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1. Which country launched the Earth observation satellite 'Gaofen-3 03'?

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



- ✓ China successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite named 'Gaofen-3 03' by a Long March-4C rocket.
- ✓ The satellite will become part of its land-sea radar satellite constellation and capture fine-resolution images to help the country safeguard its maritime interests. The satellite will be networked with the Gaofen-3 and Gaofen-3 02 satellites to form a land-sea radar satellite constellation.

2. Which institution released the 'Expanding Heat Resilience' report?

- A) Indian Meteorological Department
- B) Food and Agricultural Organization
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Natural Resources Defense Council ☒



- ✓ Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a non-profit has authored the 'Expanding Heat Resilience' report.
- ✓ As per the report, extreme temperatures are being recorded in Himachal Pradesh and Kerala, the states with no history of heat-waves. The number of states affected by heat-waves was at 28 in 2019, up from 19 the year before.

3. Which organisation flight-tested the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster?

- A) HAL
- B) DRDO ☒
- C) ISRO
- D) BEL



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) flight-tested the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. SFDR-based propulsion enables the missile to intercept aerial threats at very long range, even at supersonic speeds.

4. Which country supplies 'MH-60 Romeo' multi-role helicopters to India?

- A) Russia
- B) USA ☒
- C) Israel
- D) France



- ✓ India is procuring 24 MH-60 Romeo Multi-role helicopters as part of an Rs 15,000-crore deal with the US Government.
- ✓ The first batch of the aircrew of the Indian Navy has completed its training in the US to operate the MH-60 'Romeo' multi-role helicopters.

5. Which state government launched the 'Corruption-Free App-1064'?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Telangana
- C) Uttarakhand ☒
- D) Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the 'Corruption-Free Uttarakhand App-1064'. The application aims to make the state corruption-free and ensure that governance in the state is carried out in a transparent manner. The application will be available in both Hindi and English.

6. Which is the first Hindi novel to be shortlisted for the International Booker Prize?

- A) Tomb of Sand ☒
- B) Samraat Ashok
- C) Chhelealey Hue Apne Ko
- D) Parijat



- ✓ Author Geetanjali Shree's novel 'Tomb of Sand' became the first Hindi language work of fiction to be shortlisted for the International Booker Prize. The book, translated into English by Daisy Rockwell, will compete with five other titles from around the world for the prestigious 50,000-pound literary prize, which is shared between the author and translator.

7. Jatin Goswami, Sonal Mansingh and Kalyanasundaram are the recipients of which award/fellowship?

- A) Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship ☒
- B) Grammy Awards
- C) Sahitya Akademi
- D) Padma Shri



- ✓ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu conferred the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Sangeet Natak Awards for the year 2018 on distinguished artists.
- ✓ The Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship was given to four artistes: Tabla maestro Zakir Hussain, Dancer and choreographer Jatin Goswami, Dancer Sonal Mansingh and Dance teacher Thiruvaidamarudur Kupiah Kalyanasundaram. 40 others were honoured with Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards and the Lalit Kala Akademi Awards were also presented.

8. Dipika Pallikal, who won the mixed doubles and women's doubles title recently, plays which game?

- A) Table Tennis
- B) Squash ☒
- C) Badminton
- D) Tennis



- ✓ Dipika Pallikal teamed up with Saurav Ghosal, in her first competitive event since October 2018 and clinched the mixed doubles title with win over England's Adrian Waller and Alison Waters. Dipika and Joshna Chinappa won in the women's doubles final, against England's Sarah Jane Perry and Waters.

- ✓ Dipika achieved this feat less than six months after giving birth to twins.

9. Which state is the host of the Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in 2022?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C) Gujarat
- D) Assam



- ✓ The 20th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held in Pakke tiger reserve in Arunachal Pradesh under the chairmanship of Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav.
- ✓ For the first time in history the NTCA meeting was held outside the national capital.

10. Which is the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals?

- A) South Africa
- B) Ecuador ☒
- C) Chile
- D) Australia



- ✓ Ecuador, located in South America, has made history by becoming the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals.
- ✓ The ruling by the top court in the country is believed to be the first time a court has applied the rights of nature to an animal, a woolly monkey named Estrellita.

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.

