

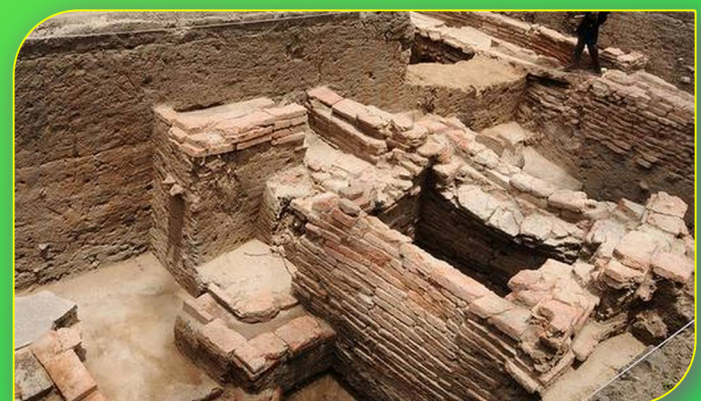
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1. Robert Lewandowski is associated with which sports?

- A) Tennis
B) Football ☒
C) Hockey
D) Cricket



- ✓ Polish striker Robert Lewandowski won the FIFA Best Men's Player award for 2021. At present, he plays for Bayern Munich and has won the award for the second straight year. Barcelona's Spanish midfielder Alexia Putellas won the FIFA Best Women's Player prize. The Puskas Award for best goal of the year was won by Argentine Erik Lamela.

2. 'Nusantara' is the new capital city of which country?

- A) Kazakhstan
B) Afghanistan
C) Indonesia ☒
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ Indonesia passed a bill replacing its capital Jakarta with East Kalimantan, situated to the east of Borneo Island. The new capital city of the country will be called Nusantara. Nusantara means 'Archipelago' in Javanese language. The Government also aims to build a smart metropolis in the new city as Jakarta was already overpopulated. As of 2022, Indonesia is the fourth largest populous country.

3. Which institution released the 'Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2022' Report?

- A) World Bank
B) World Economic Forum ☒
C) World Trade Organization
D) International Telecom Union



- ✓ The World Economic Forum released the 'Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2022' report. As per the report, the COVID-19 pandemic has fast-tracked the use of digital tools in business and the home. These advances have led to several frequent, costly and damaging cyber incidents.

4. Which Indian Armed Force conducts 'Operation Sard Hawa'?

- A) Indo-Tibetan Police Force
B) Border Security Force ☒
C) Central Reserve Police Force
D) Central Industrial Security Force



- ✓ The Border Security Force will increase surveillance along the Pakistan border in Rajasthan under its "Operation Sard Hawa" to be held from January 23 to 28. The Border Security Force conducts "Operation Garam Hawa" in summer and "Operation Sard Hawa" in winter every year.

5. Which financial institution launched the 'Saathi' mobile app?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
B) NABARD
C) SEBI ☒
D) SIDBI



- ✓ Capital markets regulator SEBI launched its mobile App named 'Saathi' to create awareness among investors about the basic concepts of securities market. The app has been released among the recent rise in individual investors entering the market, and a large proportion of trading being mobile phone based.
- ✓ The App aims to create awareness about the basic concepts KYC process, trading and settlement, mutual funds, market developments, investor grievances redressal mechanism, etc.

6. Which country played host to the 'AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022'?

- A) Japan
B) Australia
C) China
D) India ☒



- ✓ India is hosting the 'AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022'. India is aiming to qualify for the quarterfinals and create history by reaching the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup. The FIFA Women's World Cup is scheduled to be held in Australia and New Zealand next year.
- ✓ No Indian senior football team has ever played in a World Cup. Japan is looking to reaffirm its top position for third consecutive time, with Australia and China as the biggest challenges.

7. 'Infinity Bridge' is the iconic architectural structure located in which country?

- A) Russia
B) UAE ☒
C) India
D) USA



- ✓ The 'Infinity Bridge' in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, has been opened to traffic for the first time recently. The new bridge which is built over the Dubai Creek, beside the Al Shindagha Tunnel, which allowed vehicles to cross the Creek underwater. The Infinity Bridge is part of the Al Shindagha Corridor Project, which was first proposed in 2018.

8. Which department manages the 'Contingency Fund of India' on behalf of the President?

- A) Department of Economic Affairs ☒
B) Department of Expenditure
C) Department of Financial Services
D) Department of Revenue



- ✓ The 'Contingency Fund of India' is held by the Finance Ministry's Department of economic affairs on behalf of the President of India. It can be operated by executive action and used during disasters and related unforeseen expenditures.
- ✓ Recently, the Government has tweaked spending norms for Contingency Fund, allowing 40% of the total corpus to be placed at disposal of the expenditure secretary.

9. Who has been selected for Assam's highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav'?

- A) Ratan Tata ☒
B) Gautam Adani
C) Mukesh Ambani
D) Azim Premji



- ✓ The Assam government is set to confer the state's highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav' on industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata. The state will also confer Assam Baibhav, Assam Saurav and Assam Gaurav Awards. The Assam Saurav award will be conferred on five personalities including Olympics medallist Lovlina Borgohain.

10. *Halodule uninervis*, a species of sea grass, is found to have strong activity against which disease?

- A) Cancer ☒
- B) Hypertension
- C) Diabetes
- D) COVID-19



- ✓ Researchers have recently found scientific evidence of a strong anti-cancer activity in the ethyl acetate fraction of *Halodule uninervis*.
 - ✓ It is a species of sea-grass found in the coastal region near Rameswaram in southern Tamil Nadu. It evaluated the activity of the species against various human cancer cell lines, including malignant melanoma, lung, cervix, carcinoma and colorectal cancers.
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1. Which is the northern most state of India, as of 2022?

- A) Jammu & Kashmir
B) Punjab
C) Himachal Pradesh ☒
D) Haryana



- ✓ Himachal Pradesh is the northernmost state of India and shares borders with the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh to the north. The state is celebrating its 52nd full statehood day on 25 January, as it was formed as the 18th Indian state on the same day in 1971, with Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar as its first Chief Minister.

2. 'INS Khukri Memorial' is located in which state/UT?

- A) Punjab
B) Diu ☒
C) Puducherry
D) Goa



- ✓ 'INS Khukri Memorial' is a Indo-Pakistani War memorial commemorating a frigate attacked by a Pakistani submarine in 1976. INS Khukri, the lead ship of the Indian Navy's Khukri class corvettes and an indigenous surface-to-surface missile fitted vessel, was handed over to Diu administration. Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, the ship was commissioned in 1989, in Mumbai. The ship was decommissioned in December 2021 and sent to Diu, for public display in INS Khukri Memorial.

3. Nagaland was carved out from which state, with which it shares a 512 km long border?

- A) Assam ☒
B) Sikkim
C) Arunachal Pradesh
D) West Bengal



- ✓ Nagaland state was carved out of Assam in 1963 and the two states share a 512.1-km-long border. Nagaland has been demanding Naga Hills and all Naga-dominated areas in the then North Cachar and Nagaon districts of Assam, to be part of the state. The Governments of Nagaland and Assam announced that they are ready for out-of-court settlement of the long pending inter-state boundary dispute.

4. India has paid \$29.9 million in budget assessment of which institution?

- A) World Bank
B) United Nations ☒
C) ADB
D) BRICS Bank



- ✓ India has paid USD 29.9 million in United Nations regular budget assessments for the year 2022. India is a non-permanent member of the 15-nation Security Council and its two-year term will end on December 31, 2022. As of January 21, 2022, 24 Member States have paid their regular budget assessments in full.
- ✓ Iran, Guinea and Vanuatu paid sufficient dues to the UN regular budget to regain their voting rights. Only Venezuela and Papua New Guinea don't have the right to vote in the 193-member body.

5. As per IMF World Economic Outlook January assessment, what is the estimated growth of India in 2021-22?

- A) 8.5%
B) 9% ☒
C) 9.5%
D) 10%



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released its World Economic Outlook January 2022 assessment.
- ✓ As per the update, India is estimated to grow at 9% in 2021-2022, down from 9.5% projected in October 2021. It also projects 9% growth for the Indian economy in 2022-23. Global economic growth will dip from 5.9% in 2021 to 4.4% in 2022.

6. 'National Commission for Safai Karamcharis' is a body under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Law and Justice
B) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment ☒
C) Ministry of Home Affairs
D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the extension of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) for three years with effect from April 1, 2022. NCSK was constituted as a statutory body in 1994 by 'National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993. The tenures have been extended several times. It works under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. As per official data, there were 58,098 manual scavengers identified in the country as on December 31, 2021.

