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1. Which Indian city is set to host the 'National Tribal Dance Festival' 2021?

- A) Ranchi  
B) Raipur ☒  
C) Vishakhapatnam  
D) Shillong



- ✓ National Tribal Dance Festival is set to take place in Raipur from October 28, as per the Chhattisgarh Tourism Board. The three-day National Tribal Dance Festival in Raipur will host Indian tribal artists along with those belonging to tribal communities from countries including Uzbekistan, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Syria, Mali, among others. The first edition of the National Tribal Dance Festival was held in 2019.

2. What is the name of the storm that has swept across Poland, Germany, France and the Netherlands?

- A) Alisa  
B) Aurore ☒  
C) Afro  
D) Bizarre



- ✓ Storm "Aurore" swept across parts of northern Europe, leaving four dead in Poland and causing severe damage in Germany, France, the Netherlands and other places. Power disruption were observed across Northern Europe due to the strong winds and fallen trees. Several houses and properties were destroyed. Railways and Airlines were also disturbed due to the effects of the storm.

3. Which city is the host of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2021?

- A) Varanasi  
B) Goa ☒  
C) Cochin  
D) Puducherry



- ✓ The 52<sup>nd</sup> edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is set to be held in Goa, from Nov.20-28. The union minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur announced that Hollywood veteran Martin Scorsese and celebrated Hungarian film-maker Istvan Szabo will be honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award at this year's film festival.

4. Which institution released the 'Global Threat Assessment report 2021'?

- A) UNICEF  
B) WeProtect Global Alliance ☒  
C) CRY  
D) World Economic Forum



- ✓ WeProtect Global Alliance, a global movement released the 'Global Threat Assessment report 2021'. As per the report, COVID-19 contributed to a significant spike in child sexual exploitation and abuse online. WeProtect Global Alliance is a global movement of more than 200 governments, private sector companies and civil society organisations.

5. With reference to Jaynagar-Kurtha cross-border rail link, in which country is Kurtha located?

- A) Nepal ☒  
B) Bhutan  
C) Bangladesh  
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ Ircon International on behalf of Government of India (GoI), has handed over the newly commissioned cross-border rail section from Jaynagar to Kurtha (Nepal) to Government of Nepal.  
✓ Under the grant assistance from Government of India, the work of Jaynagar (India) to Bardibas (Nepal) rail line project was undertaken by Ircon International. The first phase of Jaynagar-Kurtha section is a part of Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas rail link being built under grant assistance of NPR 8.77 billion.

6. Which city played host to the first-ever National Inter-Religious Conference, held in India?

- A) Mumbai  
B) Pune  
C) Nagpur ☒  
D) Varanasi



- ✓ The first-ever National Inter-Religious Conference was organised in Nagpur by Lokmat Media Group. This was organised to commemorate its Nagpur edition's golden jubilee year. The theme of this conference was "Global Challenges to Communal Harmony and Role of India." Shri. Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways was the chief guest of the event. Several spiritual leaders from diverse religions were invited as speakers for the event.

7. Which is the first airline to launch direct flights from Srinagar to Sharjah?

- A) IndiGo  
B) Go First ☒  
C) Air India  
D) Vistara



- ✓ India's low-cost airline Go First became the first airline to launch direct flights from Srinagar to Sharjah.  
✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah flagged off the first international flight services from Srinagar to Sharjah, from the Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport in Srinagar. This is expected to enhance the economic bonds between India and UAE. Go First will operate four flights every week between Srinagar and Sharjah.

8. Which neighbouring country of India has passed a new law to strengthen land border protection?

- A) Nepal  
B) China ☒  
C) Sri Lanka  
D) Bangladesh



- ✓ China passed a new law to strengthen land border protection amid the ongoing military tension along the disputed boundary with India.  
✓ The legislation formalises combining the military defence of China's land borders, along with improving social and economic development in the Indo-China border areas. It also strengthens the People's Liberation Army's (PLA) policy to work closely with civilians staying in border areas including Tibetan villagers.

9. Which Ministry has approved the Pilot Project on skilling of Design and Commissioning technical personnel?

- A) Ministry of Defence  
B) Ministry of Textiles ☒  
C) Ministry of MSME  
D) Ministry of Steel



- ✓ Ministry of Textiles has approved the Pilot Project on skilling of Design and Commissioning technical personnel associated with the application of geotextiles in infrastructure projects.
- ✓ The project will be conducted by the Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. The faculty will look after the implementation of the special courses in consultation with the other concerned centres.

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10. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Green Day Ahead Market'?

- A) Ministry of Coal
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- C) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy ☒
- D) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare



- ✓ The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy launched a new market segment named Green Day Ahead Market (GDAM).
- ✓ It will enable electricity generation and distribution companies to buy or sell renewable energy through open access. With this, the Indian government is aiming to gradually shift from long term power purchase agreement-based contracts to market-based models.



1. Where is the Institute of Tropical Meteorology located?

- A) Mumbai  
B) Kolkata  
C) New Delhi  
D) Pune ☒



- ✓ The Institute of Tropical Meteorology (ITM) is an autonomous institution under the Union Ministry of Earth Science, and is located at Pune. The institution has developed and launched a new 'Decision Support System' (DSS) aimed to enhance the existing 'Air Quality Early Warning System', for air quality measurement and management in Delhi.

2. Kung Fu Nuns, who won the Martial Arts Education Prize 2021 from the UNESCO, belong to which lineage of Buddhism?

- A) Drukpa ☒  
B) Nyingma  
C) Kagyu  
D) Sakya



- ✓ The world-renowned Kung Fu Nuns of the Drukpa order of Buddhism has won the prestigious Martial Arts Education Prize 2021 from the UNESCO International Centre for Martial Arts for their brave acts of service. Through martial arts, the Drukpa nuns empower young girls to defend themselves, build confidence, and take on leadership roles in their communities.

3. What is the name of India's first indigenous aircraft carrier?

- A) Arjun  
B) Vikrant ☒  
C) Kattabomman  
D) Bharathi



- ✓ India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant has recently begun its second phase of sea trials, ahead of its planned induction into the Indian Navy by August 2022. The warship will operate MiG-29K fighter jets, Kamov-31 helicopters, MH-60R multi-role helicopters.

4. Mullaperiyar dam, located in Kerala, is in control of which state?

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



- ✓ The Mullaperiyar dam is located in the state of Kerala and is in control of Tamil Nadu. There has been a long dispute since it presents a threat to lakhs living downstream in Kerala and it irrigates over 2 lakh hectares in five districts of Tamil Nadu. Recently, the Supreme Court directed that the maximum water level in Mullaperiyar dam should be 139.50 ft until November 10. The dam is located in the upper region of the river Periyar, which originates in Tamil Nadu and flows into Kerala.

5. 'National Fund to Control Drug Abuse' is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs  
B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒  
C) Ministry of Women and Child Development  
D) Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ The Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has recently recommended that the National Fund to Control Drug Abuse may be

used to carry out de-addiction programmes. The fund was created in accordance with a provision of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, has a nominal corpus of ₹23 crore.

- ✓ The Act states that the fund would be used to combat illicit trafficking of narcotics, rehabilitating addicts, and preventing drug abuse. As the fund is being used only for policing activities, the Ministry proposed to add de-addiction to it.

6. 'Operation Red Rose' is an anti-illicit liquor campaign, being implemented in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu  
B) New Delhi  
C) Punjab ☒  
D) Rajasthan



- ✓ Punjab's Excise Department launched 'Operation Red Rose' in 2020, to curb illicit liquor trading and nail excise-related crimes. Recently, it has been using precise tracking and monitoring systems like Global Positioning System (GPS) technology, to check illicit distillation and smuggling of liquor.

7. "Appscale Academy" is an initiative by which tech giant, in association with the MeitY Startup Hub?

- A) Yahoo  
B) Facebook  
C) Twitter  
D) Google ☒



- ✓ The tech major Google has partnered with MeitY Startup Hub, to launch "Appscale Academy", which aims to help Indian startups to create high-quality apps. The initiative of Google would specifically cater to the needs to local – early to mid-stage startups in India and support them to create applications in domains like gaming, education, social impact, health care etc.

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. Kushagra Rawat and Srihari Nataraj are associated with which sport?

- A) Cricket  
B) Golf  
C) Archery  
D) Aquatics ☒



- ✓ Kushagra Rawat of Delhi and Srihari Nataraj of Karnataka are Indian Aquatic champions, who have created new national records in 400m freestyle and 100 backstroke events respectively at the 74<sup>th</sup> Senior National Aquatic Championships.

- ✓ Kushagra Rawat has created a new record of 3:53.68 seconds, while Srihari Nataraj finished in 55.10 seconds in 100 m back stroke.

10. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime?

