

1. Which state/UT has digitised the whole process of disbursement of Pension?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) New Delhi
C) Puducherry
D) Goa



- ✓ The Delhi government has digitised the whole process of disbursement of Pension. The entire process, from filling the application form to disbursement of pension, will be online. The Social Welfare Department of the state has implemented the process successfully. It also announced that there will be no hindrance or delay in pension cases.

2. What is the maturity period of the Sovereign gold bond scheme?

- A) 8 years
B) 10 years
C) 5 years
D) 4 years



- ✓ Sovereign gold bonds are government securities denominated in grams of gold, issued by the RBI on behalf of the Government of India. The maturity period of the sovereign gold bond is eight years. The premature redemption is permitted after the fifth year from the date of issue of such gold bonds on the interest payout date.

3. As per a recent Parliamentary committee report, what is the proposed 'guaranteed number of days of work' in MGNREGA?

- A) 90
B) 120
C) 150
D) 350



- ✓ A Parliamentary committee has recommended increase in guaranteed days of work from 100 to 150, in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). They also highlighted that the scheme is a last "fall-back" option for many in the rural areas. The Standing Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, headed by Shiv Sena member Prataprao Jadhav tabled the report in Lok Sabha.

4. Which institution announced a new partnership under SAMRIDH initiative, along with USAID?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
C) UN Women
D) Women's Global Empowerment Fund



- ✓ Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced a new partnership under the Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH) initiative.
✓ The partnership with AIM, NITI Aayog will promote SAMRIDH's efforts to reach sustainable healthcare models and innovative financing mechanisms to improve the quality of spending in the health sector.

5. Malkangiri, which topped the most improved aspirational districts in 'Agriculture and Water Resources sector', is in which state?

- A) West Bengal
B) Odisha
C) Telangana
D) Punjab



- ✓ NITI Aayog has announced the five most improved aspirational districts in the Agriculture and Water Resources sector for December 2021. Malkangiri in Odisha tops the list. It is followed by Chhatrapur in Madhya Pradesh and Baramulla in Jammu and Kashmir. This is as per the Delta Rankings published by NITI Aayog.

6. Which institution hosts the 'World Sustainable Development Summit'?

- A) UNFCCC
B) NITI Aayog
C) The Energy and Resources Institute
D) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre



- ✓ The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) hosted the latest edition of the World Sustainable Development Summit. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the summit, which was based on the theme 'Towards a Resilient Planet: Ensuring a Sustainable and Equitable Future'.
✓ The keynote addresses will be delivered by President of Republic of Guyana Dr Irfaan Ali and Deputy Secretary-General of the UN.

7. What is the outlay of Prime Minister Awas Yojana (PMAY), in the Union Budget 2022-23?

- A) Rs 96000 Cr
B) Rs 75000 Cr
C) Rs 48000 Cr
D) Rs 36000 Cr



- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman allocated ₹48,000 crore towards completion of 80 lakh houses under Prime Minister Awas Yojana (PMAY) in rural and urban areas during 2022-23.
✓ Recently, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs approved project proposals for over 60,000 houses across five states – Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Rajasthan.

8. Which institution has organised 'Darkathon -2022' initiative to find solutions to counter dark-net markets?

- A) Central Bureau of Investigation
B) Narcotics Control Bureau
C) Enforcement Directorate
D) National Investigation Agency



- ✓ Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has organised 'Darkathon -2022' initiative to find solutions to counter dark-net markets.
✓ The initiative aims at involving students, youth and technical experts to find effective solutions to counter drug trafficking through darknet. NCB is a Law enforcement and intelligence agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

9. India signed a Lol on New and Renewable energy technology with which country?

- A) Israel
B) Australia
C) USA
D) New Zealand



- ✓ India and Australia have signed a letter of intent (Lol) on New and Renewable energy technology. It aims to scale up manufacturing and deployment of ultra low-cost solar and clean hydrogen. The Lol was signed during the 4th India – Australia Energy Dialogue. The dialogue was co-chaired by Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh and his Australian counterpart.

10. What is the main objective of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan?

- A) Skill Development
- B) Infrastructure Development
- C) Healthcare Development
- D) Export Development



- ✓ Gati Shakti is a digital platform, which will bring 16 ministries together, for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects.
- ✓ Under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP), the government plans to develop 22 greenfield expressways, 23 key infrastructure projects including other highways and 35 multi-modal logistics parks (MMLPs), as per the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways.