

1. Which Union Ministry implements the 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)' scheme?

- A) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways  
 B) Ministry of Rural Development   
 C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
 D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj



- ✓ Union Ministry of Rural Development implements the 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)' scheme, with National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA) as the nodal implementation agency. Recently, the union minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh released Rural Connectivity GIS Data in Public Domain.
- ✓ This includes GIS data for 800,000+ rural facilities as points, 1 million+ habitations and 25,00,000+ km of rural roads, digitised using the GIS platform.

2. Which institution authorises all Pre-paid Instruments (PPI) in India?

- A) NPCI  
 B) RBI   
 C) Finance Ministry  
 D) Enforcement Directorate



- ✓ The Reserve bank of India authorises all Pre-paid Instruments (PPI) in India, under the powers conferred under Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act). The RBI recently cautioned public against car pooling app sRide, that the firm was operating pre-paid instrument without authorization from the central bank, under PSS Act, 2007.

3. Which Indian mathematician was conferred 'Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians' 2021?

- A) Neena Gupta   
 B) R Praggnanandhaa  
 C) Dr. B. Uma Shankar  
 D) Dr. Kuntal Ghosh



- ✓ Professor Neena Gupta, a mathematician at the Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata, was conferred the Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians. She received the award for the year 2021 for her significant work in affine algebraic geometry and commutative algebra.
- ✓ The prize is awarded annually to a researcher from a developing country, funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) in association with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) and the International Mathematical Union (IMU).

4. Who chairs the Financial Stability and Development Council?

- A) RBI Governor  
 B) Union Finance Minister   
 C) Prime Minister  
 D) NITI Aayog CEO



- ✓ The 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held, under the Chairpersonship of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- ✓ The Council discussed measures required for development of the financial sector and to achieve an inclusive economic growth with macroeconomic stability. The Council discussed various operational issues relating to currency management.

5. National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) has been extended till which year?

- A) 2023-24  
 B) 2025-26   
 C) 2029-30  
 D) 2031-32



- ✓ The Ministry of Education (MoE) has approved the continuation of the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) till 2025-26.
- ✓ Some changes in eligibility criteria have been introduced such as increasing income ceiling from Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 3.5 lakh per annum. It aims to deter meritorious students from dropping out at class 8 and encourage them to continue their education at secondary stage.

6. Which space agency has provided a 'International Space Station Transition Report'?

- A) SpaceX  
 B) NASA   
 C) ESA  
 D) CNSA



- ✓ NASA has released an updated International Space Station Transition Report. It includes the goals for the next decade of station operations leading to a smooth transition to commercial services.
- ✓ It also includes the steps being taken to develop both the supply and demand side of the low-Earth orbit commercial economy, and technical steps and budget required for transition.

7. Which institution released the report on 'Global analysis of health care waste in the context of COVID-19'?

- A) NITI Aayog  
 B) WHO   
 C) John Hopkins University  
 D) FDA



- ✓ The World Health Organisation released the report on 'Global analysis of health care waste in the context of COVID-19'. As per the report, eight billion vaccine doses administered globally were estimated to have produced an additional 144,000 tonnes of waste in the form of glass vials, syringes, needles and safety boxes.

8. 'Space Applications Centre and Physical Research Laboratory' function under the aegis of which institution?

- A) DRDO  
 B) ISRO   
 C) CSIR  
 D) BARC



- ✓ Ahmedabad-based Space Applications Centre and Physical Research Laboratory function under the aegis of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). Recently, the Scientists from the institute successfully demonstrated 'Quantum entanglement'. Using real-time Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), they conducted hack-proof communication between two buildings separated by 300 meters.

9. Which team won its 1<sup>st</sup> African Cup of Nations title in 2021-2022?

- A) Senegal   
 B) Malawi  
 C) Guinea  
 D) Namibia



- ✓ Senegal won its first African Cup of Nations title in the year 2022 by beating Egypt 4-2 in a penalty shootout.
- ✓ Senegal's Sadio Mané scored the winning spot kick. Senegal had finished as runners-up in 2019 African Cup, losing the final 0-1 to Algeria. Senegal has played in sixteen editions of the Africa Cup of Nations and the team finally won their first AFCON title in 2021.

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10. Which is the only Indian documentary that has been nominated at 2022 Oscar awards?

- A) India Untouched
- B) Writing with Fire
- C) Period. End Of Sentence
- D) Jai Bheem



- ✓ Indian documentary 'Writing with Fire', directed by filmmakers Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh, has been nominated at the 94<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards in the Best Documentary Feature category.
- ✓ Writing with Fire is the only Indian documentary to be nominated at this year's Oscar awards.