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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.

1. Which state implements the 'Mukhya Mantri Bagwani Bima Yojana'?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Haryana ☒
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Punjab



- ✓ Haryana Agriculture Minister launched the portal of 'Mukhya Mantri Bagwani Bima Yojana.' Under this scheme, farmers will be compensated for the damage caused to their crops due to natural calamities.
- ✓ As per the agriculture department, Rs 10 crore will be kept by the state government as initial capital for the scheme.

2. Which Indian space tech start-up launched its first commercial satellite with SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket?

- A) Pixxel ☒
- B) Agnikul
- C) Skyroot Aerospace
- D) Dhruva Space



- ✓ Indian space tech start-up Pixxel successfully launched its first fully-fledged commercial satellite apparently called 'Shakuntala' or Pixxel TD-2. The satellite was launched with Elon Musk-run SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket aboard SpaceX's Transporter-4 mission from Cape Canaveral in the United States.

3. Which Indian has been appointed to the UN 'High-Level Expert Group on Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities'?

- A) Ramesh Chand
- B) Rajiv Kumar
- C) Arunabha Ghosh ☒
- D) Arvind Panagariya



- ✓ Arunabha Ghosh, been appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to the 'High-Level Expert Group on Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities'.
- ✓ Arunabha Ghosh is the CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), a climate and energy think tank. The expert group will be chaired by former Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna.

4. Which Indian state recently carved out 13 new districts, taking the total number to 26?

- A) Telangana
- B) Andhra Pradesh ☒
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy digitally inaugurated 13 new districts in the state, taking the total number to 26. All the new districts have come into effect from April 4.
- ✓ The state government issued the official gazette notification for creating 13 new districts under the AP Districts Formation Act, Section 3(5).

5. As of 2022, which country is the world's biggest opium producer?

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



- ✓ Afghanistan is the world's biggest opium producer, at present. Recently, the Taliban announced a ban on the cultivation of poppy in Afghanistan.
- ✓ The production, use or transportation of other narcotics was also banned. As per the United Nations estimates, Afghanistan's opium production was worth USD 1.4 billion in 2017. It has been continuously increasing in recent months.

6. What is the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection for 2022-23, as per RBI's Monetary Policy April 2022?

- A) 9.5 per cent
- B) 8.1 per cent
- C) 7.2 per cent ☒
- D) 6.9 per cent



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintained an accommodative stance and cut the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection for the 2022-23 to 7.2 per cent, against the earlier projection of 7.8 per cent.
- ✓ The inflation forecast has also been hiked from 4.5 per cent to 5.7 per cent for the FY 2022-23. The reasons are excessive volatility in global crude oil prices and extreme uncertainty over the evolving geopolitical tensions.

7. Which is the nodal agency to implement the Ayushman Bharat -Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)?

- A) National Medical Commission
- B) Medical Council of India
- C) National Health Authority ☒
- D) AIIMS



- ✓ The National Health Authority (NHA) was set-up to implement the set-up to implement the PM-JAY at the national level.
- ✓ The National Health Authority has recently launched a new version of the Health Benefit Package, 2022, under the PM JAY. It added 365 new procedures to take the total to 1,949.

8. Which institution recently launched the 'AVSAR' scheme?

- A) Airports Authority of India ☒
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) Supreme Court of India
- D) Election Commission of India



- ✓ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has recently launched Airport as Venue for skilled artisans Of the Region (AVSAR) scheme. It aims to allocate space to Self Help Groups (SHGs) at its airports for selling or showcasing the self-made products of their region.

- ✓ Under this scheme, an area of 100–200 square feet have been earmarked at each AAI-operated airport.

9. Who is the head of the 'Animation, visual effects, gaming and comic (AVGC) Promotion' Task Force?

- A) Secretary of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting ☒
- B) Minister of Electronics and IT
- C) Minister of Commerce and Industry
- D) Secretary of Electronics and IT



- ✓ Ministry of Information and Broadcasting constituted Animation, visual effects, gaming and comic (AVGC) Promotion task force, which will recommend a national curriculum framework for higher studies in these segments.
- ✓ The AVGC Promotion task force will be headed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. It will have Secretaries of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Department of Higher Education; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Electronics and IT, and DPIIT.

