

1. India signed a MoU with which country to exchange information in the field of public sector audit?

- A) Sri Lanka  
B) Switzerland  
C) Maldives   
D) Cayman Islands



- ✓ A memorandum of understanding was signed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu and his counterpart Hussain Niyazy at Male. It aimed at exchanging information in the field of public sector audit between India and Maldives. The countries seek to strengthen their respective institutions' professional capacity and improve methodologies in the field of public finance audit.

2. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who was seen in the news, has been re-elected as the President of which country?

- A) Afghanistan  
B) Uzbekistan   
C) Syria  
D) Maldives



- ✓ Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has been re-elected for a second five-year term, according to the preliminary results of a poll. Mirziyoyev won the elections with 80.1 percent of the vote as per Uzbekistan's Central Election Commission. The 64-year-old leader took office in 2016 following the death of long-time President Islam Karimov.

3. The UN Disarmament Week is observed annually during which month?

- A) November  
B) October   
C) September  
D) August



- ✓ The UN Disarmament Week is observed annually during the month of October. This year disarmament week started on October 24 and the week-long observance will continue till October 30. It aims to promote the awareness and understanding the issues of disarmament in several countries. The observance aims to reduce the use of weapons, specifically nuclear weapons, to bring peace in the society. The United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC) was set up in 1952 under the UN Security Council to eliminate all weapons of mass destruction.

4. Queen Heo Hwang-ok Memorial Park, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) South Korea  
B) India   
C) China  
D) Thailand



- ✓ The Park, which was earlier known as Ram Katha Park, situated on the banks of the Sarayu in Ayodhya, is being renovated. After it is inaugurated on November 4, the space will be known as Queen Heo Hwang-ok Memorial Park. It is named after a Korean queen.

- ✓ Queen Heo Hwang-ok was a Korean queen who is believed to have been born Princess Suriratna of Ayodhya, daughter of King Padmasen and Indumati. Padmasen ruled the kingdom of Kausala, a region which extended from present-day Uttar Pradesh to Odisha.

5. Which country has recently proposed a 'Wealth Tax'?

- A) India  
B) USA   
C) Russia  
D) Switzerland



- ✓ US President Joe Biden has announced more conventional proposed rate hikes on the income of large corporations and the wealthiest Americans, similar to a 'Wealth Tax'. This new tax would apply to people with over \$1 billion in assets or \$100 million in income for three straight years.

6. Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which district(s)?

- A) Ramanathapuram & Thoothukudi   
B) Tirunelveli  
C) Sivagangai & Ramanathapuram  
D) Kanyakumari



- ✓ Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve includes a chain of islands and adjoining coral reefs off the coasts, located in Tamil Nadu. The annual migration of birds from the Arctic to the Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve has begun recently. A big flock of birds was sighted in the Manoli Islands inside the park. Thousands of Arctic terns and gulls, hundreds of grey plovers.

7. As per the 'Digital 2021: October Global Snapshot', what is the world's population that uses a mobile phone?

- A) 45  
B) 65   
C) 75  
D) 80



- ✓ Research firm We Are Social released a report titled 'Digital 2021: October Global Snapshot'. As per the report, more than 65% of the world's population now uses a mobile phone. Global mobile phone users reached 5.29 billion in October. The report also highlighted that, social media users are likely to be adopted by 60% of the global population in the first half of 2022.

8. Which country is set to start 'Knock Every Door' campaign to boost vaccination?

- A) China  
B) India   
C) Indonesia  
D) USA



- ✓ According to a release issued by the Union Health Ministry of India, "Har Ghar Dastak" (Knock Every Door) campaign is scheduled to start soon in districts with low vaccination rates. It aims to motivate people to get vaccinated. As per the Health Ministry, there were more than 10.34 crore people in the country who had missed the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine that they were due to take.

9. India's Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra has recently overseen the presidential election of which country?

- A) Singapore  
B) Uzbekistan   
C) Sri Lanka  
D) Thailand



- ✓ India's Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra led a three-member delegation to Uzbekistan to oversee the country's presidential election. Indian team has overseen the election as an international observer.
- ✓ Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev got over than 80% of the vote in the elections and was re-elected for a second five-year term. CEC Sushil Chandra and Uzbekistan's election commission, led by Zainiddin Nizamkhodjaev, held a meeting on electoral cooperation.

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10. Which Indian state has topped the Public Affairs Index?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Telangana
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ Public Affairs Centre (PAC), a Bengaluru-based non-profit think tank releases the Public Affairs Index every year. In this year's Public Affairs Index (PAI 2021), Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana have taken the top three positions, among the 18 large states in governance performance.
- ✓ The index is based on scores secured by the states in governance performance across the pillars of equity, growth and sustainability. COVID response index has been added to this year's index for the first time. Sikkim, Goa and Mizoram are winners among the small states, Puducherry, J&K and Chandigarh topped among the UTs.