

1. As per the World Bank's April update, what is India's GDP forecast for fiscal year 2022-23?

- A) 7.5%
- B) 8.0% ☒
- C) 8.5%
- D) 9.0%

8%

- ✓ The World Bank has cut India's GDP forecast for fiscal year 2022-23 to 8% from 8.7% predicted earlier, citing worsening supply bottlenecks and rising inflation risks caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The World Bank lowered its growth estimate by a full percentage point for South Asia, excluding Afghanistan, to 6.6%.
- ✓ Asian Development Bank Outlook 2022 earlier said that India is estimated to have a growth rate of 7.5% for 2022-23.

2. Which is the host country of COP28 Climate Summit 2023?

- A) India
- B) UAE ☒
- C) Australia
- D) UK



- ✓ The United Arab Emirates has been selected as the host country of COP28 Climate Summit 2023. The UN Climate Summit is to be held at Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ Abu Dhabi announced that it would start banning single-use plastic bags from June. UAE has also declared it aims to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

3. Which Indian public sector bank launched its digital transformation project 'SMBHAV'?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Canara Bank
- C) Union Bank of India ☒
- D) Punjab National Bank



- ✓ Union Bank of India recently launched its super-app named UnionNXT and digital transformation project SMBHAV. The project has been launched with an investment outlay of around Rs 1,000 crore for the financial year 2022-23 (FY23).

4. 'Khanjar' is a Joint Special Forces Exercise held between India and which country?

- A) Oman
- B) Singapore
- C) Kyrgyzstan ☒
- D) Nepal



- ✓ India and Kyrgyzstan carried out a two-week-long Joint Special Forces Exercise, in reflection of growing defence ties between the two countries.
- ✓ The exercise at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh concluded recently. Combat shooting, sniping, survival in mountains and hostage rescue drills were practised during the exercise.

5. Which country is the world's largest producer and exporter of Palm Oil?

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



- ✓ Indonesia is the world's largest producer and exporter of Palm Oil. At present, the country is facing a palm oil crisis, due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- ✓ Massive price spikes for food and energy caused by Ukraine War will push over 40 million people into extreme poverty. India, the world's biggest buyer of edible oil, relies on Indonesia for over half of its palm oil imports.

6. Mission Raftaar, which was seen in the news recently, was associated with which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Indian Railways ☒
- C) Election Commission of India
- D) Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ Mission Raftaar introduced by the Indian Railways in 2016-17 targeted an average speed of 50 kmph for mail/express and 75 kmph for freight trains by 2021-22.
- ✓ A recent audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) found that travel time of trains has increased over the past few years, and overall punctuality of trains has declined. The punctuality of mail/express trains over IR declined from 79% (2012-13) to 69.23 per cent (2018-19) at the terminating stations.

7. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports released USD 72,124 to which institution, for Elimination of Doping in Sport?

- A) World Bank
- B) International Olympic Association
- C) UNESCO ☒
- D) UNICEF



- ✓ Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports released USD 72,124 to UNESCO Fund for Elimination of Doping in Sport. For the first time in 2021, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports made contribution of USD 28172 towards the UNESCO Fund. Copenhagen Declaration on Anti-Doping in Sport was agreed to by the Government of India in 2003.

8. 'International Day of Reflection on 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi' in which country, is observed on 7 April by the UN?

- A) Rwanda ☒
- B) South Africa
- C) Ethiopia
- D) Egypt



- ✓ On 7 April, UNESCO commemorates the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2003.

- ✓ The date marks the beginning of the genocide perpetrated against members of the Tutsi minority by the Hutu extremist-led government.

9. Which bank signed partial guarantee pact with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support supply chain financing?

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



- ✓ Axis Bank has collaborated with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a partial guarantee programme with initial outlay of USD 150 million.
- ✓ The programme aims at supporting supply chain financing for impact sectors. Under the agreement, special focus will be towards ESG (environmental, social & governance) and other priority sectors.

10. The new book, "The Maverick Effect" narrates the formation of which Indian institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) NASSCOM ☒
- C) ISRO
- D) FICCI



- ✓ The book titled "The Maverick Effect" narrates the formation of National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM), the apex body of software and IT service companies. It is authored by Harish Mehta, the co-founder and first elected Chairperson of NASSCOM. At present, the Indian IT industry is valued at USD 200 billion.