7. Laokhowa and Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuaries are located in which state?

- A) Assam ☒
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ A Census in Assam's Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve has found that the National Park has at least 868 swamp deer, down from 907 counted in 2018 due to the two floods.
- ✓ In the census of wetland birds, a total of 66,776 numbers of birds of 126 species were enumerated, out of which 42,205 birds were counted in the Kaziranga National Park area while 24,571 numbers of birds were counted in Laokhowa & Burachapori Wildlife Sanctuaries of Assam.

8. Which institution releases the 'Digital Payment Index'?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) Reserve Bank of India ☒
C) Ministry of Finance
D) National Payment Corporation of India



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India releases the 'Digital Payment Index', which shows the deepening of payments through digital modes in India. The Index rose by 39.64 per cent to 304.06 in September 2021 against 217.74 in the year-ago month.

9. India along with which country signed the 'Green Strategic Partnership - Action Plan 2020-2025'?

- A) France
B) Denmark ☒
C) Australia
D) United Kingdom



- ✓ India and Denmark have agreed to initiate joint research and development on green fuels, including green hydrogen. This is a part of the already adopted Green Strategic Partnership - Action Plan 2020-2025.

- ✓ The India-Denmark Joint Committee discussed the priorities and developments in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) of both countries with a special focus on green solutions.

10. Prabha Atre, who was conferred the Padma Vibhushan is associated with which field?

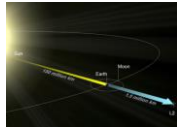
- A) Literature
- B) Music ☒
- C) Sports
- D) Civil Service



- ✓ The President of India Ram Nath Kovind approved to confer 128 Padma Awards this year, on the eve of the 73rd Republic Day. The 89-year-old Kirana gharana Vocalist 'Prabha Atre' was awarded the Padma Vibhushan. She holds a world record for releasing 11 books on music in Hindi and English from a single stage. She established the 'Swarmayee Gurukul'.
- ✓ Radheyshyam Khemka (Posthumous; Literature, UP), General Bipin Rawat (Civil Service) and Kalyan Singh (Posthumous; Public Affairs, UP) were also awarded the Padma Vibhushan.

1. What is the area of space around which the James Webb Space Telescope orbits?

- A) Lagrange point L2 ☒
- B) Curie Point
- C) Newton Point
- D) CV Raman Point



- ✓ James Webb Space Telescope reached its final destination, at around 15 lakh km from Earth. The telescope will orbit in an area of space known as a Lagrange point, where the gravitational pull from the Sun and Earth will be balanced by the centrifugal force of the rotating system.
- ✓ The points were first theorized by Italian French mathematician Joseph-Louis Lagrange.

2. Scientists from IIT Kharagpur have developed a portable device for detecting which disease?

- A) Oral Cancer ☒
- B) Breast Cancer
- C) Prostate Cancer
- D) Lung Cancer



- ✓ Scientists from IIT Kharagpur have developed a portable, inexpensive device for detecting oral cancer. The estimated cost per device is within USD500. The new technology enables a clinician in a community health centre detect potential vulnerable cases early enough, during the first examination.

3. 'MY2022' application, which was seen in the news, is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ MY2022 is the name of the application used by athletes and others attending the upcoming Winter Games in Beijing. As per the recent report by Citizen Lab, an internet watchdog group, the application has flawed the encryption that would make sensitive data and other data communicated through it vulnerable to being hacked.

4. Who has been announced as the first UNDP India Youth Climate Champion?

- A) Prajakta Koli ☒
- B) Licypriya Kangujam
- C) Dia Mirza
- D) A Disha Ravi



- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme-India announced Content creator and actor Prajakta Koli as their first UNDP India Youth Climate Champion. The UNDP recognised her contribution towards mental health, women's rights and girl child education through various global social campaigns.

5. As per recent research by Oxford University Press, which has been chosen as Children's word of the year for 2021?

- A) Depression
- B) Virus
- C) Anxiety ☒
- D) Teacher



- ✓ 'Anxiety' has been chosen by children as their word of the year for 2021, according to new research from Oxford University Press.
- ✓ The research also highlights that Teachers have chosen "resilience" as their word. Oxford University Press analysed the evolution of children's language, and how they use it to reflect their emotions and experiences.

6. Who is the first Indian woman tennis player to rise to the top spot in either singles or doubles?

- A) Ankita Raina
- B) Sania Mirza ☒
- C) Karman Thandi
- D) Riya Bhatia



- ✓ Sania Mirza was the Indian woman tennis player to rise to the top spot in either singles or doubles, when she claimed the No 1 place in Doubles in 2015. She also holds the record of the first Indian woman to lift a Grand slam doubles title, when she won at the Wimbledon.
- ✓ After a break, she created a record by winning the Fed Cup heart Award. Recently, the ace tennis player has announced retirement after 2022 season.

7. Which country's head topped the global rating survey as the most popular leader in January 2022?

- A) China
- B) India ☒
- C) Russia
- D) USA



- ✓ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi topped the global rating survey among the world leaders as the most popular leader, with an approval rating of 71 percent. The survey was released by Morning Consult Political Intelligence and it is based on data collected from January 13-19, 2022. Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador came second with 66 percent rating and Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi ranked third with 60 percent rating.

8. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Swachhata Start-Up Challenge'?

- A) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs ☒
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Agriculture
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the Swachhata Start-Up Challenge to encourage innovative start-ups to transform the sanitation and waste management sector.
- ✓ The challenge has been launched in partnership with Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and Agence Française de Développement (AFD). It seeks to promote enterprise development under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0).

9. What is the type of authorisation granted to Covishield and Covaxin vaccines, as of January 2022?

- A) Emergency Use Authorisation
- B) Conditional Market Authorisation ☒
- C) Essential Market Authorisation
- D) Full Market Authorisation



- ✓ The drug regulator has granted Serum Institute of India's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin Covid-19 vaccines "conditional market

authorisation". Since January last year, the two vaccines have been available under "Emergency Use Authorisation" (EUA).

- ✓ They have to submit the safety and efficacy data every six months, under the new authorisation against 15 days earlier. This is different from the Full Market Authorisation.

10. What is the other name of 'National Conference on Agriculture for Summer Campaign'?

- A) Rabi Conference
- B) Zaid Conference ☒
- C) Kharif Conference
- D) Cash Crop Conference



- ✓ The National Conference on Agriculture for Summer Campaign 2021-22 was held through video conference. It is also called as Zaid Conference. Zaid crops are grown between Kharif and Rabi Seasons. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Kumar Tomar attended the conference. The objective is to review the crop performance during the preceding crop seasons and fix crop-wise targets for the next summer season in consultation with State Governments.

1. When is the 'International Customs Day' observed every year?

- A) January 25
B) January 26 ☒
C) January 27
D) January 28



- ✓ 'International Customs Day' is observed every year on January 26, across the world with the United Nations as the host. It recognises the role of customs officials and agencies in ensuring flow of goods across the world borders. The Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) announced the observance of ICD in 1953.
- ✓ CCC was renamed as World Customs Organization (WCO) in 1994. The theme of 2022 is 'Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation by Embracing a Data Culture and Building a Data Ecosystem'.

2. Which country is the host of the 2022 Winter Olympics?

- A) Japan
B) China ☒
C) Russia
D) USA



- ✓ The 2022 Winter Olympics, officially the XXIV Olympic Winter Games is scheduled to take place from 4 to 20 February 2022 in Beijing and its neighbouring town in China. A report released by Sport Ecology Group and Save Our Winters has stated the dangers of artificial snow to be produced in the Olympics on athletes' bodies. It also warned on water wastage that happens for the snow at these games.

3. Which global institution laid out priorities for 2022 as 'Five-alarm global fire'?

- A) World Bank
B) World Economic Forum
C) United Nations ☒
D) International Monetary Fund



- ✓ United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres addressed the General Assembly and laid out the priorities for 2022.
- ✓ Terming it as a 'Five-alarm global fire' he listed down the five priorities as the raging COVID-19 pandemic, a morally bankrupt global financial system, the climate crisis, lawlessness in cyberspace, and diminished peace and security.

4. Union Government has approved to set up a Plastic Park in which city?

- A) Chennai
B) Mangaluru ☒
C) Bengaluru
D) Tirunelveli



- ✓ The Union Government has given the final approval for setting up a plastic park at Ganjimutt in Mangaluru, Karnataka. The park will be set up on 104 acres at an estimated cost of ₹62.77 crore, out of which 50% of the project cost will be borne by the Union Government and the rest by Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB).

5. 'Living root bridges' is an iconic structure, found in which Indian state?

