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1. Which Indian movie won the Best Film award at Dhaka International Film Festival?

- A) Koozhangal ☒
- B) Jai Bhim
- C) Nimir
- D) Annaatthe



- ✓ 'Koozhangal' from India won the best film award in the Asian Film Competition section at the 20th Dhaka International Film Festival. It was directed by P S Vinodraj from Tamil Nadu. Best Actor Award went to Jayasurya for Ranjith Sankar-directed film Sunny.
- ✓ The Best Script Writer Award went to Indranil Roychowdhury and Sugata Sinha for India-Bangladesh film Mayar Jonjal. The special audience award was given to Aimee Baruah Directed film Semkhor. India won 4 out of 17 awards.

2. UNCITRAL, seen in the news, is a UN Agency associated with which field?

- A) Children Welfare
- B) Climate Change
- C) Insolvency ☒
- D) Heritage



- ✓ United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Model Law on Cross border Insolvency (1997) is the most widely accepted legal framework on cross-border insolvency.
- ✓ The Economic Survey suggested the adoption of UNCITRAL Law with certain modifications. It has been adopted by 49 countries such as Singapore, UK, US, South Africa and Korea. Insolvency Law Committee had recommended the adoption of UNCITRAL.

3. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Services e-Health Assistance and Teleconsultation (SeHAT)' initiative?

- A) Defence Ministry ☒
- B) Health and Family Welfare Ministry
- C) Science and Technology Ministry
- D) Electronics and IT Ministry



- ✓ The Union Defence Ministry had launched the 'Services e-Health Assistance and Teleconsultation (SeHAT)' scheme. It aims to provide home delivery of medicines for veterans and serving military personnel. The scheme was first rolled out in Delhi. It also provides online medical consultation platform to the tri-services personnel and their families.

4. "Vayam Rakshamah" or "We Protect" is the theme of which armed force?

- A) Indian Coast Guard ☒
- B) Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force
- C) Assam Sentinels
- D) Border Security Force



- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) celebrated its 46th Raising Day on 1 February 2022. It is the fourth largest Coast Guard in the world with the motto of "Vayam Rakshamah" or "We Protect".
- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard was inaugurated with seven surface platforms in 1978. It is set to achieve the targeted force levels of 80 aircraft and 200 surface platforms by the year 2025.

5. Spikevax, which received full approval from US FDA, was manufactured by which pharma company?

- A) Pfizer
- B) Moderna ☒
- C) Johnson and Johnson
- D) Astrazeneca



- ✓ Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine named 'Spikevax' has received full approval from the US Food and Drug Administration, for use in people ages 18 and older. This is the second Covid-19 vaccine to receive full approval from the FDA after Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine, Comirnaty, which was approved in August. This is also the first product of Moderna to receive licensure in the U.S.

6. 'AK 203 Deal' was signed by India with which country?

- A) USA
- B) Russia ☒
- C) France
- D) Israel



- ✓ Russia has supplied the first batch of 70,000 rifles, as a part of the AK-203 Deal to manufacture the AK 203 assault rifles in India. The first batch is likely to be used by the air force, while the rifles to be manufactured at the Amethi factory will be delivered to the army.
- ✓ The manufacturing will be done by Indo Russian Rifles Private Limited, Joint Venture between Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Ltd (erstwhile OFB) and Russian Rosoboronexport.

7. Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, who refused the Padma Bhushan award, was the Chief Minister of which state?

- A) Odisha
- B) West Bengal ☒
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The 77-year-old Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee refused the Padma Bhushan award announced in 2022. He served as the Chief Minister of West Bengal from 2000 to 2011. Legendary singer Sandhya Mukherjee and tabla exponent Anindya Chatterjee also refused the awards.

