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1. Dr. Kamal Ranadive was associated with which field?

- A) Radioactive Materials
- B) Heavy Engineering
- C) Cell Biology ☒
- D) Ayurveda



- ✓ Dr. Kamal Ranadive was an Indian cell biologist who has made groundbreaking research in the field of Cancer. She was instrumental in establishing country's first tissue culture laboratory at Indian Cancer Research Center. She also played a key role in founding the Indian Women Scientists' Association. Recently, Google has dedicated a doodle to Dr. Kamal Ranadive remembering her 104<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary.

2. Deocha Pachami Harinsingha Dewanganj, the world's second-largest coal block, is located in which Indian state?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) West Bengal ☒
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Odisha



- ✓ Deocha Pachami Harinsingha Dewanganj, the world's second-largest coal block was allocated to West Bengal by the Central Government. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently announced a compensation package of ₹10,000 crore for the people who would get displaced or affected due to the Deocha-Pachami coal mine project in Birbhum district.

3. Varun Thakkar and KC Ganapathy, who were in the news recently, are associated with which sport?

- A) Cricket
- B) Kabaddi
- C) Sailing ☒
- D) Golf



- ✓ Indian Sailors Varun Thakkar and KC Ganapathy have won gold medal at the Asian 49er Sailing Championships 2021 held at Oman. With this victory, they are set to represent India at the World Championship in November 2021. The duo team finished the event at 10th spot to clinch the medal, and are the only Asian team to be in the top 10.

4. Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk is participating in the 32nd edition of CORPAT Exercise, held between India and which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) France
- C) Thailand ☒
- D) Oman



- ✓ The 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy is being conducted from 12 – 14 November 2021.
- ✓ Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette and Thailand's HTMS Tayanchon, along with Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both navies are participating in the exercise. The two Navies have been undertaking CORPAT bi-annually since 2005 along their International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL).

5. Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, whose biography was recently launched, is associated with which field?

- A) Sports ☒
- B) Business
- C) Politics
- D) Social Service



- ✓ Punjab Sports and higher education minister Pargat Singh launched a book 'Uddna Baaz' a biography on the Olympian athlete, Gurbachan Singh Randhawa. The book is written by the sports writer Navdeep Singh Gill an officer.
- ✓ The first Arjuna Awardee athlete Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, was the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He was conferred the Arjuna Award in 1961 and the Padma Shri in 2005.

6. Which print media organization has been awarded the "Project SIREN Award for Newspapers 2021"?

- A) India Today
- B) The Hindu ☒
- C) The Times of India
- D) The Hindustan Times



- ✓ Leading national daily – The Hindu has been awarded the Project SIREN Award for Newspapers 2021. The award has been given for consistent high performance on Project SIREN's scorecards. Project SIREN is initiated by India Mental Health Observatory (IMHO) under the Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy (CMHLP), which tracks and scores media reports on suicide.

7. When is the "Africa Industrialization Day" observed by the United Nations?

- A) 20 November ☒
- B) 22 November
- C) 23 November
- D) 25 November



- ✓ Every year, the United Nations observes 20<sup>th</sup> November as the "Africa Industrialization Day" and on this day organizes various events across the globe to raise awareness about the importance of Africa's industrialization and challenges in this regard. This day was adopted by the UN in 1989 under the framework of Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991–2000).

8. What is the name of the mega military exercise undertaken by India in Kutch to test combat readiness?

- A) Atmanirbhar Jawan
- B) Sagar Shakti ☒
- C) India Shakti
- D) Intense Shakti



- ✓ Sagar Shakti, mega military exercise was recently undertaken by India in Kutch to test combat readiness. The four-day high-intensity military exercise conducted in the Creek sector of the Kutch peninsula witnessed participation of the Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Indian Coast Guard, Border Security Force, Gujarat Police and the Marine Police. The exercise was organised by the Indian Army's Southern Command.

9. Which became the world's most systemically important bank, as per the Financial Stability Board?

- A) JP Morgan Chase ☒
- B) Morgan Stanley
- C) Goldman Sachs
- D) Bank of America

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- ✓ JP Morgan Chase has become the world's most systemically important bank according to the latest annual ranking of the Financial Stability Board (FSB). FSB, made up of regulators from G20 countries, published its latest table of the world's 30 most systemic banks. BNP Paribas and Goldman Sachs were also deemed more systemic.
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10. Exercise Dosti, is a maritime exercise between India and which country / countries?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Maldives and Sri Lanka ☒
- C) Nepal
- D) Bangladesh and Japan



- ✓ Exercise "Dosti" is a biennial trilateral maritime exercise between the coast guards of India, Maldives and Sri Lanka. This year's Exercise "Dosti" is the 15th edition is conducted in the Maldives during from November 20 to 24. India is represented by Indian Coast Guard vessels, ICGS Vajra and ICGS Apoorva.
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1. Central Electronics Ltd (CEL), which is set to be divested, is a CPSE under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- B) Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Power



- ✓ The Union government has approved the strategic disinvestment of Central Electronics Ltd (CEL) after the competitive bidding process. CEL is a CPSE under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology.

2. Which institution signed a \$250 million loan with India to support the National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP)?

- A) IMF
- B) ADB ☒
- C) AIIB
- D) BRICS Bank



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Indian government have signed a \$ 250 million loan to support the National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP). The program aims to develop world-class industrial nodes and generate high level employment.

3. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)?

- A) Subramanian Swami
- B) Sambit Patra ☒
- C) Lal Singh Arya
- D) Jamal Siddiqui



- ✓ BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra was appointed as the chairman of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
- ✓ ACC has approved the Tourism Ministry's proposal to split the post of chairman and managing director of India Tourism Development Corporation into chairman, ITDC, and Managing director (MD), ITDC. GKV Rao, IAS Officer will hold the post of managing director of ITDC.

4. When is the 'International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People' observed?

- A) November 27
- B) November 29 ☒
- C) November 30
- D) December 1



- ✓ The United Nations observes November 29 as the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People, since 1978. The day aims to mark the adoption of the UN's resolution to partition Palestine into two states.

5. Which institution hosts the 'Thought leadership forum on fintech' in India?

- A) RBI
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) IFSCA ☒
- D) SEBI



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate a thought leadership forum on fintech. The two-day event is hosted by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) in

collaboration with GIFT City and Bloomberg. Indonesia, South Africa and the UK are partner countries in the first edition of the forum.

6. Which Cooperative has been ranked 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world?

- A) National Cooperative Union of India Limited
- B) Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited ☒
- C) National Cooperative Land Development Banks Federation Limited
- D) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited

- ✓ The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has been adjudged as the 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world.
- ✓ This rank signifies that IFFCO is contributing significantly to the GDP and economic growth of the nation.

7. When is the Indian Navy Day celebrated every year?

- A) December 1
- B) December 4 ☒
- C) December 10
- D) December 14



- ✓ Every Year, the 4th December is celebrated as the Indian Navy Day, to respect the Indian Navy's counter-attack in Operation Trident during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971. This year, the Navy had celebrated the event under the theme – "Swarnim Vijay Varsh" to commemorate 50th Anniversary of India's victory in the 1971 war.

8. China launched the first cross-border train with which country, as a part of the Belt and Road Initiative?

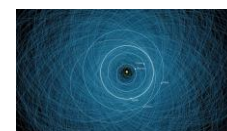
- A) Laos ☒
- B) Russia
- C) Pakistan
- D) Malaysia



- ✓ The Belt and Road Initiative, also known as the One Belt One Road initiative is an infrastructure development strategy of China, adopted in the year 2013. Recently, China has launched the first cross-border train as a part of the Belt and Road Initiative, connecting China and the land-locked South East Nation Laos.

9. Which space agency has developed 'Sentry-II - Asteroid Impact Monitoring System'?

- A) ISRO
- B) NASA ☒
- C) ESA
- D) JAXA



- ✓ NASA astronomers have recently developed a next-generation impact monitoring algorithm called Sentry-II. It aims to evaluate near-Earth asteroids (NEAs) impact probabilities. The new system improves the capabilities of NASA JPL's 'Center for Near Earth Object Studies' to assess the impact risk of asteroids that can come close to our planet.

10. 'Nai Manzil', 'Seekho aur Kamao' and USTTAD schemes are implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of women and child development
- B) Ministry of Minority affairs ☒
- C) Ministry of Social Justice



D) Ministry of Education

- ✓ The 'Union Ministry of Minority affairs' is implementing various skill development schemes including 'Nai Manzil', 'Seekho aur Kamao' and USTTAD. As per the Ministry, over 6.5 lakh youths have so far received training under Centre's schemes for skill development of minorities.
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1. Which city plays host to the International Ambedkar Conclave in 2021?

- A) Pune
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Varanasi
- D) Chennai



- ✓ The International Ambedkar Conclave has been inaugurated recently in New Delhi, by the Indian President Ram Nath Kovind. The conclave is being organised by the Forum of SC and ST Legislators and Parliamentarians and Dr Ambedkar Chamber of Commerce.

2. Which Indian-born economist is to be appointed as the first Deputy Managing Director of IMF?

- A) Urjit Patel
- B) Raghuram Rajan
- C) Gita Gopinath ☒
- D) Usha Thorat



- ✓ Gita Gopinath, the India-born, first female chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), is set to take over as the first deputy managing director (FDMD). She is set to take over the role from Geoffrey Okamoto.

3. What is the name of India's first biometrics-based digital processing system in Airports?

- A) Tech Yatra
- B) Digi Yatra ☒
- C) Techno Boarding
- D) Digi Boarding



- ✓ Minister of State for Civil Aviation VK Singh announced that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is working on the country's first facial recognition technology-based biometric boarding system. It is to be piloted for passengers at Varanasi, Pune, Kolkata and Vijayawada airports. This biometric boarding system is part of the first phase of Digi Yatra scheme. The system is set to be launched in early 2022.

4. 'SRESHTA' scheme is set to be launched by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- D) Ministry of Minority Affairs



- ✓ The Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry is set to launch the Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA) scheme. The scheme will focus on the socio-economic upliftment and overall development of the Scheduled Caste students by providing quality residential education.

5. 'Nizamuddin Basti' is a conservation project based at which Indian state/UT?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Bihar
- D) Jammu and Kashmir

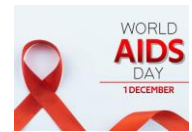


- ✓ The UNESCO has conferred Award of Excellence and Special Recognition for Sustainable Development Award, for conservation efforts at Nizamuddin Basti in the Indian capital. The Nizamuddin Area

comprises the World Heritage Site of Humayun's Tomb, the centuries-old settlement of Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti among others.

6. World AIDS Day is observed all over the world on which date?

- A) December 01 ☒
- B) December 02
- C) December 03
- D) December 04



- ✓ World AIDS Day is observed on 1 December every year. The day aims to raise public awareness about AIDS. The theme of the 2019 World AIDS Day is "End Inequalities, End AIDS". Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a pandemic disease that is caused due to the infection of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). HIV causes damage to the immune system.

7. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed on which date?

- A) December 01
- B) December 02 ☒
- C) December 10
- D) December 14



- ✓ The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is a yearly event on December 2, organized by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The day was first celebrated in the year 1986.

8. On which date, National Milk Day is celebrated in India?

- A) November 26 ☒
- B) November 30
- C) December 15
- D) December 26



- ✓ The National Milk Day is celebrated every year on 26th of November to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the father of India's White Revolution. The White Revolution (also known as Operation Flood) was launched in 1970.
- ✓ It is considered to be world's biggest dairy development programme which transformed India from a milk deficient nation to the one of the largest producers of milk in the world.

9. International Day of Persons with Disabilities was celebrated on December 3 under which theme?

- A) Empowering persons with disabilities
- B) Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world ☒
- C) Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all
- D) Ensuring inclusiveness and equality

- ✓ The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed every year on December 3 to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

- ✓ The annual observance of the Day was proclaimed in 1992, by a United Nations General Assembly resolution. The 2021 theme is "Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world".



10. Where is the headquarters of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) located?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Mussoorie
- D) Ahmedabad



- ✓ National Cadet Corps (NCC) is the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces with its headquarters in New Delhi, India. NCC is the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world. It recently observed its 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of its raising on November 28.
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1. As per a recent data from Fisheries Ministry, 41 per cent of the coastline of which state is subject to erosion from 1990 to 2018?

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



- ✓ Satellite data from 1990 to 2018 has revealed that 41 per cent of the coastline of Kerala is subject to varying degrees of erosion. Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala told the data to the Lok Sabha.

2. Which city is set to host the 'Indian Ocean Conference' 2021?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Colombo
- C) Abu Dhabi ☒
- D) Tokyo



- ✓ The fifth Indian Ocean Conference is set to be held in Abu Dhabi on December 4-5, 2021. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will address the Conference. The theme of the Indian Ocean Conference 2021 is "Indian Ocean: Ecology, Economy, Epidemic". The inaugural address will be delivered by President of Sri Lanka Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The representatives of Maldives, Fiji and other countries will participate.