A) Austria ☒

B) USA

C) Germany

D) Hungary



- ✓ The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) was established in the year 1997 with its headquarters as Vienna, Austria. The institution is in news recently, as it has launched Data Disclosure Framework (DDF) in association with the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.
- ✓ The DDF is a tool which describes the practices developed to handle and respond to the data requests from foreign criminal justice authorities for counter-terrorism investigations.

1. India signed a MoU with which country to exchange information in the field of public sector audit?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Switzerland
- C) Maldives ☒
- D) Cayman Islands



- ✓ A memorandum of understanding was signed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu and his counterpart Hussain Niyazy at Male. It aimed at exchanging information in the field of public sector audit between India and Maldives. The countries seek to strengthen their respective institutions' professional capacity and improve methodologies in the field of public finance audit.

2. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who was seen in the news, has been re-elected as the President of which country?

- A) Afghanistan
- B) Uzbekistan ☒
- C) Syria
- D) Maldives



- ✓ Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has been re-elected for a second five-year term, according to the preliminary results of a poll. Mirziyoyev won the elections with 80.1 percent of the vote as per Uzbekistan's Central Election Commission. The 64-year-old leader took office in 2016 following the death of long-time President Islam Karimov.

3. The UN Disarmament Week is observed annually during which month?

- A) November
- B) October ☒
- C) September
- D) August



- ✓ The UN Disarmament Week is observed annually during the month of October. This year disarmament week started on October 24 and the week-long observance will continue till October 30. It aims to promote the awareness and understanding the issues of disarmament in several countries. The observance aims to reduce the use of weapons, specifically nuclear weapons, to bring peace in the society. The United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC) was set up in 1952 under the UN Security Council to eliminate all weapons of mass destruction.

4. Queen Heo Hwang-ok Memorial Park, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) South Korea
- B) India ☒
- C) China
- D) Thailand



- ✓ The Park, which was earlier known as Ram Katha Park, situated on the banks of the Sarayu in Ayodhya, is being renovated. After it is inaugurated on November 4, the space will be known as Queen Heo Hwang-ok Memorial Park. It is named after a Korean queen.
- ✓ Queen Heo Hwang-ok was a Korean queen who is believed to have been born Princess Suriratna of Ayodhya, daughter of King Padmasen and Indumati. Padmasen ruled the kingdom of Kausala, a region which extended from present-day Uttar Pradesh to Odisha.

5. Which country has recently proposed a 'Wealth Tax'?

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



- ✓ US President Joe Biden has announced more conventional proposed rate hikes on the income of large corporations and the wealthiest Americans, similar to a 'Wealth Tax'. This new tax would apply to people with over \$1 billion in assets or \$100 million in income for three straight years.

6. Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which district(s)?

- A) Ramanathapuram & Thoothukudi ☒
- B) Tirunelveli
- C) Sivagangai & Ramanathapuram
- D) Kanyakumari



- ✓ Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve includes a chain of islands and adjoining coral reefs off the coasts, located in Tamil Nadu. The annual migration of birds from the Arctic to the Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve has begun recently. A big flock of birds was sighted in the Manoli Islands inside the park. Thousands of Arctic terns and gulls, hundreds of grey plovers.

7. As per the 'Digital 2021: October Global Snapshot', what is the world's population that uses a mobile phone?

- A) 45
- B) 65 ☒
- C) 75
- D) 80



- ✓ Research firm We Are Social released a report titled 'Digital 2021: October Global Snapshot'. As per the report, more than 65% of the world's population now uses a mobile phone. Global mobile phone users reached 5.29 billion in October. The report also highlighted that, social media users are likely to be adopted by 60% of the global population in the first half of 2022.

8. Which country is set to start 'Knock Every Door' campaign to boost vaccination?

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



- ✓ According to a release issued by the Union Health Ministry of India, "Har Ghar Dastak" (Knock Every Door) campaign is scheduled to start soon in districts with low vaccination rates. It aims to motivate people to get vaccinated. As per the Health Ministry, there were more than 10.34 crore people in the country who had missed the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine that they were due to take.

9. India's Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra has recently overseen the presidential election of which country?

- A) Singapore
- B) Uzbekistan ☒
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Thailand



- ✓ India's Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra led a three-member delegation to Uzbekistan to oversee the country's presidential election. Indian team has overseen the election as an international observer.
- ✓ Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev got over than 80% of the vote in the elections and was re-elected for a second five-year term. CEC Sushil Chandra and Uzbekistan's election commission, led by Zainiddin Nizamkhodjaev, held a meeting on electoral cooperation.

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10. Which Indian state has topped the Public Affairs Index?

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



- ✓ Public Affairs Centre (PAC), a Bengaluru-based non-profit think tank releases the Public Affairs Index every year. In this year's Public Affairs Index (PAI 2021), Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana have taken the top three positions, among the 18 large states in governance performance.
- ✓ The index is based on scores secured by the states in governance performance across the pillars of equity, growth and sustainability. COVID response index has been added to this year's index for the first time. Sikkim, Goa and Mizoram are winners among the small states, Puducherry, J&K and Chandigarh topped among the UTs.

1. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Deep Dive Online Training program'?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is organising a week-long Deep Dive Online Training program. The training program is organised by National e-Governance Division at MeitY under the Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative.
- ✓ MeitY launched the Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative in 2018, as the first public-private partnership in cyber awareness. This online program trains Chief Information Security officers (CISO) along with IT staff of different Ministries, PSUs and Banks.

2. Who is the Chairperson of the Prime Minister's Economic advisory council (EAC-PM)?

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



- ✓ 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.

3. Which institution releases the periodic Greenhouse gas bulletin?

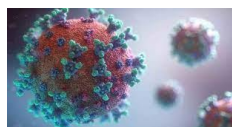
- A) NITI Aayog
- B) World Meteorological Organisation ☒
- C) Food and Agricultural Organisation
- D) NABARD



- ✓ The latest GHG bulletin has been released by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). As per the report, the increasing trend of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions continued in 2021.
- ✓ The report also highlighted that all three major GHGs, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), recorded an increase in concentration in 2020 compared to previous years. The average global warming would exceed Paris Agreement's target of global temperature if emissions continue at the current pace.

4. 'AY.4.2', which was seen in the news recently, is a \_\_\_?

- A) AI Chatbot
- B) Coronavirus lineage ☒
- C) Space vehicle
- D) Exoplanet



- ✓ AY.4.2, which was seen in the news, is a 'Coronavirus lineage'. Lineages are the labels given to the branches of the COVID evolutionary chart to illustrate their relatedness.
- ✓ The lineages are overseen by the Pango network, a team of researchers from the universities of Edinburgh and Oxford. They act as the custodians of lineages and handle the assignment of new labels. This AY.4.2. lineage is traced back to April this year.

5. 'Joint Statistical Publication (JSP) 2021 and JSP Snapshot 2021' are the publications of which regional association?

- A) G-20
- B) ASEAN
- C) BRICS ☒
- D) BIMSTEC



- ✓ The Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices of BRICS Countries was held in virtual format, chaired by India.
- ✓ The Chief Statistician of India and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) chaired the meeting. During the meeting, the Joint Statistical Publication (JSP) 2021 and JSP-Snapshot 2021 for BRICS Countries were released. The theme of meeting was "NSOs efforts in monitoring Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".

6. Cook Strait, which was seen in the news, recently is located in which country?

- A) New Zealand ☒
- B) UK
- C) Australia
- D) France



- ✓ Cook Strait separates the North and South Islands of New Zealand. It connects the Tasman Sea on the northwest with the South Pacific Ocean on the southeast. Recently, Freedman, who founded the company ElectricAir, crossed the strait for the first time in an electric plane. This 40-minute solo flight was held 101 years after the first person flew a conventional aircraft over the strait.

7. What is the name of the website launched by Indian climate experts for assessing equity in climate action?

- A) Climate Equity Monitor ☒
- B) Bharat Climate Monitor
- C) Bharat Climate Dashboard
- D) Global CC Monitor



- ✓ Independent researchers from India have conceptualized and developed an online dashboard named "Climate Equity Monitor" on Global climate policy.
- ✓ The Climate Equity Monitor dashboard provides an online dashboard for assessing equity in climate action, inequalities in emissions, energy consumption across the world, and climate policies of several countries. It aims to monitor the performance of Annex-I Parties under the UNFCCC (developed countries).

8. 'STRIVE' is World Bank funded project being implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Skill Development ☒
- B) Ministry of Education
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) is a World Bank funded project approved in 2016 for a total cost of Rs. 2200 crore. The project aims to create awareness through industry clusters to address issues pertaining to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The STRIVE program was launched in Mangaluru, through Kanara Industries Association-Industrial Cluster.



