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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'?

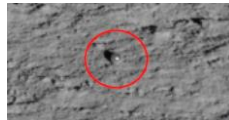
- A) NITI Aayog
- B) World Economic Forum ☒
- C) World Bank
- D) UNDP



- ✓ 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"

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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?

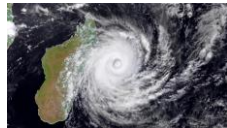
- A) Sri Lanka  
B) Japan ☒  
C) Australia  
D) UAE



- ✓ India and Japan have commenced their annual Dharma Guardian exercise in Karnataka. The exercise began from Feb.27 to March 10. The 15<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> Textile Express from Chaltahan (Surat area) to Sankrail (Kharagpur Division).
  - ✓ The first Textile Express was started on 1<sup>st</sup> 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

*C.V. Raman*

- ✓ 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 91<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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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1. The 'Roorkee Water Conclave' has been organised by IIT Roorkee along with which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) National Institute of Hydrology ☒
- C) Indian Navy
- D) Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ Union Minister for Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the 'Roorkee Water Conclave' today at IIT, Roorkee.
- ✓ It is being jointly organised by Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee and National Institute of Hydrology, focusing on the theme, 'Water Security for Sustainable Development'. National Institute of Hydrology is an autonomous society under Ministry of Jal Shakti.

2. 'Theyyam' or 'Kaliyattam' is a ritual dance performed in which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Kerala ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ 'Theyyam' or 'Kaliyattam' is a 800-year-old ritual dance performed in the state of Kerala. It exhibits folk dances and art thereby displaying the ancient tribal cultures. Various types of theyyams are performed during the course of the festival. Ritual dance Agni Kandakarnam Theyyam has begun at the Kaliyattam festival in Kannur, Kerala.

3. What is the objective of the 'Jan Aushadhi Bal Mitra programme'?

- A) Educate Children on PMBJP ☒
- B) Provide subsidised medicines to children
- C) Provide subsidised medicines to pregnant women
- D) Promote Investment in PMBJP



- ✓ On the occasion of Jan Aushadhi Diwas week celebrations, Jan Aushadhi Bal Mitra programme has been conducted across the country at 75 locations. It aims to engage children as 'Bal Mitras' with Jan Aushadhi scheme to educate them about the benefits of the PM Bharatiya Jan Aushadi Pariyojana.

4. Which Union Ministry has constituted 'Swadesh Darshan Awards'?

- A) Ministry of External Affairs
- B) Ministry of Tourism ☒
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Tourism has constituted Swadesh Darshan Awards, to acknowledge the efforts of states/ UTs. Under 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme, tourism related infrastructure has been developed at more than 500 tourist destinations. The Ministry has sanctioned 76 projects in 31 States / UTs of India for more than Rs.5500 Crore.

5. 'Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant', which was seen in the news recently, is located in which country?

- A) Russia
- B) Ukraine ☒
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Belarus



- ✓ Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant is a major electricity supplier in Ukraine. The plant generates 40-42 billion kWh which accounts for one fifth of the average annual electricity production in Ukraine.
- ✓ Recently, Ukraine has claimed that Russian military has seized the plant and started shelling. It is also the largest nuclear power plant in Europe.

6. As per a recent report, what is the contribution of YouTube creator system to Indian GDP in 2020?

- A) Rs 1700 Crores
- B) Rs 3400 Crores
- C) Rs 6800 Crores ☒
- D) Rs 8500 Crores



- ✓ As per a new report by independent consulting firm Oxford Economics, YouTube's creator ecosystem contributed Rs 6,800 crore to the Indian GDP. YouTube supported 683,900 full-time equivalent jobs in India in 2020. It also said that the number of channels on YouTube in India with over 100,000 subscribers are 40,000.