- A) West Bengal
B) Meghalaya ☒
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The 'Living Root Bridges' are found in Meghalaya. They are made from rubber tree roots, known as 'Ficus elastica' tree and their tangled roots provides a stable alternative to wooden bridges.
- ✓ Recently, the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has underlined some green rules for the living root bridges to get the UNESCO World Heritage Site tag. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma sought UNESCO recognition on its 50th statehood day - January 21.

6. Kiribati, which was seen in the news recently, is a country located in which continent?

- A) Asia
B) Oceania ☒
C) Europe
D) Africa



- ✓ Kiribati is one of the most isolated islands in the world. It is located in Oceania and is about 4,800km from Australia. Until last week, Kiribati had recorded just two Covid cases.
- ✓ After the passengers on the first international flight tested positive for Covid, the country has imposed its first lock-down.

7. When was the 'Amar Jawan Jyoti' established in India?

- A) 1947
B) 1950
C) 1972 ☒
D) 1958



- ✓ The Amar Jawan Jyoti was established in 1972, to mark India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 War, which resulted in the creation of Bangladesh. The Indian Government has put out the eternal flame of the Amar Jawan Jyoti underneath India Gate and merged it with the flame instituted at the National War Memorial in 2019.
- ✓ The then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi inaugurated it on Republic Day 1972, after India defeated Pakistan in 1971.

8. Which state governments signed agreement to rejuvenate the Saraswati River by constructing Adi Badra Dam?

- A) Haryana-Himachal Pradesh ☒
B) Gujarat-Rajasthan
C) Haryana-Punjab
D) Himachal Pradesh-Delhi



- ✓ The Governments of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh entered into an agreement to build a dam at Adi Badri in Yamunanagar district. Along with this, the area will also develop as a pilgrimage site.
- ✓ The objective of the project is to revive the Saraswati River as well as increase ground water level. Adi Badri dam will be built on 31.66 hectares of land in Himachal Pradesh and Rs 215.33 crore will be spent for the same.

9. Telineelapuram Bird Sanctuary is located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Andhra Pradesh ☒
C) Odisha
D) West Bengal



- ✓ Telineelapuram International Bird Sanctuary is located in Andhra Pradesh's Srikakulam district. Recently, mass deaths of migratory spot-billed pelicans happened at the Bird Sanctuary.
- ✓ According to government data, about 113 species of exotic birds come to these areas each year from Siberia, Russia, Malaysia, Hungary,

Singapore and Germany for breeding.

10. 'NeoCov', which was seen in the news, was first identified in which species?

- A) Monkey
- B) Bat ☒
- C) Owl
- D) Rodent



- ✓ NeoCov stands for Neoromicia, the species of bat that have been infected with the virus. This virus is associated with MERS Coronavirus and not the SARS-CoV-2. Recently news about the virus discovered in South Africa amongst bats is being circulated widely. However, the World Health Organization has said that whether NeoCov coronavirus poses a threat to humans requires further study.

1. Which country has declared a 90-day "environmental emergency" after a massive Crude Oil Spill?

- A) Argentina
B) Peru ☒
C) Australia
D) Canada



- ✓ The Peruvian Government declared a 90-day "environmental emergency" in damaged coastal territories, after 6,000 barrels of crude oil spilled into the sea. The incident occurred at the La Pampilla refinery, where the "Mare Doricum" tanker belonging to the Spanish energy firm Repsol was transporting 965,000 barrels of crude oil.
- ✓ The spill has caused death of marine wildlife and the spill is investigated as an environmental pollution crime.

2. When is the "National Girl Child Day" celebrated in India?

- A) January 24 ☒
B) January 25
C) January 26
D) January 27



- ✓ India celebrates National Girl Child Day on January 24 every year. It is an initiative undertaken by the Ministry of women and child development, to create awareness and provide opportunities to the girls of India. The government of India, in 2008, declared January 24 to be celebrated as the National Girl Child Day every year.

3. Which Indian badminton player won the womens singles title at the Syed Modi International tournament?

- A) P V Sindhu ☒
B) Saina Nehwal
C) Ashmita Chaliha
D) Malvika Bansod



- ✓ India ace badminton player PV Sindhu won the women's singles title at the Syed Modi International tournament. The top-seed Sindhu defeated Malvika Bansod 21-13, 21-16 in the final clash. The men's singles final of the Syed Modi India International 2022 was declared a 'No Match' as one of the finalists was declared Covid positive.

4. Which state celebrates Subash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary 'Desh Nayak Diwas'?

- A) West Bengal ☒
B) Punjab
C) Maharashtra
D) Nagaland



- ✓ Last year, the Centre decided to celebrate Bose's birth anniversary as 'Parakram Diwas' (the day of valour), West Bengal announced that the day would be observed as 'Desh Nayak Diwas' (the day of the national hero). The Prime Minister unveiled the hologram statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate, until a grand statue of the freedom fighter will be installed. This year is 125th birth anniversary of Netaji.

5. Which institution released the 'G20 People's Climate Vote 2021 report'?

- A) UNFCCC
B) UNDP ☒
C) UNEP
D) WEF



- ✓ According to the G20 People's Climate Vote 2021 report, which was recently released by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), around 67 per cent of the youth in India consider the climate crisis as a global emergency. The youth are also vocal about the need for urgent policy creation and change. Whereas, India has only about 58 per cent adults, who consider climate change a global emergency.

6. Which former Prime Minister was conferred with 'Netaji Award 2022', by the Netaji Research Bureau?

- A) Donald Trump
B) Manmohan Singh
C) Shinzo Abe ☒
D) Therasa May



- ✓ Former Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe was conferred with the Netaji Award 2022 by the Netaji Research Bureau on the 125th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. Consul general of Japan in Kolkata, Nakamura Yutaka, received the honour on behalf of former PM Shinzo Abe.

7. Pandit Jasraj was associated with which field?

- A) Literature
B) Vocal Music ☒
C) Kathak
D) Painting



- ✓ Pandit Jasraj (1930-2020) was an Indian classical vocalist, belonging to the Mewati Gharana. Recently the Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation was launched, presided over by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is a not-for-profit organisation set up with the objective of protecting and promoting national heritage, art and culture.

8. 'Great Barrier Reef', the world's largest coral reef system, is located in which country?

- A) Australia ☒
B) Russia
C) Japan
D) USA



- ✓ 'Great Barrier Reef' is the world's largest coral reef system located in Australia. Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison has recently announced a further one billion Australian dollars to protect the Great Barrier Reef. The reef is under threat from global warming said Australian government.

9. Which country has agreed to cooperate with the European Union on Energy Security?

- A) USA ☒
B) Australia
C) India
D) Japan



- ✓ US President Joe Biden and European Union President Ursula von der Leyen pledged to cooperate on guaranteeing Europe's energy security. They released a joint cooperation statement amidst standoff triggered by Russia consolidating troops at Ukraine's border. The European Union depends on Russia for around one-third of its gas supplies.

10. As of 2022, which country is the top Steel Producer in the world?

- A) India
- B) China ☒
- C) USA
- D) Australia



- ✓ According to World Steel Association, India's crude steel production rose by 18 per cent to 118 million ton (MT) in 2021. India is the second largest steel producing nation, as it manufactured 100.3 MT steel in 2020 and China produced 1064.7 MT of steel in the same year. China recorded a 3 percent decline to 1032.8 MT in 2021.
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1. Indian Women's Hockey Team won which position in the Asia Cup 2022?

- A) First
B) Second
C) Third ☒
D) Fourth



- ✓ India women's hockey team have won bronze medal after beating former champions China. Though Savita Punia-led missed to defend their Asia Cup title, they returned with bronze. After defeating Malaysia 9-0, India suffered a 0-2 defeat against Asian Games champions Japan.
- ✓ It thrashed Singapore 9-1 to qualify for the semi-finals and was beaten by Korea. Japan won the Asia Cup Title after defeating South Korea.

2. Which country launched the Hwasong-12 mid-range ballistic missile?

- A) China
B) Japan
C) North Korea ☒
D) South Korea



- ✓ North Korea has confirmed that it fired a Hwasong-12 mid-range ballistic missile. This is the first time it has tested a weapon of that size since 2017. Japan and South Korea detected the launch of the intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM), which is the seventh weapons test done by North Korea this month.

3. Geological Survey of India (GSI) has approved to set up India's first Geo-Park in which state?

- A) Maharashtra
B) Goa
C) Madhya Pradesh ☒
D) Telangana



- ✓ The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has approved to set up India's first Geo-Park at Lamheta village on the banks of the Narmada River in Madhya Pradesh. A Geo-Park is a unified area which aims to protect the geological heritage in a sustainable way.
- ✓ The site is already in the UNESCO Geo-heritage tentative list. Several dinosaur fossils had been found in the Narmada valley, in the Bhedaghat-Lameta Ghat area of Jabalpur.