8. The Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC Bank) was amalgamated with which bank?

- A) Unity Small Finance Bank ☒
- B) Jana Small Finance Bank
- C) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- D) Kerala Bank



- ✓ The Government approved the plan for the amalgamation of the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC Bank) with Unity Small Finance Bank (USFBL).
- ✓ USFBL is a joint venture between Centrum Financial services and digital payments platform BharatPe. All the branches of the PMC Bank will function as branches of USFBL with immediate effect.

9. What is the rank of India in the Corruption perception index (CPI) of 2021?

- A) 64
- B) 75
- C) 85 ☒
- D) 101



- ✓ India's rank improved one place to 85 among 180 countries in the Corruption perception index (CPI) of 2021. Transparency International

releases the index, which ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption.

- ✓ In a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 is highly corrupt and 100 is very clean, India's score was 40. The report also raised concerns over India's democratic status

10. "Manyam and Alluri Sitarama Raju" are the newly formed tribal districts of which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Andhra Pradesh ☒
- C) Telangana
- D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Andhra Pradesh has notified Andhra Pradesh has 13 new districts under AP Districts Formation Act, Section 3(5). The total number of districts in Andhra Pradesh is now 26. The state has 25 Lok Sabha constituencies and each is supposed to be made a revenue district.
- ✓ Only Araku constituency is split into two new districts. Manyam and Alluri Sitarama Raju, named after the legendary Telugu freedom fighter, are the two new tribal districts.

1. Who is India's first woman Rafale fighter jet pilot?

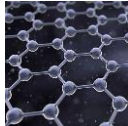
- A) Shivangi Singh ☒
- B) Bhawana Kanth
- C) Mohana Singh
- D) Avani Chaturvedi



- ✓ The country's first woman Rafale fighter jet pilot Shivangi Singh was part of the Indian Air Force tableau at the Republic Day parade. Last year, Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth became the first female fighter jet pilot to be part of the IAF tableau. Shivangi is only the second woman fighter jet pilot to be part of the IAF tableau.

2. MeITY has approved the project of state to set up India's first 'Graphene Innovation Centre'?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) Karnataka



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India, has given approval to Kerala for setting up India's first 'Graphene Innovation Centre'. The state-run Digital University Kerala (DUK), along with CMET-Trichur, is to set up "India Innovation Centre for Graphene", an R&D incubation centre.
- ✓ It will be implemented with the support of Government of Kerala, and Tata Steel Ltd will be the industrial partner of the centre. Graphene is the thinnest and strongest material in the world.

3. Which country inaugurated the Ijmuiden Sea Lock, the world's largest sea lock?

- A) USA
- B) The Netherlands ☒
- C) Australia
- D) India



- ✓ Dutch King Willem-Alexander officially opened the Ijmuiden Sea Lock, which is claimed to be the largest sea lock in the world. The 500-metre long and 70-metre-wide structure replaces a smaller 100-year-old one at Ijmuiden, a port city connecting the North Sea Canal to the port of Amsterdam. The structure is deep enough that ships will not have to wait for a favourable water level to enter the canal.

4. 'Scheme for enhancement of competitiveness of capital goods sector' is associated with which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Steel
- B) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- C) Ministry of Textiles
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒



- ✓ Ministry of Commerce and Industry notified the second phase of the scheme for enhancement of competitiveness in the capital goods sector. The scheme was notified with a financial outlay of ₹1,207 crore.
- ✓ It would consist of a budgetary support from the government of ₹975 crore and the rest of ₹232 crore would come through the industry contribution.

5. When is the 'World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day' observed?

- A) January 25
- B) January 30 ☒
- C) February 1
- D) February 3



- ✓ 'World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day' is observed on January 30 every year, to raise awareness on neglected tropical diseases.
- ✓ This year's World NTD Day was commemorated under the theme "Achieving health equity to end the neglect of poverty-related diseases". Some examples of NTDs are Chikungunya, Dengue, Leprosy and Rabies among others. They affect 1 billion people globally.

6. 'Lake Albert' is located as a border between which two countries?

