

1. India set a bilateral trade target of \$50 billion before 2030, with which country?

- A) South Korea ☒
- B) USA
- C) Japan
- D) UAE



- ✓ India and South Korea set a bilateral trade target of USD 50 billion before 2030. South Korea's Trade Minister Yeo Han-Koo and Indian Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal held bilateral talks in New Delhi.

2. 'National Innovation Week' is organised in which month in India?

- A) January ☒
- B) February
- C) March
- D) April



- ✓ Ministry of Education (MoE), AICTE, and Ministry of Commerce & Industry (DPIIT) is organising 'National Innovation Week' from January 10 to 16, 2022. During the innovation week, various initiatives undertaken by these agencies to spread awareness to promote innovation and entrepreneurship will be highlighted.
- ✓ An e- symposium on 'Building Innovation Ecosystem in educational institutions was held by the Ministry of Education.

3. Which payments bank has been granted the status of a Scheduled bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) Airtel Payments Bank ☒
- B) Aditya Birla Payments Bank
- C) NSDL Payments Bank
- D) Jio Payments Bank



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently granted the status of a scheduled bank to Airtel Payments Bank. After the status of a scheduled bank, Airtel Payments Bank can now apply for Government-issued requests for primary auctions. It can also take up central and state government-level businesses.

4. Which Central Asian country's government resigned recently after massive protests due to fuel price increase?

- A) Kazakhstan ☒
- B) Kyrgyzstan
- C) Uzbekistan
- D) Turkmenistan



- ✓ Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev accepted the government's resignation, after nation-wide protests against fuel price increase. Thousands of citizens were involved in the protests and a state of Emergency was declared earlier by the Government.

5. Which Indian state is set to host the next edition of Khelo India Games in 2023?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Karnataka ☒
- D) Goa



- ✓ Karnataka Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports announced that Karnataka will host the next Khelo India Games in 2023. He also

announced that over 75 sports students are being trained in the State to take part in the next Olympics. The 2021 edition of Khelo India is postponed due to the pandemic and is to be held in Haryana.

6. What was India's target in installed electricity capacity from non-fossil energy sources, to be achieved by 2030?

- A) 30%
- B) 40% ☒
- C) 50%
- D) 100%



- ✓ As a part of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) at COP-21, India committed to achieve 40 per cent of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil energy sources by 2030. India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has said that India has achieved its non-fossil fuel-based energy target in November 2021.
- ✓ At present, India has over 40.1 percent of the total installed energy capacity of 392.01 GW.

7. Which organisation has partnered with Akshaya Patra Foundation for effective implementation of PM-POSHAN scheme?

- A) IMF
- B) World Bank
- C) United Nations - WFP ☒
- D) UNICEF



- ✓ The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has joined hands with the Akshaya Patra Foundation for effective implementation of Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM-POSHAN) scheme. The World Food Programme has more than 6 decades of experience in supporting school feeding and improving nutrition among children.
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman is Government of India's flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

8. Kuno Palpur National Park, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ Around 8 to 12 Cheetahs, which became extinct in independent India since 1950s, are set to be translocated from South Africa, Namibia and Botswana to Kuno Palpur National Park - Madhya Pradesh. In this regard, the union minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has released an 'Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India'.

9. Which South-American country is drafting a new Constitution?

- A) Chile ☒
- B) Brazil
- C) Argentina
- D) Bolivia



- ✓ South American nation Chile is in the process of drafting a new constitution for the nation. In this regard, the constitution assembly has recently elected epidemiologist Maria Elisa Quinteros as the new President to replace the body's inaugural president Elisa Loncon.

- ✓ The country has decided to replace its previous Magna Carta which was produced during the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet.
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10. Darvaza gas crater, also known as the 'Gateway to Hell', is located in which country?

- A) USA
- B) Russia
- C) Indonesia
- D) Turkmenistan ☒



- ✓ Turkmenistan President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov has ordered experts to find a method to extinguish a fire in the Darvaza gas crater. Also known as the 'Gateway to Hell', it is a huge natural gas crater.
 - ✓ It is located in the Karakum desert, 260 kilometres away from Turkmenistan's capital, Ashgabat. The Gas Crater has been burning for the last 50 years.
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