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1. Which state/UT launched 'Digital School Health Platform', with the assistance of Axis Bank?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Bihar
- C) Puducherry ☒
- D) Goa



- ✓ Puducherry Government recently launched 'Digital School Health Platform', to digitise the health records of around 2.4 lakh students. The software has been developed with the assistance of Axis Bank. Under the initiative, the nutrition level of students can be checked to find if they are anaemic and early intervention could be done accordingly.

2. Which Indian state announced the Country's first Medical city named 'Indrayani Medicity'?

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



- ✓ Maharashtra Government, during the Budget presentation announced that the country's first medical city will be set up in Pune. Named 'Indrayani Medicity', it aims to provide medical education and research facilities, as well as all categories of specialty treatment under one roof.

3. Bhumika Shrestha, who won the 'International Women of Courage Award, 2022' is from which country?

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



- ✓ Nepal's Transgender rights activist Bhumika Shrestha has been selected for US Department of States' prestigious International Women of Courage Award, 2022.
- ✓ The award has been announced for her dedication to improving the lives of the LGBTQI+ community. Last year, another Nepali activist Muskan Khatun won the award for her work against acid attacks.

4. What is the upper limit of a 'UPI Lite' payment transaction?

- A) Rs. 100
- B) Rs. 200 ☒
- C) Rs. 500
- D) Rs. 1000



- ✓ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is set to launch UPI Lite, which would enable small value transactions in an offline mode. The upper limit of an UPI Lite payment transaction will be Rs 200.
- ✓ The total limit of UPI Lite balance for an on-device wallet will be Rs 2,000 at any point of time.

5. Which institution releases the Periodic Labour Force Survey?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) National Statistical Office ☒
- C) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- D) Reserve Bank of India



- ✓ The latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), which works under the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI).
- ✓ As per the recent PLFS update, India's urban unemployment rate jumped to 12.6 percent in the April-June quarter of 2021, compared to 9.3 percent in the January-March quarter.

6. Where was the India-Japan Annual Summit 2022 held?

- A) Tokyo
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Chennai
- D) Osaka



- ✓ Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida held talks in New Delhi during the India-Japan Annual Summit 2022. After the Meet, the Indian Prime Minister announced that Japan is set to invest 5 trillion yen or Rs 3.2 lakh crore in India over next 5 years. This is Japan PM's first visit to India as the head of the Japanese government.

7. Which country has developed a "Relativistic Klystron Amplifier (RKA)", which can destroy satellites in space?

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



- ✓ China has recently developed a microwave machine "Relativistic Klystron Amplifier (RKA)", that could jam or destroy satellites in space. The device can generate a wave burst measuring 5-megawatts in the Ka-band. It is a portion of the electromagnetic spectrum used for both civil and military purposes.
- ✓ Directed Energy Weapons (DEW) use concentrated electromagnetic energy to destroy enemy equipment or personnel.

8. India advocated the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention at which international body?

- A) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- B) United Nations Security Council ☒
- C) United Nations Environment Programme
- D) International Court of Justice



- ✓ India advocated the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). India announced that it attaches high importance to the BTWC Convention as a key non-discriminatory disarmament Convention, prohibiting an entire category of weapons of mass destruction.

9. 'MV Ram Prasad Bismil' recently became the longest vessel ever to sail on which river?

- A) Ganges
- B) Brahmaputra ☒
- C) Narmada
- D) Krishna



- ✓ The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways achieved a milestone when the 'MV Ram Prasad Bismil' became the longest vessel ever to sail on Brahmaputra. The 90 meters long vessel is 26 meters wide, loaded with a draft of 2.1 meters.

10. When is the World Oral health Day celebrated every year?

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



- ✓ World Oral Health Day is celebrated on 20 March to raise awareness about oral health. The theme of World Oral Health Day 2022 is "Be Proud of Your Mouth".

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

- A) UNDP ☒ B) UNESCO
C) World Bank D) WHO



- ✓ According to the G20 People's Climate Vote 2021 report, which was recently released by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), around 67 percent 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.

2. When is the Indian Navy Day celebrated every year?

- A) March 10 B) December 04 ☒
C) February 10 D) August 04



- ✓ Every Year, the 4th December is celebrated as the Indian Navy Day, to respect the Indian Navy's counter-attack in Operation Trident during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971. This year, the Navy had celebrated the event under the theme - "Swarnim Vijay Varsh" to commemorate 50th Anniversary of India's victory in the 1971 war.

3. What is the theme of 'World Consumer Rights Day 2022'?

- A) Consumer Rights First
B) Leaving No one Behind
C) Fair Digital Finance ☒
D) Sustainable Consumerism



- ✓ World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated on March 15 globally to acknowledge the rights of consumers. It aims to encourage awareness on consumer rights across the world. Every year, a particular theme is followed to celebrate this day across the world. The theme for World Consumer Rights Day 2022 is "Fair Digital Finance".