4. Which institution released the 'Death Penalty in India' Report?

- A) National Crime Records Bureau
B) National Law University ☒
C) NITI Aayog
D) Supreme Court



- ✓ Death Penalty in India Report was released by the criminal law reforms advocacy group at the National Law University, Delhi- named Project 39A. As per the report, the number of prisoners on death row at the end of 2021 stood at 488, the highest in 17 years. This is an increase of nearly 21% from 2020.

5. What is the expansion of 'VRR Auction', conducted by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) Variable Rate Repo auction ☒
B) Virtual Reality Repo auction
C) Viable Rate Repo auction
D) Vernacular Region Repo auction



- ✓ 'VRR Auction' stands for Variable rate repo auction. Repo is the rate at which RBI lends short term loans to Banks. A part of it is done at a fixed rate and some of it is a variable rate.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India said it will conduct an overnight variable rate repo auction under liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) for an amount of Rs 75,000 crore. On January 20, the RBI conducted an overnight variable rate repo (VRR) auction of Rs 50,000 crore.

6. 'Najafgarh jheel' is a trans-boundary wetland between which two states?

- A) Delhi-Uttar Pradesh
B) Delhi-Haryana ☒
C) Uttar Pradesh-Uttarakhand
D) Uttar Pradesh-Bihar



- ✓ 'Najafgarh jheel' is a trans-boundary wetland between Delhi and Haryana. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had earlier directed Haryana and Delhi to prepare an Environment Management Plan for the jheel. The NGT has directed Delhi and Haryana to enforce the Environment Management Plans that the two governments have prepared for the rejuvenation and protection of the Najafgarh jheel.

7. "Star of David and the Ashoka Chakra" are found in the commemorative logo of which two countries?

- A) India-USA
B) India-UK
C) India-Israel ☒
D) India-Australia



- ✓ India and Israel launched a commemorative logo to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries. The logo has the Star of David and the Ashoka Chakra- the two symbols that feature in the national flags of both countries and forms the numeral 30 depicting the 30th anniversary of bilateral relations. Israel and India established diplomatic relations on 29th of January 1992.

8. What is the theme of the 'National Tourism Day' 2022?

- A) Sustainable Tourism
B) Rural and Community Centric Tourism ☒
C) Gender - Neutral Tourism
D) Child Friendly Tourism



- ✓ National Tourism Day is celebrated across the country on January 25 every year to spread awareness about the importance of tourism and its impact on the economy.
- ✓ This year, the Ministry of Tourism is observing National Tourism Day under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. This year's theme for National Tourism Day is 'Rural and Community Centric Tourism'.

9. 'CHIRU-2Q22' is a Joint Naval Drill, participated by which set of countries?

- A) China-Russia
B) China-Russia-Iran ☒
C) China-Russia-Israel
D) China-Russia-India



- ✓ China-Russia-Iran Navies participate in the 'CHIRU-2Q22' is a Joint Drill. China announced that it has sent its naval missile destroyer Urumqi to the Gulf of Oman to participate in the drill. The Chinese regime also sent helicopters and marines for the exercise.

- ✓ Russia sent its Pacific Fleet's task force which included Nakhimov missile cruiser Varyag and anti-submarine warfare ship Admiral Tributs. The exercises are held in the waters of the Mediterranean and Okhotsk seas.

10. Who is the only second player to win 'ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year' award?

- A) Mithali Raj
- B) Smriti Mandhana ☒
- C) Harmanpreet Gaur
- D) Shafali Verma



- ✓ India's Smriti Mandhana was named the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year for her contribution across all formats in 2021. She was short-listed for 'the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy'.
- ✓ The Indian T20 Vice-Captain is only the second India woman player to bag an ICC award after veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami, who was named the ICC Player of the Year in 2007. England captain Root was named ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year for 2021 and Pakistan skipper Babar Azam named ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year for 2021.

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?

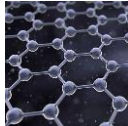
- A) Shivangi Singh ☒
- B) Bhawana Kanth
- C) Mohana Singh
- D) Avani Chaturvedi



- ✓ 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?

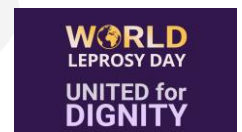
- A) USA ☒
B) Russia
C) China
D) UAE



- ✓ 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 Srejeesh ☒
D) Arif Khan



- ✓ Veteran Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Srejeesh 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.

1. What is the percentage of Women representation of board seats in India in 2021, as per 'Women in the Boardroom report'?

- A) 4.1
B) 7.1
C) 17.1 ☒
D) 27.1



- ✓ In India, women representation of board seats increased by 9.4 per cent from 2014 to 17.1 percent in 2021 as per Deloitte's Women in the Boardroom report. But women comprise only 3.6 percent of the board chairs, down by 0.9 percent since 2018.
- ✓ The report finds that globally, women hold 19.7 percent of the board seats, which rose by 2.8 percent since 2018.

2. "Hoher Sonnenblick" mountain in the "Hohe Tauern" National Park is located in which country?

- A) Russia
B) Germany
C) Austria ☒
D) New Zealand



- ✓ A new study has been done at an altitude of 3106 meters at the top of the mountain "Hoher Sonnenblick" in the "Hohe Tauern" National Park in Austria. The study is investigating the amount of plastic trickling down on us from the atmosphere. According to the study, about 30% of the nanoplastic particles measured on the mountain top originate from a radius of 200 kilometers, from cities.

3. Which is the nodal agency of the new scheme 'PM-DevINE'?

- A) NABARD
B) North-Eastern Council ☒
C) NITI Aayog
D) IRDAI



- ✓ A new scheme, Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East, PM-DevINE was announced by the union minister for Finance Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting the Union Budget 2022-23.
- ✓ PM-DevINE will be implemented through the North-Eastern Council. An initial allocation of Rs. 1,500 crores will be made for the new scheme. It will fund infrastructure and social development projects based on needs of the North-East.

4. Which country's researchers have found out that Climate change is driving plants to flower earlier?

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



- ✓ As per a recent study by UK researchers, it has been found that Climate change is driving plants to flower earlier and earlier. The average first flowering date of UK plants is a month earlier than it was before 1986.

5. Which Indian city has the most Traffic congestion, as per TomTom Traffic Index?

- A) New Delhi
B) Mumbai ☒
C) Bengaluru
D) Chennai



- ✓ Geo-location technology specialist TomTom has released the 11th edition of its annual TomTom Traffic Index. It is a report analysing traffic trends seen in 404 cities in 58 countries, during 2021. India fared better than the global average of 10% decrease in congestion.
- ✓ But, four cities from India featured in the Index's global top-25 list namely Mumbai (5th), Bengaluru (10th), and New Delhi (11th) and Pune (21st).

6. Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) is published by which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) Pratham Foundation ☒
C) Ministry of Education
D) Ministry of Women and Child Development



- ✓ Pratham Foundation annually conducts an extensive survey in schools, to analyse the learning outcome of students. Recently, it released the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER, West Bengal). As per the report, the basic reading and numerical abilities of school children in West Bengal have reduced during COVID-19.

7. The National Centre of Excellence in Carbon Capture and Utilisation (NCOE-CCU) has been established at which institution?

- A) DRDO
B) IIT- Bombay ☒
C) IISc- Bengaluru
D) ISRO



- ✓ The Department of Science & Technology (DST) has established the National Centre of Excellence in Carbon Capture and Utilisation (NCOE-CCU) at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. This is India's first such centre centrally funded by the DST.
- ✓ This Centre of Excellence explores the potential of Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) technologies, which will help India achieve its climate change goals.

8. An ancient Roman settlement has been recently found by the archaeologists in which country?

- A) Greece
B) UK ☒
C) USA
D) Russia



- ✓ The researchers from the United Kingdom found an ancient Roman settlement site while investigating the route of the construction of upcoming high-speed railway called HS2. In a recent excavation, Scientists could find 40 decapitated skeletons, which were likely to have been executed criminals.
- ✓ Many of these were buried in graves with their severed heads placed between their legs or at their feet. The team earlier found 1,200 coins, pottery, cutlery, gaming dice, bells and lead weights.

9. Which country recently provided recognition to the 'Ghost Army' deployed in the World War II?

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



- ✓ US President Joe Biden signed into law a bill titled, "Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act", to provide recognition to the 'Ghost Army'. It is a tactical deception unit deployed by the US during World War II. There are just nine surviving veterans of the Ghost Army across the US.