7. What is the theme of the International Women's Day 2022?

- A) Educate Organise and Agitate
- B) Gender Equality: March against Patriarchy
- C) Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow ☒
- D) Impact of COVID-19 on women



- ✓ International Women's Day is observed every year on March 8 across the world, to highlight the achievements and problems faced by women. The theme for this year is "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow".

8. What is the name of the initiative launched by India to bring back Indians stranded in Ukraine?

- A) Operation Ganga ☒
- B) Operation Kiev
- C) Operation Moscow
- D) Operation Bharat



- ✓ Operation Ganga is the name of the initiative launched by the Government of India to bring back Indians stranded in Ukraine. So far, India has brought back more than 1,000 of its nationals from the country. It has also set up 24x7 control centres to assist in the evacuation of Indians through the border crossing points with Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovak Republic.

9. Which is the first multilateral agency to open an office in the Gujarat International Finance Tech City (GIFT)?

- A) WEF
- B) ILO
- C) New Development Bank ☒
- D) World Bank



- ✓ New Development Bank (NDB) is set to become the first multilateral agency to open an office in the Gujarat International Finance Tech City (GIFT). NDB also expects to partner with the newly formed National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NBFID) to support important infrastructure projects in India.

10. Which city is the host of Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2022?

- A) Paris
- B) Barcelona ☒
- C) Beijing
- D) Tokyo



- ✓ Mobile World Congress (MWC) began recently in the city of Barcelona, Spain. In the conference, the Global Mobile Economy Report was released.
  - ✓ As per the report, the total number of 5G connections globally is expected to reach 1 billion in 2022, which could increase 5G adoption. In 2021, mobile technologies and services generated USD 4.5 trillion, which equals 5% of Global GDP. This is expected to grow to USD 5 trillion in 2025.
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1. What is the name of India's indigenous 'Automatic Train Protection System'?

- A) Shakti
- B) Kavach ☒
- C) Veera
- D) Brahma



- ✓ Kavach is the indigenously developed 'Automatic Train Protection System', which was recently tested on South Central Railway. As per the Union Budget, the system is scheduled for complete rollout on 2,000 km in 2022-23. It is India's own automatic protection system in development since 2012, under the name Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS), which got renamed to Kavach.

2. Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

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



- ✓ '*Glycosmis albicarpa*', a new gin berry species, was recently discovered from Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu. A team of scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) has discovered the species with a distinct large white fruit. The species is endemic to the southern Western Ghats and it belongs to the orange family, *Rutaceae*.

3. What does Article 176 (1) of the Constitution of India deal with?

- A) Election Commission of India
- B) Finance Commission
- C) Presentation of Budget in Parliament
- D) Governor's Address in both the Houses of State ☒



- ✓ Article 176(1) of the Constitution states that 'Governor shall address both the houses of the state legislative assembly together at the commencement of the first Session after each general election and at the first session of each year'.
- ✓ The article is in the news recently because Government of Telangana has announced its decision on conducting the budget session of the legislature without the customary Governor's address.

4. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)?

- A) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- B) Justice Sadasivam
- C) Justice D N Patel ☒
- D) Justice K Chandru



- ✓ The Government of India has appointed Delhi High Court Chief Justice D N Patel as the chairperson of the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal. The Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) was set up to adjudicate disputes among telecom operators and consumers.
- ✓ The tribunal consists of a chairperson who should be or should have been a Judge of the Supreme Court or the Chief Justice of a High Court.

5. Which country has been hit by extra-ordinary rains called 'Rain Bombs'?

- A) Russia
- B) Ukraine
- C) Australia ☒
- D) Belarus



- ✓ Australia has been hit by 'Rain Bombs', which caused evacuations and power outages. Australia's third-most populous city Brisbane was

most hit by the rains, which brought record flooding to some east coast areas and killed eight people.

- ✓ The flooding in Brisbane and its surroundings is said to be the worst since 2011. The rainfall over Brisbane has been extraordinary and hence called as 'Rain Bomb'.