4. When is the National Tourism Day celebrated?

- A) January 25 ☒ B) Feb 25
C) March 25 D) April 25



- ✓ 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'.

5. Which Indian bank has been awarded IFR Asia's 'Asian Bank of The Year'?

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



- ✓ India's third-largest private sector bank, Axis Bank, has been awarded IFR Asia's Asian Bank of The Year, to acknowledge its performance in equity and debt issuance. The bank has also won the 'Best DCM House in India' Award at the Finance Asia's Country Awards, this year. The bank has 4,700 domestic branches and 11,060 ATMs across the country as on December 31, 2021.

6. Which bank was the first to enter the metaverse recently?

- A) World Bank B) Reserve Bank of India
C) JP Morgan ☒ D) Citi Union Bank



- ✓ JPMorgan has become the world's first bank to set up shop in the metaverse. The largest bank in the US has opened a lounge in the blockchain-based world Decentraland.

7. Which Indian personality has been appointed as the Chairperson of Air India?

- A) N Chandrasekaran ☒
B) Nandan Nilekani
C) Sanjiv Mehta
D) Deepak Parekh



- ✓ N Chandrasekaran, the Chairman of Tata Sons, has been officially appointed as the chairman of Air India, the airline entity recently acquired by Tata group from the Indian Government.
✓ Alice Gee Varghese Vaidyan, former CMD of General Insurance Corporation, and Sanjiv Mehta, chairman of Hindustan Unilever, were also inducted as Independent Directors on the board.

8. Which Indian player won the silver medal in German Open 2022 tournament?

- A) P V Sindhu
B) Kidambi Srikanth
C) Lakshya Sen ☒
D) Sain Nehwal



- ✓ Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen met Thailand's ace player and World No. 20 Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the Men's Singles finals of German Open 2022. Lakshya Sen, who took medical breaks for blisters, settled for silver after he put up a great fight against Vitidsarn.

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

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



- ✓ 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.

10. Which country topped the medal tally in the ISSF World Cup 2022?

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



- ✓ India topped the medal tally in the ISSF World Cup 2022 in Cairo, Egypt with a total of seven, four gold, two silver and one bronze, medals. Norway was at the second place India with six medals.
✓ India's Gold medal winners are Women's 25m pistol team - (Rahi Sarnobat, Esha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan); Men's 10m air pistol - (Saurabh Chaudhary); Women's 10m air pistol team - (Esha Singh, Nivetha Paramanatham, Ruchira Vinerkar) and 25m rapid fire pistol mixed team - (Rhythm Sangwan and Anish Bhanwala).

1. Which country is the host of FIFA World Cup 2022?

- A) New Zealand
- B) UK
- C) Qatar ☒
- D) South Africa



- ✓ The 'FIFA World Cup 2022' is scheduled to take part in Qatar. The 32-nation tournament will commence at the Al Bayt Stadium from November 2022. The World Cup is being held in Asia for the second time since 2002, when it was jointly-hosted by South Korea and Japan.

2. Which Indian has been appointed to UN Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism?

- A) Raghuram Rajan
- B) Jayati Ghosh ☒
- C) Abhijeet Banerjee
- D) Amartya Sen



- ✓ Jayati Ghosh has been appointed by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to the Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism. UN Chief Guterres announced the establishment of the new high-level to be co-chaired by former Liberian president and Nobel laureate Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and former Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven.

3. The amendments to the 'Limited Liability Partnership' 2008 will take effect from which date?

- A) March 1
- B) April 1 ☒
- C) May 1
- D) June 1



- ✓ The amendments to the 'Limited Liability Partnership' 2008 will take effect from April 1. The Amendment has introduced the concept of 'Small Limited Liability Partnership'.
- ✓ The LLPs are those with a previous year turnover of up to ₹40 lakh or any prescribed amount which shall not exceed ₹50 crore. The Government has the powers to designate certain LLPs as 'start-up LLPs'.

4. Germany has signed the Energy Deal with which North-Eastern country, to reduce its dependence on Russia?

- A) Kuwait
- B) Qatar ☒
- C) Oman
- D) UAE



- ✓ Germany has signed the Energy Deal with Qatar as a long-term energy partnership. Russia has been the largest supplier of gas to Germany. Germany, Europe's biggest economy is seeking to become less dependent on Russian energy sources, after Russia started to invade Ukraine. Qatar's Emir and Germany's Minister also discussed ways to enhance bilateral relations in the energy sector.

5. Which Union Ministry of India launched the "India and the Arctic: building a partnership for sustainable development" policy?

- A) Ministry of Earth Sciences ☒
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C) Ministry of Defence
- D) Ministry of External Affairs



- ✓ The policy, titled "India and the Arctic: building a partnership for sustainable development" was released by Union Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh. The Arctic policy seeks to deepen the country's partnership with the resource-rich Arctic region.
- ✓ India is one of the 13 countries holding the observer status in the Arctic Council. It also seeks to study the linkages between polar regions and the Himalayas.

6. The 'Golden Langur' is an endangered species, native to which country?

- A) India and Bhutan ☒
- B) India and Sri Lanka
- C) India and Bangladesh
- D) Laos and Cambodia



- ✓ Golden Langur (*Trachypithecus geei*) is an endangered primate species that is distributed along the boundary of Bhutan and India.
- ✓ As per a recent study, there is a significant decline in the habitat of Golden Langur and the intensity of human-langur conflict is increasing due to enhanced human footprints in the habitat of the species.

7. The 'MH17 Crash', which was making news recently, happened in which country?

- A) Australia
- B) Malaysia
- C) Ukraine ☒
- D) China



- ✓ Russia is alleged to have a role in the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 that crashed in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region in 2014, when Crimea was annexed by Russian forces.
- ✓ Recently, amidst the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Australia and the Netherlands are set to launch a new legal case against Russia, regarding the MH17 Crash Case.

8. Which Global Association proposed the world's first Carbon Tariff?

- A) European Union ☒
- B) NATO
- C) G20
- D) G7



- ✓ The European Union proposed the world's first Carbon Tariff on imports of steel, cement, fertilisers, aluminium and electricity, to protect European industry. European Union countries have recently backed the association plan to impose a world-first carbon dioxide emissions tariff on imports of polluting goods.

9. A Guinness World Record for 'fastest time to travel to all metro stations in city', was created in which Metro network?

- A) Chennai Metro
- B) Delhi Metro ☒
- C) Kochi Metro
- D) Mumbai Metro



- ✓ A Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) employee Prafull Singh has created Guinness World Records for recording the fastest time to travel to all metro stations in the city. This makes him the first person in the world to travel to all 254 stations of the city covering 348 km in just 16 hrs and 2 minutes.

10. Which state is placed at the top spot in the SKOCH State of Governance rankings?

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



- ✓ Andhra Pradesh has retained its top spot in the SKOCH State of Governance rankings for the second consecutive year.
 - ✓ The SKOCH State of Governance-2021 document highlighted that Andhra Pradesh has been a 'Star' (Rank 1 to 5) for the fourth year in a row. It is also the only State from South India to have been given 'Star' ratings in 2021.
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1. Bhagwant Mann sworn in as the Chief Minister of which Indian state?

- A) Goa
B) Punjab ☒
C) Manipur
D) Rajasthan



- ✓ Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Bhagwant Mann recently assumed office as the 18th chief minister of Punjab, at the state civil secretariat in Chandigarh. He took oath as the 18th chief minister of Punjab at Kahtar Kalan, the ancestral village of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh in Nawanshahr.

2. Which Indian city is the host of 44th World Chess Olympiad in 2022?

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



- ✓ The 44th World Chess Olympiad will be organised in Chennai later this year. It is a biennial team event in which teams from 190 countries compete. This is the second major global event of the sport to be held in India after the World Championship match in 2013.
✓ The event was previously scheduled in Russia and has been moved out after its invasion of Ukraine.

3. 'Saksham', which was seen in the news recently, is an Offshore Patrol Vessel of which armed force?

- A) Indian Navy
B) Indian Army
C) Indian Coast Guard ☒
D) Indian Air Force



- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has commissioned ICGS 'Saksham', the fifth Coast Guard Ship in the series of 105 M-Class offshore patrol vessels. ICGS Saksham is the fifth and last Offshore Patrol Vessel designed and developed by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for Coast Guard.

4. N Biren Singh was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which Indian state?

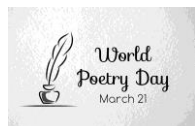
- A) Goa
B) Manipur ☒
C) Punjab
D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ N Biren Singh was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Manipur for the second consecutive term. The oath of office was administered by Manipur Governor La Ganesan. In the recently held Assembly polls, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won an absolute majority by winning 32 seats in the 60-member House.

5. When is the 'World Poetry Day' observed every year?

- A) March.18
B) March.21 ☒
C) March.23
D) March.25



- ✓ The 'World Poetry Day' is observed every year on March 21. The day was first started by UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific

and Cultural Organization) at its 30th General Conference in Paris in the year 1999.

- ✓ The World Poetry Day aims to support linguistic diversity through poetic expression and increase the opportunity for endangered languages to be heard.