10. As per RBI's recent notification, Card-less cash withdrawal is proposed through which platform?

- A) USSD
- B) Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ☒
- C) Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS)
- D) Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)



- ✓ As per RBI, Card-less cash withdrawal, which was offered only by a few banks, will now be made available across all banks and ATMs via the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). UPI will be used for customer authorisation and this step is expected to enhance ease of transactions and eliminate frauds.

1. Which city is the host of the fourth India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Washington ☒
- C) Gandhi Nagar
- D) New York



- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Washington DC as part of his five-day US visit which includes the India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue. 2+2 dialogue involves meetings between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar and their respective American counterparts.

2. 'Madhavpur Mela' is a cultural fair celebrated in which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Gujarat ☒
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Punjab



- ✓ President Ramnath Kovind inaugurated the annual Madhavpur Mela, the five-day cultural fair, in the coastal village of Madhavpur in Gujarat. The fair celebrates the marriage of Hindu deity Lord Krishna with Rukmini.

3. Who has been elected as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Prime Minister of Pakistan, after the no-confidence motion?

- A) Shehbaz Sharif ☒
- B) Shah Mahmood Qureshi
- C) Nawaz Sherif
- D) Asif Ali Zardari



- ✓ Pakistan Muslim League (N) Leader Shehbaz Sharif was sworn-in as the new Prime Minister of Pakistan, after a no-confidence motion was introduced against his predecessor Imran Khan.
- ✓ Shehbaz, the younger brother of former three-time Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, was elected as the country's 23<sup>rd</sup> PM.

4. Which country is the world's largest consumer of Gold?

- A) India
- B) China ☒
- C) USA
- D) Australia



- ✓ India is the world's second largest consumer of Gold, only after China. India's gold imports rose by 33.34 per cent to ₹46.14 billion during the 2021-22 fiscal, due to high demand. In the previous fiscal, gold imports were worth ₹34.62 billion.

5. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its recent assessment report mentioned which Indian city for sustainable transportation?

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



- ✓ The Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recently released the Part C of its sixth assessment report.
- ✓ The main finding of the latest IPCC report is that the world must focus on reducing dependency on fossil fuel. The report mentioned Kolkata in respect of shifting from private to public transport.

6. "Mission Integrated Bio-refineries" is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology ☒
- B) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C) Ministry of MSME
- D) Ministry of Power



- ✓ Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh launched the "Mission Integrated Bio-refineries", to accelerate innovation for renewable fuels, and chemicals for a low-carbon future. It is a PPP (Public Private Participation) model initiative for 'Clean Energy'.

7. Who is the head of the SEBI Committee on strengthening of governance norms at Stock exchanges?

- A) UK Sinha
- B) Ajay Tyagi
- C) G Mahalingam ☒
- D) Urjit Patel



- ✓ Capital markets regulator SEBI constituted a committee for reviewing and making recommendations for further strengthening of governance norms at stock exchanges and other market infrastructure institutions (MIIs).
- ✓ The six-member committee will be chaired by G Mahalingam, former whole-time member of SEBI.

8. Which Indian company has partnered with Canada's largest payment organisation - 'Payments Canada'?

- A) Infosys
- B) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) ☒
- C) Wipro
- D) NPCI



- ✓ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has entered into a partnership with Canada's largest payment organisation, Payments Canada. The partnership aims to transform its payment system operations and help in the implementation of the Real-Time Rail (RTR). RTR is a new real-time payments system.

9. Which Indian state/UT has launched a project to set up 'Hobby Hubs' in government schools?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) New Delhi ☒
- D) Punjab



- ✓ The Delhi Government has project to set up 'Hobby Hubs' in government schools.



- ✓ It includes after-school dance, music, arts and crafts activities. For the 2022-2023 academic session, this project will be implemented in single shift government schools.

10. Which Union Ministry of India launched 'Temple 360' portal?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Culture ☒
- C) Ministry of Textiles
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Union Culture ministry launched a new portal named Temple 360, through which devotees can perform online rituals of prominent pilgrimage sites. Live camera feeds across temples of India will be made available on the website.
- ✓ At present, live streaming of rituals from four temples: Somnath (Gujarat), Kashi Vishwanath (UP), Trimbakeshwar and Ghrishneshwar (both in Maharashtra) can be viewed on the portal.