- A) Uganda–Democratic Republic of Congo ☒
- B) Algeria–Libya
- C) South Africa– Tanzania
- D) Uganda– Ethiopia



- ✓ Two Oil Giants– France's TotalEnergies and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) signed a USD 10 million deal to develop Uganda's energy resources and build a regional oil pipeline.
- ✓ The project aims to exploit the crude oil reserves at Lake Albert, a 160-kilometre natural border between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

7. Paschim Lehar, is a joint Defence Exercise held by which country?

- A) Nepal
- B) India ☒
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Myanmar



- ✓ A joint maritime exercise Paschim Lehar was conducted by the Indian Navy concluded off the West Coast recently. The Exercise aims to enhance the inter-service synergy among the Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Indian Army and Coast Guard.
- ✓ It was conducted over a duration of 20 days with participation of various equipment of the armed forces.

8. Which Ministry released the 'Drone certification scheme'?

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- B) Ministry of Civil Aviation ☒
- C) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting



- ✓ The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) notified a 'Drone certification scheme (DCS)' to ensure minimum safety and quality requirements and to boost indigenous manufacturing.
- ✓ The objective of this DCS, released under liberalized Drone Rules, 2021, is to provide the minimum requirements for security requirements for drones and enable their evaluation for certification. The liberalised Drone Rules, 2021, was released by the MoCA in Aug-2021.

9. 'Clinker Boats' which were added to UNESCO Heritage List, belongs to which region?

- A) Nordic Countries ☒
- B) Baltic Countries
- C) Balkan States
- D) East African Countries



- ✓ UNESCO has added 'Clinker Boats' to its list of traditions that represent the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
- ✓ Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden jointly sought the UNESCO designation. It is a Nordic Tradition and for thousands of years, wooden sailboats enabled the peoples of Northern Europe to

undertake trade.

10. Which country played host to the first India–Central Asia Summit?

- A) India ☒
- B) Kazakhstan
- C) Tajikistan
- D) Uzbekistan



- ✓ India hosted first India–Central Asia Summit in a virtual format. Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed on the need for India and Central Asian countries to define an ambitious vision, as the relations completed 30 years. The event that saw a participation of the Presidents of five countries, including Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

1. Which state/UT has released India's first citizen-driven state-level Bird Atlas?

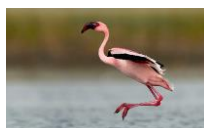
- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala ☒
C) Karnataka
D) West Bengal



- ✓ The Kerala Bird Atlas released recently is said to be Asia's largest bird atlas in terms of geographical extent, sampling efforts, and species coverage. It is also the first-of-its-kind state-level bird atlas in India, and was conducted as a citizen-driven exercise with the participation of over 1000 volunteers.

2. Khijadiya wildlife sanctuary, is a new Ramsar site, located in which state/UT?

- A) Haryana
B) Bihar
C) Gujarat ☒
D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ Two new Ramsar sites were announced on the occasion of World Wetlands Day. They are: Khijadiya wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat and Bakhira wildlife sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ India has a network of 49 such sites covering 10,93,636 hectares, which is the highest in South Asia. The Union Environment Ministry had earlier notified the Sultanpur National Park and Bhindawas wildlife sanctuary in Jhajar as Ramsar sites in Haryana.

3. With the integration of Chhattisgarh, the 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan is operational in how many states/UT?

- A) 15
B) 20
C) 28
D) 35 ☒



- ✓ Chhattisgarh has recently implemented 'One Nation One Ration Card' (ONORC) plan, under which the people of the state can lift their food-grains quota from any ration shops across the country.
- ✓ With the integration of Chhattisgarh, the ONORC plan is now operational in 35 States/UTs covering almost 96.8 percent of about 77 crore NFSA beneficiaries in the country. This was announced by the Department of Food & Public Distribution.

