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1. Which state/UT recently approved the Policy on promotion of foreign investment in the industrial sector?

- A) Goa
- B) Assam
- C) Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- D) Ladakh



- ✓ The Administrative Council (AC) under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, approved the policy on promotion of foreign investment in the industrial sector in Jammu and Kashmir. The New Policy aims to facilitate foreign investments higher than Rs 100 crore with a minimum of 51 per cent foreign stakes.

2. Which institution released reports documenting India's COVID-19 vaccine development and administration journey?

- A) Institute for Competitiveness ☒
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) John Hopkins University
- D) AIIMS



- ✓ Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has released two reports from the Institute for Competitiveness (Indian chapter), documenting India's Covid-19 vaccine development and vaccine administration journey.
- ✓ The report on India's vaccine development focussed on Rs 100 crore support from PM CARES fund for indigenous vaccine and collaboration of Indian pharma companies with global candidates for conducting clinical trials. The report on administration focussed on adoption of mobile apps like Co-WIN and Aarogya Setu.

3. 'Health Star Rating' is an initiative of which organisation?

- A) Food Corporation of India
- B) FSSAI ☒
- C) NABARD
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ Under the directions from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), packaged food items are set to bear a 'Health Star Rating'.
- ✓ The number of stars will indicate how healthy or unhealthy the item is. The rating will be based on the amount of fats, sugar and salt present in the food item.

4. Which Union Ministry launched the 'National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing'?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ☒
- B) Ministry of MSME
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) released the 'National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing'. As per the strategy, India aims to increase share in global additive manufacturing to 5 per cent within the next three years.
- ✓ 3D printing or additive manufacturing uses computer-aided designing to make prototypes or working models of objects.

5. Intracortical Visual Prosthesis (ICVP), seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A) Artificial Vision ☒
- B) Artificial Intelligence
- C) Spyware
- D) Navigation



- ✓ The Intracortical Visual Prosthesis (ICVP) has been successfully surgically implanted in the study's first participant. The system is said to have the potential to restore partial vision to people who have lost their sight. ICVP is an implant that bypasses the retina and optic nerves to connect directly to the brain's visual cortex.

6. Which is the venue of the 2028 Olympic Games?

- A) Paris
- B) Rome
- C) Los Angeles ☒
- D) Moscow



- ✓ Los Angeles is the venue of the 2028 Olympic Games or the 2028 Summer Olympic Games. It is being referred as LA28. Paris is the venue of 2024 Olympic Games.
- ✓ Recently, the International Olympic Committee has approved a proposal to include surfing, skateboarding and sport climbing among the core sports for the 2028 Summer Games in Los Angeles.

7. Chauri Chaura village is located in which present-day state?

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



- ✓ When Mahatma Gandhi's Non-Cooperation Movement was launched against the colonial administration, a mob set the station on fire, killing 23 policemen at Chauri Chaura Village, in present day Uttar Pradesh. It was done in retaliation to the Police firing killing three people from the group of protestors against foreign products.
- ✓ After the Chauri Chaura incident, Gandhi called off the movement and condemned the violence.

8. South Col Glacier is the highest-altitude glacier of which Mountain?

- A) Mt Everest ☒
- B) K2
- C) Kangchenjunga
- D) Kilimanjaro



- ✓ In a recent study, a team of scientists scaled the world's highest peak to monitor the mountain's highest-altitude glacier – the South Col Glacier, for signs of climate-related ice loss. It stands at standing nearly 26,000 feet (8,000 meters) above sea level.
- ✓ The study revealed that South Col is losing ice roughly 80 times faster than it took for the ice to accumulate on the glacier's surface.

