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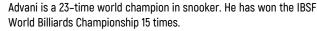


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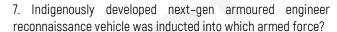
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PROJECT Abhaya

- 1. What is the name of the carbon-rich, diamond-shaped, near-Earth asteroid, recently seen in the news?
- A) Apollo
- B) Ryugu 🗹
- C) Eros
- D) Bennu
- Ryugu, also known as 1999 JU3, is a carbon-rich, diamond-shaped, near-Earth asteroid. An analysis of the JAXA's Hayabusa-2 sample of material returned to Earth from Ryugu shows that the material is very dark, reflecting only 2% of light.
  - 2. Which state/UT Police has launched Project 'Abhaya', for safety and security of girls?
  - A) Punjab
  - B) New Delhi 🗹
  - C) Odisha
  - D) West Bengal
- Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana launched Project 'Abhaya', a joint initiative of the Delhi Police force and an NGO for safety and security of girls. Delhi Police and NGO Shakti Foundation are implementing the project, which is aimed at empowering, educating and making children aware.
  - 3. Ganymede, which was seen in the news recently, is the moon of which planet?
  - A) Saturn
  - B) Jupiter 🗹
  - C) Venus
  - D) Neptune
- NASA has recently released noises captured near Jupiter's moon Ganymede. Ganymede is also the largest moon in our solar system. Ganymede also has its own magnetic field, which is not present in other moons of the solar system. NASA launched the Juno spacecraft, to observe Jupiter's neighbourhood. Earlier this year, Juno captured Ganymede's electromagnetic waves.
  - 4. T-Setu, which has been recently inaugurated, is the longest bridge of which state?
  - A) Karnataka
  - B) Odisha 🗹
  - C) Bihar
  - D) West Bengal
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik recently inaugurated T-Setu, the State's longest bridge over Mahanadi in Cuttack district. The 3.4 km long bridge is located in the middle of the river, has been built in the shape of English alphabet 'T' at a cost of Rs 111 crore.
  - 5. Pankaj Advani and Dhruv Sitwala are associated with which sports?
  - A) Cricket
  - B) Tennis
  - C) Badminton
  - D) Billiards 🗹
  - Indian ace billiards player Pankaj Advani has won the 11th national billiards title by defeating Dhruv Sitwala at the final game. Pankaj



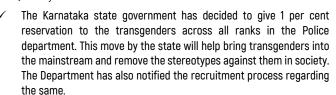
- ✓ In 2018, he has been awarded with the Padma Bhushan Award by the Government of India. Dhruv Sitwala has reached three world finals, and twice been Asian Billiards champion.
  - 6. "Dragon spacecraft" belongs to which space agency?
  - A) NASA
  - B) Virgin Atlantic
  - C) Space X 🗹
  - D) Blue Origin
- SpaceX's 'Dragon spacecraft' has been launched for making its 24th commercial cargo supply for NASA to the International Space Station on 21st December 2021. The launch took place from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.



- A) Indian Army 🗹
- B) Indian Navy
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ The first set of indigenously developed next-gen armoured engineer reconnaissance vehicle was inducted into the Corps of Engineers of Indian Army. The system has been designed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and manufactured by Ordnance Factory Medak and Bharat Electronics Limited, Pune. The vehicle can provide a real-time update to force commanders.
  - 8. Which state government has notified 1 percent reservation to Transgenders across all ranks in the Police department?
  - Al Tamil Nadu
  - B) Karnataka 🗹
  - C) Odisha
  - D) Madhya Pradesh



9. Which country recently launched the "Inmarsat-6 F1 satellite"?

- A) USA
- B) Japan 🗹
- C) Israel
- D) UAE
- Japan has recently launched an advanced commercial communications satellite named 'Inmarsat-6 F1' aboard H-2A rocket. It is a 5,470-kilogram satellite and is one of the largest and most sophisticated commercial communications satellites ever launched.



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10. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has recently launched an intelligent transport system in which place?

- A) Delhi Expressway 🗹
- B) Ahmedabad Expressway
- C) Bengaluru Expressway
- D) Lucknow Expressway

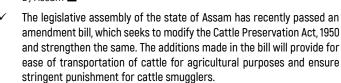


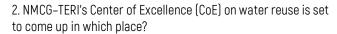
- Union minister Nitin Gadkari has recently inaugurated an intelligent transport system at the Eastern Peripheral Expressway at Delhi.
- This aims to minimize traffic related problems and improve safety of the travellers. The intelligent transport system is the one which has state of the art transportation infrastructure which gives prior information about traffic to improve driver's comfort, detect any accident and sends alerts to ensure that an ambulance reaches the spot in the shortest possible time.

