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1. Which Indian city is set to host the 'National Tribal Dance Festival' 2021?

- A) Ranchi
B) Raipur ☒
C) Vishakhapatnam
D) Shillong



- ✓ National Tribal Dance Festival is set to take place in Raipur from October 28, as per the Chhattisgarh Tourism Board. The three-day National Tribal Dance Festival in Raipur will host Indian tribal artists along with those belonging to tribal communities from countries including Uzbekistan, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Syria, Mali, among others. The first edition of the National Tribal Dance Festival was held in 2019.

2. What is the name of the storm that has swept across Poland, Germany, France and the Netherlands?

- A) Alisa
B) Aurore ☒
C) Afro
D) Bizarre



- ✓ Storm "Aurore" swept across parts of northern Europe, leaving four dead in Poland and causing severe damage in Germany, France, the Netherlands and other places. Power disruption were observed across Northern Europe due to the strong winds and fallen trees. Several houses and properties were destroyed. Railways and Airlines were also disturbed due to the effects of the storm.

3. Which city is the host of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2021?

- A) Varanasi
B) Goa ☒
C) Cochin
D) Puducherry



- ✓ The 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is set to be held in Goa, from Nov.20-28. The union minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur announced that Hollywood veteran Martin Scorsese and celebrated Hungarian film-maker Istvan Szabo will be honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award at this year's film festival.

4. Which institution released the 'Global Threat Assessment report 2021'?

- A) UNICEF
B) WeProtect Global Alliance ☒
C) CRY
D) World Economic Forum



- ✓ WeProtect Global Alliance, a global movement released the 'Global Threat Assessment report 2021'. As per the report, COVID-19 contributed to a significant spike in child sexual exploitation and abuse online. WeProtect Global Alliance is a global movement of more than 200 governments, private sector companies and civil society organisations.

5. With reference to Jaynagar-Kurtha cross-border rail link, in which country is Kurtha located?

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



- ✓ Ircon International on behalf of Government of India (GoI), has handed over the newly commissioned cross-border rail section from Jaynagar to Kurtha (Nepal) to Government of Nepal.
✓ Under the grant assistance from Government of India, the work of Jaynagar (India) to Bardibas (Nepal) rail line project was undertaken by Ircon International. The first phase of Jaynagar-Kurtha section is a part of Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas rail link being built under grant assistance of NPR 8.77 billion.

6. Which city played host to the first-ever National Inter-Religious Conference, held in India?

- A) Mumbai
B) Pune
C) Nagpur ☒
D) Varanasi



- ✓ The first-ever National Inter-Religious Conference was organised in Nagpur by Lokmat Media Group. This was organised to commemorate its Nagpur edition's golden jubilee year. The theme of this conference was "Global Challenges to Communal Harmony and Role of India." Shri. Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways was the chief guest of the event. Several spiritual leaders from diverse religions were invited as speakers for the event.

7. Which is the first airline to launch direct flights from Srinagar to Sharjah?

- A) IndiGo
B) Go First ☒
C) Air India
D) Vistara



- ✓ India's low-cost airline Go First became the first airline to launch direct flights from Srinagar to Sharjah.
✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah flagged off the first international flight services from Srinagar to Sharjah, from the Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport in Srinagar. This is expected to enhance the economic bonds between India and UAE. Go First will operate four flights every week between Srinagar and Sharjah.

8. Which neighbouring country of India has passed a new law to strengthen land border protection?

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



- ✓ China passed a new law to strengthen land border protection amid the ongoing military tension along the disputed boundary with India.
✓ The legislation formalises combining the military defence of China's land borders, along with improving social and economic development in the Indo-China border areas. It also strengthens the People's Liberation Army's (PLA) policy to work closely with civilians staying in border areas including Tibetan villagers.

9. Which Ministry has approved the Pilot Project on skilling of Design and Commissioning technical personnel?

- A) Ministry of Defence
B) Ministry of Textiles ☒
C) Ministry of MSME
D) Ministry of Steel



- ✓ Ministry of Textiles has approved the Pilot Project on skilling of Design and Commissioning technical personnel associated with the application of geotextiles in infrastructure projects.
- ✓ The project will be conducted by the Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. The faculty will look after the implementation of the special courses in consultation with the other concerned centres.

10. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Green Day Ahead Market'?

- A) Ministry of Coal
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- C) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy ☒
- D) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare



- ✓ The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy launched a new market segment named Green Day Ahead Market (GDAM).
- ✓ It will enable electricity generation and distribution companies to buy or sell renewable energy through open access. With this, the Indian government is aiming to gradually shift from long term power purchase agreement-based contracts to market-based models.

