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1. Mannu Bhandari, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?

- A) Sports
- B) Literature ☒
- C) Politics
- D) Business



- ✓ Mannu Bhandari a famous author in Hindi literature, passed away recently at the age of 90. She is the author of classic works such as 'Mahabhoj' and 'Aapka Bunty'. She published her autobiography in the title - 'Ek Kahani Yeh'. She received several prominent literary awards in the country including Vyas Samman.

2. As per the data on e-Shram portal, which occupation sector has seen the maximum registrations from informal workers?

- A) Construction
- B) Agriculture ☒
- C) Domestic and household workers
- D) None of the above



- ✓ e-Shram portal is the country's first centralised database of unorganised workers seeded with Aadhaar. The occupation-wise registration data shows the maximum registrations have been seen in the agriculture sector (53.6 percent), followed by construction (12.2 percent) and domestic and household workers (8.71 percent).
- ✓ Of the over 7.86 crore registrations on the database, 40.5 percent belong to Other Backward Classes, 27.4 percent to the general category, 23.7 percent to the Scheduled Castes and 8.3 percent to the Scheduled Tribes.

3. The Annual Council of Ministers meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) was recently held in which city?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Dhaka ☒
- C) Colombo
- D) Male



- ✓ The 21st Annual Council of Ministers (COM) meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) was held in a hybrid format in Dhaka. India virtually participated in the meeting. The Dhaka Communiqué was adopted at the end of the meeting.
- ✓ India also congratulated Bangladesh for assuming the Chairship of IORA and welcomed the Russian Federation as the new Dialogue Partner of IORA. Ambassador Salman Al-Farisi has been selected as the next Secretary-General (SG) of IORA.

4. Which Union Ministry is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) scheme?

- A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- B) Ministry of Rural Development ☒
- C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave its approval for continuation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-I and II upto September 2022, at a cost of Rs 33,822 crore. Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the PMGSY scheme. The Cabinet approved the construction of 32,152 km of roads which are to be completed in tribal and backward areas, including those affected by left wing extremism. CCEA also approved continuation of Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas up to March, 2023.

5. Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), which is seen in the news sometimes, is associated with which sector?

- A) Coal Mining
- B) Telecommunication ☒
- C) Automobile
- D) Textiles



- ✓ The Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003 gave statutory status to the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). It is the pool of funds generated by the Levy that is charged upon all the telecom fund operators on their Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR).
- ✓ Cabinet clears proposal for mobile services in 7,287 uncovered villages in 44 Aspirational Districts of 5 states by utilisation of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). The five states are Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Odisha.

6. Department of Animal husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) functions under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying ☒
- C) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ An MoU was signed between the Department of Animal husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) and the Ministry of Food Processing Industry (MoFPI). DAHD functions under the aegis of Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
- ✓ This MoU will facilitate extension of benefits to dairy entrepreneurs and dairy industries through convergence of various schemes of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

7. What is the position of India in producing footwear and leather garments in the world?

- A) First
- B) Second ☒
- C) Fourth
- D) Tenth



- ✓ India is the second largest producer of footwear and leather garments in the world. Exports of leather, footwear and leather products reached \$3.67 billion during 2020-21 (April to Feb). Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal addressed the National Export Excellence Awards presentation ceremony of the Council for Leather Exports (CLE).

8. The United Nations General Assembly has designated the year 2021 as?

- A) International Year Against Terrorism
- B) International Year of Health Care
- C) International Year to fight COVID
- D) International Year of Fruits and Vegetables ☒



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has declared the year 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables, with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as the lead agency to celebrate this year, along with other relevant organizations.
- ✓ This year seeks to spread awareness on the role played by fruits and vegetables in human nutrition, and in food security.

9. Which institution released the report titled "Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India"?

- A) FAO
- B) WEF ☒
- C) IMF
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ World Economic Forum released a research report titled "Mission 2070: A Green New Deal for a Net Zero India", in collaboration with Kearney and Observer Research Foundation. In the latest research report, the World Economic Forum has highlighted that a Green New Deal for India could bring a \$15 trillion economic opportunity by 2070.