9. Which Indian state is set to commence the census of Indus River dolphins?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Punjab ☒
- C) Haryana
- D) Bihar



- ✓ Punjab is set to commence the census of the Indus River dolphin (*Platanista gangetica minor*). It is a freshwater dolphin that is found in river Beas. The Indus River dolphin is classified as 'endangered' by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- ✓ In 2007, the dolphins were discovered in Punjab's Harike wildlife sanctuary. The Indus River dolphin was declared the State aquatic animal of Punjab in 2019.

10. Which organisation delivered First Ship of Project 15B Class Destroyer– Yard 12704 (Visakhapatnam) to the Indian Navy?

- A) DRDO
- B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders ☒
- C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- D) HAL



- ✓ Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) has delivered First Ship of Project 15B Class Destroyer–Yard 12704 (Visakhapatnam) to the Indian Navy. The ship is constructed using Indigenous Steel DMR 249A and is amongst the largest Destroyers constructed in India. It has an overall length of 164 meters and a displacement of over 7500 tons.

1. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has created 'Single Window Filming mechanism', along with which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Defence
- B) Ministry of Railways ☒
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ An integrated Single Window Filming mechanism has been created by the Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The objective of the scheme is to make the permission for filming across Railways premises easier and more efficient.

2. In the COP26 climate summit's first major deal, the leaders promised to end and reverse deforestation by which year?

- A) 2030 ☒
- B) 2040
- C) 2050
- D) 2070



- ✓ In the COP26 climate summit's first major deal, as many as 110 world leaders promised to end and reverse deforestation by 2030. Named 'Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use', the pledge includes \$12 billion in public funds and \$7.2 billion of private investment of public and private funds. A previous deal in 2014 had failed to slow deforestation at all.

3. Mandakini River, which was seen in the news recently, starts in which state?

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



- ✓ River Mandakini, a tributary of the Yamuna, starts in Madhya Pradesh's Satna district and flows into the Yamuna in Uttar Pradesh Chitrakoot district. The river flows through Sati Anusuiya, a perennial trough where many springs feed into it. It was seen in the news recently, as encroachment, concretisation and pollution are causing severe damages to the river.

4. Which country is set to provide "India Green Guarantee" to the World Bank, to finance green projects?

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



- ✓ The UK will provide an "India Green Guarantee" to the World Bank, to unlock 750 million pounds for green projects across India. This was announced at the COP26 summit in Glasgow. The green guarantee financing will support clean and resilient infrastructure in sectors including clean energy, transport and urban development. UK committed over 210 million pounds at the UN climate summit under Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG).

5. Which Indian bank launched the first 'Video life certificate service' for pensioners?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Canara Bank
- C) State Bank of India ☒
- D) Bank of Baroda



- ✓ The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched the first 'Video life certificate service' for pensioners. This new facility will allow pensioners to submit their life certificates through video from their homes. As per the SBI, this facility is available for only pensioners and spouse of the pensioner receiving a pension will not be able to use this facility. The process of video life certificate is paperless and also available free of cost.

6. As per a recent NASA study on Climate change, which crop is set to see a growth of 17% due to climate change?

- A) Rice
- B) Wheat ☒
- C) Maize
- D) Cotton



- ✓ According to a new NASA study published in the journal, Nature Food, climate change may affect the production of maize and wheat by 2030 under a high greenhouse gas emissions scenario. As per the study, Maize crop yields are projected to decline by 24%, while wheat could potentially see a growth of about 17%. This is due to increases in temperature, shifts in rainfall patterns, and elevated surface CO2 concentrations from greenhouse gas emissions.

7. 'Bestu Varas' is the New year day celebrated in which state?

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



- ✓ 'Bestu Varas' or Gujarati new year is celebrated in Kartik month of the Hindu calendar. The day is traditionally known as Varsha Pratipada or Bestu Varas. People celebrate this day by preparing new books to keep accounts called the Chopda. They also worship Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Krishna on this day.

8. Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-adhikar Yojna pertains to which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Odisha
- C) Haryana
- D) Madhya Pradesh ☒



- ✓ The Government of Madhya Pradesh has announced to provide Residential Lands, free of cost to people of the state, who do not own any land. The land can be used for building own houses by the people. The free plots would be provided under the scheme named "Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-adhikar Yojna".

9. 'PMFME' scheme is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Food Processing Industries ☒
- C) Ministry of Agriculture
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ Food Processing Industries Minister Prashupati Kumar Paras launched a bakery brand Dilli Bakes, under the One District, One Product (ODOP) initiative. Whole wheat rusk is the first product launched under the Dilli Bakes brand.

- ✓ The Government is promoting one product from one district under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. The product has been launched in

association with cooperative NAFED.

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10. 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.
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1. Which organisation released a report titled 'Sustainable Urban Cooling Handbook'?

- A) UNEP ☒  
 B) FAO  
 C) NITI Aayog  
 D) NABARD



- ✓ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released a new report titled 'Sustainable Urban Cooling Handbook'. As per the report, cities will be the hotspots as global warming continues uncontrolled. Overheated cities will face climate change costs. The report is based on an analysis of the world's 1692 largest cities.

2. As of November 2021, how many countries are part of the Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA)?

- A) 8  
 B) 18  
 C) 48 ☒  
 D) 88



- ✓ Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA) is an international alliance dedicated to phasing out coal. 28 countries have recently joined the alliance at the COP summit. This addition brings the total number of national governments involved to 48.
- ✓ The new members of PPCA include Ukraine, Poland and Singapore. However, China, India and the United States, the three biggest burners of coal worldwide, have not joined the PPCA.

3. Inti tanager (*Heliothraupis oneilli*), a recently discovered species is a?

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



- ✓ The newly-discovered species, named the Inti tanager (*Heliothraupis 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.

4. Which organisation has launched a smart anti-airfield weapon, along with Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- A) ISRO  
 B) DRDO ☒  
 C) BHEL  
 D) HAL



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Air Force (IAF) have jointly carried out two flight tests of the indigenously-developed smart anti-airfield weapon.
- ✓ The weapon was launched by an IAF aircraft from Chandan ranges at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, as per Defence Ministry statement. The system is designed for a maximum range of 100 kilometres and in both the tests, the intended target was hit with high accuracy.

5. What is the theme of 2021 edition of World Cities Day?

- A) Designed to Live Together  
 B) Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience ☒  
 C) Changing the world



D) Promoting a better urban future

- ✓ The United Nations' World Cities Day is observed on October 31 to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.
- ✓ This year, in 2021, the UN has selected "Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience" as the theme. The general theme of World Cities Day is 'Better City, Better Life'.

6. On which date, the 2021 edition of World Thrift Day is observed in India?

- A) October 30 ☒  
 B) October 31  
 C) November 01  
 D) November 02



- ✓ World Thrift Day is observed on 30 October every year in India and in worldwide it is observed on 31<sup>st</sup> October. This day is devoted to the promotion of savings all over the world.

7. On which date, World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed?

- A) November 02  
 B) November 03  
 C) November 04  
 D) November 05 ☒



- ✓ The World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on Nov.5 to raise awareness about precautionary measures against tsunami and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.
- ✓ Tsunamis are rare events, but can be extremely deadly. In the past 100 years, 58 tsunamis have claimed more than 260,000 lives, which is the highest number of deaths than in any other natural hazard.

8. What is the theme of 2021 edition of World Science Day for Peace and Development?

- A) Science, a Human Right  
 B) Science for Global Understanding  
 C) Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums  
 D) Building Climate-Ready Communities ☒



- ✓ The World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed every year on 10<sup>th</sup> of November to highlight the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. The theme for 2021 is "Building Climate-Ready Communities".

9. "The State of Climate Ambition" is a report released by which organization?

- A) UNGA  
 B) UNDP ☒  
 C) IMD  
 D) WHO



- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has released a report titled "The State of Climate Ambition", which has observed that close to 93% of Least developed countries have submitted enhanced national climate pledges.
- ✓ The report is released ahead of the COP26 climate negotiations. The report makes a comparative study between the current climate



trends and the assessment made in the 2019 NDC Global Outlook report.

10. What is the name of the deep-sea vehicle being designed in India, under the Samudrayan initiative?

- A) Jadayu 6000
- B) Samudra 6000
- C) Matsya 6000 ☒
- D) Meru 6000



- ✓ The Matsya 6000 is the deep-sea vehicle being designed under the Samudrayan initiative. The vehicle will be ready for qualification trials by December 2024. The vehicle could work at a depth between 1000 and 5500 mts. The technology would help in carrying out deep ocean exploration of non-living resources like poly-metallic manganese nodules, gas hydrates, hydro-thermal sulphides and cobalt crusts.

1. Indian Railways has introduced a special train 'Gati Shakti Superfast Special train' between which cities?

- A) Delhi-Patna ☒
- B) Delhi-Varanasi
- C) Varanasi-Kevadia
- D) Delhi-Nainital



- ✓ Indian Railways has introduced a special train 'Gati Shakti Superfast Special train' between Delhi and Patna. The Anand Vihar Terminal – Patna – Anand Vihar Terminal Gati Shakti Superfast Special train has been launched for the convenience of the passengers during this festive season.