1. Where is the Institute of Tropical Meteorology located?

- A) Mumbai
B) Kolkata
C) New Delhi
D) Pune ☒



- ✓ The Institute of Tropical Meteorology (ITM) is an autonomous institution under the Union Ministry of Earth Science, and is located at Pune. The institution has developed and launched a new 'Decision Support System' (DSS) aimed to enhance the existing 'Air Quality Early Warning System', for air quality measurement and management in Delhi.

2. Kung Fu Nuns, who won the Martial Arts Education Prize 2021 from the UNESCO, belong to which lineage of Buddhism?

- A) Drukpa ☒
B) Nyingma
C) Kagyu
D) Sakya



- ✓ The world-renowned Kung Fu Nuns of the Drukpa order of Buddhism has won the prestigious Martial Arts Education Prize 2021 from the UNESCO International Centre for Martial Arts for their brave acts of service. Through martial arts, the Drukpa nuns empower young girls to defend themselves, build confidence, and take on leadership roles in their communities.

3. What is the name of India's first indigenous aircraft carrier?

- A) Arjun
B) Vikrant ☒
C) Kattabomman
D) Bharathi



- ✓ India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant has recently begun its second phase of sea trials, ahead of its planned induction into the Indian Navy by August 2022. The warship will operate MiG-29K fighter jets, Kamov-31 helicopters, MH-60R multi-role helicopters.

4. Mullaperiyar dam, located in Kerala, is in control of which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
B) Karnataka
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Telangana



- ✓ The Mullaperiyar dam is located in the state of Kerala and is in control of Tamil Nadu. There has been a long dispute since it presents a threat to lakhs living downstream in Kerala and it irrigates over 2 lakh hectares in five districts of Tamil Nadu. Recently, the Supreme Court directed that the maximum water level in Mullaperiyar dam should be 139.50 ft until November 10. The dam is located in the upper region of the river Periyar, which originates in Tamil Nadu and flows into Kerala.

5. 'National Fund to Control Drug Abuse' is associated with which Union Ministry?

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



- ✓ The Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has recently recommended that the National Fund to Control Drug Abuse may be

used to carry out de-addiction programmes. The fund was created in accordance with a provision of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, has a nominal corpus of ₹23 crore.

- ✓ The Act states that the fund would be used to combat illicit trafficking of narcotics, rehabilitating addicts, and preventing drug abuse. As the fund is being used only for policing activities, the Ministry proposed to add de-addiction to it.

6. 'Operation Red Rose' is an anti-illicit liquor campaign, being implemented in which state?

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



- ✓ Punjab's Excise Department launched 'Operation Red Rose' in 2020, to curb illicit liquor trading and nail excise-related crimes. Recently, it has been using precise tracking and monitoring systems like Global Positioning System (GPS) technology, to check illicit distillation and smuggling of liquor.

7. "Appscale Academy" is an initiative by which tech giant, in association with the MeitY Startup Hub?

- A) Yahoo
B) Facebook
C) Twitter
D) Google ☒



- ✓ The tech major Google has partnered with MeitY Startup Hub, to launch "Appscale Academy", which aims to help Indian startups to create high-quality apps. The initiative of Google would specifically cater to the needs to local - early to mid-stage startups in India and support them to create applications in domains like gaming, education, social impact, health care etc.

8. The United Nations General Assembly has designated the year 2021 as?

- A) International Year Against Terrorism
B) International Year of Health Care
C) International Year to fight COVID
D) International Year of Fruits and Vegetables ☒



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has declared the year 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables, with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as the lead agency to celebrate this year, along with other relevant organizations. This year seeks to spread awareness on the role played by fruits and vegetables in human nutrition, and in food security.

9. Kushagra Rawat and Srihari Nataraj are associated with which sport?

- A) Cricket
B) Golf
C) Archery
D) Aquatics ☒



- ✓ Kushagra Rawat of Delhi and Srihari Nataraj of Karnataka are Indian Aquatic champions, who have created new national records in 400m freestyle and 100 backstroke events respectively at the 74th Senior National Aquatic Championships.

- ✓ Kushagra Rawat has created a new record of 3:53.68 seconds, while Srihari Nataraj finished in 55.10 seconds in 100 m back stroke.

10. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime?

A) Austria ☒

B) USA

C) Germany

D) Hungary



- ✓ The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) was established in the year 1997 with its headquarters as Vienna, Austria. The institution is in news recently, as it has launched Data Disclosure Framework (DDF) in association with the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.
- ✓ The DDF is a tool which describes the practices developed to handle and respond to the data requests from foreign criminal justice authorities for counter-terrorism investigations.

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.

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.

1. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Deep Dive Online Training program'?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is organising a week-long Deep Dive Online Training program. The training program is organised by National e-Governance Division at MeitY under the Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative.
- ✓ MeitY launched the Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative in 2018, as the first public-private partnership in cyber awareness. This online program trains Chief Information Security officers (CISO) along with IT staff of different Ministries, PSUs and Banks.

2. Who is the Chairperson of the Prime Minister's Economic advisory council (EAC-PM)?

- A) Bibek Debroy ☒
- B) Rakesh Mohan
- C) Poonam Gupta
- D) Maldives



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the reconstitution of his Economic advisory council (EAC-PM). Bibek Debroy, President of the Indian Statistical Institute, is the Chairman of the council. Former RBI deputy governor Rakesh Mohan, along with IIM Ahmedabad Professor T T Ram Mohan, and Director-General of NCAER Poonam Gupta, are the three new members to join the seven-member council. The new advisory council has been appointed for a period of two year. The Chairman of the council and three other members have been retained.

3. Which institution releases the periodic Greenhouse gas bulletin?

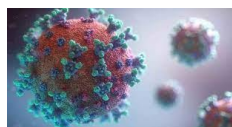
- A) NITI Aayog
- B) World Meteorological Organisation ☒
- C) Food and Agricultural Organisation
- D) NABARD



- ✓ The latest GHG bulletin has been released by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). As per the report, the increasing trend of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions continued in 2021.
- ✓ The report also highlighted that all three major GHGs, carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O), recorded an increase in concentration in 2020 compared to previous years. The average global warming would exceed Paris Agreement's target of global temperature if emissions continue at the current pace.

4. 'AY.4.2', which was seen in the news recently, is a ___?

- A) AI Chatbot
- B) Coronavirus lineage ☒
- C) Space vehicle
- D) Exoplanet



- ✓ AY.4.2, which was seen in the news, is a 'Coronavirus lineage'. Lineages are the labels given to the branches of the COVID evolutionary chart to illustrate their relatedness.
- ✓ The lineages are overseen by the Pango network, a team of researchers from the universities of Edinburgh and Oxford. They act as the custodians of lineages and handle the assignment of new labels. This AY.4.2. lineage is traced back to April this year.

5. 'Joint Statistical Publication (JSP) 2021 and JSP Snapshot 2021' are the publications of which regional association?

- A) G-20
- B) ASEAN
- C) BRICS ☒
- D) BIMSTEC



- ✓ The Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices of BRICS Countries was held in virtual format, chaired by India.
- ✓ The Chief Statistician of India and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) chaired the meeting. During the meeting, the Joint Statistical Publication (JSP) 2021 and JSP-Snapshot 2021 for BRICS Countries were released. The theme of meeting was "NSOs efforts in monitoring Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".

6. Cook Strait, which was seen in the news, recently is located in which country?

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



- ✓ Cook Strait separates the North and South Islands of New Zealand. It connects the Tasman Sea on the northwest with the South Pacific Ocean on the southeast. Recently, Freedman, who founded the company ElectricAir, crossed the strait for the first time in an electric plane. This 40-minute solo flight was held 101 years after the first person flew a conventional aircraft over the strait.

7. What is the name of the website launched by Indian climate experts for assessing equity in climate action?

- A) Climate Equity Monitor ☒
- B) Bharat Climate Monitor
- C) Bharat Climate Dashboard
- D) Global CC Monitor



- ✓ Independent researchers from India have conceptualized and developed an online dashboard named "Climate Equity Monitor" on Global climate policy.
- ✓ The Climate Equity Monitor dashboard provides an online dashboard for assessing equity in climate action, inequalities in emissions, energy consumption across the world, and climate policies of several countries. It aims to monitor the performance of Annex-I Parties under the UNFCCC (developed countries).

8. 'STRIVE' is World Bank funded project being implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Skill Development ☒
- B) Ministry of Education
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) is a World Bank funded project approved in 2016 for a total cost of Rs. 2200 crore. The project aims to create awareness through industry clusters to address issues pertaining to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The STRIVE program was launched in Mangaluru, through Kanara Industries Association-Industrial Cluster.

9. Which Indian state is set to commence the census of Indus River dolphins?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Punjab ☒
- C) Haryana
- D) Bihar



- ✓ Punjab is set to commence the census of the Indus River dolphin (*Platanista gangetica minor*). It is a freshwater dolphin that is found in river Beas. The Indus River dolphin is classified as 'endangered' by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- ✓ In 2007, the dolphins were discovered in Punjab's Harike wildlife sanctuary. The Indus River dolphin was declared the State aquatic animal of Punjab in 2019.