10. When is the 'National Legal Services Day' observed in India?

- A) 9 November ☒
- B) 11 November
- C) 13 November
- D) 15 November



- ✓ 'National Legal Services Day' is observed across the country annually on 9 November. It aims to commemorate the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act and to create awareness about the provisions related to the act. The Legal Services Authorities Act was enacted in 1987 to provide a "statutory base to legal aid programmes" in India on a uniform pattern.
- ✓ The Act came into existence on 9 November 1995. The purpose of the Act is to provide competent and free legal aid to people who belonged to marginalised socio-economic communities in the country.

1. India's first 'Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) project' is to come up in which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Maharashtra ☒
- D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ In 2016, the Indian government gave an 'in principle' approval to the LIGO-India mega science proposal for research on gravitational waves. India's Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) project facility is to come up in Maharashtra. Recently, the Hingoli revenue department has handed over 225 hectares of land in the state for the project.

2. India's first fisheries business incubator - 'LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC)' was inaugurated in which city?

- A) Vishakhapatnam
- B) Cochin
- C) Gurugram ☒
- D) Gandhinagar



- ✓ Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala inaugurated India's first-of-its-kind, dedicated fisheries business incubator known as LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC) in Gurugram.
- ✓ It aims to encourage initiatives among entrepreneurs providing them support in the fisheries sector to move towards self-reliance. The incubator costs Rs 3.23 crore. In total, there are around 30,000 cooperatives in the fisheries sector.

3. What is the theme of the campaign undertaken during World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2021?

- A) Infection control
- B) Go Blue ☒
- C) Overusing antimicrobials
- D) Antimicrobial surveillance



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared antimicrobial resistance (AMR) as one of the top 10 global health threats. This year during the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (November 18-24), 'Go Blue' campaign aims to raise awareness on AMR.
- ✓ Antimicrobial resistance occurs when microbes such as bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites don't respond to medicines, which makes infections difficult to treat.

4. "Stop Soros" legislation, which was seen in the news sometimes, was passed by which country?

- A) Italy
- B) Hungary ☒
- C) Australia
- D) USA



- ✓ The "Stop Soros" legislation was passed in June 2018, by the Hungarian parliament. It outlawed helping illegal immigrants apply for residence inside the country, with punishments of up to one year in prison.
- ✓ The legislation was supported by Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and his ruling party Fidesz. Recently the European Union (EU) Top Court has ruled that Hungary's move to criminalise support of asylum seekers infringes EU law.

5. Which Indian state has launched the 'Mother on Campus' initiative, to improve academic performance of students?

- A) Assam
- B) Tripura ☒
- C) Gujarat
- D) Odisha



- ✓ The Tripura Education Department has launched the 'Mother on Campus' initiative, to improve academic performance of students. Here, biological or legally-authenticated mothers can stay with their children on campus, to induce a sense of security among children and to benefit the academic performance of the children.
- ✓ Mothers of children staying in state-run hostels and boarding schools in Tripura can now stay with the kids.

6. What is the new name given to the species of human ancestors, who lived in Africa during the Middle Pleistocene?

- A) Homo bodoensis ☒
- B) Homo Africane
- C) Homo chibanian
- D) Homo Neanderthals



- ✓ Scientists have discovered a species of human ancestors called 'Homo bodoensis' who lived around half a million years ago, in Africa during the Middle Pleistocene which is now known as Chibanian.
- ✓ The term 'bodoensis' has been derived from a skull found in Bodo D'ar, Ethiopia.

7. Who is the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic advisory council?

- A) Bibek Debroy ☒
- B) Rakesh Mohan
- C) Poonam Gupta
- D) T T Ram Mohan



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the reconstitution of his Economic advisory council (EAC-PM). Bibek Debroy, President of the Indian Statistical Institute, is the Chairman of the council. Former RBI deputy governor Rakesh Mohan, along with IIM Ahmedabad Professor T T Ram Mohan, and Director-General of NCAER Poonam Gupta, are the three new members to join the seven-member council.
- ✓ The new advisory council has been appointed for a period of two year. The Chairman of the council and three other members have been retained.