9. When is the 'Zero Discrimination Day' observed annually across the world?

- A) March 01 ☒
- B) March 02
- C) March 03
- D) March 04



- ✓ The 'Zero Discrimination Day' is observed annually across the world on March 1, by UNAIDS. UNAIDS is the leading global forum which aims to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

10. When is International Polar Bear Day observed?

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



- ✓ International Polar Bear Day is an annual event celebrated every Feb.27 to raise awareness about the conservation status of the polar bear. International Polar Bear Day is organized by Polar Bears International to raise awareness about the impact of global warming and reduced sea ice on polar bear populations.
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1. Which space mission/ satellite of ISRO has detected 'Solar proton events' for the first time?

- A) Chandrayaan-1
- B) Chandrayaan-2 ☒
- C) Mars Orbiter Mission
- D) Mangalyaan 2



- ✓ Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter has detected solar proton events, via its Large Area Soft X-ray Spectrometer (CLASS). The proton events are said to increase the radiation exposure to humans in space.

2. National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) signed MoU with which institution to collaborate on 'Sustainable Cities India program'?

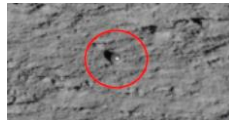
- A) NITI Aayog
- B) World Economic Forum ☒
- C) World Bank
- D) UNDP



- ✓ The World Economic Forum and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on 'Sustainable Cities India program'.
- ✓ It is a jointly designed project, which aims to create an enabling environment for cities to generate decarbonization solutions across energy, transport, and the built environment sectors.

3. Which country's rover has spotted two glass spheres on the far side of the Moon?

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



- ✓ China's Yutu-2 rover has recently spotted two strange glass spheres on the far side of the Moon. The lunar 'spherules' are the first of their kind to be found on the lunar surface. As per researchers, they are formed fairly recently.

4. Which city is the host of Senior National Chess Championship-2022?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Kanpur ☒
- C) Chennai
- D) Panaji



- ✓ All India Chess Federation secretary Bharat Singh organises the 58th Senior National Chess Championship-2022 at Kanpur.
- ✓ It is participated by 184 players, including 23 grandmasters and 30 international masters in the field. It will be a selection platform for the Indian squads for the Chess Olympiad and Asian Games. The 7th National Women Chess Championship-2022 is held at Bhubaneswar.

5. Which is the venue of the 'Devayatanam – An odyssey of Indian temple architecture' conference?

- A) Puri
- B) Hampi ☒
- C) Mysuru
- D) Varanasi



- ✓ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) of Ministry of Culture, Government of India is organizing an international conference

'Devayatanam – An odyssey of Indian temple architecture at Hampi, Karnataka. The union minister for Culture G Kishan Reddy inaugurated the conference.

- ✓ It aims to highlight the philosophical, religious, social, economic, technical, scientific, art and architectural aspects of temple. It also aims to deliberate upon the evolution of various styles of temple architecture.

6. Ibrahim Sutar, who recently passed away, was Padma Shri awardee and social worker from which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Kerala



- ✓ Padma Shri awardee and social worker Ibrahim Sutar passed away in Karnataka at the age of 82.
- ✓ He is fondly referred to as the "Kabir of Kannada" Ibrahim Sutar was known for his work towards spreading social and communal harmony. He was awarded the Padma Shri award in the year 2018.

7. Which Indian state is to set up India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve?

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



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has announced plans to set up India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in the Palk Bay on the southeast coast of the state.
- ✓ Dugong or Sea Cow is an endangered marine mammal that is facing extinction due to habitat loss, sea pollution and loss of seagrass. Dugong is found in Gulf of Mannar, which is a shallow bay area between south eastern tip of Tamil Nadu and western part of Sri Lanka, and at Palk Bay.

8. Which Ministry unveiled the draft National Air Sports Policy?

- A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- B) Ministry of Civil Aviation ☒
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Civil Aviation has prepared a draft National Air Sports Policy (NASP 2022) to promote air sports in the country.
- ✓ The policy will cover most of the air sports including aerobatics, aero-modelling, amateur, drones, gliding, hang gliding and paragliding micro-lighting and para-motoring skydiving and vintage aircraft. Domestic design, development and manufacturing of air sports equipment will be promoted.