4. Skeletal remains of a man buried near a headless horse have been found in which country?

- A) Russia
B) Greece
C) Germany ☒
D) China



- ✓ Researchers have recently found skeletal remains of a man buried near a headless horse. The remains have been found in Knittlingen in southern Germany. Researchers estimate that the man and the horse must have been buried 1400 years ago when the area was ruled by Merovingian dynasty.

5. Which North-Eastern state recently inaugurated a dedicated 'Technology Park' for IT sector?

- A) Assam
B) Meghalaya ☒
C) Manipur
D) Mizoram



- ✓ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma recently inaugurated the 'Shillong Technology Park'. Several companies have submitted their assent to open their branches. At present, Meghalaya has 70% population below the age of 35 years. The first phase building of the Technology Park will create employment for more than 1,500 people directly, will generate more jobs indirectly.

6. Which country is the top export destination of India's electronic goods in 2021?

- A) USA ☒
B) China
C) The Netherlands
D) Germany



- ✓ India's exports of electronic goods touched USD 1.67 Billion in December 2021, registering a growth of 33.99% over USD 1.25 bn seen in December 2020. The overall exports of electronics goods in the last financial year were USD 11.11 Billion.
- ✓ The top 5 export destinations of Indian electronics goods in April-November 2021 are: USA (18%), UAE (16.6%), China (7.6%), Netherland (4.5%) & Germany (4.2%). Mobile phones form a major part of India's Electronics Goods sector exports.

7. Which neighbouring country of India witnessed a record low growth of 0.93 per cent in the last decade?

- A) Sri Lanka
B) Nepal ☒
C) Bangladesh
D) Myanmar



- ✓ As per the preliminary results of Nepal's National Census 2021, the country's population has reached 29,192,480, which is a growth of mere 0.93 per cent. This is also the lowest growth in the last eight decades. The population growth rate in Nepal is less than the average growth rate of the global population.
- ✓ This is due to the outward migration of Nepalis for jobs and studies. In the last Census 2011, the average population growth rate was 1.35%.

8. Who is the author of the book titled "A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence"?

- A) Ruskin Bond ☒
B) Arundhati Roy
C) Sudha Murty
D) Vikram Seth



- ✓ Veteran Author Ruskin Bond released his latest book titled, "A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence". The 87-year-old Indian author of British descent has depicted the physical and spiritual attributes of India. It is a record of some of the author's memories and impressions of the country.
- ✓ Ruskin Bond is the recipient of Sahitya Akademi Award, Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar, Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan.

9. The Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is located in which district?

- A) Erode ☒
B) Coimbatore
C) Dindigul
D) Salem



- ✓ The Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) of Tamil Nadu has been awarded the prestigious TX2 Award after its tiger number doubled

since 2010. STR is a protected area and tiger reserve in the Western Ghats in the Erode District of Tamil Nadu.

- ✓ The reserve is a part of the Nilgiri biosphere landscape, which is the home to world's largest tiger population. The awards are presented by the Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CATS), Global Tiger Forum (GTF), IUCN's ITHCP, UNDP, WWF among other stakeholders.

10. What was the mission period of National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY)?

A) 2014–2018

B) 2015–2019 ☒

C) 2016–2020

D) 2017–2021



- ✓ The National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY), a central sector scheme was launched in 2015 and was implemented in 12 cities. As many as 77 projects have been implemented with an outlay of Rs 453.90 crores.
- ✓ 2 projects amounting to Rs 18.34 crore – Project in Badami (Karnataka) and Project in Warangal (Telangana) are under implementation. The mission period ended in 2019.

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 Saarthi'.
- ✓ '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.

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?

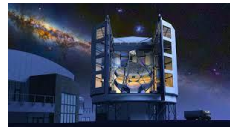
- A) Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme ☒
B) Design Linked Incentive Scheme
C) PM YUVA Yojana
D) PM KUSUM Scheme



- ✓ 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?

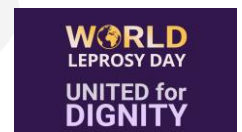
- A) USA ☒
B) Russia
C) China
D) UAE



- ✓ 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.
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1. '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.