8. Vilwadri cattle, which was seen in the news, was announced as 'genetically divergent' in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Odisha



- ✓ The native Vilwadri cattle of Thrissur district of Kerala is genetically divergent from the rest of the cattle population in the State.
- ✓ The genetic diversity study was done by a group of scientists of the Centre for Advanced Studies in Animal Genetics and Breeding (CASAGB). The Vilwadri cattle, which are found in the Palakkad-Thrissur border, cattle are humped like other indigenous cattle of the State but they are bigger with longer horns. Indigenous breeds are disease-resistant and can withstand high temperatures.

9. Which country is the first in the world to approve an oral pill 'Molnupiravir' to treat symptomatic Covid?

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



- ✓ UK medicines regulator has recently approved the first antiviral pill designed to treat symptomatic Covid. The tablet named Molnupiravir will be given twice a day to vulnerable patients recently diagnosed with the disease. The pill which was originally developed to treat flu, is claimed to cut the risk of hospitalisation or death by about half.
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10. "Pekapeka-tou-roa", is a long-tailed bat belonging to which country?

- A) Australia
- B) New Zealand ☒
- C) Japan
- D) China



- ✓ The Pekapeka-tou-roa which is a long-tailed bat belonging to New Zealand has been awarded Bird of the Year award of the year 2021, awarded by the country's independent organization named "Forest and Bird". This award is a sort of competition, under which New Zealanders rank their favorite birds among the country's native species, which creates awareness of their ecological plight.
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1. Delhi Government announced a six-point action plan to completely clean the Yamuna by which year?

- A) 2022
B) 2025 ☒
C) 2030
D) 2035

2025

- ✓ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced a six-point action plan to completely clean the Yamuna by 2025. The action plan includes building new sewage treatment plants (STP), increasing capacity of existing STPs, and introducing new technology to ensure that pollutants do not flow into the Yamuna.

2. What is the uniform Goods and services tax (GST) rate on fabrics, apparel, and footwear, from January 2022?

- A) 5
B) 8
C) 12 ☒
D) 18

12%

- ✓ The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has notified a uniform goods and services tax rate of 12 per cent on fabrics, apparel, and footwear. The new rate aims to correct the inverted duty structure and the changed rates will come into effect from January 1, 2022. Earlier the GST Rate was 5 per cent for sale value up to Rs 1,000 per piece in the case of apparels and per pair in the case of footwear.

3. Which Indian state has been ranked first in the Indian Police Foundation's Smart Policing Index?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Telangana
C) Andhra Pradesh ☒
D) Gujarat

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- ✓ The Indian Police Foundation launched the Smart Policing Index 2021. IPF used six competency-based dimensions and three values-based dimensions of trust in the survey. It measures public perceptions and citizen satisfaction in the survey. The level of satisfaction with the quality of policing was highest in Andhra Pradesh (8.11), Telangana (8.10), Assam (7.89). They are followed by Kerala, Sikkim and Mizoram.

4. Which Asian country recently approved a record \$490 billion stimulus package to tackle Covid pandemic?

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



- ✓ Japan's Cabinet approved a record 56 trillion-yen (\$490 billion) stimulus package, to help the economy worsened by the coronavirus pandemic. The plan includes \$880 each in monetary assistance to those 18 years or younger, and aid for businesses whose sales declined because of Covid measures. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida announced the plan.

5. What is the theme of the 'World Toilet Day' 2021?

- A) Valuing toilets ☒
B) Importance of sanitation
C) Global sanitation crisis
D) Collective action



- ✓ 'World Toilet Day' is observed on November 19 every year by the United Nations. The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of sanitation and ensure collective action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. This year, the theme is 'Valuing Toilets'.

6. Which institution has established a team of experts to execute proposed Open Network for Digital Commerce project?

- A) Quality Council of India ☒
B) National Payment Corporation of India
C) Reserve Bank of India
D) NASSCOM



- ✓ The Quality Council of India (QCI) has established a team of experts for execution of a proposed project – Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). Several small and medium enterprises have been on-boarded as volunteers for execution of a project, as per the Commerce and Industry ministry.
- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has initiated this project, to democratise electronic commerce, by moving it from a platform-centric model to an open-network.

