

1. India, recently test-fired the air version of the BrahMos, a?

- A) Supersonic cruise missile ☒
- B) Anti Tank missile
- C) Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
- D) Guided Rocket System



- ✓ India successfully test-fired the air version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from the integrated test range of Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha. The air version of the missile was test-fired from supersonic fighter aircraft Sukhoi 30 MK-I. BrahMos is a Joint Venture between India (DRDO) and Russia (NPOM) for the development, production and marketing of the supersonic cruise missile.

2. Pakyang and Soreng, are the two new districts, to be formed in which state?

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



- ✓ The Sikkim Assembly passed Sikkim (Re-Organisation of Districts) Bill, 2021 bill, for the creation of two more districts named Pakyang and Soreng. Sikkim will have six districts after Governor Ganga Prasad gives his assent to the bill.
- ✓ The House also passed an amendment bill to rename Sikkim State University after Mt Kanchenjunga, the guardian deity of the people.

3. In the recent monetary policy, Repo and reverse repo rates were fixed atand respectively

- A) 4 percent and 3.35 percent ☒
- B) 4.75 percent and 4 percent
- C) 5 percent and 4.5 percent
- D) 5 percent and 4.75 percent



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das announced that the Monetary Policy Committee had opted to keep the rates unchanged. With this Repo and reverse repo rates currently stand at 4 percent and 3.35 percent, respectively. This is the 9th policy meeting where committee has maintained the key lending rate, in a row. Projection for real GDP growth is retained at 9.5% and CPI inflation at 5.3% in FY22.

4. Which country announced a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympics in China?

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



- ✓ The United States has announced a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympics in China. The White House announced that no official delegation would be sent to the Games because of concerns about China's human rights record. It also said that US athletes could attend and would have the government's full support. China called this move as a 'self-directed political farce'.

5. Which country hosts the 'World Petroleum Congress' in 2021?

- A) USA ☒
- B) UAE
- C) UK
- D) Uzbekistan



- ✓ 'World Petroleum Congress', the largest gathering in the industry, began in Houston, the largest city of south-central U.S. state Texas. More than 300 speakers are set to participate in the programme and technical forums, from about 70 countries and regions. The World Petroleum Congress is organized every three years by the London-based World Petroleum Council which includes 65 member countries.

6. Which Racing Driver won the inaugural Saudi Arabian Grand Prix Tournament?

- A) Lewis Hamilton ☒
- B) Valtteri Bottas
- C) Daniel Ricciardo
- D) Max Verstappen



- ✓ 36-year-old Top British Racing Driver Lewis Hamilton won the inaugural Saudi Arabian Grand Prix Tournament. He passed Max Verstappen with six laps remaining in the race on the street circuit on the 30-kilometer coastal resort area in Jeddah. With this victory, Hamilton also levelled points with Red Bull rival Max Verstappen.

7. Covovax is produced by the Serum Institute of India under the licence from which vaccine?

- A) Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine
- B) Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine
- C) Johnson & Johnson Vaccine
- D) Novovax Vaccine ☒



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) has granted emergency approval to the India-manufactured coronavirus vaccine Covovax. The vaccine is produced by Serum Institute of India under licence from the U.S.-based Novavax. WHO listed the Covovax as the ninth COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use.

8. Competition Commission of India (CCI) has recently fined Rs 202 crores on which company?

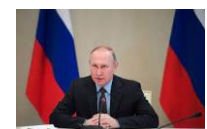
- A) Flipkart
- B) Amazon ☒
- C) Reliance Industries
- D) D-Mart



- ✓ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) suspended its over two-year-old approval for Amazon's deal to acquire stake in retailer Future Coupons Private Limited. The CCI also imposed a ₹ 202 crore penalty on the US-based e-commerce major for hiding facts and making false statements while seeking regulatory approvals in 2019. Amazon objected to Future's deal with Reliance, citing the 2019 deal.

9. Which country has published a draft agreement to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to ensure security?

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



- ✓ Russia has proposed a draft agreement to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on measures to ensure the security of both sides. It suggested that Russia and NATO reaffirm that they do not consider each other as adversaries. Russia asked NATO to stop further enlargement, the accession of Ukraine, and to cease any military activity in Ukraine and other countries in Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia.

10. Who is the author of the "Tamil Thai Vaazhthu", declared as the State Song of Tamil Nadu?

- A) Subramania Bharathi
- B) Bharathidasan
- C) 'Manonmaniam' Sundaranar ☒
- D) U Ve Swaminathar



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has declared 'Tamil Thai Vaazhthu' as the State Song, by issuing a Government Order (GO). It is usually sung at the beginning of functions in all educational institutions and public events. The song is taken from 'Manonmaneeyam', the famous Tamil drama written by Sundaranar. The order directs everyone who is present during the rendition of the song, barring differently abled persons, should remain standing.
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