6. The 'National AIDS and STD control programme' comes under which category of scheme?

- A) Core Scheme
B) Central Sector Scheme ☒
C) Centrally Sponsored Scheme
D) Core of the Core Scheme



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the National AIDS and STD control programme from April 1 to March 31, 2026. It is a Central Sector Scheme fully funded by the Government of India.
✓ The phase-V of the programme has been extended with an outlay of Rs 15471.94 crore. The National AIDS response was initiated by the Government of India in 1992.

7. Which Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) seeks to ensure safe water and sanitation for all by 2030?

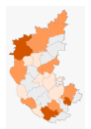
- A) First
B) Third
C) Sixth ☒
D) Eighth



- ✓ World Water Day is observed on March 22 to raise awareness about the importance of water and sensitise people to conserve water.
✓ The focus of World Water Day is to aid the achievement of United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal' (SDG) 6, which is to ensure safe water and sanitation for all by 2030. The theme of World Water Day this year is "Groundwater, making the invisible visible".

8. Which Indian state implements the 'Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme'?

- A) Kerala
B) Karnataka ☒
C) Telangana
D) Odisha



- ✓ Karnataka Government implements the 'Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme'. It is a cashless scheme meant for serious diseases/illnesses extended to serving Government employees and their family members. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai recently assured the Legislative Council that the Government would review if State Government pensioners could be brought under the Jyothi Sanjeevini scheme.

9. When is the 'World Sleep Day' observed?

- A) March 12
B) March 14
C) March 16
D) March 18 ☒



- ✓ World Sleep Day is observed on the Friday before the March equinox every year to highlight the importance of quality sleep on body and mind. This year, the World Sleep Day falls on March 18. 'Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World' is the theme for World Sleep Day this year.
✓ World Sleep Day is organised by the World Sleep Society and was first observed in 2008.

10. Who is the only Indian to feature in the Top 10 2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List?

- A) Gautam Adani
- B) Mukesh Ambani ☒
- C) Cyrus Poonawalla
- D) Ratan TATA



- ✓ Hurun India, the famous Research and luxury publishing group released 2022's Global Rich List, in association with realty firm M3M.
 - ✓ Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani took home the 'Richest Man in India and Asia' title, becoming the only Indian to feature in the Top 10 2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List with a USD 103 billion net worth. He also won the 'Richest Telecom Entrepreneur' title.
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1. Which Indian Telecom Company is the Official Broadcast Connectivity Provider of Formula 1?

- A) Reliance Communication
- B) TATA Communication ☒
- C) Bharti Airtel
- D) BSNL



- ✓ Mumbai-based Tata Communications and Formula 1 have announced a multi-year strategic collaboration. With this, Tata Communications is the Official Broadcast Connectivity Provider of Formula 1. This will enable F1 to broadcast to more than 500 million fans globally.

2. Which is the first Railway station to implement "One Station One Product" concept, with its Etikoppaka Toys?

- A) Mysore
- B) Visakhapatnam ☒
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Cochin



- ✓ The Vishakhapatnam station is the first station in the East Coast Railway to implement the "One Station One Product" concept. The concept has been announced in the recent budget. Etikoppaka toys and handicraft products from the village will be showcased and sold at the Vishakhapatnam station, on a pilot basis for a period of 15 days.

3. 'Dol Utsav' is predominantly celebrated in which Indian state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Haryana
- C) West Bengal ☒
- D) Rajasthan



- ✓ The people of West Bengal celebrate the festival of colours, predominantly known as Dol Utsav in the state. This cultural festival marks the onset of spring season.
- ✓ In Eastern parts of the India, the festival of spring is celebrated as Dol Utsav, Dol Jatra, Dol Purnima and Basanta Utsav.

4. 'Artemis 1' is the flagship program of which space agency?

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



- ✓ 'Artemis' is the flagship program of NASA, which aims to establish a long-term, sustainable human presence on the moon by the end of the 2020s. NASA recently began rolling its Artemis 1 moon mission out to the launch pad for testing at Kennedy Space Center (KSC).

5. 'Ex-DUSTLIK' is a Joint Defence Exercise held between the armed forces of India and which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) France
- C) Uzbekistan ☒
- D) Oman



- ✓ The third edition of the joint training exercise between India's and Uzbekistan's armies named 'EX-DUSTLIK' began in Uzbekistan's Yangiariq.
- ✓ India is represented by its Grenadiers Regiment while the Uzbek Army contingent is represented by troops of the North Western Military District. The last edition of DUSTLIK was held in Uttarakhand's Ranikhet.