7. India has applied for a USD 2 billion loan to purchase COVID-19 vaccines, from which institution?

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



- ✓ India has applied a USD 2 billion loan to purchase COVID-19 vaccines, from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) along with the Asian Development (ADB). Manila-based ADB is expected to finance USD 1.5 billion and Beijing-based AIIB is considering to provide USD 500 million. About 667 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were expected to be procured through the loan.

8. Which country launched the Initiative for the Resilient Island States (IRIS) at COP 26 summit?

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



- ✓ India Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Initiative for the Resilient Island States (IRIS) for developing infrastructure of small island nations. The Prime Minister said that the Small Island Developing States or SIDS face the biggest threat from climate change. India's space agency ISRO will build a special data window for them to provide them information about cyclones, coral-reef monitoring, coast-line monitoring through satellite.

9. Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana 2021 is launched by which state / UT?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Maharashtra
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Delhi ☒



- ✓ The Government of Delhi has launched Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana 2021, has been launched by the Government of Delhi for the benefit of students belonging to Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribe, and Backward Class.

- ✓ Under the scheme, free coaching classes for needy students who are preparing for UPSC, CDS, NEET, JEE Main examinations.

10. Inti tanager (*Heliotheraupis oneilli*), a recently discovered species is a?

- A) Bird ☒
- B) Fish
- C) Snake
- D) Spider



- ✓ The newly-discovered species, named the Inti tanager (*Heliotheraupis oneilli*), belong to the large family of Thraupidae which includes more than 370 songbird species. The birds are restricted almost entirely to the American tropics. This particular bird inhabits the Yungas bioregion of Bolivia and Peru.

1. As per Brazil's annual report, Deforestation in Amazon rainforest has increased by what percent in a year?

- A) 2
B) 22 ☒
C) 42
D) 62



- ✓ As per the Brazil Government's annual report, Deforestation in Amazon rainforest has increased by 22 per cent in a year, which is the highest level since 2006. The National Institute for Space Research's 'PRODES' monitoring system showed that Amazon lost 13,235 square kilometers of rainforest during the 12-month period.
- ✓ Brazil's government announced a two-year deadline to halt illegal deforestation by 2028 during the UN Climate Summit in Glasgow.

2. "Ex-SHAKTI 2021" the Indo-France joint military exercise commenced at which place?

- A) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
B) Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune
C) Military School of Draguignan, France ☒
D) Vishakhapatnam

- ✓ The Sixth Edition of Indo-France joint military exercise "Ex-SHAKTI 2021" has commenced at the Military School of Draguignan, France. The training includes mutual understanding of conduct of operations, and identification of coordination aspects required for jointly operating in a Counter-Terrorism environment.

3. International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) holds an international Dialogue in which country annually?

- A) Bahrain ☒
B) UAE
C) Russia
D) UK



- ✓ The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) holds the Manama Dialogue, at Manama, Bahrain. The 2021 summit took place between 19-21 November. The IISS Manama Dialogue is a unique forum for government ministers, experts and business communities, to discuss the Middle East's important security challenges.
- ✓ Since 2002 the Institute has hosted the annual IISS Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore. The IISS publishes 'The Military Balance', an annual assessment of nations' military capabilities.

4. Which country's National Youth and Children's Orchestras "El Sistema", set a Guinness record for the world's largest orchestra?

- A) Russia
B) Venezuela ☒
C) Israel
D) France



- ✓ Venezuela's National System of Youth and Children's Orchestras – called as "El Sistema", has set a new Guinness record for the world's largest orchestra. As many as 8,573 musicians played La Marche Slave by Pyotr Tchaikovsky for more than five minutes.
- ✓ The previous record was for an orchestra of 8,097 musicians who played together in St. Petersburg, Russia.

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6. CAATSA, which was seen in sometimes, is an act related to which country?

- A) USA ☒
B) Russia
C) China
D) UK



- ✓ CAATSA-Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act is a 2017 law, which intends punish countries that did business with some countries including Russia. Three Republican U.S. senators filed legislation to exempt India from sanctions for purchasing a Russian S400 missile defense system. This would create a 10-year exemption for member countries of the QUAD – Australia, Japan and India – from sanctions imposed by CAATSA.

7. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)?

- A) Ashok Bhushan ☒
B) A K Sikri
C) Ranjan Gogoi
D) J Mukhopadhyaya



- ✓ Retired Supreme Court Judge-Justice Ashok Bhushan has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), for four years or till he attains 70 years. The post was left vacant by the retirement of the then chairperson, Justice S J Mukhopadhyaya, in March 2020.
- ✓ The government also appointed retired Chief Justice of Manipur High Court, Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar, as the chairperson of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

8. Landsat 9, which was seen in the news recently, was launched by which organisation?

- A) ISRO
B) NASA ☒
C) SpaceX
D) Blue Origin



- ✓ NASA's Earth-observing satellite Landsat 9 was launched on September 27. It is a joint mission between NASA and the US Geological Survey (USGS). The satellite has collected its first light images of Earth, capturing critical. The images would help to understand climate crisis, manage agricultural practices, preserve resources and respond to natural disasters.

9. Bandi Chhor Divas (Day of Liberation) is associated with which religion?

- A) Hinduism
B) Islam
C) Sikhism ☒
D) Jainism



- ✓ Bandi Chhor Divas ("Day of Liberation"), which coincides with Diwali Day, is a Sikh day of celebration. It commemorates the day Guru Hargobindji was released from Mughal jail at Gwalior Fort. Mughal Emperor Jahangir had imprisoned the sixth guru Hargobindji after killing his father Guru Arjan Devji for refusing to convert to Islam.
- ✓ On Diwali Day, when it was decided that Guru Hargobindji would be released, he insisted that the 52 kings wrongfully held like him, shall walk out. "Bandi" means an inmate held in prison for political reasons.

10. Parker Solar Probe, which was seen in the news recently, was launched by which country?

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



- ✓ NASA's fastest spacecraft ever flown - the Parker Solar Probe was launched in the year 2018 to investigate the sun. This spacecraft has gotten closer to the sun than any other missions.
- ✓ The craft has been designed to move at a very high speed and withstand very high temperatures. Recently, it has been found that hypervelocity dust impacts have led to plasma explosions on Parker Solar Probe.

1. When is the 'World Television Day' celebrated?

- A) November 18
B) November 21 ☒
C) November 23
D) November 25



- ✓ World Television Day is celebrated across the world on November 21 to mark the impact of television in the contemporary world. The UN General Assembly decided November 21 to be marked as World Television Day since the first World Television Forum was held on November 21-22 in 1996.

2. 'DEAFinitely Leading the Way', which won the ABU - UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021, is a programme of which media company?

- A) Doordarshan ☒
B) NDTV
C) Times Now
D) Zee TV



- ✓ In the Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)-UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021, Doordarshan's 'DEAFinitely Leading the Way' won the award under 'Living Well with Super Diversity' category. All India Radio's program called 'Living on the edge - The coastal lives' won the award in 'Ethical & Sustainable Relationship with Nature' category. The awards ceremony was held at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

3. 'Jigyasa programme', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Science and Technology ☒
B) Economics
C) Sports
D) Nutrition



- ✓ India's first virtual science lab for children under the 'CSIR Jigyasa' programme was launched recently, by the Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh. CSIR has partnered with IIT Bombay to develop a virtual lab platform under the 'CSIR Jigyasa' programme, which enables classroom learning with laboratory research for school students. The target audience for the virtual lab is students of classes 6-12.

4. Who is the Chief of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Personal Data Protection Bill 2019?

- A) V Muraleedharan
B) N Ravi
C) P P Chaudhary ☒
D) S Jaishankar



- ✓ The Joint Parliamentary Committee on Personal Data Protection Bill 2019 has defended the controversial exemption clause that allows the Government to keep any of its agencies outside the purview of the law. The committee, headed by P P Chaudhary, has retained the Clause with minor change. The report will now be presented in the Parliament.