3. What is the new deadline for implementation of Smart Cities Mission?

- A) 2022
- B) 2023 ☒
- C) 2025
- D) 2026



- ✓ The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has extended the timeline for the implementation of Smart Cities Mission to June 2023 due to the Covid pandemic and other reasons. As per the earlier deadline, the cities were expected to complete their projects within five years of selection under the Smart Cities Mission. Hundred smart cities were selected through four rounds of competition from January 2016 to June 2018.

4. Semeru volcano, which erupted recently, is located in which country?

- A) Japan
- B) Indonesia ☒
- C) Philippines
- D) Australia



- ✓ Semeru is the tallest mountain on Java Island, Indonesia, spewed up towers of ash and hot clouds. The eruption of Semeru volcano has killed at least 14 people and injured many people in the island.

5. Ministry of Rural Development has signed an MoU with which company, to empower local businesses and SHGs?

- A) Amazon
- B) Flipkart ☒
- C) Snapdeal
- D) Jiomart



- ✓ The Ministry of Rural Development has signed an MoU with Flipkart to help empower local businesses and self-help groups (SHGs) led by women. The MoU seeks to bring the small business units and SHGs into the e-commerce fold.

- ✓ The partnership is aligned with Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission- DAY-NRLM.

6. As per the recent data from the Finance Ministry, what is the number of ATMs across the country?

- A) 50000
- B) 1.1 lakh
- C) 2.1 lakh ☒
- D) 5.1 lakh



- ✓ The number of ATMs across the country stood at more than 2.13 lakh by the end of September 2021, as per the data given by the Finance Ministry said in Parliament. Over 47 per cent of the ATMs are in rural and semi-urban areas. According to the RBI data, scheduled commercial banks have installed 2.13 lakh ATMs up to September 2021. In addition to this, 27,837 White Label ATMs (WLA) were also installed.

7. Which state has approved to implement Atma Nirbhar Krishak Integrated Development Scheme?

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



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government has given its approval to implement Atma Nirbhar Krishak Integrated Development Scheme in the state from 2021-22. Under the scheme 1475 farmer producer organisations will be formed in the next three years in each block of the state.

8. Which institution released the launch of 'e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition'?

- A) NITI Aayog ☒
- B) NHAI
- C) Energy Efficiency Services Limited
- D) NTPC Limited



- ✓ Government think tank NITI Aayog recently announced the launch of 'e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition', to share knowledge on e-bus adoption in India. The Coalition has been launched in partnership with Convergence Energy Service Ltd and World Resources Institute, India, with support from Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI).

9. What is the theme of the 'Human Rights Day 2021'?

- A) Equality, Reducing Inequalities, Advancing Human Rights ☒
- B) The ABCs of L.G.B.T.Q.I.A.+
- C) What are Human Rights
- D) Advocates- Torchbearers of human rights

- ✓ Human Rights Day is observed on December 10, every year. This year, the theme is 'Equality, Reducing Inequalities, advancing human rights'. United Nations General Assembly in 1948 adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This day is celebrated to raise awareness about people's social, cultural and physical rights and to ensure the welfare of everyone.

10. Which Chess player won the FIDE World Championship?

- A) Magnus Carlsen ☒
- B) Viswanathan Anand
- C) Koneru Humpy
- D) Nepomniachtchi





- ✓ The present world chess champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway defended his title and won the FIDE World Championship in Dubai. Carlsen beat Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia, crossing the seven-point threshold to win the global tournament held at Dubai's Expo 2020 in the United Arab Emirates. Carlsen clinched his fifth world championship title.
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1. Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), is an enforcement agency under which organisation?

- A) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs ☒
- B) Securities Exchange Board of India
- C) Enforcement Directorate
- D) Central Board of Direct Taxes



- ✓ The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), is an intelligence and enforcement agency of the Government of India on anti-smuggling matters.
- ✓ The Union Finance Minister Ms Nirmala Sitharaman was addressing the 64<sup>th</sup> 'Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Foundation Day'. DRI released a report on the occasion, which said that gold smuggling shifted from the Middle East to Myanmar during 2020-21.