1. Who topped the 'Forbes' 36th annual World's Billionaires List' of 2022?

- A) Jeff Bezos
- B) Elon Musk ☒
- C) Warren Buffett
- D) Bill Gates



- ✓ The 'Forbes' 36th annual World's Billionaires List' of 2022 was released recently. It listed 2,668 billionaires of the world, including 236 newcomers, which fell from last year's 493.
- ✓ Elon Musk tops the World's Billionaires ranking for the first time ever, with an estimated net worth of USD 219 billion. Jeff Bezos and Bernard Arnault followed Musk.

2. Amar Mitra, who was awarded with this year's O. Henry prize, is an author of which language?

- A) Hindi
- B) Urdu
- C) Bengali ☒
- D) Marathi



- ✓ Bengali author Amar Mitra was awarded with this year's prestigious O. Henry prize for his short story titled 'Gaonburo'. It is Bengali short fiction written by the author in 1977.
- ✓ The Adivasi culture of the state and their struggle is the background to Mitra's award-winning story. The Writer was awarded the Sahitya Academy award in 2006.

3. India signed a new 'Space Situational Awareness Arrangement' with which country?

- A) Australia
- B) USA ☒
- C) France
- D) Japan



- ✓ India and the USA finalized signing of a new Space Situational Awareness arrangement, during the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue being held at Washington.
- ✓ The United States and India finalized major bilateral initiatives on information-sharing, liaison exchanges, and joint service engagements to support high-end, combined operations.

4. Which country is the host of the 2026 Commonwealth Games?

- A) France
- B) Australia ☒
- C) China
- D) Russia



- ✓ Australia's Victoria state will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games, the multi-sport gathering for mostly former British colonies. The four of the last five editions were held in Australia or Britain. The English city of Birmingham will host the 2022 edition from July 28.

5. Which is the first state to develop Migration tracking system (MTS) application?

- A) Bihar
- B) Gujarat
- C) Maharashtra ☒
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Maharashtra government has developed a website-based migration tracking system (MTS) application to map the movement of vulnerable seasonal migrant workers.
- ✓ The state women and child development department launched it as a pilot project in November last year in six districts with high tribal population.

6. 'Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme' is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Commerce ☒
- C) Ministry of External Affairs
- D) Ministry of Finance



- ✓ The Commerce Ministry has relaxed various procedures under the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme. Under the scheme, imports of capital goods are allowed duty free, subject to an export obligation. The relaxations were announced in order to reduce compliance requirements and facilitate ease of doing business.

7. 'Poison Pill', which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A) Pharmaceutical Industry
- B) Food Safety
- C) Acquisition of Company ☒
- D) Virology



- ✓ In the field of finance related to merger and acquisition, limited-duration shareholder rights plan is also known as a "Poison pill". Recently, in response to Elon Musk's take-over bid, Twitter has adopted "poison pill", which allows existing shareholders to purchase freshly issued shares in a company at a discount to the trading price. This will in turn make buyout plan extremely expensive and complicated.

8. Which state has announced to celebrate the birth anniversary of Siddalinga Swami as 'Integration Day'?

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



- ✓ Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that the birth anniversary of Siddalinga Swami will be celebrated as 'Integration Day'. Siddalinga Swami of Tontadarya Mutt in Gadag was a thinker and philosopher.

9. Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) functions under which organisation?

- A) ISRO
- B) DRDO
- C) Indian Railways ☒
- D) Indian Air Force



- ✓ Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) is a research organisation, functioning under Indian Railways. Indian Railways has announced that the operation of diesel locomotives with B-5 bio-diesel have been tested by Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO).
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10. Which organisation procures 'Raw rice' from Indian states?

- A) NABARD
- B) FCI ☒
- C) ICAR
- D) IARI



- ✓ The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has an agreement signed with every State for the procurement of raw rice. Recently, the Telangana government has been the Centre procure paddy from the State at the minimum support price (MSP) to aid farmers as well as parboiled rice.
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1. Which country has been hit by Tropical Storm Megi?

- A) Japan
B) Philippines ☒
C) Indonesia
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ Philippines has been recently hit by Tropical Storm Megi and the death toll from landslides and floods after the storm rose to 58. Over 1,00,000 people in southern and eastern Philippines islands have been affected by the storm. Villages around Baybay city in the central Leyte province are worse hit by the storm.

2. Which is the venue of the 'National Conference on Cooperation Policy'?

- A) Varanasi
B) Gandhi Nagar
C) New Delhi ☒
D) Pune



- ✓ The 'National Conference on Cooperation Policy' was recently organised in New Delhi. Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah addressed the conference.
✓ He has stressed the need for a new cooperative policy in the country. He also announced that the Centre will come up with the new policy which will address the issue of Primary Agricultural Credit Society to Apex Cooperative Federation.

3. Which Indian city has been recognised as one of the 'Tree Cities of the World' in 2022?

- A) Chennai
B) Hyderabad ☒
C) Madurai
D) Thiruvananthapuram



- ✓ For the second consecutive year, Hyderabad has been recognised as one of the 'Tree Cities of the World'. It is a tag presented by Arbor Day Foundation and Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations.
✓ Over 3.50 Crore trees have been planted over the last two years, according to the certification of recognition given to the city.

4. Indian Army marks Siachen Day on April 13 every year, to commemorate which operation?

- A) Operation Vijay
B) Operation Meghdoot ☒
C) Operation Blue Nile
D) Operation Kargil



- ✓ Indian Army marks Siachen Day on April 13 every year, to commemorate the courage of the Indian Army under "Operation Meghdoot". In 1984, the Indian army gained control over the dominating heights on the main passes of the Saltoro ridge, Sia La and Bilafond La.

5. 'Zero-Covid policy', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ Amid growing global criticism over its zero-Covid policy, China defended its strict coronavirus measures that have resulted in hardship in several Chinese cities. The global financial hub Shanghai is claimed to be worse hit by the strict measures.

6. Samia Suluhu Hassan, who was seen in the news recently, is the first female President of which country?

- A) South Africa
B) Tanzania ☒
C) Libya
D) Egypt



- ✓ Samia Suluhu Hassan is the first female President of Tanzania. It is the largest country in East-African region and known for the Kilimanjaro National Park. Recently, the President of the Country met Kamala Harris, the first woman and first woman of color to be Vice President of the United States. This meeting is expected to pull more investors towards Tanzania.

7. As per the World Bank, what is the daily expense limit below which a person is classified to be in Extreme Poverty?

- A) \$1.90 ☒
B) \$2.50
C) \$3.20
D) \$5.00



- ✓ As per the World Bank, Extreme poverty is measured in terms of the number of people living on less than USD 1.90 a day (around Rs 145).
✓ The World Bank recently released a working paper, titled 'Poverty in India Has Declined over the Last Decade but Not as Much as Previously Thought'. Extreme poverty in India dropped to 10.2% in the pre-Covid year of 2019 from 22.5% in 2011.

8. Which Union Ministry organises 'Block Level Health Melas' at more than 1 lakh Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres?

- A) Ministry of Women and Child Development
B) Ministry of Health ☒
C) Ministry of Home Affairs
D) Ministry of Education



- ✓ The Union Health Ministry is organising Block Level Health Melas at more than one lakh Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres across the country.
✓ This is being organised in collaboration with all states, UTs and related ministries such as Women and Child Development, Information and Broadcasting, Panchayati Raj, AYUSH and Education.

- ✓ The Melas are part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to create awareness about Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres and telemedicine and tele-consultations.

9. Which country is the host of International Water Week-Water Convention 2022?

- A) India
- B) Singapore ☒
- C) Nepal
- D) Bangladesh



- ✓ Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) of India participated virtually in Singapore International Water Week, Water Convention 2022 and gave a presentation on 'Status of Wastewater Generation, Treatment and Management in India'.

10. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, who was seen in the news, is the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Mauritius ☒
- C) Maldives
- D) Malaysia



- ✓ Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, accompanied by a high-level delegation arrived in India at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ Jugnauth is set to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony of the WHO-Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar and Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit in Gandhinagar.

1. East Timor, which was seen in the news, was recognised by the UN in which year?

- A) 1982
B) 1992
C) 2002 ☒
D) 2012

2002

- ✓ East Timor, also known as Timor Leste, which has recently held its presidential election, was officially recognised by the United Nations in the year 2002.

2. Al-Aqsa Mosque, sometimes seen in the news, is located in which city?

- A) Rome
B) Jerusalem ☒
C) Riyadh
D) Muscat



- ✓ In a recent violence occurred during the Jewish festival of Passover which coincided with the Muslims observing Ramzan, over 17 Palestinians wounded. The incident occurred at Jerusalem's al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

3. Who is the new Chief of Army Staff (COAS) of India?

- A) Lt Gen Bipin Rawat
B) Lt Gen M M Naravane
C) Lt Gen Manoj Pande ☒
D) Lt Gen Bikram Singh



- ✓ Lieutenant General Manoj Pande appointed the new Chief of Army Staff and he will succeed General M M Naravane.
✓ The Vice Chief of Army Staff, Lt General Pande is the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to become the COAS. He has commanded the Operation Parakram in the Pellanwala Sector of Jammu and Kashmir, along the Line of Control.

4. 'Mugger', which was seen in the news, is the name of which species?

- A) Snake
B) Crocodile ☒
C) Turtle
D) Gecko



- ✓ Muggers or marsh crocodiles (*Crocodylus palustris*) are freshwater crocodiles. They are found all over south Asia and South-eastern Iran. In India, they are found more in middle Ganges Basin and Chambal Basins.
✓ Recently, over 350 mugger crocodiles in Rajasthan's Jawai dam, are struggling to survive due to extreme and early heat in the months of March and April. The Indian Railways has been delivering water to Western Rajasthan as several water bodies dried up. Jawai River is a tributary of Luni River.

5. Where is the 'WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM)' located in India?

- A) Mumbai
B) Varanasi
C) Jamnagar ☒
D) Kochi



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of 'WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM)' in Jamnagar, Gujarat. The event was attended by Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Jugnauth, Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO.

6. When is the 'World Art Day' observed every year?

- A) April 15 ☒
B) April 16
C) April 17
D) April 18



- ✓ Each year, on 15 April, World Art Day is being celebrated across the world by the International Association of Art (IAA), a UNESCO partner. The celebration to promote the development, diffusion and enjoyment of art, was proclaimed at the 40th session of UNESCO's General Conference in 2019.

7. When is the 'World Chagas Day' observed every year?

- A) April 14 ☒
B) April 20
C) April 24
D) April 28



- ✓ April 14 is observed as World Chagas Day every year, to raise awareness about a life-threatening disease also called American trypanosomiasis. The disease is caused by a parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi*. World Chagas Disease Day was first observed on April 14, 2020.

8. 'Kripan Shakti' Integrated Fire Power exercise was held in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand
B) Maharashtra
C) West Bengal ☒
D) Kerala



- ✓ The Trishakti Corps conducted Exercises Kripan Shakti, an Integrated Fire Power exercise at Teesta Field Firing Ranges (TFFR) near Siliguri in West Bengal. The exercise was aimed at combining the capabilities of the Indian Army and the Central Armed Police Forces to fight an integrated battle.

9. Which institution has announced that USD 2.2 million in climate action grants for local innovators?

- A) UNDP ☒
B) UNEP
C) IMF
D) World Bank



- ✓ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and partners of the Adaptation Innovation Marketplace (AIM) have announced USD 2.2 million in climate action grants for 22 local innovators across 19 countries, including India.
- ✓ The funding will enhance local climate action and accelerate the delivery of targets of the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals.

10. Which Indian chess player won the '2022 Reykjavik Open Tournament'?

- A) Bharath Subramaniam
- B) Mitrabha Guha
- C) Praggnanandhaa R ☒
- D) Raja Rithvik



- ✓ Indian Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa R recently won the '2022 Kvika Reykjavik Open Tournament' in Iceland. The 16-year-old Indian grandmaster won a crucial game against his compatriot GM Gukesh D. (15) in the final round.
- ✓ Praggnanandhaa is the fifth-youngest person in the world to achieve the title of Grandmaster in 2018.

1. What is the food-grain production target announced for crop year 2022-23?

- A) 278 million tonnes
- B) 328 million tonnes ☒
- C) 378 million tonnes
- D) 428 million tonnes



- ✓ The 'National Conference on Agriculture: Kharif Campaign 2022' was inaugurated by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. During the event, the government announced a food-grain production target of 328 million tonnes for 2022-23.
- ✓ Kharif food-grain production target has been fixed at 163.15 million tonnes, while Rabi food-grain production target has been kept at 164.85 million tonnes. Total food grain production has increased by 25% in the last 6 years from 251.54 to 316.01 million tonnes.

2. 'National Apprenticeship Mela' has been organised under which mission?

- A) PM Rozgar Yojana
- B) Skill India ☒
- C) Make in India
- D) Start up India



- ✓ Skill India, in association with the Directorate General of Training (DGT), is organising a day-long 'Apprenticeship Mela' across the country in more than over 700 locations. The initiative aims to support hiring of more than one lakh apprentices.

3. Which Indian Armed Force organises the National Level Pollution Response Exercise - NATPOLREX?

- A) Indian Army
- B) Indian Navy
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) Indian Coast Guard ☒



- ✓ The National Level Pollution Response Exercise NATPOLREX is being conducted by the Indian Coast Guard of Mormugao harbour in Goa.
- ✓ Union Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar inaugurated the 'NATPOLREX', the two-day marine spill preparedness exercise.

4. Which Union Ministry hosted the 'National Metallurgist Award 2021' event?

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- B) Ministry of Steel ☒
- C) Ministry of MSME
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry



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- ✓ The Union Ministry for Steel hosted "National Metallurgist Award 2021" event at New Delhi. The program was chaired by the Union Minister of Steel, Ram Chandra Prasad Singh. The program aims to recognise the outstanding contribution of metallurgists and engineers working in the field of Iron and Steel.

5. Who is the first Indian cricketer to hit 10,000 runs in T20 cricket for men?

- A) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- B) Virat Kohli
- C) Rohit Sharma ☒
- D) Ravindra Jadeja



- ✓ Team India and Mumbai Indians Captain Rohit Sharma has become the second Indian batter to complete 10,000 runs in T20 cricket for men.
- ✓ Virat Kohli became the first Indian batter to score 10,000 T20 runs last year while West Indies legend Chris Gayle was the first cricketer in the world to reach the five-figure mark in T20 cricket. Rohit Sharma achieved this historic milestone during the match against Punjab Kings.

6. Which city is the host of the 'Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit 2022'?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Kochi
- C) Gandhinagar ☒
- D) Shimla



- ✓ 'Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit 2022' was organised by the AYUSH Ministry to seek investments into the sector and to develop India as the hub for traditional medicine practices. It is organised in the city of Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

7. India's 1st pure green hydrogen plant has been commissioned in which state?

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



- ✓ The Oil India Limited (OIL) commissioned India's first 99.999 percent pure green hydrogen plant in the state of Assam.
- ✓ OIL, the second largest national production and exploration firm commissioned the green hydrogen plant at its Jorhat Pump Station. The plant has an installed capacity of producing 10 kg of hydrogen each day. It is also India's first plant to use AEM (anion exchange membrane).

8. *Ariosoma indicum*, which was seen in the news, belongs to which species?

- A) Turtle
- B) Frog
- C) Eel ☒
- D) Gecko



- ✓ A group of Indian scientists have discovered a new species of eel named 'Ariosoma indicum' from specimens collected from fishing harbours in Kerala and West Bengal. The newly discovered eel belongs to the Congrid eels' group. The term Indicum means that it was found in India.

9. The 'e-Sanjeevani' facility is set to be launched at which institutions, to ensure coverage in remote areas?

- A) Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres ☒
- B) Urban Primary Health Centres
- C) District Hospitals
- D) AIIMS Hospitals



- ✓ To cover maximum number of people from the remote areas, the Government has planned to launch the tele-consultation facility 'e-Sanjeevani' at 1 lakh Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs).
- ✓ The Health Ministry announced that on the occasion of the 4th anniversary of Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres, 'e-Sanjeevani Tele-consultation' facility will be launched at 1 lakh centres.

10. Chennakeshava temple, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Karnataka ☒
- D) Odisha



- ✓ The Chennakeshava temple in Belur continued with its tradition of starting the chariot festival after reciting passages from the Quran by a Maulvi.
- ✓ The Karnataka Endowment department allowed the temple authorities to go ahead with the practice.