1. Which state has passed a resolution seeking completion of the Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal (SYL) Canal?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Haryana ☒
- C) Gujarat
- D) Rajasthan



- ✓ The Haryana Vidhan Sabha has passed a resolution seeking completion of the Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal (SYL) Canal. There has been a long-pending dispute of sharing of river waters between Haryana and Punjab.
- ✓ To counter the resolution passed by Punjab Vidhan Sabha staking a claim on Chandigarh, Haryana Assembly unanimously passed a resolution. It demanded that the central government should not take any steps that would disturb the existing balance between the two states.

2. Bucha, which was seen in the news, is a city, is located in which country?

- A) Russia
- B) Ukraine ☒
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Afghanistan



- ✓ After images of civilian bodies were found in the streets of Bucha city of Ukraine, there have been outrages across the world. At the UNSC meeting on Ukraine which was addressed by Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, T S Tirumurti, India's Permanent Representative at the UN condemned the Bucha civilian killings and called for an independent probe.

3. Which state government formed a panel to frame the 'State Education Policy'?

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



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government recently formed a 13-member panel to frame the state education policy.
- ✓ The panel is headed by Delhi High Court retired Chief Justice D Murugesan and the panel members include education experts, writer S Ramakrishnan, former chess world champion Viswanath -an Anand and Carnatic musician T M Krishna, among others.

4. Which global alliance announced collaboration on 'Hypersonic missile strike and defence capacity'?

- A) Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- B) AUKUS Defence Alliance ☒
- C) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)
- D) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)



- ✓ The United States, Britain and Australia announced that they would begin collaborating on hypersonic missile strike and defence capacity. This is in response to their rivals Russia and China advancing rapidly in the hypersonic technology.

5. How many Indians feature in the Forbes Billionaires List 2022?

- A) 28
- B) 75
- C) 166 ☒
- D) 321



- ✓ As per the Forbes Billionaires List 2022, Indian billionaires increased to a record high of 166 from 140 last year, with a combined wealth of USD 760 billion.
- ✓ Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing director Mukesh Ambani continues to stay on top of the list as the richest Indian with a net worth of USD 90.7 billion. He ranked at the 10th position on the global list. Tesla and SpaceX chief Elon Musk emerged as the richest person in the world.

6. Which company has handed over the first set of Gaganyaan hardware to the Indian Space and Research Organisation (ISRO)?

- A) DRDO
- B) HAL ☒
- C) SpaceX
- D) Pixxel Space



- ✓ The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed over the first set of Gaganyaan hardware to the Indian Space and Research Organisation (ISRO). The PS2 stage is the second stage of the PSLV launch vehicle in which propellants, which can be stored in the Earth are used for propulsion.
- ✓ In October 2021, the heaviest Semi-Cryogenic propellant tank (SC120- LOX) ever fabricated by HAL was delivered to ISRO.

7. Iga Swiatek, who has become the Women's Tennis Association World No.1, is from which country?

- A) Australia
- B) Poland ☒
- C) Germany
- D) France



- ✓ The 20-year-old Iga Swiatek recently became the first Polish player become the Women's Tennis Association World No.1. She recently won the Miami Open to become the first player to sweep the first three WTA 1000 events in a season.
- ✓ Iga Swiatek became the first teenager to win Roland Garros in 28 years in 2020.

8. Which state topped the NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index-(SECI) Round 1?

- A) Kerala
- B) Punjab
- C) Gujarat ☒
- D) Odisha



- ✓ Gujarat has topped NITI Aayog State Energy and Climate Index-(SECI) Round 1 among larger states. It is followed by Kerala and Punjab. Among the smaller states, Goa topped the index.



- ✓ The index ranks the states and union territories on six parameters – discoms performance, access affordability and reliability of energy, clean energy initiatives, energy efficiency, environmental sustainability and new initiatives.

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9. Which Union Ministry implements the 'PM-DAKSH Yojana'?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
  - B) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
  - C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
  - D) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- ✓ PM-DAKSH (Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi) Yojana, implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, is a National Plan for the skilling of marginalized persons.
  - ✓ The main objective of the scheme is to increase the skill levels of the target youth by providing for long-term and short-term skills, followed by an employment/self-employment. Around 2.71 Lakh persons will be trained over 5 years. Rs.79.48 crore was allocated for 2021-22.

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10. When is the 'International Day of Human Space Flight' commemorated every year?

