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1. Archaeological site named Xiamabei, which was in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Japan
B) Vietnam
C) China ☒
D) Sumatra



- ✓ Archeologists from China have discovered remnants of an Old Stone Age culture at a site named Xiamabei which is less than 100 miles from Beijing. At the site, it is discovered that ancient hominins used a reddish pigment called ochre and crafted tiny blade-like tools from stone. It is believed that these remains are more than 40,000 years old.

2. Which institution released the book titled 'Role of Labour in India's Development'?

- A) International Labour Organisation
B) NITI Aayog
C) Ministry of Labour and Employment ☒
D) ASSOCHAM



- ✓ Union Minister for Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav released a book titled 'Role of Labour in India's Development'.
✓ The Book contains 12 articles written by eminent academicians on the contribution of labour in India's development journey. It was published by V V Giri National Labour Institute, which is an autonomous training institute under the Ministry of Labour.

3. What is the name of the new scheme launched as a consolidation of MSME Incubation, Design and IPR schemes?

- A) MSME Champions Scheme
B) MSME Innovative Scheme ☒
C) MSME Plus Scheme
D) MSME Pro Scheme



- ✓ Union Minister for MSME Narayan Rane launched the MSME Innovative Scheme (Incubation, Design and IPR), as the combination of existing sub-schemes around incubation, design, and intellectual property rights (IPR) for MSMEs.
✓ This will act as a hub for innovation activities facilitating development of ideas into viable business proposition which benefits society. The Minister also launched the MSME Idea Hackathon 2022.

4. Xenotransplantation, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Crypto-currency
B) Organ Transplantation ☒
C) Semiconductor Manufacturing
D) Climate Change



- ✓ Xenotransplantation is defined as the transplantation into a human recipient of either (a) live cells, tissues or organs from a non-human animal source, or (b) human body fluids, cells, tissues or organs that have had ex-vivo (outside) contact with live non-human animal cells, tissues or organs. Two months after the landmark surgery, where a patient whose failing heart had been replaced with the heart of a genetically altered pig, died recently.

5. Which product is Russia's biggest contribution to global trade?

- A) Defence Equipment
B) Crude Petroleum ☒
C) Refined Petroleum
D) Steel



- ✓ Russia's biggest contribution to global trade is Energy especially Crude Petroleum (USD 123 billion).
✓ It is followed by Refined Petroleum and Gas. Recently, Russia announced an export ban for more than 200 products after it was hit by sanctions over the invasion of Ukraine. Russia still remains a key energy supplier to European Union countries.

6. PLI Scheme for Drone and Drone Components was announced by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Defence
B) Ministry of Civil Aviation ☒
C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
D) Ministry of MSME



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- ✓ The Ministry of Civil Aviation has invited applications for the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for drones and drone components that was announced in 2021. Under the PLI scheme, the incentive for a manufacturer of drones and drone components will be 20 percent of the "value addition" made by the company during the next three years. The scheme was announced in September 2021.

7. 'Europa Clipper spacecraft' is a flagship project of which space agency?

- A) NASA ☒
B) ESA
C) JAXA
D) ROSCOSMOS



- ✓ NASA has started assembling the 'Europa Clipper spacecraft' in the mission's final phase before the launch to Jupiter's moon Europa in 2024. The main body of the spacecraft is a giant 10-foot-tall propulsion module, designed and constructed by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

8. Which country launched 'Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter'?

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



- ✓ The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) is a NASA robotic spacecraft orbiting the Moon in an eccentric polar mapping orbit. NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter is set to capture the surface of the Moon.

9. Hollongi, which was seen in the news, is a city located in which state?

- A) Meghalaya
B) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
C) Rajasthan
D) Odisha



- ✓ Airports Authority of India has undertaken the work of constructing a Greenfield Airport in Hollongi, in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. It is located at 15 kms from the state's capital city of Itanagar. The Greenfield Airport will be constructed with an estimated amount of Rs 645 crores and will be operational from 15 August 2022.

10. "Braj Holi Mahotsav" is hosted by the tourism department of which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh ☒
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Haryana
D) Rajasthan



- ✓ The Tourism Department of Rajasthan is set to host the three-day Holi festival "Braj Holi Mahotsav" from March 12 to 14 in the state. The celebration events would be held in Bharatpur, Deeg and Kaman cities. The celebration is aimed to entertain tourists of all ages with the colours, local sports, traditional dance and music.
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1. Which Union Ministry awards 'Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar'?

- A) Ministry of Education
B) Ministry of Labour & Employment ☒
C) Ministry of MSME
D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Labour & Employment has been awarding the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar and "National Safety Awards (NSA)" since 1965 and National Safety Awards (Mines) [NSA (Mines)] since 1983.
✓ VRP is awarded in recognition of suggestions given by a worker or group of workers resulting in improvement in working conditions. The NSA is given in recognition of safety performance of industrial establishments.

2. In which country, is the largest stone Buddha statue found?

- A) India
B) China ☒
C) Nepal
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ China's Leshan Giant Buddha, a 233 feet tall stone statue, is the largest and tallest stone Buddha statue in the world. The statue faces Mount Emei, which has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996.
✓ India's largest reclining Buddha statue is being built in Bodhi Gaya, by Buddha International Welfare Mission. The statue will be 100 feet long and 30 feet high and being made with fiberglass.

3. India's first 'Women-owned Industrial Park' is located in which city?

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



- ✓ India's first 'Women-owned Industrial Park' has begun operations with 25 Green Projects in Hyderabad. The 'FLO Industrial Park' is promoted by FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) in partnership with the Telangana government. FLO has also brought in 250 crores of investment for the Industrial Park.

4. Fertiliser manufacturer 'SPIC' recently set up a Floating Solar power plant in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
B) Rajasthan
C) Gujarat
D) Punjab



- ✓ Leading fertiliser manufacturer Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation Ltd (SPIC) has set up a floating solar project at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu. The plant will generate 42 million units of clean energy per year and will help curbing water evaporation reduction on its reservoir. The plant has been set up at an estimated cost of ₹150 crore.

5. Which Union Ministry implements the "Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry (SPI)" scheme?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
B) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers ☒
C) Ministry of Home Affairs
D) Ministry of Heavy Industries



- ✓ Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers implements the "Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry (SPI)" scheme. The Department has released guidelines for the scheme "Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry (SPI)", with a total financial outlay of Rs.500 Cr for the period from FY 21-22 to FY 25-26.
✓ The objectives of the scheme are to strengthen the existing infrastructure facilities in Pharma Sector.

6. Pandrethan temple, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which Indian state/UT?

- A) West Bengal
B) Jammu and Kashmir ☒
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Gujarat



- ✓ Pandrethan temple is an 8th century heritage site situated in Badamibagh, Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir). The Chinara Corps of the Indian Army has rejuvenated the site recently.
✓ In this regard, the unit was accorded recognition by the National Monuments Authority (NMA) of the Ministry of Culture. The site hosts several figurines of 2nd century in the form of two large monolithic rock shiva lingams, seven Gandhara-style sculptures among others.

7. What is the name of the 'Policy advocacy arm' for the power and related sectors, formed under the Power Ministry?

- A) Power Foundation ☒
B) Energy Foundation
C) Green Power Foundation
D) Central Power Society



- ✓ Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) including NTPC, Powergrid, REC, PFC, NHPC, THDC, NEEPCO, and SJVN registered the 'Power Foundation', as a society. It serves as the primary policy advocacy arm for the power and related sectors.
✓ It aims to assist states and industries with research and to develop solutions for India's energy transformation. RK Singh, the Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, is the society's chair.

8. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)?

- A) Ajay Bhushan Pandey ☒
B) Nandan Nilekani
C) Azim Premji
D) Kris Gopalakrishnan



- ✓ The Government has appointed former Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey as Chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has been appointed for a period of three years. He retired as Revenue Secretary in February last year.

9. As of March 2022, what is India's place in the Global List in terms of market capitalisation?

- A) Third
B) Fifth ☒
C) Sixth
D) Seventh



- ✓ India's equity market has entered into the world's top-five list, in terms of market capitalisation, for the first time. The country's total market cap stands at USD 3.21 trillion.