1. Which department released 'National Time Release Studies (TRS)', as recommended by WTO?

- A) DPIIT
- B) CBIC ☒
- C) CBDT
- D) GDFT



- ✓ Vivek Johri, Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), presented a set of Time Release Studies (TRS) conducted by the department.
- ✓ TRS is a performance measurement tool for assessing the cargo clearance process of the international trade, as recommended by the World Trade Organization (WTO) under the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) and the World Customs Organization (WCO).

2. Which country has successfully tested a new laser missile-defence system 'Iron Beam'?

- A) Russia
- B) North Korea
- C) Israel ☒
- D) France



- ✓ Israel has successfully tested a new laser missile-defence system 'Iron Beam' which can intercept several aerial objects starting from missiles, rockets, anti-tank missiles and even drones.

3. Which Indian state is the host of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023?

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



- ✓ Odisha is the host of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. The quadrennial tournament is scheduled from January 13 to 29 at Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. The state's Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik recently unveiled official logo of FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. The country's largest hockey stadium is being constructed in Rourkela.

4. Which Indian private sector bank launched its new enterprise portal- 'FYN'?

- A) YES Bank
- B) Federal Bank
- C) Kotak Mahindra Bank ☒
- D) Axis Bank



- ✓ 'Kotak Mahindra Bank recently announced the launch of Kotak FYN, its new enterprise portal exclusive for business banking and corporate clients. The Bank's Customers can use the portal to carry out all trade and services transactions.

5. Which Indian economist has been selected for the 2022 Malcom Adiseshiah Award?

- A) Jayati Ghosh
- B) Prabhat Patnaik ☒
- C) Abhijeet Banarjee
- D) Jean Dreze



- ✓ Veteran economist Prabhat Patnaik has been selected for the 2022 Malcom Adiseshiah Award. The award is annually given by the Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust to an exemplary social scientist. He has also served as the Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Planning Board.

6. What is the theme of the 'Sabka Vikas Maha quiz' conducted by MyGov?

- A) Aatmanirbhar Bharat ☒
- B) Know Government Schemes
- C) Sensitising Citizens
- D) MyGov Your Gov



- ✓ MyGov under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is organising the Sabka Vikas Mahaquiz Series.
- ✓ The country's biggest ever Quiz Contest, which aims to build awareness amongst citizens about Government's various developmental and welfare schemes and good governance, was recently launched with the inaugural quiz on PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana. It was launched with the objective of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

7. Which organisation manufactured 'Dornier 228 aircraft', the first Made-in-India' commercial plane of Alliance Air?

- A) DRDO
- B) HAL ☒
- C) BEL
- D) BHEL



- ✓ Alliance Air's made-in-India Dornier 228 aircraft has taken its first commercial flight on Dibrugarh-Pasighat route. The Dornier 228 is based on Do-228 being operated by the Indian Air Force and manufactured by HAL in India.

8. What is the theme of the 'Earth Day 2022'?

- A) Covid and Planet
- B) Invest on our Planet ☒
- C) Sustainable Living
- D) No to Pollution



- ✓ The Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22, to sensitise people to protect the environment, restore damaged ecosystems and live a more sustainable life.
- ✓ Earth Day has been celebrated since 1970. It was first observed in the United States. In 2009, the United Nations designated April 22 as 'International Mother Earth Day'. This year, the theme is 'Invest in Our Planet'.

9. Which institution has released a draft battery swapping policy for Electric Vehicles?

- A) Ministry of Power
- B) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C) NITI Aayog ☒
- D) Bureau of Energy Efficiency



- ✓ Government thinktank NITI Aayog has prepared a draft battery swapping policy, to support the adoption of battery-swapping, mainly in electric scooters and 3-wheeler electric rickshaw.
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10. 'Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration' are conferred on which units/personalities?

- A) Chief Ministers
- B) Districts / Implementing units and Central / State related Organisations ☒
- C) Chief Ministers/ Governors
- D) Non-Resident Indians in Leadership Roles

- ✓ On the occasion of Civil Services Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration.
- ✓ They were instituted to recognize the extraordinary work done by Districts / implementing units and Central / State organisations for the welfare of common citizens. A total of 16 awards were given this year.
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