10. Which organisation delivered First Ship of Project 15B Class Destroyer– Yard 12704 (Visakhapatnam) to the Indian Navy?

- A) DRDO
- B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders ☒
- C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- D) HAL



- ✓ Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) has delivered First Ship of Project 15B Class Destroyer–Yard 12704 (Visakhapatnam) to the Indian Navy. The ship is constructed using Indigenous Steel DMR 249A and is amongst the largest Destroyers constructed in India. It has an overall length of 164 meters and a displacement of over 7500 tons.

1. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has created 'Single Window Filming mechanism', along with which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Defence
- B) Ministry of Railways ☒
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ An integrated Single Window Filming mechanism has been created by the Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The objective of the scheme is to make the permission for filming across Railways premises easier and more efficient.

2. In the COP26 climate summit's first major deal, the leaders promised to end and reverse deforestation by which year?

- A) 2030 ☒
- B) 2040
- C) 2050
- D) 2070



- ✓ In the COP26 climate summit's first major deal, as many as 110 world leaders promised to end and reverse deforestation by 2030. Named 'Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use', the pledge includes \$12 billion in public funds and \$7.2 billion of private investment of public and private funds. A previous deal in 2014 had failed to slow deforestation at all.

3. Mandakini River, which was seen in the news recently, starts in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Madhya Pradesh ☒
- D) Bihar



- ✓ River Mandakini, a tributary of the Yamuna, starts in Madhya Pradesh's Satna district and flows into the Yamuna in Uttar Pradesh Chitrakoot district. The river flows through Sati Anusuiya, a perennial trough where many springs feed into it. It was seen in the news recently, as encroachment, concretisation and pollution are causing severe damages to the river.

4. Which country is set to provide "India Green Guarantee" to the World Bank, to finance green projects?

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



- ✓ The UK will provide an "India Green Guarantee" to the World Bank, to unlock 750 million pounds for green projects across India. This was announced at the COP26 summit in Glasgow. The green guarantee financing will support clean and resilient infrastructure in sectors including clean energy, transport and urban development. UK committed over 210 million pounds at the UN climate summit under Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG).

5. Which Indian bank launched the first 'Video life certificate service' for pensioners?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Canara Bank
- C) State Bank of India ☒
- D) Bank of Baroda



- ✓ The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched the first 'Video life certificate service' for pensioners. This new facility will allow pensioners to submit their life certificates through video from their homes. As per the SBI, this facility is available for only pensioners and spouse of the pensioner receiving a pension will not be able to use this facility. The process of video life certificate is paperless and also available free of cost.

6. As per a recent NASA study on Climate change, which crop is set to see a growth of 17% due to climate change?

- A) Rice
- B) Wheat ☒
- C) Maize
- D) Cotton



- ✓ According to a new NASA study published in the journal, Nature Food, climate change may affect the production of maize and wheat by 2030 under a high greenhouse gas emissions scenario. As per the study, Maize crop yields are projected to decline by 24%, while wheat could potentially see a growth of about 17%. This is due to increases in temperature, shifts in rainfall patterns, and elevated surface CO2 concentrations from greenhouse gas emissions.

7. 'Bestu Varas' is the New year day celebrated in which state?

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



- ✓ 'Bestu Varas' or Gujarati new year is celebrated in Kartik month of the Hindu calendar. The day is traditionally known as Varsha Pratipada or Bestu Varas. People celebrate this day by preparing new books to keep accounts called the Chopda. They also worship Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Krishna on this day.

8. Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-adhikar Yojna pertains to which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Odisha
- C) Haryana
- D) Madhya Pradesh ☒



- ✓ The Government of Madhya Pradesh has announced to provide Residential Lands, free of cost to people of the state, who do not own any land. The land can be used for building own houses by the people. The free plots would be provided under the scheme named "Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-adhikar Yojna".

9. 'PMFME' scheme is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Food Processing Industries ☒
- C) Ministry of Agriculture
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ Food Processing Industries Minister Prashupati Kumar Paras launched a bakery brand Dilli Bakes, under the One District, One Product (ODOP) initiative. Whole wheat rusk is the first product launched under the Dilli Bakes brand.

- ✓ The Government is promoting one product from one district under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. The product has been launched in

association with cooperative NAFED.

10. CAATSA, which was seen in sometimes, is an act related to which country?

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



- ✓ CAATSA-Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act is a 2017 law, which intends punish countries that did business with some countries including Russia. Three Republican U.S. senators filed legislation to exempt India from sanctions for purchasing a Russian S400 missile defense system. This would create a 10-year exemption for member countries of the QUAD – Australia, Japan and India – from sanctions imposed by CAATSA.
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