9. When is the World Wildlife Day observed annually across the world?

- A) March 01
- B) March 02
- C) March 03 ☒
- D) March 04



- ✓ The World Wildlife Day is observed on March 3 every year to raise awareness about the dangers faced by the planet's fauna and flora.

The 2022 theme is "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration"

10. When is the World Hearing Day observed?

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



- ✓ 'World Hearing Day' is observed on 3 March each year, to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss. 'WHO' organizes an annual World Hearing Day seminar at its headquarters in Geneva. The theme of this year's day is "To hear for life, listen with care".
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1. 'Dharma Guardian' Exercise is an annual Military Exercise between India and which country?

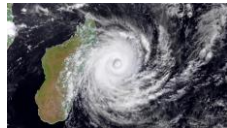
- A) Sri Lanka
B) Japan ☒
C) Australia
D) UAE



- ✓ India and Japan have commenced their annual Dharma Guardian exercise in Karnataka. The exercise began from Feb.27 to March 10. The 15th battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry regiment will participate for India. The exercise is being conducted annually since 2018.

2. Which country has been hit by 'Cyclone Emnati'?

- A) Indonesia
B) Madagascar ☒
C) Philippines
D) Japan



- ✓ Madagascar is witnessing its fourth cyclone in five weeks after 'Emnati' arrival. Madagascar is hit by numerous cyclones between November and April every year. The island nation is still recovering from the impact of another storm earlier this month named Cyclone Batsirai, which killed more than 120 people.

3. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Bhasha Certificate Selfie' Campaign?

- A) Ministry of Education ☒
B) Ministry of Culture
C) Ministry of Tourism
D) Ministry of External Affairs



- ✓ Union Ministry of Education recently launched a campaign 'Bhasha Certificate Selfie' to encourage cultural diversity and promote Multilingualism. The initiative aims to promote Bhasha Sangam mobile app, developed by Ministry of Education and MyGov India.
✓ Using the app, people can learn over 100 sentences of daily use in as many as 22 scheduled Indian languages. It encourages people to upload their selfie with the certificate.

4. 'IVFRT Scheme', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Immigration ☒
B) Irrigation
C) Information
D) Industry



- ✓ The Centre has approved continuation of the Immigration Visa Foreigners Registration Tracking (IVFRT) Scheme for a period of five years from 2021 to 2026. The scheme was approved with an outlay of Rs 1,364.88 crore. The average visa processing time, which was earlier at 15-30 days, has been reduced to 72 hours, in e-visas.

5. Zmiinyi Island (Snake Island), which was seen in the news, is located in which Sea/Ocean?

- A) Black Sea ☒
B) Pacific Ocean
C) Mediterranean Sea
D) Atlantic Ocean



- ✓ Zmiinyi Island (Snake Island) is a roughly 16-hectare rocky island owned by Ukraine that lies about 300km west of Crimea, in the Black

Sea. Ukraine has honoured 13 soldiers who were killed defending the island from Russian forces.

- ✓ Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky has awarded each of the guards the posthumous title of "Hero of Ukraine".

6. 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.

7. 'DESH-Stack' is an Online Platform associated with which field?

- A) Investment
B) Skill Development ☒
C) GST
D) Nutrition



- ✓ The Union Budget has announced to set up a Digital Ecosystem for Skilling and Livelihood or DESH-Stack e-portal. It aims to empower citizens to skill, reskill or upskill through on-line training. The portal will provide trusted skill credentials to find relevant jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities.

8. As per a new study conducted by an international team, what is the total number of trees still undiscovered?

- A) 92
B) 920
C) 9200 ☒
D) 19200



- ✓ A study was conducted jointly by 100 scientists across the world and it found out that the total number of tree species on Earth is 73,000. It also highlights that 9,200 tree species have remained mysterious and undiscovered.
✓ South America has likely more undiscovered tree species than others at about 40%. As per the estimates, 43 percent of all Earth's tree species occur in South America, followed by Eurasia (22 percent), Africa (16 percent).