2. Shaktikanta Das has been appointed as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for how many years, from 2021?

- A) Two years
- B) Three years ☒
- C) Four years
- D) Five years



- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet reappointed Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for three years beyond 10.12.2021 or until further orders. Shaktikanta Das, a retired Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer, assumed charge as the 25<sup>th</sup> governor of the RBI effective December 12, 2018. He had also served as a member of the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission for a year.
- ✓ Benegal Rama Rau served RBI Governor between July 1, 1949, and January 14, 1957 and that is the longest such tenure so far.

3. Which Union Ministry has initiated reforms in public procurement and project management to help MSMEs?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Finance ☒
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Food Processing Industries



- ✓ The Finance Ministry has initiated reforms in public procurement and project management to execute projects and provide payments to the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) on time. The new guidelines permit alternative methods for selection of contractors. Whereas, the old system gives weightage to the lowest commercial bid.

4. Which sector of people made up the largest share of total suicides, as per NCRB data on suicides?

- A) Daily Wage Earners ☒
- B) House-wives
- C) Unemployed Persons
- D) Farmers



- ✓ As per the data by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 37,666 daily wage workers died by suicide in 2020, who made up the largest share of total suicides. They are followed by House-wives and persons in farming sector. As per the report, the country reported more than 1.53 lakh suicides last year highest in the last 10 years.
- ✓ It also cited that an average of 31 children died by suicide every day in India in 2020. As many as 11,396 children died by suicide in 2020, at an 18 per cent rise from 2019.

5. Which Union Ministry has announced competitions for Deshbhakti Geet writing?

- A) Ministry of External Affairs
- B) Ministry of Culture ☒
- C) Ministry of Rural Development
- D) Ministry of Electronics and IT



- ✓ Ministry of Culture has announced three competitions under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. They are Deshbhakti Geet writing, Rangoli Making and Lori writing. The competitions have been launched from Tehsil and Taluka level to National level. The initiative was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mann Ki Baat.
- ✓ This competition will be held for a couple of months and the rewards to the winners will be presented by the Ministry.

6. 'Dairy Sahakar', a scheme recently launched, will be implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Cooperation ☒
- D) Ministry of Food Processing Industries



- ✓ Amit Shah, Union Minister Cooperation launched the "Dairy Sahakar" scheme at Anand, Gujarat, during the celebration of 75<sup>th</sup> Foundation Year of Amul.
- ✓ The Dairy Sahakar scheme will be implemented by NCDC, under Ministry of Cooperation, with a total investment of Rs 5000 crore. Under the scheme, financial support will be extended to eligible cooperatives for various activities such as milk procurement, processing, quality assurance, value addition, branding, packaging, marketing, transportation and storage of products and exports.

7. Which state has documented the odonate fauna for the first time?

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



- ✓ A group of entomologists have documented the odonate fauna in the state of Kerala for the first time. Kerala is home to 181 species of dragonflies and damselflies. It also nurtures 68 species that are endemic to the Western Ghats. According to the study, the odonates of the Western Ghats stands at 207, of which 80 species are endemics.

8. 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).

9. 'Sardar Patel Leadership Centre' has been inaugurated at which place?

- A) Nainital
- B) Mussoorie ☒
- C) Varanasi
- D) Nagpur



- ✓ Union Minister of State Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh dedicated "Sardar Patel Leadership Centre" to the nation at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie.
- ✓ This was inaugurated on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

10. What is the theme of the 'National Ayurveda Day 2021'?

- A) Ayurveda for Poshan ☒
- B) Ayurveda for COVID
- C) Aatmanirbhar Ayurveda
- D) Amrut Ayurveda



- ✓ The National Ayurveda Day is celebrated on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras) since 2016. This year, the theme of the National Ayurveda Day is 'Ayurveda for Poshan'. Union Minister for Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal announced a corpus ₹260 crore for expanding the infrastructure of National Institute of Ayurveda's satellite centre at Panchkula in Himachal Pradesh. Lord Dhanvantari is a God, who is worshipped for good health and wealth.

1. When is the 'World Cities Day' observed every year?

- A) October 29  
B) October 31 ☒  
C) November 1  
D) November 3



- ✓ World Cities Day is observed globally on October 31 every year to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization. The day was established in 2013, by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution and the occasion was first celebrated in 2014. This year, the theme for World Cities Day is 'Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience'.

2. What is the interest rate fixed for the employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2020-21?

- A) 7.0%  
B) 7.5%  
C) 8.0%  
D) 8.5% ☒

**8.5%**

- ✓ The Finance ministry has approved an 8.5% return on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2020-21. This move will impact over 6.4 crore subscribers. The rate was the same for the year 2019-20 also. The Labour ministry will now notify the interest rate before the EPFO starts crediting the interest into individual accounts.

3. 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.

4. Which Indian state has announced full exemption of motor vehicle taxes and registration fees on electric vehicles (EVs)?

- A) Odisha ☒  
B) Andhra Pradesh  
C) Telangana  
D) Punjab



- ✓ The Odisha government announced full exemption of motor vehicles taxes and registration fees on electric vehicles (EVs) in the state. The exemption, which was granted under the Odisha Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, is applicable till 2025. The incentives for the buyers, manufacturers, batteries and charging stations of electric vehicles were also extended under the Odisha Electric Vehicle Policy.

5. Which Indian state has been invited to participate in a FAO conference of the UN?

- A) Tamil Nadu  
B) Telangana ☒  
C) Maharashtra  
D) Assam



- ✓ The Government of Telangana has been invited by FAO to participate in a virtual conference of the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), UN. The conference is being organized from Rome, Italy. The state has been invited to deliver an address on Quality Seed Production System: A success story of India: Telangana as a seed hub'.

6. Which state has approved the Industrial Relation Rules, 2021?

- A) Assam ☒  
B) Karnataka  
C) West Bengal  
D) Kerala



- ✓ The Assam cabinet approved the Industrial Relation Rules, 2021 aiming at safeguarding the rights of employers and employees. The cabinet has approved a scheme for providing ration to migrant workers, who faced hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. The rules have been framed with a view to simplify and rationalise the provisions of three central labour codes relating to industrial relations.

7. Which Ministry has proposed to launch a national drone technology conference in India?

- A) Ministry of Civil Aviation  
B) Ministry of Science and Technology  
C) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology ☒  
D) Ministry of Education



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has proposed to host a national level drone technology conference in India. The Ministry has stated that it would be an annual event, which would create a platform for users and technology providers. Recently, the Government of India has released the new Drone Rules, 2021.

8. Which global company has changed its name to 'Capricorn Energy PLC'?

- A) BP Oil and Gas  
B) Cairn Energy PLC ☒  
C) ONGC Videsh  
D) Reliance Energy



- ✓ Britain Based oil and gas explorer Cairn Energy PLC has stated that it has changed its name to Capricorn Energy PLC and the same could come into effect from December 2021. The company has been involved in a USD 1 billion retrospective tax dispute with the Government of India, and the case has come to a point of closure.

9. When is the "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists" observed every year?

- A) November 1  
B) November 2 ☒  
C) November 10  
D) November 12



- ✓ Every year, the United Nations observes 2 November as the "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists", to highlight the instrumental role played by Journalists in investigating and prosecuting. As per an UN report, over 1,200 journalists have been killed between 2006 and 2020, for reporting the news and bringing information to the public.



10. Wang Yaping is the Astronaut of which country?

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



- ✓ Wang Yaping became the first Chinese woman to walk in space, as her team completed a six-hour stint outside the Tiangong space station. Tiangong, which means "heavenly palace", is the latest achievement of China, after landing a rover on Mars and sending probes to the Moon. Its core module entered orbit earlier this year, with the space station expected to be operational by 2022.
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1. A glacier located in which region has been named as 'Glasgow Glacier', to mark the COP26 summit?

- A) Canada
- B) Antarctica ☒
- C) Alaska
- D) Iceland



- ✓ A glacier in Antarctica has been formally named Glasgow Glacier in honour of the city hosting the UN climate summit which formally opened recently. It was named by a team of researchers at the University of Leeds to mark the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26).

2. Khasis, Jaintias, and Garos are the tribal population of which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Kerala
- D) Meghalaya ☒



- ✓ The Khasis, Jaintias, and Garos are the predominant tribal population of Meghalaya. They practise a matrilineal system of inheritance, where the youngest daughter in the family becomes the custodian of the family's property. Recently the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council has proposed a bill, which aims for equitable distribution of parental property among siblings.

3. As per new research conducted in the UK, which vaccine has reduced the risk of developing a cancer by 62 percent?

- A) Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine ☒
- B) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Td/Tdap)
- C) Varicella
- D) Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)



- ✓ A new-research, funded by Cancer Research UK, has recently found that the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, reduced the risk of developing the cancer by 62 percent in women between the ages of 14 and 16. Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is administered to protect against cervical cancer in women.

4. RBI's Revised PCA framework is set to come into effect from which date?

- A) 1st January 2022 ☒
- B) 1st March 2022
- C) 1st April 2022
- D) 1st June 2022



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has come out with a revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for scheduled commercial banks, which would come into effect from 1st January 2022. It has stated that RBI would monitor three key areas – capital, asset quality and leverage for banks.

5. What is the process by which coral reefs overheat during heat waves, where they lose their colour?

- A) Coral Stress
- B) Coral Bleaching ☒
- C) Coral Decolouring
- D) Coral Pressure



- ✓ Coral Bleaching is a response by overheated corals during heat waves, where they lose their colour and struggle to survive. As per a

new study, eighty percent of the coral reefs have been bleached severely at least once since 2016.

6. Which Indian city is to host the Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan?

- A) New Delhi ☒
- B) Mumbai
- C) Dehradun
- D) Chandigarh



- ✓ India is set to host the Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan on November 10 which will be attended by seven countries. It will be chaired by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.
- ✓ The dialogue will be held at the level of National Security Advisers / Secretaries of Security Councils. As per recent media reports, both China and Pakistan are not attending the meeting. Seven countries – Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan – confirmed participation.

7. Which Union Ministry is associated with the 'Draft Mediation Bill, 2021', which was placed in public domain recently?

- A) Ministry of Defence
- B) Ministry of External Affairs
- C) Ministry of Law and Justice ☒
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Law and Justice placed the Draft Mediation Bill, 2021 in public domain, seeking feedback and suggestions from all stakeholders. The Bill proposes to bring about a standalone law on Mediation on issues of domestic and international mediation. India is a signatory to the Singapore Convention on Mediation. The Bill also seeks to use the terms 'conciliation' and 'mediation' interchangeably.

8. Which Tennis player won his sixth Paris Masters title in 2021?

- A) Novak Djokovic ☒
- B) Daniil Medvedev
- C) Roger Federer
- D) Rafael Nadal



- ✓ Tennis player Novak Djokovic won his sixth Paris Masters title by defeating his Russian counterpart Daniil Medvedev with a 4-6 6-3 6-3 victory. Djokovic, the Serbian player, is guaranteed to secure the year-end world number one spot for a record seventh time.

9. 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 104th birth anniversary.

10. What is the name of the Circuit Train recently launched by IRCTC, to boost domestic religious tourism?

- A) Shri Ramayana Yatra Train ☒
- B) Mahabharata Yatra Train
- C) Velankanni Yatra Train
- D) Dargah Yatra Train



- ✓ Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has commenced a 'Shri Ramayana Yatra' train from Delhi. The train left Delhi's Safdarjung railway station. As per IRCTC, more such ones would be run to promote religious tourism. The train will cover the visit of all prominent places associated with the life of Lord Rama in 17 days, travelling around 7500 Kms in the entire tour.
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1. India has applied for a USD 2 billion loan to purchase COVID-19 vaccines, from which institutions?

- 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 Bank (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.

2. India and which country agreed to explore green hydrogen, set up renewable energy corridors, and projects in natural gas sector?

- A) USA
- B) Germany
- C) Italy ☒
- D) Russia



- ✓ India and Italy have agreed to explore development of green hydrogen, set up renewable energy corridors, and projects in the natural gas sector. A joint statement was issued after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held the first in-person meeting with his Italian counterpart Mario Draghi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rome. The Action Plan for an enhanced Partnership between India and Italy (2020-2024) was signed in 2020.

3. 'Don't Choose Extinction' is a campaign recently launched by which institution?

- A) UNDP ☒
- B) UNEP
- C) FAO
- D) WWF



- ✓ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), recently launched its video campaign titled 'Don't Choose Extinction'. It announced 'Frankie the Dino', a dinosaur as their mascot to urge everyone on highlighting global actions against climate change. Along with the campaign video, the agency also launched a website 'Don't Choose Extinction' to support the initiative and created a Twitter account for Frankie.

4. Which country is currently excavating the ancient kingdoms of Dadan and Lihyan?

- A) Saudi Arabia ☒
- B) Nepal
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Israel



- ✓ Archaeologists in Saudi Arabia are carrying out excavations of the ancient kingdoms of Dadan and Lihyan, across five sites. The kingdoms were important regional powers that flourished 2,000 years ago. The project is a Saudi-French partnership.

5. The "Panchamrita concoction" is associated with?

- A) Climate Change ☒
- B) Infrastructure Development
- C) Port Construction
- D) Bilateral relations between India and Bhutan



- ✓ Panchamrita concoction is a five-fold strategy proposed by the Prime Minister of India at the 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties (CoP26) held at Glasgow. The strategy would help the world achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
- ✓ The Panchamrita concoction includes 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030, 50% renewable energy capacity by 2030, reduce carbon emission by one billion tonnes by 2030, reduce the carbon intensity by 45% by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2030.

6. Which Indian state has set up first ever SPV to manage three critical natural conservation missions?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu has set up first ever Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company, to professionally manage three critical natural conservation missions.
- ✓ The Company will manage the Tamil Nadu Climate Change, Tamil Nadu Green and Tamil Nadu Wetlands missions. The SPV's authorised capital will be ₹5 crore and the State Environment Secretary will be the company's chairperson and MD.

7. Garud Chatti bridge, which was recently inaugurated, is located in which Indian state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Uttarakhand ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi recently laid foundation stones for multiple projects. He dedicated to the Nation various development projects in Kedarnath including Garud Chatti Bridge on river Mandakini. He inaugurated Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi and unveiled the statue of Shri Adi Shankaracharya.

8. Who won the 'Padma Vibhushan 2020' award under the 'Public Affairs' category?

- A) Shinzo Abe ☒
- B) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- C) Sheikh Hasina
- D) K P Sharma Oli



- ✓ The Padma awards, were conferred on 119 recipients in 2021. As the ceremony to honour the awardees could not be held in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The list comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan, 10 Padma Bhushan and 102 Padma Shri awardees. Sixteen awards have been conferred posthumously. The list of awardees also includes 29 women and one trans person. Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was selected under the Public Affairs.

9. Which bank's research department released an assessment on PMJDY and reduced crimes?

- A) RBI
- B) SBI ☒
- C) PNB
- D) Canara Bank



- ✓ As per the State Bank of India's economic research department, States with higher Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) account balances have seen a noticeable decline in crime.



- ✓ The department also observed that there is both statistically and economically significant drop in consumption of intoxicants such as alcohol and tobacco products in such states.

10. "Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules" has been approved by the cabinet of which Indian state?

- A) Kerala
- B) Assam
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Punjab ☒



- ✓ The Cabinet of Punjab has given approval to the "Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021", which aims to develop Punjab as a standard potato seed center. This is expected to boost potato cultivation in the state. With these rules, Punjab will be the very first state in the country to have the facility of tissue culture-based certification.

1. When is the 'International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict' observed every year?

- A) November 4
- B) November 6 ☒
- C) November 8
- D) November 10



- ✓ In the year 2001, the UN General Assembly declared 6 November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict.
- ✓ The United Nations Environment Assembly also adopted a resolution in 2016 which proclaimed that a healthy environment plays a significant role in reducing the probability of an armed conflict. The aim is to minimize the consequences of conflict and wars on the environment.

2. Which Union Ministry announced the first-ever 'Star College Mentorship Programme'?

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- C) Ministry of Science and Technology ☒
- D) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship



- ✓ Ministry of Science and Technology launched the first-ever mentorship programme for young innovators to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> year of India's independence.
- ✓ Named the 'DBT-Star College Mentorship Programme', it aims for a 'Star College' in every district of the country supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), under the science and technology ministry. It also aims to organise workshops and meetings every month, handhold colleges particularly in the rural areas and outreach activities with government schools.

3. Which state was formed on Nov.9 as the 27<sup>th</sup> state of India?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Uttarakhand ☒
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Telangana



- ✓ Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed annually on November 9 to celebrate the formation of the 27<sup>th</sup> state of India. Uttarakhand was formed in the year 2000 after joining several districts from the North-western part of Uttar Pradesh and a portion of the Himalayan Mountain range. It was earlier known as Uttaranchal and was renamed Uttarakhand in the year 2007.

4. Every year, National Education Day is observed on 11<sup>th</sup> November, to commemorate which leader?

- A) APJ Abdul Kalam
- B) Vallabhbhai Patel
- C) Mother Teresa
- D) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad ☒



- ✓ Every year, 11<sup>th</sup> November is observed in India as National Education Day, to commemorate the Birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He was a freedom fighter and the first education minister of independent India. It was during his tenure as education minister, UGC, AICTE, Kharagpur Institute of higher education etc were established.