5. Kanaka Dasa, was a 15th century poet, saint & social reformer of which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Karnataka ☒
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Odisha



- ✓ Kanaka Dasa Jayanthi is celebrated in Karnataka to pay tribute to the 15th century poet, saint and social reformer Kanaka Dasa. Kaginele, the birthplace of Saint Kanaka Dasa is refurbished by the Government for public visiting.
- ✓ The kirtans sung by Kanaka Dasa and other Dasas of the Bhakti movement including Puranadara Dasa, Vijaya Dasa and Gopala Dasa are known as Dasa Sahitya and Devaranamas in Kannada literature.

6. Which country has sign key deal in nuclear submarine alliance, with the USA and the UK?

- A) France
B) Australia ☒
C) Italy
D) Israel



- ✓ Australia signed an agreement with the USA and UK allowing the exchange of sensitive "naval nuclear propulsion information" between their nations. This three-way deal gives Australia US nuclear-powered submarine technology. It is the first agreement on the technology to be publicly signed since the three countries announced the formation of a defence alliance, AUKUS.

7. Karnataka Rajyotsava and Kerala Piravi Day are celebrated on which day, every year?

- A) October 3
B) November 1 ☒
C) November 3
D) November 5



- ✓ Kerala, Karnataka Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, and Andhra Pradesh celebrate their statehood or foundation days on November 1. In Kerala, the foundation day is celebrated as 'Kerala Piravi Day' while in Karnataka the foundation day is celebrated as 'Karnataka Rajyotsava'.

8. Which international organisation launched the journal 'Solar Compass' at COP26 conference?

- A) International Solar Alliance ☒
B) International Energy Agency
C) International Atomic Energy Agency
D) International Renewable Energy Agency



- ✓ The International Solar Alliance (ISA) and Netherlands-based publishing company Elsevier has launched journal 'Solar Compass' with Ambassador Stephane Crouz at the COP26 Climate Conference. The ISA is an inter-governmental treaty-based international organisation initiated by India.
- ✓ Ajay Mathur, Director-general of International Solar Alliance released the first official call for papers to authors around the world.

9. What is the name of the mobile application launched by Union Minister of Law & Justice, to offer legal advice and consultation?

- A) Citizen's Tele-Law ☒
B) Bharat Tele-Law
C) Atmanirbhar Nyayalay
D) Nyay For All



- ✓ Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju launched the Citizen's Tele-Law Mobile Application. This app would connect the beneficiaries directly with panel lawyers offering legal advice and consultation. Kiren Rijiju has also announced the expansion of Tele-

Law in 75,000 Gram Panchayats covering all states and UTs.

10. Where is India's first Food Museum launched?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Ghaziabad
- C) Pune
- D) Thanjavur ☒



- ✓ The union minister for Commerce, Industry, Food and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal has virtually inaugurated the India's first Food Museum at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The museum has been developed jointly by Food Corporation of India and Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museums at a project cost of Rs.1.10 crore.

1. As per the "Global State of Democracy 2021" report, which country was added to the list of "backsliding" democracies, for the first time?

- A) India
- B) USA ☒
- C) Brazil
- D) UK



- ✓ The International think tank International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) released its report titled "Global State of Democracy 2021". It added the United States to its annual list of "backsliding" democracies for the first time. It also stated that their data suggests that the backsliding episode began at least in 2019.
- ✓ As of 2021, the world will have 98 democracies, the lowest number in many years, some countries like India, the Philippines and the USA imposed measures that amount to democratic violations.

2. 'Matosinhos Manifesto', which was seen in the news, is approved by which space agency?

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



- ✓ The European Space Agency (ESA) council approved the 'Matosinhos Manifesto' to accelerate the use of space in Europe. The new document signed by ministers from the ESA's 22 member states outlines three urgent initiatives named "Accelerators". They also signed two missions, which aim to establish the ESA's own system to launch astronauts into space and to probe Jupiter's frozen moon Enceladus.

3. WMO Meeting on the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) river basins is being held in which place?

- A) Varanasi
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Patna
- D) Lucknow



- ✓ A meeting on the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) river basins, jointly organised by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and India Meteorological Department (IMD), recently began in New Delhi. Scientists from Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and China are attending the meeting.
- ✓ India and its neighbouring countries sharing the trans-boundary GBM basins are planning to develop a Hydrological SOS system, a system to share data on reservoirs, rivers and dam waters.