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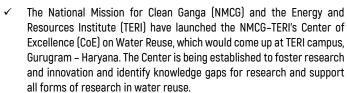
1. Which state has recently passed an amendment to the Cattle Preservation Act,1950?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Assam 🗹

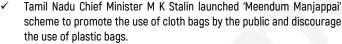


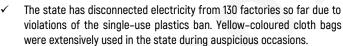


- A) Gurugram 🗹
- B) New Delhi
- C) Mumbai
- D) Kolkata



- 3. Which state launched 'Meendum Manjappai' scheme to promote use of cloth bags?
- A) Tamil Nadu 🗹
- B) Kerala
- C) Karnataka
- D) Telangana





- 4. Which Indian state stands first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)?
- A) Karnataka
- B) Telangana 🗹
- C) Bihar
- D) West Bengal



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- Telangana stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). The scheme was launched four years ago to promote local economic development, enhance basic services and create well planned clusters. Sangareddy and Kamareddy districts claimed the first two positions among the 300 clusters across the country, where the programme is being implemented.
  - 5. Moyuka Uchijima, who recently won the Women's ITF singles title, is from which country?
  - A) China
- B) Japan 🗹
- C) South Korea
- D) North Korea



- ✓ Japanese tennis player Moyuka Uchijima won her maiden \$25,000 Women's ITF singles title. She defeated Diana Marcinkevica of Latvia in the singles final of the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the NECC Deccan \$25,000 Women's ITF Championships. Another Japanese pair Funa Kozaki and Misaki Matsuda won the second place in doubles title.
  - 6. Which Union Ministry is implementing 'Gram Ujala programme'?
  - A) Ministry of Power
  - B) Ministry of Rural Development
  - C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
  - D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



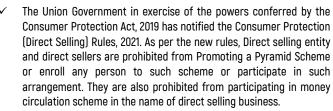
✓ Gram Ujala scheme is a flagship scheme of the Union Ministry of Power. Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) is providing high quality LED bulbs with 3 years guarantee at a cost of INR 10 per bulb in exchange of working incandescent bulbs. Recently, CESL has achieved a remarkable milestone of distributing 50 lakhs LED bulbs under Project Crore of Gram Ujala programme.

7. Which Asian Country recently unveiled its National Security Policy?

- Al Sri Lanka
- B) Pakistan 🗹
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Bangladesh

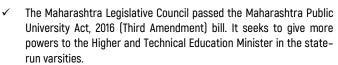


- ✓ Pakistan's Cabinet endorsed the country's first-ever National Security Policy (NSP), which emphasised that economic progress should be at the center of national security. The Cabinet has adopted the document which was approved by the high-powered National Security Committee (NSC). The Policy is a five-year policy document covering the period 2022-26.
  - 8. The latest version of 'Consumer Protection Act' was passed in which year?
  - A) 2010
  - B) 2015
  - C) 2019 🗹
  - D) 2021



9. Which state's legislative council has passed a bill to give more powers to Higher Education Minister in the state-run varsities?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Maharashtra 🗹
- D) Telangana



The bill also allows the minister to make recommendations to the Governor who is the chancellor of the universities. It also proposes

appointment of the Minister as pro-chancellor of the universities.

10. As per the Ratings agency ICRA, what is the estimated real GDP Growth of India in FY 2022?

A) 12.5%

B) 11%

C) 10%

D) 9% 🗹



✓ The Ratings agency ICRA has maintained its forecast of a 9.0% GDP expansion for India in FY2022. It maintained that a K-shaped divergence will be seen amongst the formal and informal sectors of the economy. The ratings agency also expects the economy to maintain a similar 9.0% growth in the next fiscal year FY2023.

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- 1. KSLV-II Nuri rocket, is the first domestically produced space launch vehicle of which country?
- A) South Korea 🗹
- B) Israel
- C) UAE
- D) Bangladesh



- South Korea's first domestically produced space launch vehicle KSLV-II Nuri rocket failed due to a loose helium tank. All the three stages of the rocket worked, taking it to a height of 700 kilometres, and the 1.5-tonne payload separated successfully. The mission failed as the third-stage engine stopped burning 46 seconds earlier than schedule.
  - 2. Which country launched the 'Better Health Smoke-Free' campaign?
  - A) Australia
  - B) UK 🗹
  - C) India
  - D) France



