

1. Who are the targeted beneficiaries of 'UPI123Pay' facility, recently launched by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) Visually Challenged Persons
- B) Feature Phone Users ☒
- C) Children
- D) Senior Citizens



- ✓ RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das launched UPI for feature phones called UPI123Pay. He also launched 24x7 helpline for digital payments named 'DigiSaathi'. UPI 123Pay will allow customers to use feature phones for all transactions except scan and pay. It doesn't need an internet connection for transactions while customers have to link their bank account with feature phones to use this facility.

2. India signed MoU with which countries to implement the 'BBIN' Motor Vehicles Agreement?

- A) Bhutan-Nepal
- B) Bangladesh-Nepal ☒
- C) Bhutan-Cambodia-Nepal
- D) Bangladesh-Myanmar-Nepal



- ✓ India, Bangladesh and Nepal finalised an enabling Memorandum of understanding (MoU) for implementing the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA).
- ✓ Bhutan participated in the meeting as an observer. BBIN aims to boost the regional trade and connectivity.

3. What is "PARAM Ganga", which was seen in the news recently?

- A) COVID Vaccine
- B) Ganga Rejuvenation Scheme
- C) Super-computer ☒
- D) Crypto-currency



- ✓ The National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) has deployed "PARAM Ganga", a supercomputer at IIT Roorkee, with a supercomputing capacity of 1.66 Petaflops.
- ✓ NSM is driven jointly by Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeiTY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and implemented by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore.

4. 'Pal-Dadhav Massacre' was held at which present-day Indian state?

- A) Gujarat ☒
- B) West Bengal
- C) Assam
- D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ The Gujarat government marked 100 years of the Pal-Dadhav killings, citing it a massacre "bigger than the Jallianwala Bagh".
- ✓ The killings had also been featured on the state's Republic Day tableau. The massacre took place on March 7, 1922, in the Pal-Chitariya and Dadhvaav villages of Gujarat. When Villagers gathered as part of the 'Eki movement', led by Motilal Tejawat, around 1000 were shot down by the British. Their aim was to protest against the land revenue tax.

5. Which Indian state launched 'Kaushalya Matritva Yojana'?

- A) Odisha
- B) Gujarat
- C) Chhattisgarh ☒
- D) Rajasthan



- ✓ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the 'Kaushalya Matritva Yojana'. Under this scheme, financial assistance of Rs 5000 will be given to women on the birth of second girl child.
- ✓ He also released 'Kanya Vivah Yojana' Coffee Table Book and Sakhi One Stop Center Telephone Directory.

6. Which is the first airline in the world to use "sun-to-liquid" fuel?

- A) Japan Airlines
- B) Cathay Pacific Airways
- C) Swiss Airlines ☒
- D) Qantas Airways



- ✓ Swiss and its parent company, the Lufthansa Group, have partnered with synthetic fuel group Synhelion to use its Solar Fuel.
- ✓ This will make Swiss the first airline in the world to use "sun-to-liquid" fuel. Switzerland-based Synhelion, has developed a technology for manufacturing sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) from renewable energy sources.

7. Which state is the host of National conclave on 'Social Enterprises for Garbage Free Cities'?

- A) Bihar
- B) Chattisgarh ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), organised a national conclave on 'Social Enterprises for Garbage Free Cities: Encouraging Women Entrepreneurs in Waste management'. The conclave was organised in collaboration with the Chhattisgarh Government in Raipur.

8. Which institution released the 'State of India's Environment Report 2022'?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Centre for Science and Environment ☒
- C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D) UN Development Programme



- ✓ Bhupender Yadav, Union minister of environment, forests and climate change, released Centre for Science and Environment - Down to Earth's Annual State of India's Environment Report 2022. This was released at the Anil Agarwal Dialogue organised by Delhi-based non-profit Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).
- ✓ As per the report, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are below the national average in 11 and 14 SDGs, respectively. Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh fared best in SDGs.

9. Which is the venue of the 2022 ISSF World Cup?

- A) Cairo ☒
- B) Paris
- C) Budapest
- D) Moscow



- ✓ This year's first ISSF World Cup is being held in the city of Cairo, Egypt. Indian shooting ace Saurabh Chaudhary won the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event. Another Indian player Esha Singh bagged the second medal for the country after she won a silver in the women's 10m air pistol event.

10. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Stree Manoraksha Project'?

- A) Ministry of Women and Child Development ☒
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D) Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) launched the 'Stree Manoraksha Project' to improve the mental health of women in India. The project has been launched in collaboration with the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru.
 - ✓ The project would focus on building on capacity building of One-Stop Centers on how to handle the cases of women who have suffered violence and distress.
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