- ✓ The first four places are occupied by the US (USD 47.32 trillion), China (USD 11.52 trillion), Japan (USD 6 trillion) and Hong Kong. India is followed by UK, Saudi Arabia, Canada, France and Germany.

10. 'Smart Event Tracking System (SETS)' is the in-house software of which Ministry/Agency?

- A) Ministry of Railways ☒
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of MSME
- D) AIIMS



- ✓ Smart Event Tracking System (SETS) is the in-house software of Ministry of Railways. It is a new tool on Google Maps-based planning and analysis, which has been deployed to tackle the problem of cattle getting run over by trains. The software is made functional in Agra Division and will be adopted by other divisions in the future.

1. How many universities of Karnataka State have successfully achieved the "University of Eminence" recognition recently?

- A) 2
B) 4
C) 6 ☒
D) 8

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- ✓ Karnataka state government run 6 colleges have been selected for the recognition of "University of Eminence". These colleges shall be revamped and development shall be promoted to further improve standards at these selected institutions.

2. Which country successfully launched military satellite 'Noor-2', into the orbit?

- A) UAE
B) Iran ☒
C) Israel
D) Oman



- ✓ Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has successfully launched its second military satellite, the Noor 2, into orbit. It is orbiting at an altitude of 500 kilometres. The first military satellite- Noor, or "light" in Persian, was launched in April 2020.

3. On which date, the states of Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka were formed?

- A) March 25
B) April 01
C) May 05
D) November 01 ☒



- ✓ On November 1, several Indian states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka were formed. The day is recognised as Statehood Day or State Formation Day. Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala were formed in 1956. Punjab and Haryana were formed in 1966.

4. Which state is part of the agreement for the Renukaji Dam Multipurpose Project?

- A) Uttar Pradesh ☒
B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Gujarat
D) Punjab



- ✓ The agreement for Renukaji Dam Multipurpose Project was signed among six states i.e., Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Delhi.
✓ As per the agreement three projects were proposed to be constructed on the river Yamuna and two of its tributaries.

5. Which city is the host of 'Sahityotsav' Literature festival?

- A) Jaipur
B) New Delhi ☒
C) Pune
D) Kolkata



- ✓ Sahityotsav, the literature festival of Sahitya Akademi recently commenced at New Delhi. The Festival of Letters 2022 is being celebrated to commemorate 75th anniversary of India's Independence.

6. Gundla Pochampally Railway Station, declared 'All Women Employees Railway Station', is in which state?

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



- ✓ The Gundla Pochampally railway station, one of the suburban stations in the Secunderabad-Medchal section in Telangana, was declared an 'All Women Employees Railway Station'.
✓ It has only female staff to handle the day-to-day activities, including train operations, technicians, ticketing, security and other relevant duties by South Central Railway (SCR). With this addition, the Zone will have five such Railway stations.

7. Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), seen in the news recently, is located in which Indian state?

- A) Kerala
B) Uttarakhand ☒
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ India's oldest military school, Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), turned a hundred years old recently. It is located in the Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The military training institution was inaugurated in March 1922 by the then Prince of Wales.
✓ RIMC is the premier feeder institute for the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy, Ezhimala.

8. 'Khel Mahakumbh' is a Sports Event held in which Indian state?

- A) Gujarat ☒
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Rajasthan
D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 11th edition of Khel Mahakumbh in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The event started with 16 sports and 13 lakh participants in 2010, and was later increased to 36 general sports and 26 para sports in the year 2019. Due to COVID-19, the Khel Mahakumbh was not organised in 2020.

9. Which Union Ministry released the draft 'National Medical Devices Policy 2022'?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
B) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers ☒
C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
D) Ministry of External Affairs



- ✓ The Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers released the draft 'National Medical Devices Policy 2022'.
✓ At present, nearly 80% of the medical devices used in the country are imported. The policy aims to place India as one among the five global manufacturing hubs in terms of value and technology for medical devices.

10. 'The Museum of the Future', which was seen in the news, is situated in which country?

- A) UAE ☒
B) Saudi Arabia
C) Kuwait
D) Oman



- ✓ The Museum of the Future in Dubai was recently opened for the public view. It was inaugurated by the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE. The museum claims to transport the visitors to the year 2071, to coincide with the centenary of the founding of the UAE. It is a seven-storey, pillar-less structure, spanning an area of 30,000 sq m.

1. 'Halari' is a breed of Donkey, native to which Indian state?

- A) Gujarat ☒
B) Maharashtra
C) Punjab
D) Bihar



- ✓ 'Halari' is a breed of Donkeys native to the Saurashtra region of Gujarat. The population of the breed is fast declining in the country. Union Minister Parsottam Rupala will preside over a meeting of Maldharis (or traditional herdsmen) for the conservation of Halari donkeys.

2. Which state is the host of 'MSME Conclave 2022' organised by the MSME Ministry?

- A) Gujarat B) Maharashtra ☒
C) Punjab D) Bihar



- ✓ Union Minister for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Narayan Rane inaugurated the 'MSME Conclave' at Sindhudurg. He also announced the establishment of MSME-Technology Centre with an outlay of Rs. 200 Crore, in Sindhudurg. MSME Conclave for National SC/ST Hub was also inaugurated as a part of the Conclave.

3. Which division commissioned the first Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal of Indian Railways?

- A) Chennai
B) Asansol ☒
C) Hubballi
D) Nagpur



- ✓ Ministry of Railways' Policy regarding 'Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal' (GCT), Asansol division of Indian Railways has successfully commissioned private siding of Maithan Power Limited at Thaparnagar. This is the first such GCT commissioned in Indian Railways since publication of GCT policy in Dec.'2021.
- ✓ Till now the requirement of coal to the power project was being made through road which is expected to convert into 120 inward coal rakes per month. This will enhance Railways' earnings by approximately Rs 11 crores per month.

4. 'International Day of Women Judges' was first celebrated in which year?

- A) 1992 B) 2002
C) 2012 D) 2022 ☒

2022

- ✓ During April 2021, the United Nations General Assembly resolved to proclaim 10 March of each year as the 'International Day of Women Judges'. The resolution was moved by Qatar in the UN General Assembly.
- ✓ The Supreme Court of India celebrated the first ever 'International Day of Women Judges' with CJI NV Ramana and four women SC judges.

5. 'No Smoking Day' is observed in which month every year?

- A) January B) February
C) March ☒ D) April



- ✓ Every year on the second Wednesday of March, No Smoking Day is observed across the world. It falls on March 9 this year.
- ✓ The aim of No Smoking Day is to raise public awareness about the dangers and consequences of smoking, as well as to assist smokers in quitting. "Quitting smoking doesn't have to be stressful" is this year's theme of 'No Smoking Day'.

6. Every year, on what date is World NGO Day observed in a several of countries around the world?

- A) February 27 ☒
B) March 01
C) March 15
D) August 05



- ✓ World NGO Day is celebrated every year on 27th February in several countries across the world. Non-Governmental Organizations or NGOs work in the upliftment of society.
- ✓ It is an international day to recognize, celebrate and honor non-government and non-profit organizations.

7. On which day is Central Excise Day 2022 observed?

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



- ✓ Central Excise Day of India is celebrated every year on February 24. The day is being celebrated to honour the service of the Central Board of Excise and Custom (CBEC) to the country.

8. Which Indian state presented 'Child Budget' as part of the annual state Budget?

- A) Gujarat
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Rajasthan
D) Madhya Pradesh ☒



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh presented a Rs 2.79 lakh crore budget for 2022-23 in the Assembly. For the first time, the state government presented a 'child budget' as part of the annual financial plan. The budget allotted Rs 57,800 crore for 220 schemes under 17 departments, including education, targeted at children aged under 18.

9. 'ULPIN', which was seen in the news, is a unique identification number related to which field?

- A) Taxation
B) Land Resources ☒
C) MSME
D) Drone Registration



- ✓ The Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) was recently launched for Assam. It was conceptualized under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme of Department of Land Resources. Under the initiative, a 14-digit alpha numeric geo-spatial unique identification number is issued.

10. Which Indian city released a 'Climate Action Plan' and laid down 30-year Roadmap to tackle challenges of Climate Change?