- Smoke-Free' campaign, which highlights the impact of adult smokers on younger people. The campaign has urged the smokers to quit smoking. As per the data released by the campaign, 4.9 per cent of teenagers whose parents smoke have also adopted the habit. New Zealand has also set goals to go smoke-free by 2030.
  - 3. 'Financial Stability Report (FSR)' is the flagship report released by which institution?
  - A) NITI Aayog
  - B) Reserve Bank of India **Z**
  - C) World Bank
  - D) Asian Development Bank



- 'Financial Stability Report (FSR)' is a half-yearly report released by the 'Reserve Bank of India'. The recent edition of the report was released by RBI. As per the report, the retail-led credit growth model in India is beginning to face issues due to two factors, increase in defaults in the consumer finance portfolio and slowdown in the new credit segment.
  - 4. Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah is the Prime Minister of which country?
  - A) Bahrain
  - B) Kuwait 🗹
  - C) Oman
  - D) Saudi Arabia



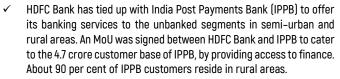
- Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah is the Prime Minister of Kuwait. Kuwait has recently formed a new cabinet with a new finance minister and three opposition legislators. The cabinet has only one female minister. It includes three opposition MPs and one pro-government lawmaker.
  - 5. Which country is the new member of the BRICS New Development Bank?
  - A) Italy
  - B) Egypt 🗹
  - C) Israel
  - D) Bangladesh



- The BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) announced that it will add Egypt as its new member. NDB was established by BRICS nations, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, in the year 2015.
- Egypt is the fourth new member admitted into NDB, after Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Uruguay. Marcos Troyjo is the President of the NDB.
  - 6. Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) is implemented by which Union Ministry?
  - A) Ministry of Power
  - B) Ministry of Atomic Energy
  - C) Ministry of Home Affairs
  - D) Ministry of Coal
- The Government of India has approved the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) to improve the efficiencies of DISCOMs by providing financial assistance. Two PSUs-REC and PFC have been nominated as nodal agencies for implementing the scheme. Assam and Meghalaya have been recently announced as frontrunners for Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).
  - 7. "Airgun Surrender Abhiyan", is being implemented in which state/UT?
  - A) Chhattisgarh
  - B) Arunachal Pradesh 🗹



- C) Assam
- D) West Bengal
- 'Airgun Surrender Abhiyan' is being implemented in Arunachal Pradesh. Under the programme, people are voluntarily surrendering their airguns to stop indiscriminate hunting of birds. PM Narendra Modi recently appreciated about the Airgun Surrender Abhiyan.
  - 8. HDFC Bank has tied up with which bank, to expand its banking services to semi-urban and rural areas?
  - A) India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
  - B) Kerala Gramin Bank
  - C) Tamil Nadu Grama Bank
  - D) South Indian Bank



- 9. India is set to chair the counter-terrorism committee at UNSC in which year?
- A) 2022 🗹
- B) 2023
- C) 2024
- D) 2025
- India is set to chair the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) during the year 2022. India had earlier chaired this committee in 2012. In this tenure, India also chairs the Taliban Sanctions Committee. India is set to chair the 15-nation council for two years.



10. What is the expansion of 'FFV-SHEV', related to the recent guidelines of Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry?

- A) Flex Fibre Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles
- B) Flex Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles 🗹
- C) Flex Fibre Substitute Hybrid Electric Vehicles
- D) Flex Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles



✓ Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry has released guidelines regarding Flex Fuel Vehicles (FFV) and Flex Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV). The Automobile Manufacturers are advised to manufacture the vehicles complying with BS-6 Norms within a period of six months.

- 1. Felis silvestris ornate is the scientific name of which animal, spotted for the first time in Madhya Pradesh's Panna Tiger Reserve?
- A) Indian Desert Cat 🗹
- B) Deer



- An Indian Desert Cat has been spotted for the first time in Madhya Pradesh's Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR). "Felis silvestris ornate" is the scientific name of the species. The Indian Desert Cat is usually found at the Thar desert in Rajasthan. A fishing cat, one of the endangered animals in India, was earlier spotted in the reserve.
  - 2. The GST Council has decided to defer the increase in GST Rate on which product?
  - A) Textile 🗹
  - B) Automobile
  - C) Mobile Phones
  - D) Cotton



