

1. Which language Day is observed on 18 December?

- A) French
B) Greek
C) Arabic ☒
D) Urdu

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- ✓ World Arabic Language Day is observed on 18 December to honour the language, which is spoken by over 400 million people globally. It has been celebrated since 2012 to mark the adoption of Arabic as the sixth official language of the United Nations by the UN General Assembly.
- ✓ This year, the theme of the World Arabic Language Day is "Arabic Language, a bridge between civilisations".

2. The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Rural) till which year, from 2021?

- A) 2022
B) 2023
C) 2024 ☒
D) 2025



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Rural) for another three years till March 2024. The extension of the scheme will help in the construction of the remaining 155.75 lakh houses. It will help achieve the target of 2.95 crore 'pucca' houses.

3. Coonoor, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which district of Tamil Nadu?

- A) The Nilgiris ☒
B) Coimbatore
C) Dindigul
D) Theni



- ✓ An Indian Air Force helicopter with Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat on board crashed in Tamil Nadu's Coonoor. Thirteen people have been confirmed dead in the incident. Group Captain Varun Singh, honoured with the Shaurya Chakra this year, who was the lone survivor of the crash, is in critical condition.

4. As per the Institute of Human Brands (IIHB) Power Couple ranking 2021, which couple topped the list?

- A) Deepika Padukone – Ranveer Singh
B) Virat Kohli – Anushka Sharma
C) Vignesh Shivan – Nayanthara
D) Mukesh Ambani – Nita Ambani ☒



- ✓ Indian billionaire Mukesh Ambani and wife Nita Ambani topped the annual Power Couple ranking done by the Indian Institute of Human Brands (IIHB). The survey was conducted among over 1000 respondents across India aged 25-40 years. The couple is followed by Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh at the second place and Cricket captain Virat Kohli and his actress wife Anushka Sharma at third place.

5. Olaf Scholz, who was seen in the news recently, has been elected as the new head of which country?

- A) Australia
B) Germany ☒
C) New Zealand
D) Spain



- ✓ Olaf Scholz has been sworn in as Germany's new chancellor, officially taking over from Angela Merkel, who served historic 16 years as the

Chancellor. The 63-year-old leader steered the Social Democrats to election victory in September. He has played a key role in the Merkel government as vice-chancellor.

6. The 'Saryu Canal National project' which was seen in the news recently, is to be set up in which state?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the ₹9,802 crore Saryu Canal National project in Uttar Pradesh's Balrampur district. The project, which is the biggest in Uttar Pradesh, connects five rivers which include Ghagra, Saryu, Rapti, Banganga and Rohin. Many sub canals with a length of 6,600kms have been linked to the 318 km long main canal.

7. Nilmani Phookan Jr, who won the 56th Jnanpith Award, is a poet in which language?

- A) Tamil
B) Malayalam
C) Assamese ☒
D) Gujarati



- ✓ Assamese poet Nilmani Phookan Jr has won the 56th Jnanpith Award. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1990 and received the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship in 2002. Konkani novelist Damodar Mauzo has won the 57th Jnanpith Award. He won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1983 for his novel Karmelin.

8. As per the recent bills passed in Lok Sabha, the tenure of chiefs of ED and CBI can be extended up to how many years?

- A) Three
B) Four
C) Five ☒
D) Six

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- ✓ Lok Sabha has passed the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2021 and the Delhi Special Police Establishment (Amendment) Bill, 2021 for consideration and passage.
- ✓ These Bills intend to provide enabling power to the government to extend tenure of the Chiefs of Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) up to five years. At present, both the officers are given a term of two years.

9. "Energy Conservation Week" is observed every year in which month?

- A) October
B) November
C) December ☒
D) January



- ✓ Ministry of Power is celebrating the Energy Conservation Week from 8th to 14th December 2021. The Celebration is led by Bureau of Energy Efficiency.
- ✓ It also provides National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) for Industries and National Energy Efficiency Innovation Awards (NEEIA) to recognize innovative energy efficiency technologies.

10. Which country hosted the 'Summit for Democracy' in 2021?

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



- ✓ US President Joe Biden inaugurated the first Summit for Democracy at White House. It was launched as a two-day virtual summit. The US President Biden warned about a global slide for democratic institutions. Over 100 participants representing governments, civil society and private-sector leaders participated in the summit.
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