6. Which country launched a rocket to place record 22 satellites in space?

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



- ✓ China recently launched a Long March-8 rocket to place 22 satellites in space, setting a domestic record for the most spacecraft launched by a single rocket. These satellites will be used for commercial remote sensing services, marine environment monitoring, forest fire prevention and disaster mitigation.

7. What is the theme of the Janaushadhi Diwas 2022?

- A) Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi ☒
- B) Atmanirbhar and Affordable Aushadhi
- C) Awareness of Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana
- D) Leaving No one Behind



- ✓ Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), under the aegis of Department of Pharmaceuticals is set to celebrate the Jan Aushadhi Diwas Week, with the main event on March 7. The theme of 4<sup>th</sup> Janaushadhi Diwas is "Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi".
- ✓ PM Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana ensures easy reach of affordable medicine to the people in every district. The Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10,500 by the end of March 2025.

8. Which country launched the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite GOES-T satellite?

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



- ✓ The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) launched the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite GOES-T satellite. It was launched aboard a United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V rocket.
- ✓ GOES-T is the latest spacecraft of the GOES- R series. It will be used by the researchers to study Earth's weather and climate.

9. 'Remove laws that harm; Create laws that empower' is the theme of which day celebrated on March 1?

- A) Zero Discrimination Day ☒
- B) World AIDS Day
- C) World Equality Day
- D) World Social Justice Day



- ✓ 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. This year theme of the day is, "Remove laws that harm; Create laws that empower".



10. 'National Gender Index' and 'State Energy and Climate Index' are the upcoming initiatives of which institution?

- A) UNDP
- B) NITI Aayog ☒
- C) UNICEF
- D) Economist Intelligence Unit



- ✓ Niti Aayog is in the process of developing a National Gender Index, which will support policy action and advocacy around gender and will be aligned to the framework of Sustainable Development Goals.
  - ✓ NITI Aayog has also developed a draft State Energy and Climate Index to assess the performance of states on various parameters. The index will help states to efficiently manage their energy resources and provide people better access to energy.
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1. 'SLINEX' is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?

- A) Oman
- B) Singapore
- C) Sri Lanka ☒
- D) Japan



- ✓ The 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of India – Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX (Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise) has commenced at Visakhapatnam.
- ✓ The exercise is conducted in two phases – the Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam followed by the Sea Phase in the Bay of Bengal. Indian Navy is represented by INS Kirch, a guided missile corvette, INS Jyoti, a Fleet support tanker, Advanced Light Helicopter, Seaking and Chetak Helicopters and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

2. The Prime Minister recently inaugurated the Metro project of which city?

- A) Mysuru
- B) Pune ☒
- C) Coimbatore
- D) Trivandrum



- ✓ Pune Metro project has been undertaken by MAHA Metro, a SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) of Government of India and Government of Maharashtra. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 12-km stretch of the total 32.2 km Pune metro rail project. The total cost of the project is over ₹ 11,400 crore.

3. Which is the venue of the India Global Forum event in 2022?

- A) Chennai
- B) Bengaluru ☒
- C) Varanasi
- D) Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ The India Global Forum (IGF) event is scheduled at Bengaluru. Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar is set to attend the event and interact with the founders and CEOs of 30 unicorns during the event. The IGF event shall also see participation of Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, and Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi as well as CEOs and leaders from the industry.

4. Which country has recently tested reconnaissance satellite system?

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



- ✓ North Korea said that it conducted a test for reconnaissance satellite systems (spy satellite system), after regional military authorities reported the launch of a ballistic missile from the country.
- ✓ It was the second such launch in a week to test satellite equipment, and the ninth missile launch this year. It was condemned by the United States, South Korea, and Japan.

5. Which state has inaugurated 'School Health Clinics'?

- A) Odisha
- B) Gujarat
- C) New Delhi ☒
- D) Rajasthan



- ✓ The Delhi Government has recently inaugurated individual health clinics in 20 government schools. They were inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia. The clinics will provide routine health check-ups as well as counselling to ensure the children's physical and mental well-being.