- ✓ The GST Council decided to defer the increase in the rate for textiles to 12% from 5%. It has referred the matter to a panel of Ministers, to review Rate Rationalisation. The GST on all readymade textile items, except those made with cotton, was earlier hiked to 12 per cent. The GST on footwear, except those below Rs 1,000, was also hiked to 12 per cent from 5 per cent. State representatives from Gujarat, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu opposed the hike.
  - 3. Which state government slashed Rs 25 per litre on petrol price for two-wheelers owned by the poor?
  - A) Tamil Nadu
  - B) Odisha
  - C) Jharkhand 🗹
  - D) Kerala



- ✓ Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren announced concession of Rs 25 per litre on petrol price for two-wheelers owned by the poor. The concession will be given for 10 litres of petrol for every month. An amount of Rs 25 per litre would be transferred to the bank account of poor ration card holders.
  - 4. What is the deadline for KYC updation for bank accounts, as per the recent notification of RBI?
  - A) January 31, 2022
  - B) March 31, 2022 🗹
  - C) June 30, 2022
  - D) September 30, 2022



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the last date for KYC updation for bank accounts by three months to March 31 next year. The deadline has been extended due to prevalent uncertainty due to new variant of COVID-19.
- RBI had relaxed the rules first in May last year due to pandemic. It also announced that banking services should not be restricted because the KYC documents are not updated by the customer.
  - 5. Which is India's first indigenously developed Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) protein sub-unit vaccine for COVID-19?
  - A) CORBEVAXTM **☑**
- B) NOVAVAX
- C) DIVIVAX
- D) SEROVAXTM



- India's first indigenously developed Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) protein sub-unit vaccine for COVID-19 is CORBEVAXTM. The vaccine, which has been developed by Biological E Limited, has recently received the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) approval for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).
- ✓ The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and its PSU Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), have supported Biological E's COVID-19 vaccine candidate.
  - 6. Which country has recently purchased 25 Chinese J-10C fighter jets?
  - A) Afghanistan
  - B) Pakistan 🗹
  - C) Sri Lanka
  - D) Bangladesh
- The Pakistan Government has confirmed the purchase of at least 25 Chinese J-10C fighter jets for the Pakistan Air Force. Pakistan claims these jets as an alternative to France's Rafale fighter jets owned by India. Pakistan also has a fleet of US-made F-16s jets.
  - 7. Surya Regional Water Supply Project, is being implemented in which state?
  - A) Karnataka
  - B) Maharashtra 🗹
  - C) Andhra Pradesh
  - D) Telangana



- ✓ Surya Regional Water Supply Project is being implemented in Mumbai, which will provide 403 million litres per day (MLD) water supply to two Municipal Corporations, at the western sub-region of Mumbai. Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (MMRDA) has achieved the first tunnel breakthrough of the project. The project is expected to be completed in phases till 2023.
  - 8. Trace Gas Orbiter was launched to analyse the atmosphere of which planet?
  - A) Venus
  - B) Mars 🗹
  - C) Jupiter
  - D) Saturn
- The Trace Gas Orbiter, also called as ExoMars TGO is a collaborative project between the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Russian Roscosmos agency. Trace Gas Orbiter (TGO) arrived at Mars in 2016 and began its full mission in 2018. Recently, a new image taken by the spacecraft shows a small crater in the Vastitas Borealis region. The crater is partially filled with water ice.
  - 9. 'Tejas' is a new programme, launched by India in association with which country?
  - A) USA
- B) UAE 🗹
- C) Australia
- D) France
- Under the new programme of Tejas, or Training in Emirate Jobs & Skills, the Government has partnered with leading employers in the UAE to train certify and place Indian workers in the Gulf countries.
- ✓ It aims to train, certify and place 10,000 Indian workers in a year and 100,000 workers across the Gulf Cooperation Council region over the next 5 years.

10. Ziyuan-1 02E satellite is a new Earth Observation Satellite launched by which country?

- A) Japan
- B) China 🗹
- C) UAE
- D) Israel



- China has deployed a new Earth resources observation satellite named 'Ziyuan-1 02E', via its Chang Zheng 4C rocket. The satellite, along with an amateur radio CubeSat, lifted off recently.
- Ziyuan (ZY), meaning Resource, is a series of remote-sensing satellites, that aim to acquire high-resolution images. The images can be used for surveying Earth resources, disaster management, and land use monitoring.