9. 'India Protein Day' is celebrated on which date?

- A) March 01
B) March 02
C) February 27 ☒
D) February 28



- ✓ A national-level public health initiative, 'Right to Protein' has launched India's first 'Protein Day' on February 27, 2020. The day is observed to raise awareness about the nutritional benefits of protein. This year, the theme of the day is selected as "Food Futurism".

10. Which network of the Indian Railways has achieved a milestone of loading the 100th Textile Express?


- A) Western Railway ☒ B) Central Railway
C) Northern Railway D) North Western Railway



पश्चिम रेलवे
Western Railway

- ✓ Mumbai Central Division of Western Railway, has achieved a milestone of loading the 100th Textile Express from Chaltahan (Surat area) to Sankrail (Kharagpur Division).
 - ✓ The first Textile Express was started on 1st September 2021. The milestone has been kachieved within a span of five months. Surat textile sector is prominent in the western part of India. Textile Express fetched revenue of over ten crore rupees to Railways.
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1. What is the theme of the 'National Science Day 2022'?

- A) Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for Sustainable Future ☒
- B) Science and Technology for Atmanirbhar Bharat
- C) Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate 
- D) Amrut Kaal Vigyan

- ✓ National Science Day is being observed in India every year on 28th of February to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect'. On the same day, CV Raman announced the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' and he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930.
- ✓ The theme for National Science Day 2022 is "Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for Sustainable Future".

2. Which is the largest exported items among all fresh food category from India?

- A) Fresh Grapes ☒
- B) Guava
- C) Fresh Mangoes
- D) Betel Leaves & Nuts



- ✓ India's export of fresh fruits has also witnessed considerable growth. Fresh Grapes is the largest exported items among all fresh food category. During 2020-21, the export value of Fresh Grapes was USD 314 million.
- ✓ Export of other Fresh Fruits stood at USD 302 million, Fresh Mangoes at USD 36 million and Others (Betel Leaves & Nuts) at USD 19 million. During 2020-21, Fresh grapes and Other Fresh Fruits accounted for 92 per cent in India's total export of Fresh Fruits.

3. Who is the only contestant from India, in the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022?

- A) Arif Khan ☒
- B) Neeraj Chopra
- C) Shiva Keshavan
- D) Jagdish Singh



- ✓ Arif Khan, who will be competing in the Slalom and Giant Slalom events, is the only contestant from India, in the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022.
- ✓ India announced a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics, after the honour of carrying the Olympic torch went to a Chinese soldier who was wounded in the Galvan clash two years ago.

4. CPEC is an Economic Corridor connecting Xinjiang region of China and Gwadar Port of which country?

- A) Iran
- B) Pakistan ☒
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Kazakhstan



- ✓ China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a 3,000-km long route of infrastructure projects connecting China's northwest Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and the Gwadar Port in the western province of Balochistan in Pakistan.
- ✓ Pakistan recently signed a new agreement with China to begin the second phase of the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

5. 'Baal Swaraj portal' is associated with which institution?

- A) Pratham Foundation
- B) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights ☒
- C) Amnesty International
- D) National Human Rights Commission



- ✓ National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) organized a national level meeting on Identification, Rescue and Rehabilitation of Children in Street Situations with NGOs and UN agencies. NCPCR developed a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 2.0 for Care and Protection of Children in Street Situations.
- ✓ It also devised 'Baal Swaraj portal - Children in Street Situations (CiSS)'. Earlier, NCPCR developed "Bal Swaraj (Covid-Care)" portal to track children who lost parent due to Covid-19.

6. What does 'S' stand for in 'SWIFT' financial messaging service?

- A) Secure
- B) Society ☒
- C) Simple
- D) Service



- ✓ The SWIFT system stands for the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication. It is the world's leading provider of secure financial messaging services.
- ✓ Recently, the US and European Union (EU) have decided to cut off a number of Russian banks from the SWIFT platform. The assets of Russia's central bank are also expected to be frozen, to restrict Russia's ability to access its overseas reserves.