6. 'Jharokha', which was in the news recently, is a celebration related to which field?

- A) Art and Culture ☒
- B) Literature
- C) AYUSH
- D) Science and Technology



- ✓ Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Textiles are jointly organizing "Jharokha-Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art and culture". Jharokha is a celebration of the traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture.
- ✓ It is scheduled to be held across the country at 16 locations in 13 states and UTs. The first event under this celebration is being organized in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

7. 'Trellis structure', which was seen in the news, is associated with which sector?

- A) Automobile
- B) Agriculture ☒
- C) Artificial-Intelligence
- D) Banking



- ✓ As a part of sustainable farming, a trellis structure is prepared using four pillars, bamboo poles and ropes, on 20 decimals of land. As plants especially creepers grew vertically in a trellis system, the chances of stems, flowers and fruits getting rotten are very less. The system has worked well in many tribal villages of Odisha.

8. 'Karewas' are fertile alluvial soil deposits found in which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) West Bengal
- C) Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The highly fertile alluvial soil deposits of the Kashmir Valley are called 'Karewas'. The plateaus are 13,000-18,000-metre-thick deposits of alluvial soil and sediments like sandstone and mudstone.
- ✓ These are the ideal places for cultivation of saffron, almonds, apples and several other cash crops. It was seen in the news, as Karewas are being destroyed in the name of development.

9. What is the objective of 'SAMARTH' initiative launched by the MSME Ministry?

- A) Women Entrepreneurship ☒
- B) Value Addition
- C) Support for Marketing
- D) Portal for GST



- ✓ The Union MSME Ministry recently launched SAMARTH – a special entrepreneurship promotion drives for women. Under SAMARTH, 20 per cent seats in free skill development programmes, organised under skill development schemes of the Ministry, will be allocated for aspiring and existing women entrepreneurs.

10. Which country is the largest Crude-Oil producer in the world, as of 2022?

- A) Russia
- B) USA ☒
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Iran



- ✓ Russia is the second-largest crude oil producer in the world, only behind the United States. Russia produces close to 11 million barrels per day of crude oil. About half of Russia's exported oil (2.5 mn barrels per day) –is shipped to European countries.
  - ✓ Nearly one-third of it arrives in Europe via the Druzhba Pipeline through Belarus. Recently, the UK proposed that the G7 nations impose limits on their Russian oil and gas imports.
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1. Who are the targeted beneficiaries of 'UPI123Pay' facility, recently launched by the Reserve Bank of India?

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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



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

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



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

- A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B) Ministry of Finance ☒
- C) Ministry of MSME
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs



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- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the setting up National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) as a wholly owned Government of India company with an initial authorized share capital of Rs 5000 crore and paid-up share capital of Rs 150 crore.
- ✓ NLMC will undertake monetization of surplus land and building assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and other Government agencies. Going forward, Department of Public Enterprise, Ministry of Finance, will set up the company and act as its administrative ministry.

2. European Organization for Nuclear Research – CERN has recently suspended the observer status of which country?

- A) USA
- B) Russia ☒
- C) Ukraine
- D) Belarus



- ✓ The European Organization for Nuclear Research, known as CERN recently suspended the observer status of Russia. It is the international scientific laboratory which has the world's largest atom smasher.
- ✓ CERN announced that its 23 member states condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Ukraine is one of 7 associate member states, and Russia, like the US, Japan and the European Union, had observer status in CERN.

3. Where is the 'WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine' established in India?

- A) Ernakulam
- B) Jamnagar ☒
- C) Shimla
- D) Kolkata



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) in Jamnagar, Gujarat under the Ministry of AYUSH. A Host Country agreement was signed between the Government of India and the World Health Organization (WHO). This would be the first and only global out-posted Centre for traditional medicine across the world.