2. India recently held a 'High Level Conference on Renewable Energy' along with which bloc?

- A) SAARC
- B) ASEAN ☒
- C) BRICS
- D) G-20



- ✓ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), Indonesia, are jointly hosting an 'ASEAN-India High Level Conference on Renewable Energy (RE)'. This is being hosted in collaboration with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). The theme for the conference is 'Experience and Innovations for Integrated Renewables Market'.

3. Who is the first male player to win the 'World Games Athlete of the Year' award?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Pankaj Advani
- C) PR Sreejesh ☒
- D) Arif Khan



- ✓ Veteran Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh won the prestigious World Games Athlete of the Year for his 2021 performances. Sreejesh became the first man and second hockey player to win the award, after India Hockey women's captain Rani, who won the 2019 prize.
- ✓ He played a significant role in the men's team that claimed a bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics.

4. Antonio Costa, has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Italy
- B) Portugal ☒
- C) Germany
- D) Israel



- ✓ Antonio Costa is serving as the current Prime Minister of Portugal since 2015. The 60-year-old leader of Socialist Party has been re-elected for the second term in the snap general election.

5. What is the share of the Government of India in the 'National Land Monetisation Corporation (NLMC)'?

- A) 25%
- B) 50%
- C) 75%
- D) 100% ☒



- ✓ The government has set up a National Land Monetisation Corporation (NLMC) to fast-track monetisation of land and non-core assets of public sector entities, as per the Economic Survey. NLMC is being incorporated as a 100 per cent Government of India owned entity with an initial authorised share capital of Rs 5,000 crore.

6. Union Budget announced a fund to finance start-ups for agriculture and rural enterprise, facilitated through which institution?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) NABARD ☒
- C) NABFID
- D) REC



- ✓ The Union Budget announced a fund with blended capital, raised under co-investment model, will be facilitated through NABARD. It will be used to finance start-ups for agriculture and rural enterprise. The Government would promote the use of 'Kisan Drones' for crop assessment, digitisation of land records and spraying of insecticides.

7. What is the objective of the 'Parvat Mala' scheme announced recently?

- A) Promotion of Adventure Sports
- B) Transportation in Hills ☒
- C) Promotion of Pilgrimage Sites
- D) Protection of Wildlife



- ✓ The Union Budget announced a new scheme called 'Parvat Mala' or National Ropeways Development Programme.
- ✓ The scheme will be launched for regions like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, J&K, and the northeast to facilitate a modern system of transportation and connectivity in hills.

8. White Cheeked Macaque, a new mammal species in the country, has been discovered in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Assam
- C) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- D) Sikkim



- ✓ Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have found a new mammal species in the country namely the White Cheeked Macaque, in Arunachal Pradesh. The Macaque was first discovered in China in 2015 and its existence was not known in India before this. The White Cheeked Macaque has white cheeks, long and thick hair on the neck and a longer tail than other Macaques. It is the last mammal to have been discovered in Southeast Asia.

9. Which High court has constituted a three-judge bench to hear petitions questioning a ban on the use of hijabs in colleges?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Karnataka ☒
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Karnataka High Court Chief Justice constituted a three-judge bench, including himself, to hear a batch of petitions questioning a ban on the use of hijabs in a few pre-university colleges in the state. A single-judge bench of the court had decided to refer the pleas to a larger bench as it found the case involved larger Constitutional issues.

- ✓ The decision came after two days of tension and protests across Karnataka over the issue.

10. Kameng sector, where seven army personnel died in an avalanche, is located in which state/UT?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Ladakh
- C) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Seven Indian Army personnel, who were part of a patrol team, were struck by an avalanche in the high-altitude area in the Kameng sector of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ All the seven personnel were later found deceased. The area is located at an altitude of 14,500 feet and had been witnessing heavy snowfall since the last few days. The Army had lost six personnel to avalanches and snow-slides in the Siachen Glacier in 2019.