6. What is the theme of 'Bihar Diwas' 2022?

- A) Jal Jivan Haryali ☒
- B) Swachh Bihar
- C) Bihar Beti Padhao
- D) Jal Shakti



- ✓ Bihar celebrated its 110th foundation day on March 22. The state of Bihar was carved out from Bengal's presidency on the same day in 1912. The theme of this year's Bihar Diwas is 'Jal Jivan Haryali'.

7. Biplobi Bharat Gallery was recently inaugurated at which city?

- A) Bhubaneswar
- B) Kolkata ☒
- C) Guwahati
- D) Shimla



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Biplobi Bharat Gallery at Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata via video conferencing on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas.
- ✓ The Gallery showcases the contribution of the Revolutionaries in the freedom struggle and their resistance to British colonial rule.

8. In which city, was the "Step-Up to End TB- World TB Day Summit 2022" organised?

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



- ✓ Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the "Step-Up to End TB - World TB Day Summit" on the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day at New Delhi. In 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the Delhi End TB summit and proposed to End TB in India by 2025, five years ahead of the TB-related SDG targets of 2030.

9. Which country launched the 'BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre and Workshop on Vaccine Cooperation'?

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



- ✓ Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launched the BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre and Workshop on Vaccine Cooperation with other BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) leaders. The BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre was proposed to be set up as part of the 2018 Johannesburg Declaration.

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1. Who is the winner of 2022 Pritzker Prize?

- A) Diebedo Francis Kere ☒
 B) Anne Lacaton
 C) Jean Philippe Vassal
 D) Arata Isozaki



- ✓ Hyatt Foundation, which sponsors the Pritzker Prize, announced the winner of the 2022 Prize, to Diébédo Francis Kéré. It is the world's most important award for architecture. Born in Burkina Faso, Francis Kéré is the first African architect to be awarded a Pritzker Prize.
- ✓ His studio is based in Berlin, Germany. He is known for sustainable architecture including Gando Primary School.

2. What is the rank of India in the World Happiness Report 2022?

- A) 123
 B) 136 ☒
 C) 141
 D) 146

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- ✓ In the UN World Happiness Report 2022, India is ranked 136th, at tenth place from the bottom of the list. The report has been launched ahead of the UN International Day of Happiness. Finland topped the chart of 146 countries, for the fifth year in a row.

3. What is India's rank in the global production of wheat?

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

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- ✓ India is the world's second biggest producer of Wheat, only after China. India is set to export a record 7 million tonnes of wheat this financial year. The rally in global prices gives an opportunity to gain market share, as per the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. By the end of February, India had exported 6.6 million tonnes of wheat.

4. 'Kinzhal' is the name of the hypersonic ballistic missile of which country?

- A) Ukraine
 B) Russia ☒
 C) USA
 D) North Korea



- ✓ The Defence Ministry of Russia announced that Russia's military has fired a hypersonic ballistic missile and destroyed a big underground arms depot in western Ukraine. Kinzhal, or Dagger, ballistic missile has been used for the first time in this war by Russia.

5. Which is the first Indian state to introduce carbon-neutral farming methods?

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



- ✓ Kerala is set to become the first State in the country to introduce carbon-neutral farming methods in selected locations. The state government has allocated Rs 6 crore in the 2022-23 Budget for the project. In the first phase, carbon-neutral farming will be implemented in 13 farms.

6. Which is the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Nagaland ☒
 C) West Bengal
 D) Telangana



- ✓ Nagaland is the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme. The Assembly Secretariat attached a tablet or e-book on each table in the 60 members' assembly. NeVA works under the supervision of Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

7. Zojila Pass, connects which Indian state/UT with the rest of the country?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
 B) Ladakh ☒
 C) Sikkim
 D) Assam



- ✓ Zojila Pass provides link between Kashmir Valley and Ladakh on Srinagar-Kargil-Leh Road, which connects Ladakh to the rest of the country. The strategic pass has been opened by the Border Road Organisation (BRO). It is located at an altitude of 11,650 feet. The pass normally closes by end-November every year and opened around mid-April the following year.

8. What is the main objective of the 'Sujalam 2.0 Campaign'?

- A) Groundwater Conservation
 B) Greywater Management ☒
 C) Rainwater Management
 D) Flood Management



- ✓ Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has recently launched the Sujalam 2.0 campaign for Greywater management. Greywater is wastewater from non-toilet plumbing systems. The theme for this year's campaign is Groundwater: making the invisible visible.
- ✓ Under the Campaign, government will mobilize Communities, Panchayats, Schools to undertake greywater management.

9. Which organisation successfully test fired the surface-to-surface BrahMos supersonic cruise missile?

- A) ISRO
 B) DRDO ☒
 C) HAL
 D) BHEL



- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired the surface-to-surface BrahMos supersonic cruise missile in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The extended range missile hit its target with pinpoint accuracy.