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



- ✓ The Mumbai Climate Action Plan (MCAP) released recently has laid down a 30-year roadmap for the city to tackle the challenges of climate change. Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) prepared the plan with technical support from the World Resources Institute (WRI), India and the C40 Cities network.
- ✓ The action plan has set short, medium and long-term climate goals aimed towards zero emission of greenhouse gas or a net-zero target for 2050.

1. 'Geneva Conventions' which was seen in the news recently, is related to which field?

- A) Digital Currency
- B) Rules for Combatant Behaviour during a War ☒
- C) Climate Change
- D) Export-Import Policy



- ✓ The Geneva Conventions are a set of principles highlighting the norms for combatant behaviour during a war. During the ongoing Russia's armed invasion of Ukraine, several civilian infrastructures and non-combatants have been impacted. There is growing concern around the issue of human rights violations.

2. Which institution released the Directions of 'Regulatory Framework for Microfinance Loans'?

- A) NABARD
- B) RBI ☒
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Cooperation



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has released the RBI (Regulatory Framework for Microfinance Loans) Directions, 2022, which will be effective from April 1, 2022. Under the directions, RBI asked regulated entities lending to the microfinance segment to ensure that loans are collateral-free.

3. Which is the first state in the country to use 'Crop Diversification Index'?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Telangana ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Punjab



- ✓ For the first time in the country, Telangana has begun recording crop diversification patterns in the form of an index. According to the crop diversification index, the state grows 77 varieties. The index will serve as a base for future crop diversification in the state.

4. Which country is the largest importer of arms globally, as per SIPRI's Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2021 Report?

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



- ✓ Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released the Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2021 Report. As per the report, India remains the largest importer of arms globally. Most of India's defence imports come from Russia.
- ✓ India has been pushing for indigenous development in defence equipment, and allotted 68 percent of the capital budget for 2022-23 for domestic manufacturing industries.

5. Which day has been declared by the UN as 'International Day to Combat Islamophobia'?

- A) March.12
- B) March.14
- C) March.15 ☒
- D) March.18



- ✓ The U.N. General Assembly approved a resolution setting March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia. The resolution was adopted by consensus by the UN.
- ✓ It emphasizes the right to freedom of religion and belief and recalls a 1981 resolution calling for "the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief."

6. Which organisation conducts the "YUva Vigyani Karyakram" (YUVIKA) programme?

- A) RBI
- B) ISRO ☒
- C) DRDO
- D) BARC



- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is organising a special programme for school children called "YUva Vigyani Karyakram" (YUVIKA). Also called as "Young Scientist Programme", it aims to impart basic knowledge on space technology, space science and space applications to young students, especially for those from rural areas.

7. What is the objective of 'PM KUSUM' scheme?

- A) Financial Grant to Farmers
- B) Energy Security of Farmers ☒
- C) Crop Insurance to Farmers
- D) Fertilizer Subsidy to Farmers



- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) scheme was launched in 2019, to ensure Energy security of farmers.
- ✓ Component-A includes setting up of Grid Connected Renewable Energy Power Plants, 'B' includes Installation of agriculture pumps/irrigation systems and 'C' includes Solarisation of the pumps. Recently, the Karnataka Cabinet approved the implementation of PM KUSUM-B scheme.

8. Which Indian cricketer recently became the highest wicket-taker in the history of the Women's World Cup?

- A) Mithali Raj
- B) Jhulan Goswami ☒
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Smriti Mandhana



- ✓ Veteran Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami has created history by becoming the highest wicket-taker in the history of the Women's World Cup. She achieved this feat during the match West Indies Women in the ongoing ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2022. She has now clinched 40 wickets in 31 matches in the Women's World Cup and has surpassed Australia's Lyn Fullston (39).

9. World Wildlife Day is observed on which date?

- A) March.03 ☒
- B) March.02
- C) March.01
- D) March.05



- ✓ Every year, 3rd March is celebrated as World Wildlife Day by the United Nations and this year, the day is celebrated under the theme "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration". This aims to conserve some of the most critically endangered species of wild fauna and flora.

10. When is the World Sparrow Day celebrated every year?

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



- ✓ The World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on 20th March. It is celebrated to raise awareness about various species of sparrows including house sparrow and of threats by manmade activities to their populations. It is celebrated by the Nature Forever Society of India along with the Eco-Sys Action Foundation of France.
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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".