

1. Where was the 6<sup>th</sup> African Union – European Union Summit held?

- A) Brussels   
 B) Cairo  
 C) Rome  
 D) Johannesburg



- ✓ The 6<sup>th</sup> African Union – European Union Summit was held on 17 February – 18 February 2022 at Brussels, where heads of member states of African Union and European Union participated.
- ✓ The meeting was co-chaired by the President of the European Council, President of Senegal and the Chairperson of the AU. During the summit, the leaders agreed on a joint vision for a renewed partnership.

2. Who has been conferred with Hilal-e-Pakistan – the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest civilian award of Pakistan, in 2022?

- A) Bill Gates   
 B) Malala Yousafzai  
 C) Elon Musk  
 D) Xi Jinping



- ✓ Philanthropist and founder of Microsoft corporation – Bill Gates has been conferred with Hilal-e-Pakistan, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest civilian award of Pakistan. He is receiving this award as the co-chair of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- ✓ This award has been dedicated to him on account for the foundation's continuous efforts to eradicate polio and to reduce poverty in Pakistan.

3. With reference to plastic packaging, what does EPR stand for?

- A) Extended Producer Responsibility   
 B) Environment Protection Responsibility  
 C) Ecological Protection Role  
 D) Epoxy Poly Rehydroxy-sulphate



- ✓ Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified the Guidelines on Extended Producers Responsibility on plastic packaging under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- ✓ The guidelines on extended producer responsibility coupled with prohibition of identified single use plastic items, which have low utility and high littering potential, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

4. Which Union Ministry released the publication titled 'Energy statistics India – 2022'?

- A) Ministry Of Statistics and Programme Implementation   
 B) Ministry of Power  
 C) Ministry of Coal  
 D) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy



- ✓ Ministry Of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the publication, 'Energy statistics India – 2022'. It is a repository of statistics on energy resources and highlights India's commitment and progress made in sustainable energy systems.
- ✓ The publication presents the concepts of production, consumption, trade, energy balance etc. The data is collected from Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

5. As per Union Budget 2022–23, what is the new Alternate Minimum Tax (AMT) for Cooperative societies?

- A) 10%  
 B) 12.5%  
 C) 15%   
 D) 17.5%



- ✓ The Union Budget has reduced the Alternate Minimum Tax (AMT) to be paid by Cooperative societies to 15 percent. At present, cooperative societies are required to pay AMT at the rate of 18.5 percent, while companies pay the same at 15 percent.
- ✓ The Budget proposed to reduce the surcharge from the 12% to 7%, for cooperatives with total income of Rs 1 crore up to Rs 10 crore.

6. Which type of villages are the beneficiaries of the newly announced 'Vibrant Villages programme'?

- A) Coastal Villages  
 B) Border Villages   
 C) Hilly villages  
 D) ODF Villages



- ✓ The Union Budget has announced a new scheme called 'Vibrant Villages programme', which aims to boost the infrastructure of the villages along India's border, especially with China.
- ✓ Under the programme, additional funding will be provided, existing schemes will be converged. Activities include housing, tourist centres, road connectivity, provisioning of decentralised renewable energy, DTH access for Doordarshan and educational channels, and livelihood support.

7. When is the 'World Radio Day' celebrated?

- A) February 13   
 B) February 14  
 C) February 15  
 D) February 16



- ✓ 'World Radio Day' is celebrated on 'February 13' every year, across the world. It was first proclaimed by the member states of UNESCO in 2011. The UN General Assembly adopted the proposal in 2012. Theme of 2022 edition of the World Radio Day is, "Radio and Trust".

8. India signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with which country in February 2022?

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



- ✓ India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) recently signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). It is set to benefit almost 90 per cent of trade, both exports and imports, between the two countries.
- ✓ India has given duty concessions on gold exported from the UAE, while Indian exporters will attract zero per cent duty on jewellery.

9. India imported a record 100,000 tonnes of Soy Oil from which country?

- A) UAE  
 B) USA   
 C) Malaysia  
 D) Australia



- ✓ Indian traders have imported a record 100,000 tonnes of Soy Oil from the United States, because of limited supplies from drought-hit South America. This import has been undertaken amidst the high prices of its rival Palm Oil.

10. What is the objective of World Bank's REWARD Program?

- A) Promotion of School Education
- B) Watershed management
- C) Solid waste Management
- D) Infrastructure Development



- ✓ Government of India, the State Governments of Karnataka and Odisha and the World Bank have signed a USD 115 million Programme.
  - ✓ The name of the project is REWARD (Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development Programme). It will help national and state institutions adopt improved watershed management practices.
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