5. Which state celebrates 'Onake Obavva Jayanti'?

- A) Karnataka ☒
- B) Odisha
- C) West Bengal
- D) Punjab



- ✓ The Karnataka government has approved a celebration of 'Onake Obavva Jayanti' on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November from this year. She was a famous woman-soldier who had fought against the forces of Hyder Ali in Chitradurga in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.
- ✓ The Kannada and Culture Department had proposed celebrating the birth anniversary of Onake Obavva every year.

6. Airports in India are declared as "Major Airports" as per the regulations of which Act?

- A) Airports Authority of India Act
- B) Airports Regulation Act
- C) Civil Aviation Act
- D) Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Act ☒



- ✓ The Government of India has declared Shirdi airport in Maharashtra as a major airport, under the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority Act, 2008. Under Section 13 of the Act, the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) would determine the tariff related to aeronautical services rendered at major airports.

7. The rocket of which space agency has carried the 600<sup>th</sup> person to space?

- A) JAXA
- B) ESA
- C) ISRO
- D) Space X ☒



- ✓ American private space agency Space X has launched its spacecraft named Crew Dragon Endurance, carrying four astronauts into orbit to the International Space Station. This includes the 600<sup>th</sup> person to reach space in 60 years. The spaceship was launched using SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. Space X is headquartered in Hawthorne, California and was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk.

8. Who has been appointed as the Secretary General of Rajya Sabha?

- A) PC Mody ☒
- B) Sanjay Jaiswal
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Rajnath Singh



- ✓ PC Mody, the former chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes and an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been appointed as the Rajya Sabha's secretary general. This is one of the rare appointments, since an IRS officer is being appointed as the Secretary General, a position which has been traditionally occupied by IAS officers.

9. Seahorses, eels, seals and sharks have been found in which famous river of the world, which was declared biologically dead?

- A) Ganga
- B) Yamuna
- C) Nile
- D) Thames ☒



- ✓ The Thames River of London, which was once declared to be "Biologically Dead" is not found to have Seahorses, eels, seals and sharks. This inhibition by aquatic life has been confirmed in a survey conducted by the Zoological Society of London, which stated that 3 kinds of sharks were seen and 115 species of fish and wildlife were observed.
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10. Where is the 'Rezang La' mountain pass situated?

- A) Ladakh ☒  
B) Jammu and Kashmir  
C) Uttarakhand  
D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ The Rezang La, is a mountain pass on the Line of Actual Control, situated in Eastern Ladakh. This is known for the Battle of Rezang La, as a part of 1962 war in which 13 troops of the Indian Army's Kumaon Regiment defeated several waves of the Chinese Army at a height of over 16,000 feet. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to inaugurate the revamped war memorial at Rezang La in memory of the battle.
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1. What is the new name of the Mumbai-Karnataka region comprising seven districts in Karnataka?

- A) Kalyana-Karnataka  
B) Kittur-Karnataka ☒  
C) Belgavi-Karnataka  
D) Rani-Karnataka



- ✓ Karnataka government has decided to rename the Mumbai-Karnataka region comprising seven districts as 'Kittur Karnataka'. The Mumbai-Karnataka region consists of Uttara Kannada, Belagavi, Dharwad, Vijayapura, Bagalkote, Gadag and Haveri districts. Kittur is a historical taluk in Belagavi district that was ruled by Rani Chennamma. In 2019, the Hyderabad-Karnataka region was renamed as "Kalyana-Karnataka".

2. What is the rank of India in the inaugural Global Drug Policy Index 2021?

- A) 10  
B) 18 ☒  
C) 25  
D) 30



- ✓ The inaugural Global Drug Policy Index was recently released by the Harm Reduction Consortium. Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, the UK and Australia were ranked at the top 5 spots on humane and health-driven drug policies.
- ✓ India's rank is 18 out of 30 countries with a score of 74/100. The five lowest-ranking countries are Brazil, Uganda, Indonesia, Kenya, and Mexico. The index comprises of 75 indicators of drug policy.

3. What is the name of the famous meteor shower that occurs every November?

- A) Leonids Meteor Shower ☒  
B) Perseid meteor Shower  
C) Orionids Meteor Shower  
D) Tempel Meteor Shower



- ✓ Originally discovered in 1833, the Leonids Meteor Shower is observed every November. The meteor began on November 6 this year and will continue until November 30 and can be witnessed through the naked eye. The Meteor Shower contains debris left behind by the 55P/Tempel-Tuttle comet that enter Earth's atmosphere. These debris objects are called meteors.

4. What is the name of the world's first plasmid DNA vaccine to treat COVID?

- A) ZyCoV-D ☒  
B) Moderna  
C) Sputnik V  
D) Covaxin



- ✓ Zydus Cadila's ZyCoV-D is the world's first plasmid DNA vaccine. It is also the first Covid-19 vaccine that can be administered using a needle-free applicator. The 3-dose shot was approved by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for emergency use in adults and children aged 12 years and above.

5. As per the recent amendments made in Minerals Concession Rules, 2021, what percent of mineral produced from captive mines can be sold?

- A) 25  
B) 50 ☒  
C) 75  
D) 100



- ✓ The Mines ministry has notified the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Mineral) Concession (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2021. Under the new mechanism, 50 percent of mineral produced from the captive mines can be sold.
- ✓ It also facilitates transfer of mines without any charges. Minimum area for grant of mining lease has been revised from 5 ha. (hectares) to 4 ha.

6. The National Achievement Survey (NAS) is conducted once in how many years?

- A) Two years  
B) Three years ☒  
C) Five years  
D) Six years



- ✓ The National Achievement Survey (NAS) is conducted every three years. The survey was last conducted in 2017 and was scheduled to take place in 2020. Due to the Covid-19 situation, it was postponed until this year.
- ✓ Around 3.8 million students from 1, 23,000 schools from across 36 states and UTs will participate in the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021. The survey assesses the competencies developed by the students at grades 3, 5 and 8. This is the first time that private schools are included in this NAS.

7. Which is the only state/UT in the country to have metro facilities in five districts?

- A) West Bengal  
B) New Delhi  
C) Uttar Pradesh ☒  
D) Kerala



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recently flagged off the trial run of the Kanpur Metro. The work on Kanpur Metro had started on November 15, 2019.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh is currently having operational metro railway service in Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida and Lucknow. After the Kanpur Metro is flagged off, Uttar Pradesh would be the only state in the country to have metro facilities in five districts.

8. Which country's Army Chief was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian Army recently?

- A) Nepal ☒  
B) Sri Lanka  
C) Bangladesh  
D) Bhutan



- ✓ Nepal Army Chief General Prabhu Ram Sharma was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian Army by President Ram Nath Kovind. It is a customary practice by the two countries to confer the honorary rank of General on each other's Army Chiefs. Gen. Sharma took over as the Chief of the Army Staff in September 2021. He is also a graduate of the National Defence College in India.

9. 'Clean Green Village week' has been observed under which scheme?

- A) DDU-GKY  
B) MGNREGS ☒  
C) DAY-NRLM  
D) DAY-NULM





- ✓ As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, States/UTs have conducted week-long Clean Green Village activity under MGNREG scheme from 29th October to 4th November 2021.
- ✓ During the Clean Green Village Week, the focus was on the identification and construction of Soak pits, Vermicompost/NADEP pit and initiatives such as vermin-composting, reuse of waste materials, recycling of non-biodegradable waste.

10. "Retail Direct Scheme" and "Integrated Ombudsman Scheme" have been launched by which organisation?

- A) Reserve Bank of India ☒
- B) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India's "Retail Direct Scheme" and "Integrated Ombudsman Scheme" has been launched and dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under the Retail Direct Scheme, retail investors can buy and sell government securities online. The Integrated Ombudsman Scheme helps improve the grievance redressal mechanism on customer complaints.

1. On which date, the National Cancer Awareness Day was observed?

- A) November 7 ☒  
 B) November 8  
 C) November 10  
 D) November 12



- ✓ In India, the National Cancer Awareness Day (NCAD) is observed every year on 7<sup>th</sup> of November. The main motto of the special day is to educate people on early detection & cure of cancer. It is estimated that there are about 2.9 million cases of cancer in the country with 1.1 million new cases being reported annually.

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

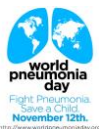
- A) November 7  
 B) November 9 ☒  
 C) November 11  
 D) November 13



- ✓ '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. The Act came into existence on 9 November 1995.

3. When is 'World Pneumonia Day' observed?

- A) November 10  
 B) November 12 ☒  
 C) November 14  
 D) November 16



- ✓ World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on 12 November. The day was established by the Stop Pneumonia Initiative in 2009 to raise awareness about the disease. Pneumonia is considered as the leading disease which causes more deaths of children around the world. 'Stop Pneumonia Initiative' and 'Every Breath Counts Coalition' jointly mobilise the people about tackling the disease.

