

1. Which state is associated with 'Nirbhaya Kadhi' campaign?

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



- ✓ Odisha's Ganjam has declared itself the state's first child marriage free district. It has undertaken a campaign named Nirbhaya Kadhi (Fearless bud). Through the campaign, the district administration has counselled over one lakh teen-agers and stopped over 450 child marriages. They implemented various steps like providing incentives for informing child marriages, making Aadhaar card mandatory for marriages etc.

2. Which state launched the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0?

- A) Telangana
B) Gujarat ☒
C) Maharashtra
D) Odisha



- ✓ Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0, at the International Conference of Academic Institutions (ICAI-2022). It aims to financially support school students in innovation and will be implemented for the next five years till March, 2027. The financial support has been increased from Rs 200 of the previous edition to Rs 500 crore.

3. 'Olaf Scholz' is the recently appointed head of which country?

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



- ✓ Olaf Scholz has been appointed as the Chancellor of Germany from December 2021. The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a discussion with his German counterpart and congratulated on his appointment as Chancellor. They reviewed the capacities of ongoing cooperation initiatives, including investment and trade links. They also discussed to diversify cooperation and exchanges in new areas.

4. Which Union Ministry implements the 'UJALA' programme?

- A) Ministry of Power ☒
B) Ministry of Environment
C) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ The Power Ministry successfully completed seven years of distributing LED lights under its flagship UJALA programme. It is one of the world's largest zero subsidy domestic lighting programmes with more than 36 crore LEDs distributed across the country. Launched in 2015, UJALA stands for Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All.

5. Which institution appointed the technical committee to look into the Pegasus malware issue?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and IT
B) Supreme Court of India ☒
C) Madras High Court
D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Supreme Court of India appointed the technical committee to look into the Pegasus malware issue. The technical committee issued a public notice asking citizens to contact the panel if they suspected

that their mobile devices are infected by Pegasus malware. The committee would request the person to allow examination of the device, if reasonable.

6. Nodirbek Abdusattorov, the youngest ever World Rapid Chess champion, is from which country?

- A) Switzerland
B) Russia
C) Uzbekistan ☒
D) Ukraine



- ✓ Nodirbek Abdusattorov from Uzbekistan became the youngest ever World Rapid Chess champion, at 17 years three months. Magnus Carlsen had won the 2009 World Blitz Title at the age of 18.
✓ He also defeated the Ace player Magnus Carlsen to win the World Rapid championship in Warsaw, Poland. France's Maxime Vachier-Lagrave won the World Blitz title.

7. Which Indian company has commissioned India's largest solar power project at Rajasthan?

- A) Adani Power
B) Azure Power ☒
C) TATA Power
D) ReNew Power



- ✓ Indian solar power producer Azure Power has fully commissioned its largest project, a 600-MW solar park in the state of Rajasthan. The solar park is located in Bikaner. It will supply its power to Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) over 25 years.

8. Who is the head of the 'Energy Transition Advisory Committee', which was recently set up?

- A) Tarun Kapoor ☒
B) Ramesh Chand
C) V K Paul
D) Amitabh Kant



- ✓ The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has set up Energy Transition Advisory Committee headed by former petroleum secretary Tarun Kapoor. The panel includes representatives of all public-sector oil and gas companies and it will energy transition roadmap for the oil and gas sector. India has committed for net-zero emissions by the year 2070. The committee will recommend a transition roadmap by middle of 2022.

9. Which is the first state/UT to have 'District-level Good Governance Index'?

- A) Mizoram
B) Puducherry
C) Tripura
D) Jammu & Kashmir ☒



- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir is set to become the first Union Territory to have a district-level Good Governance Index. The Department of administrative reforms and public grievances will carry out this task in association with the Jammu and Kashmir government.
✓ The framework will have 58 indicators to assess different aspects of development and district administration such as agriculture, commerce and industry, public safety, public health among others.

10. The Social reformer Savitribai Phule, founded India's first girls' school in which state?

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



- ✓ Social reformer Savitribai Phule was born on January 3, 1831 in Maharashtra. Her birth anniversary was observed across the country. In 1848, Savitribai along with her husband Jyotirao Phule, founded one of India's first girls' schools in Pune, Maharashtra.
 - ✓ She also became the first Indian woman to become a teacher. She also opened women's shelter for widows and Home for Prevention of Infanticide. She strongly opposed child marriage and Sati tradition.
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