7. 'Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)' is an initiative of which country?

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



- ✓ Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) created by the United States in 2004, offers large grants to support economic growth. Recently, Nepal's Parliament has approved a USD 500m US grant, in spite of several street protests and opposition in the country.
- ✓ Nepal signed the US government's MCC pact in 2017 to fund infrastructure projects. But its ratification was not made due to divisions within political parties.

8. Which is the headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)?

- A) Geneva
- B) Vienna ☒
- C) New York
- D) Moscow



- ✓ The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is an international organization, which seeks to promote peaceful use of nuclear energy, and to inhibit its use for nuclear weapons. It is headquartered at Vienna.
- ✓ The IAEA's 35-nation Board of Governors has called for an emergency meeting about Ukraine. Board members Canada and Poland called the meeting at the request of Ukraine, which is not on the Board.

9. Which Union Ministry released a Draft Report on InDEA 2.0?

- A) Ministry of Electronics and Information and Technology ☒
- B) Ministry of Science and Technology
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Electronics and Information and Technology (MeitY) has released a draft report on India Digital Ecosystem Architecture 2.0 or the InDEA 2.0. InDEA 2.0 proposes a model of 'Federated Digital Identities', which seeks to optimise the number of digital identities that a citizen needs to have.
- ✓ The draft report is headed by former MeitY secretary J Satyanaraya as Chairman and current secretary Ajay P Sawhney as Co-Chairman.

10. The National Safety Day is observed on which date in India?

- A) March 4 ☒
- B) March 3
- C) March 1
- D) March 2



- ✓ March 4 is observed every year as National Safety Day in India with the aim of creating awareness among people with respect to safety measures. This year, the focus of National Safety Day is on road safety and the theme is 'Sadak Suraksha' (road safety).
- ✓ The celebrations this year have also been spread over a week and National Safety Week will be observed from March 4 to March 10. The year 2022 marks the observance of the 51st National Safety Day/National Safety Week Campaign.

1. Madhabi Puri Buch has been appointed as the first woman chairperson of which regulatory body?

- A) SEBI ☒
B) NABARD
C) PFRDA
D) IRDAI



- ✓ The Government has appointed Madhabi Puri Buch as the new chairperson of market regulator – Securities and Exchange Board of India. She is the first woman chairperson of SEBI. Ms Madhabi Puri Buch, the former head of ICICI Securities, replaces Ajay Tyagi.

2. As per the 2nd advanced estimates of National Income, what is the real GDP Growth of India in 2021-22?

- A) 5.6 percent
B) 7.1 percent
C) 8.9 percent ☒
D) 10.5 percent



- ✓ The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the 2nd Advance Estimates of National Income, 2021-22 as well as Quarterly Estimates of GDP for the quarter October–December (Q3) of 2021-22.
- ✓ The growth in GDP during 2021-22 is estimated at 8.9 percent as compared to a contraction of 6.6 percent in 2020-21.

3. The 'Yilan' Crater, the largest impact crater on Earth, has been discovered in which country?

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



- ✓ A crescent-shaped crater in Northeast China named the 'Yilan' Crater holds the record as the largest impact crater on Earth that formed in the last 100,000 years. Before 2020, the only other impact crater ever discovered in China was found in Xiuyan, Liaoning, as per a statement from the NASA Earth Observatory.
- ✓ The Yilan crater measures about 1.85 kilometers across and likely formed about 46,000 to 53,000 years ago, based on radiocarbon dating.

4. The Indian Navy conducted 'Operational Demonstration' at which city?

- A) Pune
B) Kochi
C) Visakhapatnam ☒
D) Ernakulam



- ✓ The Indian Navy conducted 'Operational Demonstration' at Visakhapatnam and a colourful International City Parade. It showcased various operations including special operations and sky diving, rescue operations and fly-past by naval aircraft.
- ✓ The event was conducted as part of the ongoing Multilateral Exercise MILAN 22. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy was the Chief Guest for the event.