2. Which country won the Davis Cup Title in 2021?

- A) Spain
- B) Russia ☒
- C) Croatia
- D) Serbia



- ✓ Russia won the Davis Cup title in 2021 by defeating Croatia, after a brilliant performance from Daniil Medvedev. The 25-year-old player defeated Marin Cilic in the second singles match, to make the country win its first Davis Cup title since 2006. Russia's first Davis Cup title was in 2002.

3. The tribal outfits in which state are demanding the creation of separate state for indigenous communities named 'Greater Tipraland'?

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



- ✓ Several tribal outfits in Tripura have joined hands to push their demand for a separate state for indigenous communities in the region. The demand has grown to carve out a separate state of 'Greater Tipraland' for the indigenous communities in Tripura under Article 2 and 3 of the Constitution. Among the 19 notified Scheduled Tribes in Tripura, Tripuris (also known as Tipra and Tiprasas) are the largest.

4. The Public Accounts Committee of Parliament completed how many years of inception recently?

- A) 50
- B) 60
- C) 75
- D) 100 ☒



- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind was speaking at the centenary celebration of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Parliament. He said that the PAC ensures "administrative accountability of the executive towards the legislature".

5. Who is the Chairman of the five-member Central Vista Oversight Committee?

- A) Ratan P Watal ☒
- B) Vivek Singh
- C) Ajay Pandey



D) Subhash Chandra Garg

- ✓ The Centre has constituted a Central Vista Oversight Committee to directly oversee the Rs 20,000 crore project for a period of two years. As per the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, former Finance Secretary Ratan P Watal has been appointed the Chairman of the five-member Central Vista Oversight Committee. Joint Secretary, MoHUA will be Convenor of the committee.

6. Who has been awarded as the "Best Actor Male" at the BRICS Film Festival?

- A) Rajinikanth
- B) Dhanush ☒
- C) Guru Somasundaram
- D) Sivakartheeyan



- ✓ Indian actor Dhanush has been awarded with the Best actor (Male) at the BRICS Film Festival for his role in Tamil movie 'Asuran', which was directed by Vetrimaaran. He won the National Award for best actor, for the same movie this year. The movie has so far won three National Awards. Lara Boldorini was awarded the Best Actor (Female) at the festival for her performance in the Brazilian film 'On Wheels'.

7. 'Vidya Deevena' education assistance scheme, is implemented in which Union state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Andhra Pradesh ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra



- ✓ Under Jagan Anna Vidya Deevena Scheme, the fee of students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other minority groups are reimbursed. Andhra Pradesh government has released ₹686 crore as the third tranche of the 'Jagananna Vidya Deevena' education assistance scheme. The amount has been credited to the accounts of over 9 lakh mothers of 11 lakh students.

8. Which state has signed Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt as the brand ambassador for its Golden jubilee celebrations?

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



- ✓ The government of Arunachal Pradesh has signed Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt as the brand ambassador on the occasion of the golden jubilee celebrations, marking the 50th year of the naming of the state. It also announced filmmaker Rahul Mittra as its brand advisor. The announcement was made by Chief Minister Pema Khandu.

9. Bangladesh is undertaking the annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) maritime exercise, along with which country?

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



- ✓ Bangladesh Navy and the US military personnel began the annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) maritime exercise. The exercise will be carried out virtually and in the Bay of Bengal. Bangladesh Navy has been taking part in the CARAT exercise since 2011.

- ✓ It aims to address shared maritime security concerns and strengthen partnerships between regional navies.
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10. India is set to assume the G20 Presidency in which year?

- A) 2022
- B) 2023 ☒
- C) 2032
- D) 2033



- ✓ India recently joined the G20 Troika, which now includes Indonesia, Italy and India. Indonesia has assumed the G20 Presidency and will convene G20 meetings throughout the year ending with the G20 Leaders' Summit on October 30–31, 2022. The theme of this year's Summit is "Recover Together Recover Stronger". India will assume the G20 Presidency from Indonesia and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit for the first time in India in 2023.
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1. Which state's tourism department launched the STREET (Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism) project?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Goa
- C) Kerala ☒
- D) Sikkim



- ✓ Kerala Tourism recently launched the 'STREET' (Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, and Tourism) project in select places in seven districts. The project would help visitors experience the diversity of offerings in these places.
- ✓ In the first phase, the project would be implemented in Kadalundi in Kozhikode, Thrithala and Pattithara in Palakkad, Pinarayi and Ancharakkandi in Kannur, Maravanthuruthu and Manchira in Kottayam, Valiyaparamba in Kasaragod, Kanthalloor in Idukki and Chekadi in Wayanad.