4. Tanya Mama, who was seen in the news, was a tribal leader of which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Madhya Pradesh ☒
- D) Jharkhand



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that Patalpani railway station in Indore will be renamed as Tanya Mama railway station. Tanya was a member of the Bhil tribe, of the indigenous Adivasi community, born in Madhya Pradesh. Mama Tanya Bhil's was hanged by the British on 4th December.

5. "Magdalena Andersson" was the first female prime minister of which country, who has resigned in less than 12 hrs of office?

- A) Denmark
- B) Australia
- C) Sweden ☒
- D) Ireland



- ✓ The Social Democrat Magdalena Andersson was Sweden's first female prime minister, who has recently resigned from the top post in less than 12 hours. She was forced to resign as the PM because of the collapse of the coalition when the Green party, a minority in the coalition, had quit.

6. What is the name of the scheme, which provides five kg grain per person per month free of cost to all NFSA beneficiaries?

- A) PM - KVV
- B) PM - JDY
- C) PM - FBY
- D) PM - GKAY ☒



- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana was launched by the Government of India in wake of COVID 19 related disruptions and lockdown. The scheme envisages to provide five kg grain per person per month free of cost to all NFSA beneficiaries.
- ✓ Recently, the Government of India has announced to extend the scheme from December 2021 till March 2022.

7. As per the National Family and Health Survey (NFHS-5), there are how many women for 1000 men in the country in 2019-2021?

- A) 1000
- B) 941
- C) 1020 ☒
- D) 916

1020

- ✓ The Government of India's Union health ministry has recently released the results of the fifth round of the National Family and Health Survey (NFHS-5), conducted in two phases between 2019 and 2021. As per the survey, in 2019-2021, there are 1020 women for 1000 men in the country. Also, the total fertility rate has come down to 2.

8. Which is the 4th stealth Scorpene class submarine that was commissioned to the Indian Navy recently, under Project 75?

- A) INS Chakra
- B) INS Hamsa
- C) INS Hamla
- D) INS Vela ☒



- ✓ The Indian Navy has commissioned and inducted INS Vela, which is India's fourth stealth Scorpene class submarine built under Project 75. The vessel was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd in association with Naval Group of France.
- ✓ INS Kalvari, Khanderi, Karanj are the other three Scorpene class submarines built and inducted into the Navy.

9. Pakistan has permitted India to transport 50,000 tonnes of wheat and life-saving medicines to which country?

- A) Turkmenistan
- B) Iran
- C) Afghanistan ☒
- D) Tajikistan



- ✓ The Government of Pakistan has officially permitted India to transport 50,000 tonnes of wheat and life-saving medicines from India to Afghanistan, through the Wagah land border. This permission comes as a goodwill gesture to the Afghan. India has offered to supply wheat and other essential items on humanitarian grounds to Afghanistan. But, with no flight operations to Afghanistan, the supply was not being carried out pending clearance from Pakistan.
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10. What is the new category of Bangladesh and Nepal, as per UN General Assembly's recent resolution?

- A) Least developed country
B) Developing country ☒
C) Poor Country
D) Middle Income Country



- ✓ The UN General Assembly has adopted a historic resolution to graduate three nations, including Bangladesh and Nepal, from the least developed country category to the developing country grouping. The UNGA adopted the resolution at its 76th session, which graduated three countries including Bangladesh, Nepal and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
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1. What is the 'Word of the year 2021' as per Collins Dictionary?

- A) Crypto-currency
- B) Bitcoin
- C) NFT ☒
- D) De-Fi



- ✓ Collins Dictionary has chosen the term 'NFT' (short for non-fungible token), as its word of the year 2021. As per Collins, the word's usage increased 11,000 percent. There has been a surging interest in the digital tokens that can sell for millions of dollars.

2. Which state has passed 'Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill 2021', to levy a green tax on vehicles?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Andhra Pradesh ☒
- C) Telangana
- D) Odisha



- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh State Assembly has passed the AP Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill 2021 to levy green tax on vehicles. The Green tax will soon be imposed on all vehicles, barring motorcycles and auto-rickshaws.

