

1. Who has been appointed as the new UPSC Chairman?

- A) Romila Thapar
- B) Arjun Dev
- C) Manoj Soni ☒
- D) Bipin Chandra



- ✓ A scholar of political science, Manoj Soni has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Union Public Services Commission (UPSC). Manoj Soni specialises in International Relations and had served as the Vice Chancellor of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University and MS University of Baroda. He was also the youngest Vice Chancellor in independent India.

2. Which racing driver won the Australian Grand Prix 2022 tournament?

- A) Max Verstappen
- B) Charles Leclerc ☒
- C) Lewis Hamilton
- D) Sergio Perez



- ✓ Monacan race car driver Charles Leclerc clinched victory in the Australian Grand Prix to move into a commanding position in the World Championship. Red Bull's Sergio Perez was 2nd followed by Mercedes drivers George Russell and Lewis Hamilton.

3. 'Moskva', which was seen in the news, is a famous warship of which country?

- A) Ukraine
- B) Russia ☒
- C) China
- D) Germany



- ✓ The 510-crew missile cruiser 'Moskva', which was a symbol of Russia's military power, is said to be hit by Ukrainian missiles.
- ✓ As per Russian Military sources, the warship which was leading its naval assault on Ukraine, was damaged by an explosion and sank after a fire. The 12,490-tonne vessel is the biggest Russian warship to be sunk in action since Second World War.

4. When is the 'Himachal Diwas' celebrated in India?

- A) April.12
- B) April.14
- C) April.15 ☒
- D) April.16



- ✓ Himachal Diwas (Himachal Day) is celebrated on April 15 every year. It was on this day in 1948 that Himachal Pradesh was created as a province of India after the integration of 28 small princely states.

5. What is the expansion of 'LPA', based on which the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasts the monsoon?

- A) Long Period Average ☒
- B) Least Period Average
- C) Long Prime Average
- D) Least Prime Average



- ✓ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in its first Long Range Forecast (LRF) for this year that the country is likely to receive a normal monsoon for the fourth consecutive year. Rainfall in the June–September southwest monsoon season was in the normal range in 2019, 2020, and 2021 as well.

6. 'Neptune Missile system', which was seen in the news, is associated with which country?

- A) Yemen
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Ukraine ☒
- D) UAE



- ✓ The Russian Black Sea Fleet 'Moskva' sank off the coast of Odessa after a missile strike on the ship. Russians claimed that an onboard ammunition fire caused the blasts on the ship, while the Ukrainians stated that it was a planned strike using the Neptune anti-ship cruise missiles.

7. Under the Production linked incentive (PLI) scheme, the Centre provides financial support for manufacturing, for how many years?

- A) 3 years
- B) 5 years ☒
- C) 7 years
- D) 10 years

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- ✓ The government has recently approved financial support to 61 companies, including seven foreign ones, for its textiles production linked incentive (PLI) scheme. These companies plan investment of Rs 19,077 crore and a projected turnover is Rs 184,917 crore over a period of 5 years.

8. Which state assembly adopted a resolution against CUET (Central Universities Common Entrance Test)?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu assembly adopted a resolution urging the Union government to drop the proposal of CUET (Central Universities Common Entrance Test). As per the resolution, the CUET similar to NEET sidelined the marginalised students.
- ✓ The University Grants Commission announced that from the academic year 2022–2023, admissions to various courses in all central universities would be done only through CUET, to be conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

9. What type of missile is 'HELINA' which was recently tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

- A) Anti-Tank Guided Missile ☒
- B) Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile
- C) Surface-to-Air Missile
- D) Interceptor Missile



- ✓ Indigenously developed helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' was successfully flight tested at high-altitude ranges as part of user validation trials.
- ✓ The flight-test was jointly conducted by the teams of scientists from Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF). It is one of the most advanced anti-tank weapons in the world.

10. 'National Safe Motherhood Day' is celebrated in India on April 11, the birth anniversary of which personality?

- A) Mother Teresa
- B) Kasturba Gandhi ☒
- C) Indira Gandhi
- D) Annie Besant



- ✓ The Government of India in the year 2003 designated 11 April as National Safe Motherhood Day. The day also marks the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi. The day is marked annually in India and aims to raise awareness about the care required by pregnant woman before, during, and after childbirth.