- A) April 10
- B) April 12 ☒
- C) April 14
- D) April 15



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly established April 12 to be the International Day of Human Space Flight.
- ✓ On April 12, 1961, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin orbited Earth aboard the Vostok 1 spacecraft. The International Day of Human Space Flight is commemorating this occasion, which paved the way for space exploration for the benefit of humanity.

1. In which Indian state, megalithic stone jars were recently unearthed?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Assam ☒
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ Dozens of megalithic stone jars have been recently unearthed in the state of Assam, at four previously unknown sites. The discovery has brought to focus the possible links between India's Northeast and Southeast Asia.

2. As per WTO, what is the estimated global trade growth in the 2022-23 fiscal year?

- A) 2.5%
- B) 3% ☒
- C) 4%
- D) 5.5%



- ✓ The World Trade Organization (WTO) revised down its forecast for global trade growth in 2022-23 to 3% from 4.7%. The slash is because of the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war.
- ✓ WTO also warned of a potential food crisis caused by surging prices. It also forecasted that the global trade growth in 2023 would rise up to 3.4%.

3. What is the total amount of revenues and investments mobilised from asset monetisation in FY22 in India?

- A) Rs 36000 Crore
- B) Rs 45000 Crore
- C) Rs 75000 Crore
- D) Rs 96000 Crore ☒



- ✓ The Centre's asset monetisation drive mopped up 12% more than the target set for FY22, due to the strong performance of the coal and mineral blocks, highway stretches and power transmission lines.
- ✓ In aggregate, revenues and investments mobilised from asset monetisation in 2021-22 stood at 96,000 crores.

4. India has decided to establish 'Education and Skills Development Working Group' with which country?

- A) USA ☒
- B) France
- C) Germany
- D) Finland



- ✓ India and the US have decided to establish a new 'India-US Education and Skills Development Working Group'. It aims to further strengthen cooperation in the field of education and skill development through joint collaborations.

5. "Svanidhi se Samridhi" programme is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒

C) Ministry of Rural Development

D) Ministry of Finance

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the "Svanidhi se Samridhi" programme in 126 additional cities across 14 states and Union territories.
- ✓ "Svanidhi se Samridhi", an additional programme of PM Svanidhi, was launched last year in 125 cities under the first phase, covering around 35 lakh street vendors and their families. PM Svanidhi aims at providing an affordable working capital loan to street vendors.

6. What is India's retail inflation rate in March, as per the data released by NSO?

- A) 5.20%
- B) 5.85%
- C) 6.95% ☒
- D) 7.20%



- ✓ The data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) showed that the retail inflation rate in India rose to 6.95 per cent in March from a year ago.
- ✓ The rate stands above the tolerance limit of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the third straight month. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew 1.7 per cent in February on annual basis but contracted 4.7 per cent month on month.

7. The 'Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya' Museum is located in which city?

- A) Gandhi Nagar
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Chennai
- D) Kolkata



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya', a museum dedicated to all the prime ministers of the country since independence.
- ✓ The Prime Ministers' Museum comprises of a total of 43 galleries. The 'Sangrahalaya' highlights the achievements of the prime ministers.

8. Which Union Ministry implements the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)?

- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Panchayati Raj ☒
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Women and Child Development



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi launched the 'Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), the 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' program, under the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- ✓ Approved in 2018, it aims to transform selected districts and help 2.78 lakh rural local bodies achieve sustainable development goals. The Union Cabinet approved a financial outlay of Rs 5,911 crore for the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan.

It approved the continuation of the centrally sponsored scheme from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2026.

9. Who has been awarded the 'International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021'?

- A) Dr Bhushan Kumar ☒
- B) Dr G P Talwar
- C) Dr MD Gupte
- D) Dr Atul Shah



- ✓ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented the International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021 to Dr Bhushan Kumar from Chandigarh and Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat.
- ✓ The annual award was instituted by Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation. The National Leprosy Eradication Programme has been trying to ensure total eradication of leprosy in India.

10. Which Indian state announced to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar on April 14 as 'Equality Day'?

- A) Tamil Nadu ☒
- B) Maharashtra
- C) New Delhi
- D) Odisha



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin announced in the Legislative Assembly that the birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar on April 14 would be celebrated as 'Equality Day' from this year.
- ✓ The Chief Minister said that a pledge would also be taken across the state on the day. The government also plans to translate and publish some of the selected books of Ambedkar in Tamil.

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%



- ✓ 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.