3. Which country has announced more than EUR 1.2 billion to aid India's fight against climate change?

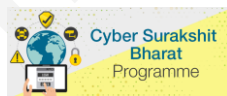
- A) France
- B) Germany ☒
- C) Italy
- D) UK



- ✓ Germany has announced new commitments for more than EUR 1.2 billion (approx. INR 10,025 crore) to aid India's fight against climate change and for cooperation on clean energy. Germany has announced its target to reach climate neutrality by 2045 and emissions reductions in the energy and industry sectors by 77 and 58%, compared to 1990. India and Germany account for nearly 9% of global greenhouse gas.

4. What is the name of the first PPP initiative of Ministry of Electronics and IT, to ensure awareness about cybercrime for Chief Information Security Officers?

- A) Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative ☒
- B) Surakshit Bharat; Swasth Bharat
- C) Surakshit CISOs
- D) Safest CISOs



- ✓ 'Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative' is the first PPP initiative of Ministry of Electronics and IT, which was launched in January 2018. It aims to ensure awareness about cybercrime for Chief Information Security Officers.
- ✓ The National e-Governance Division under MeITY is conducting a six-day Deep Dive Training program for Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) and frontline IT officials from various Ministries & Departments, organisations from Central and State Governments, PSUs, banks, etc.

5. The Death Anniversary of which leader is observed as 'Mahaparinirvan Divas'?

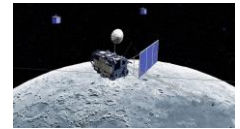
- A) Dr BR Ambedkar ☒
- B) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- C) Jyotirao Phule
- D) Dayananda Saraswati



- ✓ The death anniversary of Babasaheb Dr BR Ambedkar is observed as has been observed as 'Mahaparinirvan Divas', on December 6 every year. Millions of his followers gather at his resting place Chaitya Bhumi, located in Mumbai to pay tributes. This year, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi is addressing the followers at Chaitya Bhumi through video conference.

6. Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX) is a joint mission to the Moon, involves which two countries?

- A) India-Israel
- B) India-France
- C) India-Japan ☒
- D) India-Russia



- ✓ The Indian and Japanese space agencies are planning to launch a joint mission to the Moon, aiming to explore the Moon's polar region. The mission, which will be known as Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX), will comprise of an Indian lunar lander and a Japanese rover. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) revealed this mission at the Sydney Dialogue.

7. Which city has won Urban Affairs Ministry's award for the city with the best public transport system?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Surat ☒
- C) Gandhinagar
- D) Lucknow



- ✓ Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry presented the 14th edition of Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2021. Surat won the award for the city with the best public transport system, and Kochi was judged the city with most sustainable transport system. The awards were presented by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri at Urban Mobility India conference. Nagpur's multi-modal integration with Metro rail, Delhi's Metro also won awards.

8. Sankalp Gupta, who is seen in the news recently, is associated with which sport?

- A) Chess ☒
- B) Soccer
- C) Table Tennis
- D) Swimming



- ✓ Sankalp Gupta from Nagpur, who is 18 years old has become the 71st Grandmaster of India. He achieved this feat after completing third and final norm at the GM Ask 3 round-robin event in Arandjelovac. Three required GM norms were acquired by Sankalp Gupta in a record time of 24 days, by playing three back-to-back tournaments.

9. Which Union Ministry announced amendments in the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Consumer Affairs ☒
- C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- D) Ministry of Food Processing Industries



- ✓ Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution has amended the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011. The amendments will come into effect from 1st April, 2022.

- ✓ A new provision has been introduced to indicate the unit sale price on pre packed commodities. The provision of declarations of MRP has been simplified by removing illustration and making the mandatory

declaration of MRP in Indian currency inclusive of all taxes.

10. Which city has been designated as a part of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)?

- A) Pune
- B) Cochin
- C) Srinagar ☒
- D) Kolkata



- ✓ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated Srinagar as a part of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN). After Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Varanasi and Jaipur, Srinagar is the sixth Indian city to achieve this honour. The capital city of Jammu and Kashmir has also entered the club of 295 creative cities network across the world.
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