

1. PARAKH, which was seen in the news recently, is a portal associated with which field?

- A) Student Learning Assessment ☒  
 B) Defence Acquisition  
 C) Investment Advice  
 D) Customs Clearance



- ✓ The National Education Policy introduced a national assessment centre named PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development). Recently, the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) launched a portal of Student Learning Assessment (PARAKH), which will conduct assessments of students and faculty members of higher educational institutes and schools.

2. Gulabo, which recently passed away at the Van Vihar National Park and Zoo, Bhopal is a .....

- A) One-horned Rhino  
 B) Sloth Bear ☒  
 C) Bengal Tiger  
 D) Giant Tortoise



- ✓ India's oldest sloth bear, named Gulabo, died at the age of 40 at the Van Vihar National Park and Zoo in Bhopal. The female bear was rescued from a street performer in 2006 at the age of 25 years. The autopsy determined that failure of internal organs due to old age is the cause of death of the sloth bear.

3. 'Central Institute of Classical Tamil', is located in which city?

- A) Madurai  
 B) Chennai ☒  
 C) Coimbatore  
 D) Tiruchirappalli



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new building of the Central Institute of Classical Tamil in Perumbakkam on the outskirts of the Chennai city. CICT was formerly known as the Centre of Excellence for Classical Tamil (CECT), is an autonomous organisation under the Union Ministry of Education. It was functioning at the campus of the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore from 2006 to 2008.

4. Which state won the first prize in Third National Water Awards-2020 in the best state category?

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



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has been awarded the first prize in Third National Water Awards-2020 in the best state category. It is followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti gives 57 awards to States, Organizations, Individuals etc. in 11 different categories. It encourages stakeholders to adopt holistic approach in water management and motivate people to adopt best water usage practices.

5. Which state signed agreement with 'National Dairy Development Board' to create a Rs 2,000 Cr Dairy joint venture?

- A) Punjab  
 B) Assam ☒  
 C) Gujarat  
 D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ The Assam government and National Dairy Development Board signed an agreement to create a Rs 2,000-crore joint venture for holistic development of the sector in the state. As per the MoU, a joint venture company will be set up for Rs 2,000 crore with a target of processing 10 lakh litres of milk from six new units in seven years. Foundation stone of Dairy's expansion initiative under the World Bank-funded 'Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transportation Project' was also laid.

6. As per NSO First Advance Estimates, what is the GDP Growth forecasted for FY 2021-22?

- A) 8.5%  
 B) 9.2% ☒  
 C) 10%  
 D) 11.5%



- ✓ The National Statistical Office (NSO) released the First Advance Estimates of GDP Growth for FY 2021-22 as 9.2 per cent, as compared to the contraction of 7.3 percent in 2020-21.  
 ✓ As per the estimates, the Indian economy remains on track to regain its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) forecast the growth at 9.5 percent.

7. In which year, the first Start-up India 'Innovation Week' was launched?

- A) 2015  
 B) 2017  
 C) 2019  
 D) 2021 ☒



- ✓ The Indian Government is organising the first-ever Startup India 'Innovation Week' from January 10, 2021. It aims to bring together the startups, entrepreneurs, investors, incubators, funding entities, banks and policymakers under one platform to promote innovation. It also aims to showcase the spread of entrepreneurship across India.  
 ✓ Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is organising the virtual week-long innovation celebration.

8. Which Technology company is the service provider for Passport Seva Programme 2.0?

- A) Tech Mahindra  
 B) TCS ☒  
 C) Accenture  
 D) Wipro



- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has selected Tata Consultancy Services for the second phase of the Passport Seva Programme. TCS had successfully implemented its first phase, which was introduced in 2008. The programme aimed to improve delivery of passport-related services, digitise processes, fast-track the timelines, and improve transparency.

9. What is the expenditure limit for candidates for Lok Sabha elections, as per recent notification of Election Commission?

- A) Rs 95 lakhs ☒  
 B) Rs 75 lakhs  
 C) Rs 60 lakhs  
 D) Rs 50 lakhs



- ✓ The Election Commission announced a hike in expenditure limit for candidates to Rs 95 lakh, up from Rs 70 lakh for Lok Sabha elections. The Election Commission had formed a committee to study cost factors and other related issues.

- ✓ For Assembly elections, the revised expenditure limit for candidates is Rs 40 lakh for big states, up from Rs 28 lakh. Candidates in smaller states can spend a maximum Rs 28 lakh instead of the earlier limit of Rs 20 lakh.

10. India's first multi-dimensional 'adventure sports expedition' was carried out in which country?

- A) USA
- B) France ☒
- C) Switzerland
- D) Australia



- ✓ India's first multi-dimensional 'adventure sports expedition' was flagged off on October 27, 2021. It was conducted by National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS) in France. Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged-in India's first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition.
- ✓ The team, which included 8 Army personnel and 4 youths of Arunachal Pradesh, carried out over 250 kilometres of winter trekking in the Alps Mountain Ranges, paragliding, 975 kilometres of cycling and 12 deep scuba dives in the Mediterranean Sea.