4. On which date, the World Kindness Day is celebrated?

- A) November 13 ☒  
 B) November 14  
 C) November 15  
 D) November 16



- ✓ The World Kindness Day is celebrated every year on 13<sup>th</sup> of November to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us. Kindness is a fundamental part of the human condition which bridges the divides of race religion, politics, gender and zip codes.
- ✓ The day was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations' kindness NGOs.

5. On which date, World Diabetes Day is observed?

- A) November 10  
 B) November 12  
 C) November 14 ☒  
 D) November 16



- ✓ November 14 is observed as World Diabetes Day. It is jointly organized by the World Health Organisation and the International Diabetes Federation. The logo of World Diabetes Day is a blue circle, which

symbolizes life and health. November 14 marks the birthday of the man who co-discovered insulin, Frederick Banting.

- ✓ "Access to Diabetes Care – If Not Now, When?" is the theme for the World Diabetes Day 2021-2023.

6. On which date, National Children's Day is celebrated?

- A) November 12  
 B) November 13  
 C) November 14 ☒  
 D) November 15



- ✓ Children's Day is celebrated on 14 November in India. This day increases awareness in people about the rights, care, and education of children. Children are the future of the country. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru.

7. "International Day for Tolerance" is celebrated on which date?

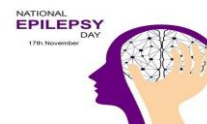
- A) November 16 ☒  
 B) November 14  
 C) November 12  
 D) November 10



- ✓ The United Nations' International Day for Tolerance is annually observed on November 16 to educate people about the need for tolerance in society and to help them understand the negative effects of intolerance. The International Day for Tolerance educates people about the importance of global tolerance.

8. On which date, the National Epilepsy Day is observed?

- A) November 17 ☒  
 B) November 16  
 C) November 13  
 D) November 14



- ✓ In India, the National Epilepsy Day is observed every year on 17<sup>th</sup> of November to create awareness about epilepsy. Epilepsy is a chronic disorder of brain characterized by recurrent 'seizures' or 'fits'.
- ✓ The seizures are caused as a result of sudden, excessive electrical discharges in the neurons (brain cells). The condition can affect people at any age.

9. The new indigenous ship, named 'ICGS Sarthak', which was recently commissioned, is set to be based at which state?

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



- ✓ A new indigenous ship, named 'Sarthak' was recently commissioned and dedicated to the nation in Goa. ICGS Sarthak will be based at Porbandar in Gujarat and operate on India's Western Seaboard. It will be operated under the Operational and Administrative Control of the commander of Coast Guard Region (Northwest).
- ✓ ICGS Sarthak is fourth in the series of five Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) that are being built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited for the Indian Coast Guard.

10. Which country is set to host the UN climate change conference COP27 in 2022?

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



- ✓ The United Nation Climate Change conference – COP27 would be hosted by Egypt in the year 2022 and the COP 28 would be hosted by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in 2023.
  - ✓ The COP is the decision-making body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Convention has 197 Parties and is striving to achieve the goals set out in the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change.
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1. Two-day Regional Conference on "Strengthening the State Institutes of Public Administration" was held at which place?

- A) Mumbai  
B) Delhi  
C) Ahmedabad  
D) Lucknow ☒



- ✓ The Government of India's Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances in association with the Government of Uttar Pradesh has organized a Two-day Regional Conference on "Strengthening the State Institutes of Public Administration" at Lucknow. The objective of the conference was to bring various training institutes on one platform to share best practices and requirements in governance and administrative training.

2. "Historical Resolution" which is in the news recently, is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ The Communist Party of China has adopted a landmark resolution commonly called the "Historic Resolution", which would enable ruling President Xi Jinping to secure an unprecedented third term in office next year and rule China throughout his life.
- ✓ By adopting this resolution, he is placed equal to iconic past leaders Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping and has become the third leader of China to have a Historical Resolution.

3. As per the 'Digital 2021: October Global Snapshot', what is the world's population that uses a mobile phone?

- A) 45  
B) 65 ☒  
C) 75  
D) 80



- ✓ Research firm We Are Social released a report titled 'Digital 2021: October Global Snapshot'. As per the report, more than 65% of the world's population now uses a mobile phone. Global mobile phone users reached 5.29 billion in October. The report also highlighted that, social media users are likely to be adopted by 60% of the global population in the first half of 2022.

4. Who represented India in the Summit for Information and Democracy held at New York?

- A) Narendra Modi  
B) Anurag Thakur ☒  
C) Piyush Goyal  
D) Nirmala Sitharaman



- ✓ Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur addressed the Summit for Information and Democracy on the sidelines of the UNGA organised in New York. He participated in the discussion, by joining from Leh, Ladakh.
- ✓ The 'International Partnership for Information and Democracy' was launched in New York on Sept.26 2019. It aims to promote freedom of opinion and expression and access to free, pluralistic and reliable information. The partnership has been signed by 43 States, till date.

5. Which Indian has been selected as the external auditor of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)?

- A) Vinod Rai  
B) Shashi Kant Sharma  
C) Rajiv Mehrishi  
D) GC Murmu ☒



- ✓ India's Comptroller and Auditor General G C Murmu selected as the external auditor of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). IAEA is a prestigious international institution that promotes peaceful use of nuclear energy. As per the Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), his candidature received majority support of the IAEA general conference and his tenure will be for six years, from 2022 to 2027.

6. DigiSaksham programme, which was making news recently, was launched by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of MSME  
B) Ministry of Finance  
C) Ministry of Labour and Employment ☒  
D) Ministry of Textiles



- ✓ Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupendra Yadav announced a collaboration with Microsoft India to launch DigiSaksham programme. Through DigiSaksham, 10 million active registered job seekers will be able to access the training including computing and computer science training on the National Career Service Portal.
- ✓ The programme is aimed to impact 3,00,000 job seekers in the first year by training them in subjects like programming languages, data analytics, software development etc.

7. "International Day for Tolerance" is celebrated on which date?

- A) November 16 ☒  
B) November 14  
C) November 12  
D) November 10



- ✓ The United Nations' International Day for Tolerance is annually observed on November 16 to educate people about the need for tolerance in society and to help them understand the negative effects of intolerance. The International Day for Tolerance educates people about the importance of global tolerance.

8. Which Union Ministry is set to launch "Nutrition Smart Village" initiative?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare ☒  
B) Ministry of Rural Development  
C) Ministry of Women and Child Development  
D) Ministry of Food Processing industries



- ✓ Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is set to launch a programme on "Nutrition Smart Village" to strengthen the Poshan Abhiyan. This scheme is a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ✓ This initiative aims to reach out to 75 villages across India. It aims to promote nutritional awareness, education and behavioural change in rural areas, using local recipe to overcome malnutrition and implementing nutrition-sensitive agriculture.

9. Which country formed a Parliamentary Friendship Association with India recently?

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





- ✓ Sri Lanka formed India-Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship group, with senior members of Lankan parliament to promote bilateral ties with India. The country had earlier decided to buy fertiliser from India after rejecting the Chinese fertiliser consignment. The India- Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship Association for the 9th Parliament of Sri Lanka was established recently.
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10. The UN Peacekeeping Chief warned about crisis in Sahel region, located in which continent?

- A) Africa ☒
- B) Asia
- C) Europe
- D) Australia



- ✓ The UN peacekeeping chief warned about the crisis in Africa's Sahel region. He highlighted that Millions of people are displaced. He also warned about the lack of access of schools to children and lack of primary health care to the people. He was speaking at a UN Security Council meeting on the G5 Sahel force.
  - ✓ It was set up by five African nations namely Chad, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Mauritania in 2017 to fight the terrorist threat in the Sahel region.
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1. When is the 'World Pneumonia Day' observed?

- A) November 12 ☒  
 B) November 14  
 C) November 16  
 D) November 18



- ✓ World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on November 12. Over 100 children organisations joined the Global Coalition against Child Pneumonia to hold the first World Pneumonia Day. Under the universal immunisation programme, the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) programme was launched in India.
- ✓ The programme aims to spread awareness and reduce mortality and morbidity among children due to pneumonia. In India, it is estimated that 1.2 million children die before 5 years and 15.9% of deaths are due to pneumonia.

2. Which Indian state is set to host the 'Tribal Pride Day Mahasammelan'?

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



- ✓ Tribal Pride Day Mahasammelan is scheduled to be held on November 15 at Jamboori Maidan Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Mahasammelan is being organised on the birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda. This year, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the Tribal Pride Day Mahasammelan.

3. 'HARBINGER 2021' is the global hackathon announced by which Indian organisation?