1. When is the 'International Day of Epidemic Preparedness' observed?

- A) December 25
- B) December 26
- C) December 27 🗹
- D) December 28



- December 27 is observed as the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness. The first International Day of Epidemic Preparedness was marked in 2020 based on the proclamation of United Nations General Assembly. According to WHO, the day marks the significance of preventing, preparing for and partnering against epidemics.
  - 2. 'World Sangeet Tansen festival' is being held in which state?
  - A) Madhya Pradesh 🗹
  - B) Maharashtra
  - C) Sikkim
  - D) Arunachal Pradesh



- World Sangeet Tansen festival has started from Madhya Pradesh. The festival will be organised till December 30 in Gwalior. This is the 97th edition of the World Sangeet Tansen festival.
- The stage has been constructed on the theme of Siddhanath temple situated in Omkareshwar. National Kalidas Awards will be presented in the inauguration ceremony.
  - 3. Which Indian bureaucrat has been appointed Deputy National Security Advisor?
  - A) Vikram Misri 🗹
  - B) Arun Kumar Singh
  - C) Dinesh Bhatia
  - D) Manpreet Vohra



- India's former envoy to China Vikram Misri was appointed Deputy National Security Advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat. He was an Indian Foreign Service Officer in the 1989 batch and has held several diplomatic positions. Mr Misri was appointed as India's Ambassador to China in 2019. The Ministry of External Affairs had earlier appointed Pradeep Kumar Rawat as the next ambassador to China.
  - 4. Which Union Ministry has set up six Task Forces on 6G technology?
  - A) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
  - B) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
  - C) Ministry of Communication
  - D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry



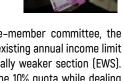
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), under the Ministry of Communication has constituted six Task Forces on 6 G technology. The task forces are headed by various academia from across the country Directors of IIT-Madras, IIT-Kanpur, IISc among others. India is deploying 5G technology this year and the group will analyse the process and challenges in 6G.
  - 5. 'SMILE' scheme is to be implemented by which Union Ministry?
  - A) Ministry of Education
  - B) Ministry of Women and Child Development
  - C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment **I**
  - D) Ministry of Rural Development



- SMILE (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) is an umbrella scheme being formulated by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. It includes two sub-schemes for the welfare of transgender persons and persons engaged in begging. The scheme will include rehabilitation, medical facilities, counselling, education, skill development and economic linkages.
  - 6. What is the Current Account Balance of India, in the second quarter ended September 2021?
  - A) \$9.6 billion surplus
  - B) \$9.6 billion deficit **I**
  - C) \$0.6 billion surplus
  - D) \$0.6 billion deficit
- India's current account balance posted a deficit of \$ 9.6 billion in the second guarter ended September 2021 (Q2Fy22). It forms 1.3 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).
- The current account was in surplus \$ 6.6 billion (0.9 percent of GDP) in the first quarter ended June 2021(Q1Fy22). As per the RBI, the current account deficit (CAD) was mainly due to widening of trade gap and increase in outgo of investment income.
  - 7. As on January 1, 2022, what is the estimated population of the world, as per the US Census Bureau?
  - A) 3.8 billion
  - B) 5.8 billion
  - C) 7.8 billion 🗹
  - D) 9.8 billion

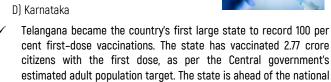
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- The world's population is projected to be 7.8 billion people, as on New Year's Day 2022, according to the US Census Bureau. This represents an increase of 74 million people, or a 0.9% growth rate from New Year's Day 2021. 4.3 births and two deaths are expected every second worldwide. China remains the world's most-populous country with 1.4 billion people and India would overtake it by 2025.
  - 8. What is the existing annual income limit for identification of economically weaker section?
  - A) Rs 6 lakh
  - B) Rs 8 lakh 🗹
  - C) Rs 9 lakh
  - D) Rs 10 lakh



- After the recommendation by the three-member committee, the Centre has decided to continue with the existing annual income limit of ₹8 lakh for identification of economically weaker section (EWS). The Supreme Court raised doubts over the 10% quota while dealing with NEET-PG admissions and the Centre set up the committee to revisit the income limit of EWS quota. The committee comprised former union finance secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey among others.
  - 9. What is the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) of India in the year 2020-21?
  - A) 918
  - B) 920
  - C) 937 🗹
  - D) 951
- India's Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) improved by 19 points at National level, from 918 in the year 2014-15 to 937 in 2020-21. This was announced during the Year End Review of Women and Child Development

- Ministry. The "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme" is being implemented across India, covering 640 districts across the country.
- ✓ The Poshan Tracker application ensures real-time monitoring of supplementary nutrition. The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana scheme is implemented for pregnant women and lactating mothers.
  - 10. Which is India's first large state to record 100 percent first-dose vaccinations?
  - A) Tamil Nadu
  - B) Telangana 🗹
  - C) Andhra Pradesh



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