

1. Which country has been connected to 'Continental Europe Synchronous Area (CESA)'?

- A) China
- B) Ukraine ☒
- C) Kazakhstan
- D) Afghanistan



- ✓ Ukraine has been recently connected to 'Continental Europe Synchronous Area (CESA)'. It is an electricity grid spanning much of the continental Europe. This step will allow Ukraine to decouple its Power system from hostile Russia.

2. Which company launched India's 1st fuel cell electric vehicle?

- A) Ola
- B) Toyota ☒
- C) Honda
- D) Tata



- ✓ Union Minister Nitin Gadkari recently launched green hydrogen-based advanced fuel cell electric vehicle (FCEV). Named Toyota Mirai, it is the first-of-its-kind project in India that aims to create an ecosystem for Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles in the country. It is powered by hydrogen and is completely environment-friendly.

3. "Green Triangle" named after Mahatma Gandhi was inaugurated in which country?

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



- ✓ A "Green Triangle" named after Mahatma Gandhi was jointly inaugurated in Madagascar's capital Antananarivo, to commemorate India's 75th year of independence.

4. 'Dishaank' is a land digitisation application of which Indian state?

- A) Karnataka ☒
- B) Kerala
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ The Dishaank application is implemented by Karnataka for digitisation of all land records (under the Bhoomi project).
- ✓ The mobile application has been developed under the Karnataka Geographical Information System program of the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Center (KSRSAC). This is expected to bring in transparency and reduce land-related disputes.

5. Which country recently passed 'Sunshine Protection Act' making daylight saving time (DST) permanent?

- A) Russia
- B) USA ☒
- C) Brazil
- D) Canada



- ✓ The United States Senate unanimously passed a law-making daylight-saving time (DST) permanent. It has scrapped the biannual practice of putting clocks forward and back coinciding with the arrival and departure of winter.
- ✓ After it is signed into a law, the practice of turning clocks back by an hour to standard time every November will stop.

6. 'Bahini' is a new scheme announced by which Indian state?

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



- ✓ Sikkim government is set to announce "Bahini" scheme in its annual Budget. It aims to install vending machines to provide free sanitary pads in all its 210 secondary and senior secondary government schools. The main objective is to curb dropout of girls from schools and raise awareness about menstrual hygiene among children.

7. What is the rank of India in 'Liberal Democracy Index' of V-Dem Democracy Report 2022?

- A) 75
- B) 83
- C) 93 ☒
- D) 99



- ✓ Sweden-based V-Dem Institute (Varieties of Democracy research project) released a report, titled 'Democracy Report 2022: Autocratization Changing Nature?'. India ranked 93 in the Liberal Democracy Index, and 100 in the Electoral Democracy Index.
- ✓ India has figured in the top 10 autocratising countries of the world along with El Salvador, Turkey and Hungary.

8. What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2022?

- A) 01
- B) 25
- C) 56
- D) 83 ☒



- ✓ India's passport now ranks at 83rd position in the Henley Passport Index 2022, up seven places from 90th rank in 2021. The Henley Passport Index ranks all the world's passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.
- ✓ It is based on exclusive data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA). As per the 2022 rank, Japan and Singapore have the most powerful passports in the world.

9. As per the latest report published by the World Anti-Doping Agency, what is India's rank in Anti-doping Rule Violations?

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



- ✓ As per the latest report published by the World Anti-Doping Agency, 152 Anti-doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) were reported in India in 2019 and India is at third place in the list.
- ✓ The 152 violations amount to 17% of the world total. India is only behind Russia (167) and Italy (157), while Brazil (78) is at fourth and Iran (70) at fifth.

10. In which of the following date "World Water Day" is observed?

- A) March 20
- B) March 21
- C) March 22 ☒
- D) March 23



- ✓ 22nd March is celebrated as the World Water Day. It is celebrated to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.
- ✓ A theme related to the focus is selected every year by the UN organizations. The theme for 2022 is "Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible".