

1. What is the rank of India in the 'WIPO Global Innovation Index 2022'?

- A. 25
- B. 40 ☒
- C. 50
- D. 75



- ✓ According to the rankings released by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), India rose to 40th among 132 countries in the Global Innovation Index 2022. The jump of six places from a year ago, was mainly due to improvement in information and communication technologies (ICT) services, exports, venture capital recipients' value as well as finance for start-ups. Switzerland, the US, Sweden, the UK and the Netherlands are the world's most innovative economies.

2. Who has been appointed as the new Attorney General for India?

- A. R Venkataramani ☒
- B. A J Sadashiva
- C. D Y Chandrachud
- D. Ranjan Gogoi



- ✓ Senior advocate R Venkataramani has been appointed as the new Attorney General for India for a period of three years. He will succeed the present Attorney General K K Venugopal, whose term will end on September 30. The 91-year-old senior advocate was appointed to the post in July 2017 and he was reappointed as the top law officer of the country for three months in June 2022.

3. Which city is the host of the 'Conference on International Day for Universal Access to Information'?

- A. Tashkent ☒
- B. Dhaka
- C. Nursultan
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ International Day for Universal Access to Information was declared to be observed annually on September 28 by UNESCO. This day aims to support the idea that everyone has the right to seek, receive, and distribute information. The theme of the Global Conference in 2022 is 'Artificial Intelligence, e-Governance and Access to Information'. The conference is set to take place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

4. Which state is the host of the National SC–ST hub conclave organised by the Union MSME Ministry?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Gujarat ☒
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has organized a National SC–ST hub conclave in Gujarat. The program included participation of CPSE's like NTPC Limited Food Corporation of India (FCI), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Indian Oil Corporation Limited, financial institutions such as State Bank of India and Yes Bank.

5. 'Operation Garuda', which was seen in the news, is associated with which organisation?

- A. CVC
- B. CBI ☒
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Navy



- ✓ The Central Bureau of Investigation has launched a multi-phase 'Operation Garuda' against illicit drug trafficking network. This global operation was initiated in coordination with Interpol and Narcotics Control Bureau, to combat smuggling of illicit drugs and psychotropic substances, with focus on Indian Ocean region. CBI registered 127 new cases, arrested 175 people and seized huge quantities of narcotic drugs during this special operation.

6. After the recent Monetary Policy Committee Meeting of RBI (October 2022), what is the 2022–23 growth projection for India?

- A. 6.5%
- B. 7.0% ☒
- C. 7.5%
- D. 8.2%



- ✓ After the recent Monetary Policy Committee Meeting of RBI, the Central Bank cut the 2022–23 growth projection to 7 per cent from its previous estimate of 7.2 per cent. RBI also made the fourth-rate hike in this financial year, as the Repo rate was hiked by 50 bps to 5.9%. The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 5.65 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.15 per cent.

7. Which institution unveiled a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of India?

- A. UNESCO ☒ B. NITI Aayog  
C. Union Culture Ministry D. FICCI



- ✓ UNESCO released a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of India named 'Handmade for the 21st Century: Safeguarding Traditional Indian Textile'. It describes the processes behind their making, mentions the causes for their declining popularity and provides strategies for their preservation. Toda embroidery and Sungadi from Tamil Nadu, Himroo weaves from Hyderabad and Bandha tie and dye weaving from Odisha are some of the crafts included.

8. Which country has recently signed a partnership agreement with Pacific Island nations?

- A. China  
B. USA ☒  
C. Russia  
D. Germany



- ✓ The United States hosted a historic summit and signed a partnership agreement with more than a dozen Pacific Island nations including Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Tonga among others. US President Joe Biden announce that the country was committed to increasing its presence in the region amidst growing concern about China's growing military and economic influence. Australia and New Zealand also participated in the summit as observers.

9. *Pangasius Icaria*, which was recently discovered in the Cauvery River, belongs to which species?

- A. Turtle B. Catfish ☒  
C. Frog D. Snake



- ✓ A new edible catfish species has been discovered in the river Cauvery near Mettur Dam named *Pangasius icaria* (*P. icaria*). As per Indian Council of Agricultural Research, which discovered the species, it belongs to the *Pangasius* genus. For nearly two centuries *Pangasius* is represented by one species in India as well as South Asia and is called *Pangasius Pangasius*.

10. As per a recent UNICEF report, what percent of child marriages can fall down if higher education is provided to girls?

- A. 25 per cent B. 40 per cent  
C. 60 per cent D. 80 percent ☒



- ✓ According to UNICEF report released recently, 80 percent of child marriages can fall down if higher education is provided to all girls. It also noted that secondary education is a much stronger and more consistent protection against child marriage than primary school education. The most progress in the past decade was seen in South Asia, where a girl's risk of marrying in childhood dropped by over a third to below 30 per cent.