

1. Which Union Ministry is associated with the Foreign Trade Policy of India?

- A) Ministry of External Affairs
- B) Ministry of MSME
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industries ☒
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ Directorate General of Foreign Trade, under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce and Industries is responsible for the Foreign Trade Policy (DGFT) of India.
- ✓ Recently, the DGFT announced that the existing Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, which is valid upto March 31, 2022 is extended up to September 30, 2022.

2. Who is the chairperson of the advisory committee to guide the Semiconductor mission?

- A) Nandan Nilekani
- B) Ashwini Vaishnaw ☒
- C) Sundar Pichai
- D) Satya Nadella



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology formed a 17-member advisory committee to guide the Rs 76,000 crore-Semiconductor Mission. The Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw will be the Chairperson of the committee.
- ✓ NITI Aayog member V K Saraswat, Principal Scientific Advisor, and Secretaries from the Ministry of External affairs, Departments of expenditure, economic affairs, and promotion of industry and internal trade, will be members of the committee.

3. Which is the first state/UT has to include e-Cycles in its Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy?

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



- ✓ The Delhi government included electric cycles under its Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy and announced that it will offer a subsidy of 5,500 each to the first 10,000 buyers.

4. 'Exoplanet K2-2016-BLG-0005Lb', which has been recently found, is a near-identical twin of which planet?

- A) Saturn
- B) Jupiter ☒
- C) Mars
- D) Neptune



- ✓ Astronomers have recently found a near-identical twin of Jupiter which is located at a similar distance from its star as Jupiter is from our Sun.
- ✓ Named K2-2016-BLG-0005Lb, the exo-planet located 17,000 light-years from Earth, has been detected by a team of astrophysicists using data obtained by NASA's Kepler space telescope.

5. As per the recent study of CEEW, which state had the highest number of forest fire incidences in the last two decades?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Mizoram ☒
- C) West Bengal
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ According to a study released by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), the frequency and intensity of forest fires have increased in the past two decades.
- ✓ The study, 'Managing Forest Fires in a Changing Climate', found that there has been a ten-fold increase in forest fires in the past two decades. More than 62 per cent of Indian states are prone to high-intensity forest fires. Mizoram had the highest number of forest fires in the last two decades.

6. What is the Repo rate after the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held in April 2022?

- A) 4.50%
- B) 4.25%
- C) 4.00% ☒
- D) 3.75%



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the repo rate unchanged at 4 per cent for the 11th consecutive time.
- ✓ RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das announced that the MPC had voted unanimously to maintain the accommodative stance and added that the reverse repo rate too was kept unchanged at 3.35 per cent.

7. Which is the largest private sector bank of India by assets, as of 2022?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank ☒
- C) Axis Bank
- D) Kotak Mahindra Bank



- ✓ HDFC Bank and HDFC Limited recently announced the merger of the two entities. HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank by assets, has a market cap of Rs 8.35 trillion.
- ✓ HDFC Limited, India's largest housing finance company with Assets Under Management (AUM) worth Rs 5.26 trillion and a market cap of Rs 4.44 trillion will merge with HDFC Bank. The subsidiary or associates of HDFC Limited will also be transferred to HDFC Bank, after regulatory approvals.

8. What is the new name of the NASA's SpaceX Crew-4 aircraft?

- A) Inspire
- B) Freedom ☒
- C) Aspiration
- D) Triumph



- ✓ NASA and SpaceX are set to launch astronauts to the International Space Station as part of NASA's Commercial Crew Program. The mission will fly a new Crew Dragon spacecraft.

- ✓ The spacecraft has been named "Freedom" by the Crew-4 astronauts.

9. 'Neu' is the name of a super-application of which Indian Conglomerate?

- A) Reliance Jio
- B) Amazon
- C) ITC Limited
- D) TATA Group ☒



- ✓ Tata Neu is the super app of India's leading conglomerate Tata Group, to bring together all of its digital services and apps on a single platform. Various digital services of the Tata Group from AirAsia India, Air India, Taj Group, BigBasket, 1mg, Croma and Westside will be possible through Tata Neu app.

10. Which Indian state launched 'She Auto' stands, to provide safe transport to women and girl students?

- A) Kerala
- B) Andhra Pradesh ☒
- C) New Delhi
- D) Odisha



- ✓ The Police Department in Chittoor of Andhra Pradesh has set up 'She Auto' stands, the first of its kind in the state.
- ✓ It aims to provide safe transportation to women and girl students. Tirupati is the first city in the state to set up special auto stands for women.