ☒
- C) WTO
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ 'Doing Business' report was the flagship publication of the World Bank. After data irregularities were reported internally, on Doing Business reports of 2018 & 2020, World Bank management paused the next Doing Business report.
- ✓ International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has also been cited by the World Bank in the probe.

7. What is the expected Growth rate of India for FY21, as per the recent estimate of ADB?

- A) 14%
- B) 12%
- C) 10% ☒
- D) 8%



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank slashed India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast to 10% for FY21, down from 11% projected in April. The reason for the rate cut is the disruptions due to the second Covid wave. Growth projection for FY22 is raised to 7.5% from 7% forecast earlier.
- ✓ The Second wave disruptions have adversely impacted services, domestic consumption, and the urban informal sector. The economy is projected to rebound in the last three quarters of FY2021.

8. SECMOL, India's highest altitude educational organisation, is located in which state/UT?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Ladakh ☒
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ The Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL) has become the first-of-its-kind institute in the Union Territory of Ladakh to have an internet connection using Light Fidelity (LiFi) technology. SECMOL is India's highest altitude educational organisation. Li-Fi systems provide ultra-fast data connections.

9. Which organization has developed an indigenous charger for electric vehicles named AC001?

- A) DRDO
- B) ISRO
- C) ARAI ☒
- D) CSIR



- ✓ The Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) has designed and developed indigenously, a charger for electric vehicles, named AC001. This is taken up for large scale manufacturing by Bharat Electronics. Presently most of the charging components for electric vehicles are imported. The indigenous development & manufacturing of these components would boost electric mobility in India.
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10. Which tech initiative of India has bagged CIPS Excellence in Procurement Awards 2021, under the "Best Use of Digital Technology" category?

- A) SDG Dashboard
- B) GeM ☒
- C) Champions Portal
- D) GST Portal



- ✓ The Government of India's Government e Marketplace (GeM) initiative has been adjudged as the winner of CIPS Excellence in Procurement Awards 2021, under the "Best Use of Digital Technology" category. The award ceremony was held in London, UK. GeM is a dedicated online marketplace for procurement of goods and services by Govt. Government Organisations, Departments and PSUs.
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