5. 'National Level Awareness Programme – Sambhav' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Education
B) Ministry of MSME ☒
C) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
D) Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is celebrating its 'Iconic week' under 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' from 28.02.2022 to 06.03.2022.
- ✓ Ministry of MSME will launch Phase II of its 'National Level Awareness Programme – Sambhav', through which more than one lakh students from 1300 colleges all across the country will be motivated to take up entrepreneurship. Phase I of the scheme was launched in 2021.

6. A solar photovoltaic power plant for the Indian Railways, which directly feeds power to traction, has been developed in which place?

- A) Mumbai
B) Kolkata
C) Jhansi
D) Bina ☒



- ✓ A 1.7-megawatt solar photovoltaic plant has been commissioned by Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) at Bina, Madhya Pradesh for the Indian Railways. Power to the traction systems of Indian Railways will be fed directly through this plant.
- ✓ This is the first such Solar Power Plant commissioned on the Indian Railways network.

7. In which year, did the Chernobyl Disaster happen?

- A) 1972
B) 1986 ☒
C) 1997
D) 2000



- ✓ World's deadliest nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl nuclear plant in April 1986. Then, a nuclear reactor exploded and spread radioactive radiation across Europe. This plant is located in Pripyat, which is at a distance of 130 from Kyiv.
- ✓ The reactor has now been covered with a protective device in order to prevent radiation leakage. Entire plant has been disabled. According to scientists, no human can live in this place for the next 24 thousand years. It acts as a storage centre for nuclear waste.

8. Which Tennis player won the Mexican Open Title 2022?

- A) Novak Djokovic
B) Rafael Nadal ☒
C) Roger Federer
D) Daniil Medvedev



- ✓ In tennis, Rafael Nadal (Spain) beat British number one Cameron Norrie 6-4 6-4 to win the singles title of Mexican Open 2022 (also known as Acapulco title).
- ✓ This is the 91st ATP title of his career. Previously, Rafael Nadal has won the Mexican Open title in 2005, 2013 and 2020.

9. Which day is observed as World Obesity Day?

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



- ✓ World Obesity Day is observed every year on March 04. It is observed to spread awareness about obesity and encourage action towards its elimination. The theme of World Obesity Day 2022 is 'Everybody Needs to Act'.

10. Hemananda Biswal was the first tribal chief minister of which state?

- A) Haryana
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Odisha ☒



- ✓ Odisha's first tribal chief minister as well as last Congress chief minister of the state, Hemananda Biswal passed away. He was 82. Biswal, a Bhuyan tribal from Jharsuguda district, served as the chief minister twice from 1989 to 1990 and 1999 to 2000.

1. What is the new motto of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)?

- A) Support to Children
- B) Bhavishyo Rakshati Rakshit ☒
- C) All-round Protections of Child Rights
- D) Dharmo Rakshati Rakshit



- ✓ Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani launched the new motto of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, NCPCR on its 17th foundation day at Red Fort, New Delhi. The New Motto is 'Bhavishyo Rakshati Rakshit'.
- ✓ The Minister also complemented the collaboration between NCPCR & Border Security Force for the initiative called 'SAHARA', which provides psycho-social counselling to children of BSF jawans who laid down their lives.

2. What is the name of India's first of the four stealth guided missile destroyers under Project 15B?

- A) INS Kochi
- B) INS Visakhapatnam ☒
- C) INS Veera
- D) INS Kattabomman



- ✓ Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Jagan Mohan Reddy dedicated the destroyer INS Vishakhapatnam. This is India's first of the four stealth guided missile destroyers under Project 15B. It has been designed in-house by the Indian Navy's Directorate of Naval Design.
- ✓ It has 75 percent indigenous content and was constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.

