

1. What is the average national income of the Indian adult population, as per the 'World Inequality Report 2022'?

- A) Rs 1.04 lakh
- B) Rs 2.04 lakh ☒
- C) Rs 4.04 lakh
- D) Rs 6.04 lakh



- ✓ The 'World Inequality Report 2022', which was released recently, was authored by Lucas Chancel and co-ordinated by renowned economists Thomas Piketty, Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman. As per the report, India is among the most unequal countries in the world, with rising poverty and an affluent elite.
- ✓ The report highlights that the top 10% and top 1% in India hold 57% and 22% of the total national income respectively.

2. Which country hosted the eighth Indian Ocean Dialogue recently?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) India ☒
- C) Myanmar
- D) Philippines



- ✓ India's External Affairs Ministry, along with the Indian Council of World Affairs hosted the eighth Indian Ocean Dialogue. The theme for this year's edition was "Leveraging Digital Technologies for Health, Education, Development, and Trade in Indian Ocean Rim Association Member States".

3. Which Indian journalist has been named by Columbia Journalism School as the 2022 alumni award winners?

- A) N Ram
- B) Malini Parthasarathy ☒
- C) Raja Mohan
- D) Soli J Sorabjee



- ✓ Malini Parthasarathy, the chairperson of The Hindu Group Publishing, is among four veteran journalists who are named by US-based Columbia Journalism School as the 2022 alumni award winners. The other winners include Eric Marcus, founder and host of "Making Gay History" podcast, Stuart Scheer, American Jewish World Service, and Thomas Maier, investigative journalist. Wendy Lu (HuffPost) and Mukhtar Ibrahim (Sahan Journal), jointly bagged the First Decade Award.

4. Cabinet approved a treaty on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, with which country?

- A) Switzerland
- B) Poland ☒
- C) USA
- D) Russia



- ✓ Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the India-Poland treaty on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters. The treaty will enhance capability of both countries in investigation and prosecution of crimes, including crimes related to terrorism through mutual legal assistance. It will also increase India's effectiveness in tackling criminal activities involving Poland.

5. World Trade Organization (WTO) panel asked which country to withdraw its subsidies in the sugar sector?

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



- ✓ World Trade Organization (WTO) panel has asked India to withdraw its subsidies under the 'Production Assistance, the Buffer Stock, and Marketing and Transportation Schemes.' Australia, Brazil and Guatemala raised complaints against India over its policy measures in the sugar sector, at WTO in the year 2019.
- ✓ WTO also asked India to conform to its obligations under the Agreement on Agriculture and the SCM Agreement.

6. Manohari Gold Tea, which was seen in the news, is associated with which state?

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



- ✓ Manohari Gold Tea, a rare variety of tea in Assam has recently created history as it was sold for Rs 1 lakh per kilogram at Guwahati Tea Auction Centre. The Tea variety broke its own record of 2020, when the tea was auctioned at Rs 75,000 per kg.
- ✓ The North Eastern Tea Association has planned to increase the production of such tea and started making different types of tea like white tea, green tea, yellow tea.

7. Which organisation released the 'State of the world's land and water resources for food and agriculture (SOLAW 2021) report?

- A) IMF
- B) FAO ☒
- C) World Bank
- D) WEF



- ✓ The state of the world's land and water resources for food and agriculture (SOLAW 2021) report was released by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). From 8 to 9 December 2021, the Land and Water Days are hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The central theme of SOLAW 2021 is "Systems at breaking point".

8. Which institution released the "Tracking Universal Coverage - 2021 Global Monitoring Report"?

- A) WTO
- B) WHO ☒
- C) FAO
- D) WEF



- ✓ The World Health Organization recently released the "Tracking Universal Coverage - 2021 Global Monitoring Report". On the occasion of Universal Health Coverage Day, World Bank also released the "Global Monitoring Report on Financial Protection in Health 2021". The report showed that the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to halt two decades of global progress towards Universal Health Coverage.

9. "bob World Wave", launched by Bank of Baroda is a?

- A) Global Debit Card
- B) Wearable Device ☒
- C) AI Chatbot
- D) Investment Platform



- ✓ Bank of Baroda has launched a solution for digital banking payments, named 'bob World Wave'. The bob World Wave is a wearable device, which will allow customers to monitor their SpO2, body temperature, heart rate and blood pressure. BoB has partnered with NPCI to offer

the wearable payment solution.

10. Researchers at which institution have developed an RT-PCR based kit to detect Omicron variant?

- A) IISC
- B) IIT – Delhi ☒
- C) NIV
- D) AIIMS



- ✓ Researchers at IIT Delhi's Kusuma School of Biological Sciences have developed an RT-PCR based kit for detection of the Omicron (B.1.1.529.1) variant of SARS-CoV-2. The assay is based on detecting specific mutations, which are present in the Omicron variant and absent in other currently present variants of SARS-CoV-2. Globally, the detection of the Omicron variant requires over 3 days.