10. Which became the first European country to introduce a COVID-19 vaccine mandate?

- A) Germany
- B) Italy
- C) Switzerland
- D) Austria ☒



- ✓ Austria became the first European country to introduce a COVID-19 vaccine mandate. The law, which was first introduced in November last year, came into effect recently. The President Alexander Van der Bellen gave his assent to the law, making it compulsory for adults to vaccinate against COVID-19. As per the law, everyone in the country must have an active vaccination status by March 15, 2022.

1. Which state tableau was voted as the best among the States/UTs in the 'popular choice' category in Republic Day 2022?

- A) Maharashtra ☒
 B) Assam
 C) Meghalaya
 D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Maharashtra was voted as the best tableau among the States/UTs in the popular choice category. Its tableau was based on theme 'Biodiversity and State Bio-symbols of Maharashtra'. Uttar Pradesh's tableau, based on the theme 'ODOP and Kashi Vishwanath Dham', was adjudged the best among 12 States and UTs.
- ✓ Ministry of Education and Ministry of Civil Aviation, Marching contingent of the Navy and CISF were named winners in respective categories.

2. Which is the first cricket team to play 1000 ODI matches?

- A) Australia
 B) India ☒
 C) West Indies
 D) England



- ✓ Indian cricket team created history by becoming the first team to play the 1000th ODI during their game against the West Indies. Before this game, India had played 999 ODIs and recorded 518 victories. Rohit Sharma led the Indian Team in their 1000th ODI.
- ✓ Kapil Dev was the captain in India's 100th ODI, while Sourav Ganguly led the Indian team in its 500th ODI. Australia has played 958 ODIs while Pakistan has played 936 ODI matches.

3. JNU Vice-Chancellor Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar has been appointed as the Chairperson of which institution?

- A) NCERT
 B) UGC ☒
 C) UPSC
 D) SSC



- ✓ Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) Vice-Chancellor Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar was appointed chairperson of the University Grants Commission (UGC). Ministry of Education said the appointment has been made for a period of five years, or until he turns 65, whichever is earlier.

4. Which State signed MoU with Ather Energy to set up 1,000 fast charging stations for Electric two-wheelers?

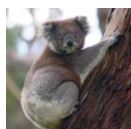
- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Maharashtra ☒
 C) Kerala
 D) Karnataka



- ✓ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Karnataka State Government and Ather Energy to set up 1,000 fast charging stations for electric two-wheelers across the state.
- ✓ The agreement was signed between Ather Energy and Electric supply companies (ESCOs). Ather Energy will provide free charging services for electric two-wheeler vehicles.

5. Australia has recently designated which species as 'Endangered'?

- A) Panda
 B) Koala ☒
 C) Kangaroo
 D) Sloth bear



- ✓ Australia has recently designated the koala an endangered species, which was classified as vulnerable only 10 years ago. The impact of prolonged drought, summer bushfires, and the cumulative impacts of disease, urbanisation and habitat loss over the last twenty years have led to the decision. From now, Koalas will be provided with greater protection under Australia's national environment law.

6. Which country is the host of One Summit, which was seen in the news recently?

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



- ✓ 'One Ocean Summit' is being organised by France in cooperation with the United Nations and the World Bank. India supported the French initiative of a 'High Ambition Coalition on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the conference and said that India is committed to eliminating single-use plastic.

7. Belarus is bordered by which Sea?

- A) Baltic Sea
 B) North Sea
 C) Black Sea
 D) No Sea Border ☒



- ✓ Belarus is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe. It is bordered by Russia to the east and northeast, Ukraine to the south, Poland to the west, and Lithuania and Latvia to the northwest. Russia and Belarus have started joint military exercises close to the Belarusian border with Ukraine. Russia has already amassed forces along its own border with Ukraine, and in the annexed Crimean Peninsula.

8. What is the official Gross domestic product (GDP) deflator projection for 2022-23?

- A) 1.5-2%
 B) 3-3.5% ☒
 C) 4.5-5%
 D) 10%



- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the Centre's Gross domestic product (GDP) deflator projection for 2022-23 is 3 to 3.5 percent. GDP deflator is a measure of inflation and is the difference between nominal GDP and real GDP. Union Budget assumes a nominal GDP growth rate of 11.1 percent for FY23.

9. MUSE and HelioSwarm, which were seen in the news recently, are associated with which space agency?

- A) ISRO
 B) JAXA
 C) NASA ☒
 D) ESA



- ✓ NASA has announced two new science missions namely Multi-slit Solar Explorer (MUSE) and HelioSwarm. These two missions aim to study the sun's corona and also measuring the magnetic field of the solar wind. NASA earlier announced the latest observations done by the Parker Solar probe on its way to the sun.

10. The World's largest Igloo Cafe has been inaugurated in which country?

- A) USA
- B) India ☒
- C) China
- D) Germany



- ✓ An igloo cafe, claimed to be the world's largest, has been opened at Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir. With a height of 37.5 feet and a diameter of 44.5 feet, this was the world's largest cafe of its kind. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the biggest igloo cafe is in Switzerland, and its height is 33.8 feet and diameter 42.4 feet.
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1. Which country has the highest digital readiness score, in the Salesforce Global Digital Skills Index?

- A) India ☒
- B) Germany
- C) Australia
- D) Finland



- ✓ According to the Salesforce Global Digital Skills Index, among 19 countries, India has the Index's highest digital readiness score at 63 out of 100. In India, 72 per cent of respondents say they are actively learning digital skills to prepare themselves for future of work.
- ✓ 66 percent said they are equipped with resources to learn digital skills. The Index is based on a survey of over 23,500 workers in 19 countries, with an average global score of 33.

2. Which Indian state issued an order to mandate 'Uniform style of clothes' to educational institution?

- A) Bihar
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Karnataka ☒
- D) Goa



- ✓ Invoking 133 (2) of the Karnataka Education Act-1983, the Education Department issued an order which says a uniform style of clothes has to be worn compulsorily. The private school administration can choose a uniform of their choice.
- ✓ As per the order, if the administrative committee doesn't select uniform, clothes which disturb equality, integrity and public law and order should not be worn.

3. Singer Lata Mangeshkar, who recently passed away, was awarded the Bharat Ratna in which year?

- A) 2001 ☒
- B) 2002
- C) 2003
- D) 2004



- ✓ Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar, who passed away recently, was laid to rest with full state honours. Her career spanned more than half a century and she recorded thousands of songs in 36 languages.
- ✓ The singer was nominated to the upper house of India's parliament in 1999. She received India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, in the year 2001.

4. Justin Trudeau is the Prime Minister of which country that is witnessing massive anti-vaccine protests?

- A) Italy
- B) Canada ☒
- C) Switzerland
- D) France



- ✓ Justin Trudeau is the Prime Minister of Canada, which is witnessing massive anti-vaccine protests. The Capital City of Ottawa declared a state of emergency amidst the huge protests.
- ✓ The "Freedom Convoy" demonstrations began in western Canada, as protests by truckers angry with vaccine requirements when crossing the US-Canadian border.

5. Who is the captain of the Indian team which won the ICC U19 World Cup in 2022?

- A) Yash Dhull ☒
- B) Raj Bara
- C) Nishant Sindhu
- D) Shaik Rasheed



- ✓ Yash Dhull captained the Indian team which won the ICC U19 World Cup in 2022. India defeated England by 4 wickets to win the final held in Antigua. It was also a record fifth U-19 title for India.
- ✓ Other players who contributed to the success include Nishant Sindhu, Shaik Rasheed, Raj Bawa and Ravi Kumar among others. England was bowled out for 189 in 44.5 overs.

6. Which country provides Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan to 'Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project'?

- A) USA
- B) Japan ☒
- C) Russia
- D) Germany



- ✓ Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provides the Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan for the 'Project for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR)'. Surat is set to become the first station for the project. The MAHSR corridor will cover 12 stations in total- Surat, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad, Sabarmati, Bilimora, Bharuch, Mumbai, Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi stations.

7. Which institution launched agro ecology-based programme named 'JIVA'?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) NABARD ☒
- C) ICAR
- D) CSIR



- ✓ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) recently launched an agro ecology-based programme JIVA. It aims to promote natural farming under NABARD's watershed and wadi programmes in 11 states covering five agro-ecological zones. It aims to nudge the farming community towards natural farming.

8. Which body regulates the Stock Exchanges in India?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India ☒
- C) Finance Ministry
- D) Securities and Exchange Commission



- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is a regulatory authority established under the SEBI Act 1992. It is the principal regulator for Stock Exchanges in India.
- ✓ SEBI has recently penalised the National Stock Exchange (NSE), its former CEOs Chitra Ramkrishna and Ravi Narain for governance lapses in hiring of its chief operating officer Anand Subramanian.

9. Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) functions under the aegis of which institution?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Ministry of Finance ☒
- C) Ministry of External Affairs
- D) Ministry of Commerce



- ✓ The Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) is a government printing and minting agency. It functions under the Ministry of Finance. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the first colour souvenir coin on 'Panchtantra' on the occasion of 17th foundation day of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL).
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10. Which Indian state has the highest number of killings as a part of 'Witch Hunting', as per NCRB?

- A) Jharkhand ☒
- B) Odisha
- C) Gujarat
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The number of killings as a part of 'Witch Hunting' is the second-highest in Odisha, after Jharkhand, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). The Odisha State Commission for Women (SCW) has recently sought stringent provisions in the Odisha Prevention of 'Witch Hunting Act 2013'. It also demanded that branding of victims be treated as heinous crime and punishable in the State.
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1. When is the World Leprosy Day observed in the year 2022?

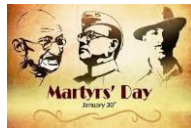
- A) January 30 ☒
 B) January 31
 C) February 01
 D) February 02



- ✓ World Leprosy Day is observed around the world on the last Sunday of January every year. This year World Leprosy Day held on 30 January.
- ✓ The day is celebrated to raise global awareness of this deadly ancient disease and call attention to the fact that it can be prevented, treated and cured. This year theme of World Leprosy Day 2022 is "United for Dignity".

2. The death anniversary of which national leader was observed as the Martyrs' Day on January 30 in India?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru
 B) Mahatma Gandhi ☒
 C) Bhagat Singh
 D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



- ✓ On 30th Jan 1948, Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated by Nathuram Godse in the year 1948. On this day, India observes Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas, to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi and all martyrs who sacrificed their life for the nation's freedom.

3. When is the International Day of Human Fraternity observed?

- A) February 02
 B) February 03
 C) February 04 ☒
 D) February 05



- ✓ The International Day of Human Fraternity is observed every year by the United Nations on February 4. In the year 2019, on the same day, the document entitled "Human fraternity for world peace and living together" was signed in 2019.

4. What is the theme of the 'World Wetlands Day 2022'?

- A) Wetlands for Us
 B) Wetlands Action for People and Nature ☒
 C) Wetlands and COVID-19
 D) Save Wetlands



- ✓ World Wetlands Day is observed every year on 2nd February to create awareness on the importance of wetlands and its role played in the planet. This year, the theme of the World Wetlands Day is "Wetlands Action for People and Nature".

5. When is the World Pulses Day observed, across the world?

- A) February 8
 B) February 9
 C) February 10 ☒
 D) February 11



- ✓ In 2019, the United Nations General Assembly announced 10 February as the World Pulses Day. This was followed by the celebration of the year 2016 as the International Year of Pulses (IYP), across the world, led by the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- ✓ The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the nutritional values of pulses and ways to tackle malnutrition through pulses. This year, the theme of the World Pulses Day is "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems".

6. When is the 'International Day of Women and Girls in Science' observed?

- A) February 10
 B) February 11 ☒
 C) February 12
 D) February 13



- ✓ International Day of Women and Girls in Science' is observed every year on February 11, across the world. This year, the day will mark the sixth International Day of Women and Girls in Science Assembly. United Nations leads the observance of the day. This year, the theme is "Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Water Unites Us".

7. Which day is observed on February 10 and August 10 every year in India?

- A) National Deworming Day ☒
 B) National Anemia Day
 C) National Dehydration Day
 D) National Cancer Day



- ✓ In India, every year February 10 and August 10 are observed as the National Deworming Day (NDD). The day aims to eradicate intestinal worms within the age bracket of 1-19 years, which are also referred to as Soil-Transmitted Helminths (STH).
- ✓ As per the World Health Organisation, about 241 million children in India between 1-14 years are at risk of parasitic intestinal worms.

8. Luc Montagnier, who passed away recently, won Nobel Prize for Medicine for which discovery?

- A) Human Immunodeficiency Virus ☒
 B) Ebola
 C) Chikungunya
 D) Rotavirus



- ✓ Veteran Nobel-winning virologist Luc Montagnier died in Paris recently. He won the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 2008 for the discovery of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus that causes AIDS, along with his colleague Francoise Barr-Sinoussi.

9. Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba has been declared President of which country?

- A) Burkina Faso ☒
 B) Namibia
 C) Zimbabwe
 D) Mali



- ✓ Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba, Lieutenant-colonel in the national armed forces, has been declared President of the African country Burkina Faso. The country's top constitutional body has announced this decision after a coup last month.

10. What is the rank of India in the 2021 Democracy Index report?

- A) 32
 B) 46 ☒
 C) 52
 D) 85

46

- ✓ India is ranked 46 on the EIU's Democracy Index report, which was released recently. In the Global index, India has scored 6.91. Norway and New Zealand got the top two places respectively, while North Korea, Myanmar, Afghanistan were placed at the bottom. India has the lowest score of 5 on political culture and the highest score of 8.67 on electoral process and pluralism.

1. Which state initiated 'Operation Parivartan' to eliminate the cultivation of cannabis?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala
C) Andhra Pradesh ☒
D) Goa



- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh Police has initiated 'Operation Parivartan', a special operation to eliminate the cultivation of cannabis. This operation was led by the Andhra Pradesh Police with the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) in Visakhapatnam. Recently, around 2 lakh kilograms of processed cannabis was seized while it was being shipped out.

2. India signed agreement with UN World Food Program for distribution of wheat to which country?

- A) Maldives
B) Afghanistan ☒
C) Syria
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ India signed an agreement with the United Nations World Food Programme for the distribution of 50,000 MT of wheat. India has committed to send relief to Afghanistan as part of a humanitarian assistance, to be sent in truck convoys through Pakistan by road.

3. Which state has re-adopted the anti-NEET Bill, which was returned by the Governor for re-consideration?

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



- ✓ A special Assembly session of Tamil Nadu Assembly unanimously re-adopted the anti-NEET Bill, which Governor R N Ravi had returned to the government. By re-adopting the Bill, and sending it again to the Governor, he is expected to forward it to the President for his assent. The state had set up Justice A K Rajan Committee to look into the impact of NEET in medical admissions.

4. Kuno Palpur National Park, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Bihar B) Uttarakhand
C) Madhya Pradesh ☒ D) Assam



- ✓ Around 8 to 12 Cheetahs, which became extinct in independent India since 1950s, are set to be translocated from South Africa, Namibia and Botswana to Kuno Palpur National Park – Madhya Pradesh.
✓ In this regard, the union minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has released an 'Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India'.

5. India has agreed to provide a grant to which country to implement 'Unitary Digital Identity framework'?

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



- ✓ India has agreed to provide a grant to Sri Lanka to implement a 'Unitary Digital Identity framework'. It is modelled similar to India's flagship Aadhaar card.
✓ Sri Lanka's Cabinet decided that the Government will prioritise the implementation of the Framework as a national level programme.

6. 'Medaram Jatara' is a fair celebrated in which Indian state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Telangana ☒
C) Gujarat
D) Bihar



- ✓ Medaram Jatara is the second-largest fair of India, after Kumbh Mela, celebrated by Koya Tribal Community of Telangana, for four days. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sanctioned ₹2.26 Crores for various activities related to Medaram Jathara 2022.

7. Ilker Ayci, former Turkish Airlines Chairman has been appointed as the MD and CEO of which Indian Airlines?

- A) Spice Jet B) IndiGo
C) Air India ☒ D) Vistara



- ✓ The Tata Group has appointed Ilker Ayci, former Turkish Airlines Chairman, as Air India's Managing Director and CEO. The decision is in line with the Tata Group's plans to appoint an expatriate chief to run Air India, which it took over from the Indian government recently.

8. Which Union Ministry launched 'New Frontiers' program, as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav?

- A) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy ☒
B) Ministry of Power
C) Ministry of Coal
D) Ministry of External Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy is conducting a three-day program "New Frontiers" on Renewable Energy. This has been conducted as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. A brainstorming meeting on "Roadmap to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2070" will also be conducted

9. Which is the first institution set up under the National River interlinking policy?

- A) Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority ☒
B) Kaveri-Godavari Link Project Authority
C) Godavari-Krishna Link Project Authority
D) Narmada-Tapti Link Project Authority



- ✓ The Central Government has constituted the Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority to implement the first initiative under the national river interlinking policy. The policy seeks to bring nearly 11 lakh hectares of land under irrigation in the Bundelkhand region spanning between Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

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 Bhim



- ✓ Indian documentary 'Writing with Fire', directed by filmmakers Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh, has been nominated at the 94th 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.

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.
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1. Scientists from which country achieved a milestone in nuclear fusion energy, by generating 59 MJ of sustained energy?