- A) NITI Aayog  
 B) Reserve Bank of India ☒  
 C) Supreme Court of India  
 D) Election Commission of India



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced its first 'HARBINGER 2021 - Innovation for Transformation' with the theme of "smarter digital payments". Registration for the hackathon starts from November 15. The Hackathon invites participants to develop solutions to make digital payments accessible to the under-served, enhance the ease of payments, user experience and security of digital payments.

4. How many countries are members of the Like-Minded Group of Developing Countries (LMDCs)?

- A) 12  
 B) 18  
 C) 24 ☒  
 D) 36



- ✓ A group of 24 nations are members of the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDCs). They serve as negotiators in international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. It includes China, India, Sri Lanka, and Malaysia among others. Recently the LMDCs and African countries, have sought at least US \$1.3 trillion per year from the wealthy countries in climate finance starting from 2030 at COP 26 summit.

5. 'Shuttler's Flick: Making every match count' is the autobiography of which famous personality?

- A) Gopi Chand ☒  
 B) P V Sindhu  
 C) Carolina Marin  
 D) Saina Nehwal



- ✓ India's chief national badminton coach P Gopi Chand formally launched his autobiography Shuttler's Flick: Making every match count. The Book has been co-authored by Priya Kumar. It narrates his journey into badminton as a player, coach and the challenges he faced in producing top players, including Olympic medallists Saina Nehwal, P.V. Sindhu, B. Sai Praneeth and former World No.1 K. Srikanth.

6. The Final Glasgow COP 26 agreement aimed at capping global warming at ..... degrees Celsius.

- A) 1  
 B) 1.5 ☒  
 C) 2.0  
 D) 3.0



- ✓ UN climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland has concluded with a global agreement aimed at capping global warming at 1.5 degree Celsius. This Glasgow Pact is the first-ever climate deal to explicitly plan to reduce coal, the worst fossil fuel for greenhouse gases.

7. Which Union Ministry has launched a unified mobile app for the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' events?

- A) Ministry of External Affairs  
 B) Ministry of Culture ☒  
 C) Ministry of Home Affairs  
 D) Ministry of Tourism



- ✓ The Ministry of Culture has launched a unified mobile app for the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' events to enable access to all information related to the celebrations. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's Independence.
- ✓ The app includes links to sections such as 'Digital District Repository' and 'Unsung Heroes' under 'History Corner'.

8. 'DAVINCI' is a mission of which space agency to explore Venus?

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



- ✓ NASA has planned to explore Venus by launching two missions in the early 2030s, namely VERITAS, (to orbit the planet) and DAVINCI - Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging. NASA recently released a video about the DAVINCI mission, which is set to launch in 2029.
- ✓ The mission aims to observe various parameters including whether it had water. It will also find answers to fundamental questions about the origin, evolution, and composition of Venus.

9. Which state has approved 'Kaiser-i-Hind' as the State butterfly?

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



- ✓ The Arunachal Pradesh State Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu approved the large, brightly coloured Kaiser-i-Hind as the State butterfly. The Cabinet meeting was held at the Pakke Tiger Reserve for the first time.
- ✓ Kaiser-i-Hind (*Teinopalpus imperialis*) means Emperor of India. This butterfly with a 90-120 mm wingspan is found in six States.

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10. What is the phenomenon named, when the sun, Earth and a full moon form a perfect line-up and the moon moves into the Earth's shadow?

- A) Solar Eclipse
- B) Lunar Eclipse ☒
- C) Summer Solstice
- D) Winter Solstice



- ✓ The phenomenon when the sun, Earth and a full moon form a perfect line-up and the moon moves into the Earth's shadow is called the Lunar Eclipse. The United States of America would witness the longest partial lunar eclipse and the longest in 580 years on 17th November 2021, as per NASA. NASA has stated that the eclipse would last for three hours and 28 minutes.

1. The 'Regional Plan of Action for Adaptation to Drought' is associated with which institution?

- A) G-20
- B) BRICS
- C) ASEAN ☒
- D) BIMSTEC



- ✓ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) launched the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action for Adaptation to Drought (ARPA-AD). The actions are divided into 26 sub-actions and an implementation plan covering 2021-2025.
- ✓ One of the key recommendations is for the establishment of a Technical Working Group on Adaptation to Drought. The plan consists of nine groups of action covering a drought management cycle and coordination on the regional and national levels.

2. What is the theme of World Diabetes Day 2021?

- A) Access to Diabetes Care ☒
- B) Leaving None behind
- C) Importance of Insulin sensitisers
- D) Respect to Sir Frederick Banting



- ✓ World Diabetes Day is celebrated every year on November 14 to mark the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who discovered the insulin hormone in 1922 along with Charles Herbert Best.
- ✓ According to experts, an estimated 463 million people worldwide suffer from diabetes, with Type-2 diabetes (to be treated with insulin sensitisers) at 90 per cent of the cases. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23 is "Access to Diabetes Care – If Not Now, When?".

3. Which racing driver won the Sao Paulo (Brazilian) Grand Prix tournament?

- A) Lewis Hamilton ☒
- B) Max Verstappen
- C) Charles Leclerc
- D) Valtteri Bottas



- ✓ Lewis Hamilton, a seven-time world champion, beat Max Verstappen and obtained a stunning victory at the Brazilian Sao Paulo Grand Prix tournament. Though Hamilton started from 10<sup>th</sup> position on the grid due to a penalty, he finished first in the race. Valtteri Bottas finished at third place in the tournament.

4. 'Bhagwan Birsa Munda Smriti Udyan cum Freedom Fighters Museum' has been recently inaugurated in which Indian state?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Bhagwan Birsa Munda Smriti Udyan cum Freedom Fighters Museum in Ranchi via video conferencing. Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar on the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, the 19<sup>th</sup> century freedom fighter and tribal leader on November 15, 2000.
- ✓ The state's Chief Minister Hemant Soren launched a universal pension scheme for vulnerable sections, to mark the state's foundation day.

5. Babasaheb Purandare, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession?

- A) Sportsperson
- B) Historian ☒
- C) Businessperson
- D) Politician



- ✓ Eminent historian and author Babasaheb Purandare passed away at the age of 99, due to ailments associated with old age and pneumonitis. Purandare, a celebrated writer and theatre personality, was known for his work on the history of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. He has also written several books on Shivaji, his style of administration, as well as the forts from the period.

6. Which country won the T20 World Cup trophy in 2021?

- A) New Zealand
- B) Australia ☒
- C) England
- D) South Africa



- ✓ Australia has recently won its maiden T20 World Cup trophy, after 14-year-long wait. Australia chased the 173-run target set by New Zealand due to Kane Williamson's 85 runs. Australia had reached the final match in 2010, however the team has not reached the summit clash after that. Australia also set a new record for the highest-successful run chase as they reached 173 with 7 balls to spare.

7. Which country is set to host the first tribal nations' summit since 2016?

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



- ✓ The United States is set to host the first tribal nations' summit since 2016. President Joe Biden will announce steps to improve public safety and justice for Native Americans during the summit. Leaders from more than 570 tribes in the United States are expected to participate in the two-day event. The summit is being held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has heavily affected Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

8. Checkmate, a new stealth aircraft seen in the news, is being developed by which country?

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



- ✓ Russia is developing its second stealth fighter jet after the twin-engine Su-57 Felon. 'Su-75 Checkmate', the new stealth aircraft is also known as the Light Tactical Aircraft (LTC). The aircraft has been developed by the United Aircraft Corporation, which is a part of state defense and technology conglomerate, Rostec. Checkmate is a fifth-generation light fighter jet, which will take its maiden flight in 2023.

9. Which country has launched a campaign to attract over 30000 talents globally to study, work and establish start-ups by 2023?

- A) Germany
- B) Finland ☒
- C) Australia
- D) Norway



- ✓ Finland has recently launched a 'Future is made in Finland' campaign, under which it is planning to attract over 30,000 skilled talents globally, including from India, to study, work and establish start-ups in the country by 2023. Finland is also voted the World's Happiest Country for the fourth year.
- ✓ Based on Finnish government programme 2019–2023, the country is aiming to get 10,000 skilled talents in Finland, annually.

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10. Which institution has launched the 'Swavalamban Challenge Fund'?

- A) NABARD
- B) SIDBI ☒
- C) SEBI
- D) RBI



- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched the second window of Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF). The theme of the fund is 'Green Bharat'. The focus of the fund is on innovative projects addressing the green and clean climate change. Other themes are sustainable livelihood, financial inclusion, and access to financial services and promoting the culture of entrepreneurship.
- ✓ A challenge fund is a financing mechanism to allocate funds for specific purposes using competition among organisations. The first window of SCF was launched in August this year.



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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 76<sup>th</sup> 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'?

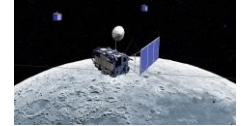
- A) Dr BR Ambedkar ☒  
B) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel  
C) Jyotirao Phule  
D) Dayananda Saraswati



- ✓ 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 71<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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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