

1. Punaura Dham, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Bihar   
 B) Uttar Pradesh  
 C) Madhya Pradesh  
 D) Odisha

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- ✓ Punaura Dham located in Bihar has been included in the Ramayana circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme. It has been recently included under PRASHAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism. Bihar has several tourist places in the scheme including Thirthankar Circuit in Vaishali-Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri, Spiritual Circuit at Sultanganj - Dharmshala - Deoghar and Buddhist circuit at Bodh Gaya.

2. Who is the author of the book titled "The \$10 Trillion Dream"?

- A) Raghuram Rajan  
 B) Subhash Chandra Garg   
 C) Urjit Patel  
 D) Arvind Subramanian



- ✓ Former Finance Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg has authored a book titled, "The \$10 Trillion Dream". It explores the policy issues that India faces today and suggests reforms for it to become a USD 10 trillion economy by the mid-2030s. S C Garg is an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and was appointed as Finance Secretary in 2019.

3. 'LockBit 2.0' Group launched a cyber-attack on the Justice Ministry of which country?

- A) USA  
 B) France   
 C) Russia  
 D) China



- ✓ France's Justice Ministry has been hit by cyber-attack from a group known as LockBit 2.0. The group locked the ministry's files and asking for ransom from the Government. The country has launched investigation on the attack. As per government sources, no criminal records have been affected.

4. 'National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER)' is research institution under which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
 B) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers   
 C) Ministry of Education  
 D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) is a public pharmaceutical research institution under India's Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya launched NIPER Research Portal, to disseminate the information about all seven NIPERs and their research activities.

5. Who has succeeded Krishnamurthy Subramanian as the chief economic advisor (CEA) of India?

- A) Urjit Patel  
 B) Jean Dreze  
 C) Kaushik Basu  
 D) V Anantha Nageswaran



- ✓ The Government has appointed V Anantha Nageswaran as its Chief Economic Advisor (CEA). He was Dean of IFMR Graduate School of Business. He was also a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister from 2019 to 2021.
- ✓ The upcoming Survey has been drafted by a team led by Principal Economic Advisor Sanjeev Sanyal.

6. Xiomara Castro, has been elected as the first female President of which country?

- A) Bahamas  
 B) Honduras   
 C) Morocco  
 D) Tunisia



- ✓ Central American country Honduras is set to elect its first female president, Xiomara Castro, after the ruling party conceded defeat. Ms Castro is the candidate for the left-wing Libre (Free) Party, and has a preliminary lead of almost 20 percentage points over her rival.
- ✓ The 12-year reign of the right-wing National Party was accused for scandals and corruptive practices.

7. In which month the 'World Interfaith Harmony Week' is observed every year?

- A) January  
 B) February   
 C) December  
 D) November



- ✓ 'World Interfaith Harmony Week' is an annual event observed during the first week of February, after General Assembly designation in 2010. The General Assembly established World Interfaith Harmony Week as a way to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith. This year, the slogan for the observance is 'Interfaith Pandemic Recovery'.

8. Which institution/office announced the 'Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship 2022'?

- A) NITI Aayog  
 B) Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser   
 C) IIT- Madras  
 D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ The 'Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship 2022' was announced by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the government of India under its 'Waste to Wealth' mission. This fellowship has been announced for empowering young innovators- who are engaged in community work of waste management- in the role of 'Swachhta Saarthis'.
- ✓ 'Waste to Wealth' mission is one of the nine national missions of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC).

9. "Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram" is a scheme of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports   
 B) Ministry of Education  
 C) Ministry of Skill Development  
 D) Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ "Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram" has been extended over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26) at an outlay of Rs 2,710.65 Crore. The RYSK Scheme is the flagship Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

- ✓ The Scheme beneficiaries are the youth in the age-group of 15–29 years. Its objective is to motivate youth to strive for excellence in their respective fields and use their energy for national building.

10. Which is the venue of the Nehru Trophy Boat Race in 2022?

- A) UAE
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Maldives
- D) Mauritius



- ✓ Nehru Trophy Boat Race, a famous event held in Alappuzha of Kerala, is set to be held in Ras al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this year. The race will be held in the month of March in partnership with International Marine Sports Club Ras Al Khaimah at the Al Marjan Island, UAE. The name of the water race was set after Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to Kerala Boat Race in 1952.