- A) USA
- B) China
- C) India
- D) UK ☒



- ✓ Scientists in the United Kingdom have achieved a new milestone in producing nuclear fusion energy, or imitating the way energy is produced in the Sun. A team at the Joint European Torus (JET) facility in central England generated 59 mega joules of sustained energy during an experiment. A kg of fusion fuel contains about 10 million times energy of that of a kg of coal, oil or gas.

2. Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) is published by which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Pratham Foundation ☒
- C) Ministry of Education
- D) Ministry of Women and Child Development



- ✓ Pratham Foundation annually conducts an extensive survey in schools, to analyse the learning outcome of students. Recently, it released the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER, West Bengal). As per the report, the basic reading and numerical abilities of school children in West Bengal have reduced during COVID-19, without class rooms.

3. Which developing country has imposed a ban on Import of Drones?

- A) India ☒
- B) Indonesia
- C) Argentina
- D) Brazil



- ✓ India's Directorate General of Foreign Trade announced that the import of drones is banned. The order exempted those used for research and development, defense, and security purposes. This move also blocks the market for China's SZ DJI Technology Co., the world's top dronemaker, and encourages India's local industry to increase production.

4. What is the new policy repo rate, after the February 2022 Monetary Policy Committee meeting?

- A) 3.75%
- B) 4.00% ☒
- C) 4.25%
- D) 4.50%

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- ✓ RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has voted unanimously to keep policy repo rate unchanged at 4%. Reverse repo rate also remains unchanged at 3.35%. As per the RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, the 'accommodative' stance will continue as long as needed.

5. 'Namma Shaale Nanna Koduge' app is an initiative of which state/UT?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Karnataka ☒
- C) Telangana
- D) Punjab



- ✓ Karnataka's Department of Primary and Secondary Education has developed an application named 'Namma Shaale Nanna Koduge' app. This aims to address infrastructure needs of government schools, shortage of teachers, better use of learning aids and utilisation of Corporate Social Responsibility funds.

6. As per NASA, what is the total number of objects tracked on-orbit as of 2022?

- A) 1000
- B) 10000
- C) 25000 ☒
- D) 50000

25 000

- ✓ As per NASA's recent announcement, there are currently 25,000 total objects tracked on-orbit.
- ✓ SpaceX's Gen2 expansion involves launching 30,000 satellites, which will double the number of tracked objects in orbit.

7. As per a recent study, which national park of India is releasing more carbon than it is absorbing?

- A) Pakke Tiger Reserve
- B) Kaziranga National Park ☒
- C) Namdapha National Park
- D) Kuno National Park



- ✓ As per a recent research, Kaziranga National Park in Assam, is releasing more carbon than it is absorbing.
- ✓ The National Park is home to the largest-population of the one-horned rhinoceros in the world. Usually, forests absorb more carbon than they release, which makes them carbon sinks. This is mainly due to decreasing rainfall in the region.

8. 'World Pulses Day' is celebrated on which date?

- A) February 8
- B) February 10 ☒
- C) February 12
- D) February 15



- ✓ 'World Pulses Day' is celebrated on February 10 every year. The UN General Assembly in 2019 dedicated this day to increase awareness and access to pulses globally.
- ✓ World Pulses Day 2022 is celebrated under the theme of "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agri-food systems".

9. Which Union Ministry/Institution organized Global Summit on 'Reimagining Museums in India'?

- A) Ministry of Culture ☒
- B) Ministry of Tourism
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) UNESCO



- ✓ Ministry of Culture organised a two-day Global Summit on 'Reimagining Museums in India' in the month of February 2022. The summit was organized under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ✓ The online summit will encompass four broad themes: Architecture and Functional Needs, Management, Collections (including Curation and Conservation practices) and Education & Audience Engagement.

10. Which country holds the Presidency of G20 in 2022?

- A) India
- B) Indonesia ☒
- C) China
- D) Japan



- ✓ Indonesia holds the Presidency of G 20 in 2022. The G20 second Finance and Central Bank Deputies meeting produced a communique draft containing a long-term economic recovery strategy to tackle future pandemics. The communique draft would be further discussed in the first Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting. The theme of G20 this year is "Recover Together, Recover Stronger".

1. Crimson Rose, which was seen in the news recently, belongs to which species?

- A) Flower
- B) Butterfly ☒
- C) Panda
- D) Snake



- ✓ Crimson Rose is a large butterfly with a mix of black, white and crimson colours on its wings and body. It belongs to the Swallowtails (Papilionidae) family and they are known to migrate along the coast, inland and cross the sea often.
- ✓ Recently, thousands of Crimson Rose butterflies were seen flying from Dhanushkodi, at the southern-most tip of Rameswaram Island towards Sri Lanka, which is around 25 km from the tip of Dhanushkodi.

2. Which is the venue of 'DefExpo 2022' Defence Exhibition?

- A) Goa
- B) Chennai
- C) Gandhi Nagar ☒
- D) Varanasi



- ✓ DefExpo 2022, India's biennial flagship defence exhibition is scheduled to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat in the month of March. More than 900 defence firms and 55 countries have so far confirmed their participation in the Expo. It is also claimed to be Asia's largest defence exhibition. Out of the 900 exhibitors at the event, more than 100 are foreign players. The 2020 edition of the Expo was held at Lucknow.

3. The world's first woman was cured of HIV through which process?

- A) Stem cell transplant ☒
- B) Antiretroviral therapy
- C) Tuberculosis Treatment
- D) Blood Transfusion



- ✓ A US woman is said to have become the third person in the world to be cured of HIV. She is also the first woman to be cured. The woman is a leukaemia patient and received a stem cell transplant from someone with natural resistance to the Aids-causing virus. An umbilical cord blood transplant was done, as a part of her cancer treatment.

4. 'PM KUSUM' Scheme is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ☒
- B) Ministry of Power
- C) Ministry of Agriculture
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ Ministry of New and Renewable Energy launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) Scheme for farmers for installation of solar pumps and grid connected solar and other renewable power plants.
- ✓ Recently, the Central government has set the target for replacing diesel with renewable energy in the agricultural sector by 2024.

5. 'National Award for Innovations and Good Practices in Educational Administration' are presented to?

- A) Teachers
- B) Education Officers ☒
- C) Student Volunteers
- D) NGOs in School Education



- ✓ The National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) has instituted National Award for Innovations and Good Practices in Educational Administration. The 5th National awards were recently presented to the selected District and Block level education officers from 29 states/ UTs of the country. This year, over hundred officers received Award or Certificate of Appreciation.

6. What is 'Proxima d', which was seen in the news recently?

- A) New Vaccine
- B) New Exoplanet ☒
- C) New Star
- D) New Mineral



- ✓ A team of astronomers has discovered a new planet orbiting Proxima Centauri, the star closest to the Sun. The planet named 'Proxima d', is the third detected in the system. It is among the lightest of the exoplanets discovered so far.
- ✓ The astronomers used the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope (ESO's VLT) in Chile to spot this exo-planet.

7. What is the rank of India in the USGBC 2021 global list for sustainable spaces?

- A) 1st
- B) 3rd ☒
- C) 5th
- D) 7th

3rd

- ✓ India is placed third in the globe on the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) 2021 global list for sustainable spaces. It is a ranking of the top 10 nations and areas outside of the United States for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) in 2021. India has 1,649 LEED certified buildings.

8. Which Indian bank has partnered with NSE Academy to promote financial literacy as a necessary life skill?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) State Bank of India ☒
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Axis Bank



- ✓ 'State Bank of India's Strategic Training Unit has entered into a partnership with NSE Academy to promote financial literacy as a necessary life skill. Five inaugural Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) of SBI have been on the NSE Knowledge Hub platform.
- ✓ The e-courses enable learners to gather knowledge on various aspects of banking and financial services.

9. Where is the headquarters of the 'United Nations Conference on Trade and Development' located?

- A) Geneva ☒
- B) Washington
- C) Paris
- D) Brussels



- ✓ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is an intergovernmental organisation, established in 1964 at Geneva, Switzerland, with an aim to promote trade among developing countries.
- ✓ Recently, the organisation has stated that India's trade deficit as a percentage of global trade has reduced to 0.6% in 2022 as against 0.7% in pre pandemic levels.

10. Which African country has recently declared a Polio outbreak?

- A) Malawi ☒
- B) South Africa
- C) Nigeria
- D) Democratic Republic of Congo



- ✓ The landlocked African nation – Malawi has recently declared a polio outbreak, after a case was identified in a young child.
 - ✓ As per the World Health Organisation, this outbreak is the first in the African continent in more than 5 years. This strain is of the type WPV1 [Type 1 Wild Polio Virus].
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1. Where was the 6th African Union – European Union Summit held?