10. Which country is the host of the 'BIMSTEC Summit' in 2022?

- A) India
 B) Sri Lanka ☒
 C) Pakistan
 D) Bangladesh



- ✓ The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Summit is hosted by Sri Lanka in 2022. BIMSTEC Charter and BIMSTEC Master plan for Transport Connectivity are proposed to be signed during the Sri Lanka Summit. BIMSTEC was established in 1997, and it comprises seven member states Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand.

1. Which Indian state/UT implements the 'Mukhyamantri Park Saundaryakaran Yojana'?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ Mukhyamantri Park Saundaryakaran Yojana is a scheme being implemented by the Government of Delhi. As part of the scheme, the Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal directed officials to transform 17 city forests in the national capital in an area of about 3000 acres to 'World-Class level' Forests.

2. Who has been awarded the 'Abel Prize 2022'?

- A) Dennis Parnell Sullivan ☒
- B) Curtis T. McMullen
- C) William Browder
- D) Hal Abelson



- ✓ The Abel Prize for the year 2022 has been awarded to Professor Dennis Parnell Sullivan. It is awarded annually to outstanding mathematicians. The award was established by the Norwegian Government in 2002.
- ✓ Professor Sullivan was awarded the prize "For his contributions to topology, in particular its algebraic, geometric and dynamical aspects."

3. Which institution has inaugurated 'AquaMAP' Water Management and Policy Centre?

- A) IIT Madras ☒
- B) IISc Bengaluru
- C) IIT Kharagpur
- D) IIT Delhi



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has inaugurated AquaMAP Water Management and Policy Centre and also launched its website. AquaMAP is a national water centre and IIT Madras is collaborating with IIT Dharwad in the project.
- ✓ The Centre aims at providing solutions for water problems by designing and evolving smart and optimal water management practices.

4. 'Lamitiye 2022' is the Joint Military Exercise between India and which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Maldives
- C) Seychelles ☒
- D) Madagascar



- ✓ 'Lamitiye 2022' is the ninth edition of the Joint Military Exercise between the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF). The Indian Army contingent arrived in Seychelles for the exercise, to be conducted at the Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA) from March 22 to 31.

5. Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) has partnered with which company to build the first indigenous dredger?

- A) Cochin Shipyard Limited ☒
- B) Mazagon Dock Ship builders
- C) Goa Shipyard
- D) Garden Reach Ship builders & Engineers



- ✓ The Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) signed an agreement to build the first indigenous dredger.
- ✓ The vessel will cost around Rs 920 crore. This is the largest and technologically advanced dredger to have even been built in India.

6. Keoladeo National Park is located in which Indian state/UT?

- A) Rajasthan ☒
- B) Punjab
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra



- ✓ Keoladeo National Park is located in Rajasthan's Bharatpur district. Recently, an experiment with Africa's 'Boma Capturing Technique' was undertaken in the park. The technique is used for capturing and translocating spotted deer, which will improve the prey base in Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve, situated 450 km away.

7. 'Narasingampettai Nagaswaram', which got the GI Tag recently, is from which Indian state?

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



- ✓ The 'Narasingampettai Nagaswaram' from Tamil Nadu has earned the Geographical Indication (GI) tag under 'musical instruments of class 15'. The instrument is handmade in Narasingapettai village in Thanjavur, unlike the other machine-made ones.
- ✓ A type of Ebony wood is chosen, which is 200 years old and does not absorb moisture. The reeds are made from the leaves of a locally grown plant named Naanal (Bamboo).

8. What is the theme of the 'International Day of Forests 2022'?

- A) Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption ☒
- B) World's Terrestrial Biodiversity
- C) Role of Forest in Achieving SDGs
- D) Trees - Pathway to Sustainability



- ✓ International Day of Forests on March 21 is observed every year with the aim to increase awareness about the role of forests in sustaining lives on this planet. The theme for 2022 is 'Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption'. As per the United Nations, forests are home to about 80 per cent of the world's terrestrial biodiversity, with more than 60,000 tree species.

9. Which country recently test-fired the intercontinental ballistic missile named Hwasong-17?

- A) China
- B) North Korea ☒
- C) UAE
- D) Israel



- ✓ North Korea has confirmed that it has test-fired its first intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) since 2017 named 'Hwasong-17'. Hwasong-17 flew 1,090 km at a maximum altitude of 6,248.5 km and hit a target. Hwasong-17 is claimed to be the largest ICBM in the world. Hwasong-15, which was tested in November 2017 reached an altitude of about 4,475 km and covered 950 km.

