

1. Which is the host country of the African Union Summit 2022?

- A) Zimbabwe  
B) Mali  
C) Ethiopia   
D) South Africa



- ✓ The African Union Summit 2022 recently began in the AU Headquarters Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The summit was held amidst a range of military coups and the coronavirus pandemic in the continent. The two-day summit will address six coups or attempted coups over the past 18 months and low vaccination rates.

2. 'Development of design studios' is a new sub-scheme under which scheme?

- A) Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme   
B) Design Linked Incentive Scheme  
C) PM YUVA Yojana  
D) PM KUSUM Scheme



- ✓ Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme (IFLDP) has been approved for continuation from 2021-22 with an outlay of ₹1,700 crore, as per the Ministry of Commerce. 'Development of design studios' (proposed outlay ₹100 crore) is a new sub-scheme under the scheme.  
✓ IFLDP aims to develop infrastructure for leather sector, address environmental concerns, facilitate investments, employment generation and increase in production.

3. Which country leads the 'Giant Magellan Telescope' project?

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



- ✓ The U.S. Extremely Large Telescope Program, which includes the Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT), is led by the US and in partnership with Australia, Brazil, and South Korea, with Chile as the host country. The USD 1 billion project was ranked 'Mission Critical' by the 2020 Decadal Survey on Astronomy and Astrophysics.

4. Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in which Indian state?

- A) Gujarat  
B) Rajasthan   
C) Punjab  
D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in Rajasthan's Alwar district. Several measures for habitat management for tigers were launched about six months ago at the Reserve. As a result, the tiger population in the wildlife sanctuary has gone up to 25.

5. Sergio Mattarella has been elected as the President of which country for the second term?

- A) Brazil  
B) Italy   
C) France  
D) Ukraine



- ✓ Italian President Sergio Mattarella has been elected to a second term in the recent round of elections. Mattarella was reconfirmed with a broad majority, in the voting done by lawmakers and regional

representatives. The 80-year-old Sergio Mattarella has been serving as the country's President since 2015.

6. 'HERMES Mission' seen in the news is associated with country?

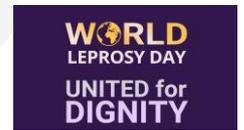
- A) USA   
B) Russia  
C) China  
D) UAE



- ✓ HERMES stands for Heliophysics Environmental and Radiation Measurement Experiment Suite. It is a critical part of NASA's Artemis mission. HERMES is a four-instrument suite to be mounted outside NASA's Moon-orbiting Gateway, and has recently passed a critical mission review. HERMES will monitor the space weather and the fluctuating conditions in space driven by the Sun.

7. "United for Dignity" Campaign honors the dignity of people who have experienced which disease?

- A) COVID  
B) Leprosy   
C) Cancer  
D) Tuberculosis



- ✓ World Leprosy Day (WLD) is observed on the last Sunday of January. In 2022, World Leprosy Day is 30 January. The "United for Dignity" campaign calls for unity in honoring the dignity of people who have experienced leprosy.  
✓ WHO Goodwill Ambassador for leprosy elimination launched "Don't forget leprosy" campaign. In India, Anti-Leprosy Day is observed on 30 January, the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

8. Which is the nodal agency of Powerthon-2022, a hackathon launched by the Union Power Ministry?

- A) PFC  
B) REC   
C) NITI Aayog  
D) ONGC



- ✓ Union Power Minister R K Singh launched a hackathon, named Powerthon-2022, to find tech-driven solutions for quality power supply. REC Limited, in collaboration with Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE), IIT Bombay, acts as the nodal agency.  
✓ It is launched under RDSS (Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme). New ideas and concepts will be rewarded with licence.

9. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Central Media Accreditation Guidelines-2022'?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and IT  
B) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting   
C) Ministry of Communication  
D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting released Central Media Accreditation Guidelines-2022. It includes a stringent provision under which the accreditation is liable to be suspended or withdrawn if a journalist 'acts in a manner which is prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State' among others.

10. 'Kanchoth festival' is celebrated in which Indian state/UT?

- A) Bihar
- B) Jammu and Kashmir
- C) West Bengal
- D) Assam



- ✓ 'Kanchoth festival' is a religious and colourful events for the followers of Nag Culture. It was recently celebrated across erstwhile district Doda of Jammu and Kashmir. The people celebrate marriage of Lord Shiva with Goddess Parvati. It is also called as Gauri-Tritya.