4. What is the theme of National Youth Parliament Festival – 2022?

- A) Be the voice of New India & find solutions & contribute to Policy ☒
- B) Voice of Youth matters
- C) e-Governance and Use of ICT
- D) Participation of Women in Parliament



- ✓ The inaugural session of National round of third edition of National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) 2022 was recently held. Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur addressed the session.
- ✓ Theme of this year's National Youth Parliament Festival is 'be the voice of New India and find solutions and contribute to Policy'. The event is organised to hear the voice of the youth, who will join various careers in upcoming years.

5. 'UDISE+ Report', which was released recently, is associated with which field?

- A) Sanitation
- B) Education ☒
- C) Business
- D) Women Empowerment



- ✓ Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) report 2020–21 on school education of India was released recently. As per the report, the number of students enrolled in school education from primary to higher secondary has improved to 25.38 crore in the 2020–21 session.
- ✓ Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) has improved in 2020–21 at all levels. The report also adds that as many as 39.7 lakh students of government aided, private school students have shifted to Government schools.

6. Which Asian country has recently imposed its longest power cut since 1996?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Indonesia
- C) Sri Lanka ☒
- D) Afghanistan



- ✓ Sri Lanka announced nationwide seven-and-a-half-hour daily power cuts. This is the longest power cut announced in Sri Lanka in 26 years since 1996. As per the official sources, the country is not facing an issue of electricity capacity, but a foreign exchange crisis, as the country does not have enough reserves to import fuel.

7. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) approved the formation of Village Defence Groups (VDGs) in which state/UT?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- B) Bihar
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Punjab



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- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) approved the formation of Village Defence Groups (VDGs) in Jammu and Kashmir. The members of the Village Defence Groups will be designated as Village Defence Guards.
- ✓ In 1990s, 4,125 Village defence committees (VDCs) existed in Jammu and Kashmir. This new initiative is seen as a process of rejuvenating VDCs. They assist the forces in counter-terrorism operations and help in maintaining peace.

8. Which country reported the first potential case of deer-to-human COVID-19 transmission?

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



- ✓ The first potential case of deer-to-human COVID-19 transmission has been reported in Canada, according to a new study. The researchers identified highly mutated clusters of SARS-CoV-2 genomes in white-tailed deer.
- ✓ For the study, the researchers analyzed 300 samples from white-tailed deer in South-western and Eastern Ontario. They found that 17 of the deer in South-western Ontario tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.

9. Which is the headquarters of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

- A) Geneva
- B) Nairobi ☒
- C) Paris
- D) New York



- ✓ The United Nations Environment Programme coordinates responses to environmental issues within the UN system. It was formed after the UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in June 1972. UNEP is headquartered at Nairobi, Kenya. The UNEP is set to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its creation in a special two-day session of the UN Environment Assembly.

10. What is the theme for WHO's World Hearing Day 2022?

- A) To hear for life, listen with care! ☒
- B) Hearing to all and by all
- C) Hear the needs of vulnerable
- D) To hear is to listen



- ✓ Every year, 3rd March is organized as World Hearing Day by the World Health Organisation. This year the World Hearing Day is being organized with the theme "To hear for life, listen with care!". This year, WHO will focus on the importance of safe listening as a means of maintaining good hearing across the life course.

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 83<sup>rd</sup> position in the Henley Passport Index 2022, up seven places from 90<sup>th</sup> 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".

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> chief minister of Punjab, at the state civil secretariat in Chandigarh. He took oath as the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 44<sup>th</sup> World Chess Olympiad in 2022?

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



- ✓ The 44<sup>th</sup> 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?

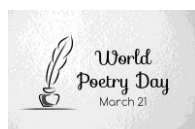
- A) Goa  
B) Manipur ☒  
C) Punjab  
D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ 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?

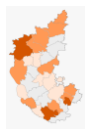
- A) First  
B) Third  
C) Sixth ☒  
D) Eighth



- ✓ 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.

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 110<sup>th</sup> 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 Narasingampettai 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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