3. The Barents Sea, which was seen in the news recently, is located along the coasts of which two countries?

- A) Russia-Ukraine
- B) Russia-Norway ☒
- C) Russia-Poland
- D) Russia-Belarus



- ✓ The Barents Sea is a marginal sea of the Arctic Ocean, located along the northern coasts of Norway and Russia. It is also called as the Murman Sea in Russia.
- ✓ Russian nuclear submarines sailed off for drills in the Barents Sea and mobile missile launchers were seen among snow forests in Siberia after President Vladimir Putin ordered his country's nuclear forces put on high alert over tensions with the West amidst the invasion of Ukraine.

4. Which Institution organised the 'National Innovation Conclave on Low Carbon Technologies'?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Bureau of Energy Efficiency ☒
- C) ASSOCHAM
- D) IIT Madras



- ✓ Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) commemorated its 20th Foundation Day by organising the National Innovation Conclave on Low Carbon Technologies.
- ✓ Facility for Low Carbon Technology Deployment (FLCTD) is a project financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) in association with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).

5. Ukraine shares border with how many European Union Member states?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) Four ☒



- ✓ Ukraine shares borders with four European Union (EU) member states namely Hungary, Poland, Slovakia (West) and Romania (South). It shares border with Russia to the east and north-east. Ukraine also shares borders with Belarus to the north; and Moldova to the south.
- ✓ The European Parliament, after a debate in which the President of Ukraine addressed and received applause, recommended that Ukraine be made an official candidate for EU membership.

6. Which international institution approved a mandate to draft 'Global Plastics Treaty'?

- A) UNFCCC
- B) UN Environment Assembly ☒
- C) IPCC
- D) WWF



- ✓ The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) with 175 member countries, signed a mandate which makes it legally binding for the signatories to end plastic pollution.
- ✓ The Global Plastics Treaty will be drafted and ratified in the next two years. The mandate recommends measures to tackling plastic production and addressing the toxic burden of plastic.

7. 'How Indians View Gender Roles in Families and Society' is a report released by which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) UNICEF
- C) Pratham Foundation
- D) Pew Research Center ☒



- ✓ Pew Research Center, a Washington DC-based non-profit released a report titled 'How Indians View Gender Roles in Families and Society', based on a survey of 29,999 Indian adults.
- ✓ As per the report, while 55% of Indians believed that men and women make equally good political leaders, nine-in-ten Indians agree with the view that a wife must always obey her husband. 34% said that child care should be handled primarily by women. 43% believed that earning an income is the obligation of men.

8. When was the 'Convention on Cluster Munitions' signed?

- A) 1972
- B) 2008 ☒
- C) 2020
- D) 2021



- ✓ In May 2008, 107 states concluded an international treaty prohibiting the cluster weapons, named the 'Convention on Cluster Munitions'. Recently, Russia has been accused for using cluster bombs and vacuum bombs in the ongoing war against Ukraine.
- ✓ As per the convention, the cluster munitions release explosive sub-munitions each weighing less than 20 kilograms.

9. The International Waste Pickers' Day is observed on which date?

- A) March 01 ☒
- B) March 02
- C) March 03
- D) March 04



- ✓ International Waste Pickers' Day is observed on March 1 to mark the Colombian massacre that led to the brutal death of 11 workers. This day seeks to give voice and recognition to waste pickers/recyclers across the world.
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10. As per the official data of the Government, what is the number of children affected due to COVID-19 in India?

- A) 0.74 lakh
- B) 1.54 lakh ☒
- C) 5.54 lakh
- D) 15.54 lakh



- ✓ According to the official data the number of children affected due to Covid in India is 1,53,827. This is not restricted to children who lost their parents or caregivers.
- ✓ Responding to a recent study by Lancet, which claimed that 19 lakh children in India lost a parent or caregiver to COVID-19, the Ministry of Women and Child Development said that the findings have no correlation to ground realities.
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