10. What is the per cent rise in Tuberculosis (TB) cases in India in 2021, as per India TB Report 2022?

- A) 2%
- B) 5%
- C) 9%
- D) 19% ☒

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- ✓ The 'India TB Report 2022' was recently released by the union health minister. As per the report, India reported a sharp 19 per cent rise in tuberculosis cases in 2021 over the previous year. The total number of incident TB patients notified during 2021 were around 19 lakhs as opposed to that of 16 lakhs in 2020. There has been an increase in the mortality rate due to TB between 2019 and 2020 by 11 per cent in India.

1. Which is the venue of the 'Bharat Bhagya Vidhata' festival?

- A) Mumbai
B) New Delhi ☒
C) Lucknow
D) Ahmedabad



- ✓ The ten-day mega Red Fort Festival titled 'Bharat Bhagya Vidhata' commenced recently at Red Fort in New Delhi. Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated the festival. The Red Fort mega festival is being organised as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by Ministry of Culture. The Red Fort festival is to commemorate the heritage of the country and culture of every part of India.

2. Mario Marcel, who won the 'Governor of the year' award, was the Governor of which country's Central Bank?

- A) Chile ☒
B) Australia
C) Germany
D) Venezuela



- ✓ The Central Banking team and its editorial advisory panel recently unveiled its ninth edition of Central Banking Awards (2022). Chile's Mario Marcel has been named for the Governor of the year award. Banco Central de Chile is the name of the central bank of Chile.

3. Who is the first Chairperson of the 'Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)'?

- A) Senapathy Kris Gopalakrishnan ☒
B) Urjit Patel
C) Abhijeet Banerjee
D) Viral Acharya



- ✓ RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das inaugurated the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in Bengaluru. It has been set up to encourage and nurture financial innovation, with an initial capital contribution of Rs 100 crore. Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan is the first Chairperson while it has eminent persons from industry and academia as members.

4. Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (KABIL) is a Joint venture Company formed to ensure critical supply of which Product?

- A) Petroleum
B) Crude Oil
C) Critical Minerals ☒
D) Medical Products

- ✓ Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (KABIL) is a Joint venture Company of three Public Sector Enterprises namely, National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO), Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL) and Mineral Exploration Company Ltd. (MECL).
✓ Recently, a MoU was signed on cooperation in the critical mining sector which was signed by Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (KABIL) and Australia's Critical Mineral Facilitation Office.

5. Which is the venue of 'Fazza International Championships World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2022'?

- A) New Delhi
B) Dubai ☒
C) Chennai
D) Colombo



- ✓ The 13th Fazza International Championships World Para Athletics Grand Prix has commenced in Dubai. A 29-member Indian team, led by Paralympian Dharambir, will take part in the tournament, along with around 500 para-athletes from 43 nations.

6. Which Indian won second place in the All-England Open Badminton Championship – 2022?

- A) K Srikanth
B) P V Sindhu
C) Lakshya Sen ☒
D) Saina Nehwal



- ✓ Indian Tennis player Lakshya Sen won second place in the All-England Open Badminton Championship 2022. World No.1 Viktor Axelsen defeated Lakshya Sen in the men's singles final match held in Birmingham. Women's singles title was clinched by Japan's Yamaguchi Akane. Men's doubles title was won by Indonesia. Women's doubles title and Mixed doubles title are won by Japan.

7. Which Indian cricketer has been presented the prestigious 'Sports Icon' award?

- A) Suresh Raina ☒
B) M S Dhoni
C) Sachin Tendulkar
D) Virat Kohli



- ✓ Former India cricketer Suresh Raina was felicitated with the prestigious 'Sports Icon' award at the Maldives Sports Awards 2022.

8. The Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards 2022 were conferred on how many women achievers?

- A) 10
B) 50
C) 75 ☒
D) 100



- ✓ NITI Aayog organized the fifth edition of the Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards in March 2022. As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the WTI Awards were conferred on 75 women achievers to celebrate their contribution towards a 'Sashakt Aur Samarth Bharat'.
✓ The 75 awardees were chosen on the basis of nominations received on NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), and through shortlisting by a search-and-select committee.

9. Which city is the host of 'WINGS INDIA 2022' Conference?

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



- ✓ Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA) and FICCI are jointly organizing WINGS INDIA 2022 – Asia's largest event on Civil Aviation. It focuses on new business acquisition, investments, policy formation and regional connectivity. Hyderabad, also called as the hub of Aviation, is the host of the event.
✓ As part of the country's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), the theme of the event is "India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry".

10. Which institution issued the world's 1st Wildlife Conservation Bond?

- A) World Bank ☒
B) UN Environment Program
C) World Economic Forum
D) International Monetary Fund

- ✓ The World Bank has issued the world's first wildlife bond named as the Wildlife Conservation Bond (WCB). The USD150 million will be spent on two South African reserves, the Addo Elephant National Park (AENP) and the Great Fish River Nature Reserve (GFRNR).

1. Which country launched "Dare2eraD TB", a Data-Driven Research to eradicate TB?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) India ☒
- C) Nepal
- D) China



- ✓ Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the Data-Driven Research to Eradicate TB named "Dare2eraD TB" by the Department of Biotechnology, on World TB Day.
- ✓ "Dare2eraD TB" will be the umbrella TB program comprising initiatives like, Indian Tuberculosis Genomic Surveillance Consortium, Indian TB Knowledge Hub – Webinar Series.

2. Union Environment Ministry has designated which day as 'National Dolphin Day'?

- A) April 5
- B) May 5
- C) July 5
- D) October 5 ☒



- ✓ The Union Environment Ministry has designated October 5 as National Dolphin Day, to be observed annually from this year. The decision to designate a National Dolphin Day was taken by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife.

3. Which Naval Ship was recently presented the prestigious President's Colour?

- A) INS Valsura ☒
- B) INS Gomati
- C) INS Brahmaputra
- D) INS Betwa



- ✓ The President of India Ram Nath Kovind presented the prestigious President's Colour to INS Valsura.
- ✓ The advanced Torpedo Training Facility was created in 1942 for the Royal Indian Navy during World War-II. After India became a Republic, it was renamed as INS Valsura on 01 Jul 1950.

4. Which global association released the 'Declaration on Privacy and the protection of personal data'?

- A) G-20
- B) European Union ☒
- C) G-7
- D) NATO



- ✓ European External Action Service (EEAS) announced a joint declaration by the EU, Australia, Comoros, India, Japan, Mauritius, New Zealand, South Korea, Singapore, and Sri Lanka. The 'Declaration on Privacy and the protection of personal data'-Strengthening trust in the digital environment aims to improve international cooperation to promote high data protection and privacy standards.

5. As per the Union Budget, what per cent of biomass pellets will be used in thermal power plants?

- A) 2-3%
- B) 3-5%
- C) 5-7% ☒
- D) 7-9%



- ✓ The Union Budget 2022-23 proposed that 5-7% biomass pellets will be used in thermal power plants, resulting in CO2 saving of 38 MMT annually. The Ministry of Power has mandated blending of biomass pellets made primarily of agro residue along with coal, under the "Revised Policy for Biomass Utilization for power generation through Co-firing in Coal based Power Plants". The obligation shall increase to 7% with effect from two years after the date of issue of this order.

6. Which is the world's most polluted capital city for the 4th consecutive year, as per the World Air Quality Report 2022?

- A) Tokyo
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Beijing
- D) New York



- ✓ According to the World Air Quality Report, prepared by Swiss organisation IQAir, New Delhi continues to be the world's most polluted capital city for the fourth consecutive year.
- ✓ As per the report, no country managed to meet the WHO's air quality standard in 2021. The index listed 35 Indian cities with the worst air quality tag for 2021 with Bhiwadi (Rajasthan) topping the list followed by Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh).

7. Which country recently became the hottest place on earth, with the temperature at 53.2 degrees Celsius?

- A) UAE
- B) Kuwait ☒
- C) Oman
- D) Maldives



- ✓ Kuwait recently became the hottest place on earth, with the temperature at 53.2 degrees Celsius (127.7 degrees Fahrenheit).
- ✓ As per a recent study, 67 percent of heat-related deaths in the capital were due to climate change. The Country continues to burn oil for electricity and ranks among the top global carbon emitters per capita, according to the World Resources Institute.

8. Ashleigh Barty, who retired from her Tennis Career recently, is from which country?

- A) Australia ☒
- B) USA
- C) Italy
- D) Switzerland



- ✓ World number one Ashleigh Barty has announced that she will retire from professional tennis at the age of just 25.
- ✓ Ashleigh Barty won three Grand Slam singles events, including this year's Australian Open in January.

9. Who are the authors of the book titled "The Little Book of Joy"?

- A) Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu ☒
- B) Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara
- C) Barack Obama and Michelle Obama
- D) Sudha Murty and Narayana Murty



- ✓ In 2016, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama co-authored on "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World". The book has sold more than 1 million copies and has been translated into more than 40 languages.

10. 'Rajiv Gandhi Bhoomiheen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana' is a scheme of which state?

- A) Punjab
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Chhattisgarh ☒
- D) Manipur



- ✓ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel presented a Budget of Rs 1,04,000 crore for 2022-23, 7% more than the previous year. He announced to restore old pension scheme for state government employees, and double the annual MLA local area development fund.
 - ✓ A provision of Rs 6,000 crore for Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana and increase in remuneration from Rs 6,000 to Rs 7,000 per annum under Rajiv Gandhi Bhoomiheen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana were also announced.
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