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



- ✓ The 6th 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 1st 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 28th 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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1. 'Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS)' is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Law and Justice
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs ☒
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment



- ✓ The Central Government has approved the implementation of Phase II of the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) project, at a total cost of Rs 3,375 crore during the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26.
- ✓ This phase of the ICJS project by the Home Affairs Ministry will be implemented as a central sector scheme. ICJS is a national platform for enabling integration of main IT system used for delivery of Criminal Justice in the country.

2. 'Khajuraho Dance Festival' is a famous event organised in which Indian state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Bihar
- C) Madhya Pradesh ☒
- D) Maharashtra



- ✓ The 48th Khajuraho Dance Festival commenced from in Madhya Pradesh. The weeklong festival will be held till February 26, 2022. The world famous 'Khajuraho Dance Festival' is being organized in Khajuraho, located in Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh. The festival is being organized on the theme of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

3. Which nocturnal pollinator has been found to have vital role in 'Pollination' in the Himalayan ecosystem?

- A) Moths ☒
- B) Bees
- C) Butterflies
- D) Bats



- ✓ As per a recent study, Moths are vital to pollination in the Himalayan ecosystem of northeast India.
- ✓ The study highlights 91 species of moths as potential pollinators of 21 plant families in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

4. In which Indian state is the 'Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope' located?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Sikkim
- C) Maharashtra ☒
- D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ 'Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT)' is an array of thirty fully steerable parabolic radio telescopes. It is located near Pune at Khodad in Maharashtra. Astronomers from the National Centre of Radio Astrophysics (NCRA-TIFR) in Pune, and the University of California, Santa Cruz, have used GMRT to map the distribution of atomic hydrogen gas from the host galaxy of a fast radio burst (FRB).

5. Which Indian city has been elected as the host of 2023 International Olympic Committee's (IOC) session?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai ☒
- C) Chennai
- D) Hyderabad



- ✓ India will host the 2023 International Olympic Committee's (IOC) session in Mumbai.
- ✓ India will be hosting the prestigious IOC meeting for the first time since 1983, when the 86th Session was held in New Delhi. The session which will be held in May or June next year, will include election for the host country for the 2030 Winter Olympics and sports programmes for LA 2028 Olympic Games.

6. Which state has framed a 'Draft policy for senior citizens' recognising Demographic transition?

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



- ✓ The Government of Tamil Nadu has framed a draft policy for senior citizens, acknowledging the State's demographic transition.
- ✓ The policy also proposes to create a Directorate for the Welfare of Senior Citizens. The draft document is based on Article 41 of the Constitution, which requires the State 'to secure the right to work, education and to public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement'.

7. Which State/UT has approved Ex-gratia relief of Rs 20,000 per acre to farmers?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Delhi ☒
- C) Punjab
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Delhi cabinet approved ex-gratia relief of Rs 20,000 per acre to farmers whose lands were damaged by rains last year.
- ✓ In September–October 2021, several acres of farmland were damaged due to heavy rain and water-logging in fields. If the damage is found to be 70% or less, the compensation will be 70% of the amount. If the assessed loss is more than 70%, Rs 20,000 per acre will be paid.

8. What is the name of the Tropical Storm which made landfall on three southern African countries?

- A) Rina
- B) Ana ☒
- C) Boss
- D) Sue



- ✓ Tropical Storm Ana hit three southern African countries, leading to a death count of 70. The storm made landfall in Madagascar before entering into Mozambique and Malawi. Madagascar reported 41 dead and 18 others were killed in Mozambique and 11 in Malawi.

9. Masada Fortress, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- A) India
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Israel ☒
- D) UAE



- ✓ Masada Fortress, which is located in Israel, is a symbol of Jewish Heroism. Israel's Ambassador to India Naor Gilon shared a video that showed the Masada Fortress in Israel illuminated with lights. It commemorates the India-Israel Ties, as the two countries celebrate 30 years of diplomatic relations.

10. Who is the first male Tennis star to win 21 Grand Slam titles?

- A) Roger Federer
- B) Rafael Nadal ☒
- C) Novak Djokovic
- D) Andre Agassi



- ✓ Ace Tennis player Rafael Nadal created history as he won a historic 21st Grand Slam title, defeating Russia's Daniil Medvedev in the final of the Australian Open. The Spaniard became the first male tennis player to win 21 Grand Slam titles.
 - ✓ He went ahead of Switzerland's Roger Federer and Serbia's Novak Djokovic—both tied at 20 each. Australian retired tennis player Margaret Court won 24 Grand Slam women's singles titles.
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1. What is the name of the new week-long commemoration before the 'National Science Day'?

- A) Atmanirbhar Vigyan
- B) Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate ☒
- C) Celebration of Science in Past
- D) 'Science in Culture' Celebrations



- ✓ A week-long commemoration event titled Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate was launched by Union Minister of Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh and Union Minister of Culture G Kishan Reddy. This was launched as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The event is being held simultaneously at 75 locations across the country till February 28, National Science Day.

2. India, along with which country, agreed on 'Roadmap on Blue Economy and Ocean Governance'?

- A) USA
- B) UAE
- C) France ☒
- D) Japan



- ✓ India and France have agreed on a Roadmap on Blue Economy and Ocean Governance. The agreement aims to contribute to scientific knowledge and ocean conservation and ensure that the ocean remains a global common.
- ✓ It was made during External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's three-day visit to France. The scope includes maritime trade, marine eco-tourism, inland waterways, scientific research, and integrated coastal management among others.

3. 'CEPI' has announced partnership with which Indian pharma company to develop Covid Vaccine?

- A) Panacea Biotec ☒
- B) Cadila Healthcare
- C) Cipla
- D) Sun Pharma



- ✓ Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) will partner with a consortium comprised of the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) and Panacea Biotec to develop COVID vaccine. THSTI is an autonomous institute of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology. CEPI will fund the new project up to USD 12 million.

4. Which country topped the medal tally in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics?

- A) China
- B) USA
- C) Norway ☒
- D) Germany



- ✓ For the second Games in a row, Norway topped the medal tally in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, with 16 golds. It was followed by Germany with 12 golds and China with 9. The Games recently ended in the "Bird's Nest" stadium, China and its President Xi Jinping handed over the games to 2026 hosts Milano-Cortina.

5. Which region is affected by Storm Clusters including three Storms- Eunice, Franklin and Dudley?

- A) North America
- B) Europe ☒
- C) Australia
- D) Africa



- ✓ Storm Eunice sparked the first-ever red weather warning for London. It was one of the most powerful tempests in Europe since the Great Storm hit Britain and northern France in 1987.
- ✓ Over 15 people were killed by falling trees, flying debris and high winds in Britain, Ireland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Poland. Storm Franklin and Storm Dudley followed in two days.

6. Which newly discovered species has been named after the pandemic as '*Humbertium covidum*'?

- A) Snake
- B) Flatworm ☒
- C) House Rat
- D) House Fly



- ✓ Scientists have discovered an alien hammerhead flatworm species that looks like a miniature king cobra. The researchers found the creatures hunting snails in France and Italy. The flatworm has been named after the COVID-19 pandemic as *Humbertium covidum*.

7. 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 Jhajjar as Ramsar sites in Haryana.

8. 99-million-years old Flowers have been discovered in protected state in which country?

- A) India
- B) Myanmar ☒
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) USA



- ✓ Paleontologists have identified two new types of fossil flowers- Eophyllica priscastellata and Phyllica piloburmensis in Myanmar. They have been found in cretaceous amber from the Hkamti and Tanaing mines, northern Myanmar, dated to at least 99 million years ago.

9. What are '2010 TK7 and 2020 XL5', which are seen in the news recently?

- A) Exoplanets
- B) Earth Trojans ☒
- C) Meteors
- D) Telescopes



- ✓ Earth Trojan is an asteroid that shares the same orbit as our planet, going around the Sun. The second Earth Trojan was detected in 2020 and has been named 2020 XL5. It is a near-earth asteroid that is expected to stay in orbit for the next 4,000 years before deviating away. The asteroid was discovered by the Pan-STARRS S1 telescope survey. The first known Earth Trojan asteroid was 2010 TK7, about 0.3 km wide, and discovered in 2010.

10. Indian Army signed contract with which company for manufacture of Konkurs-M missiles?

- A) DRDO
- B) Bharat Dynamics Ltd ☒
- C) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- D) Bharat Electronics Ltd



- ✓ Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and the Indian Army have signed a contract worth Rs 3,131.82 crore for the manufacture and supply of Konkurs-M anti-tank guided missiles.
 - ✓ The missile with 75-4000 metre range can be launched either from the BMP-II tank or from a ground launcher. Konkurs-M is being manufactured under a license agreement with a Russian Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).
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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 25th 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 1st 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.

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 94th 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.