2. "System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research" (SAFAR) is an initiative of which Union Ministry of India?

- A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B) Ministry of Earth Sciences ☒
- C) Ministry of Science and Technology
- D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) introduced a major national initiative, "System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research" known as "SAFAR". It enables greater metropolitan cities of India to provide location specific information on air quality.
- ✓ As per SAFAR, the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) in the national capital stood at 372 in the 'very poor' category. An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

3. As per the National Health Accounts (NHA) estimates, what was the share of government health expenditure in the GDP of India in 2017-18?

- A) 1.2%
- B) 1.35% ☒
- C) 1.75%
- D) 2.5%



- ✓ As per National Health Accounts (NHA) estimates for India for 2017-18, the share of government health expenditure in the GDP of the country has increased to 1.35% in 2017-18 from 1.15% in 2013-14.
- ✓ The findings also show the government spending on health as a share of total expenditure also increased to 5.12% from 3.78% between 2013-14 and 2017-18. In case of per capita OOE, there was a decline from ₹2,336 to ₹2,097 between 2013-14 and 2017-18.

4. 'The India Young Water Professional Programme' has been launched for the first time, in association with which country?

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



- ✓ The first edition of the India Young Water Professional Programme was launched virtually, under National Hydrology Project and supported by the Australian Water Partnership. It is a Central Scheme of Department of Water Resources, river development and Ganga rejuvenation. A total

of 20 participants (10 men and 10 women) have been selected for the first edition of this Programme from central and state implementing agencies of the National Hydrology Project.

5. Which is India's first certified organic fruit?

- A) Apple
- B) Strawberry
- C) Kiwi ☒
- D) Banana



- ✓ India's 1<sup>st</sup> Certified Organic Fruit – Arunachal Pradesh Kiwis have been launched by the union minister Kiren Rijiju. Arunachal Pradesh has become the first Indian state to obtain organic certification for Kiwi under the scheme – Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region.

6. Which state launched the 'Kranti Surya Gaurav Kalash Yatra' recently?

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



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh launched the 'Kranti Surya Gaurav Kalash Yatra' from the birthplace of freedom fighter Jannayak Tantya Mama, Barod Ahir village. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has called upon the citizens to participate in this yatra. The state has also announced a programme to be organised on death Anniversary of Jannayak Tantya Mama at Indore on December 4.

7. Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) is a scheme implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B) Ministry of MSME ☒
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Ministry of Steel



- ✓ Ministry of MSME implements the Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) scheme. It is an MSME certification scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2016 to encourage the manufacturing of goods by MSMEs without any defects and without any effects on the environment.
- ✓ According to the data shared by MSME Minister Narayan Rane in Rajya Sabha, the scheme has recorded around 25,000 MSME registrations. The scheme was upscaled in FY19 to benefit more MSMEs.

8. Which country proposed the 'Social Media (Basic Expectations and Defamation) Bill 2021'?

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



- ✓ The Australian government released the draft of 'Social Media (Basic Expectations and Defamation) Bill 2021'. The Bill aims at holding social media companies accountable for the content posted on their platforms, and protecting users from trolls. The reforms will consider social media companies as publishers and they can avoid this liability if they provide information so that the victim can identify and begin defamation proceedings against the troll.

9. Dhawan-1, India's first first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine, was developed by which company?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace ☒
- B) Skanda Aerospace
- C) Dhruv Space
- D) Collins Aerospace



- ✓ Skyroot Aerospace, a Hyderabad-based space technology startup, has test fired India's first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine. The engine has been named as Dhawan-1, in honour of Indian rocket scientist Satish Dhawan. It was developed using 3D printing technology and is fuelled by liquefied natural gas and liquid oxygen.

10. Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), is an enforcement agency under which organisation?

- A) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs ☒
- B) Securities Exchange Board of India
- C) Enforcement Directorate
- D) Central Board of Direct Taxes



- ✓ The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), is an intelligence and enforcement agency of the Government of India on anti-smuggling matters. The Union Finance Minister Ms Nirmala Sitharaman was addressing the 64<sup>th</sup> 'Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Foundation Day'.
- ✓ DRI released a report on the occasion, which said that gold smuggling shifted from the Middle East to Myanmar during 2020-21.