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20.	உலக மர நகரம் (World Tree City)

1. Which Indian city has been ranked second-most noise polluted city globally, as per the UNEP 'Annual Frontier Report, 2022'?

- A) Mumbai
B) Moradabad ☒
C) Kanpur
D) Patna



- ✓ According to the recent 'Annual Frontier Report, 2022' published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad is the second-most noise polluted city globally.
- ✓ The area recorded noise pollution of 114 decibels at its highest (dB) in 2021, against the WHO standard of 55 dB. Dhaka tops the list of 61 cities around the world, which includes five Indian cities.

2. As per recent Government data, which state has the highest number of ODF plus villages in the country, as of 2022?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Telangana ☒
C) Gujarat
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ The country has over 50,000 ODF plus villages, the government recently announced. An ODF plus village is one that sustains its open-defecation-free status, ensures solid and liquid waste management and is visually clean. The top-performing states include Telangana with 13,960 ODF Plus villages; Tamil Nadu with 11,477; Madhya Pradesh with 3,849.

3. India's First-ever live sighting of rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*) have been reported in which state/UT?

- A) Kerala
B) Lakshadweep ☒
C) Goa
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ A Marine Mammals Research team of the Department of Environment and Forest in Lakshadweep has reported the first-ever live sighting of rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*) in Indian waters.

4. 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2022' was inaugurated in which Indian state/UT?

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



- ✓ Under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2022 was inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh by the Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan. Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav is the flagship festival of the Ministry of Culture which aims to preserve, promote, and popularise the rich cultural heritage of India. The first Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav was organised in 2015.

5. Which movie won the Oscar Award 2022 for Best Picture?

- A) King Richard
B) The Power of Dog
C) CODA ☒
D) West Side Story



- ✓ In the 94th Academy Awards, Sian Heder's 'CODA' created history by becoming the first movie from a major streaming service to win an Oscar for best picture.
- ✓ Will Smith was declared the best actor for 'King Richard,' and Jessica Chastain won the best actress award. Ariana DeBose created history

by becoming the first queer woman of colour to bag the award for the film 'West Side Story'.

6. India has achieved which milestone in Exports, in the Financial Year 2021-2022?

- A) \$200 billion
B) \$300 billion
C) \$400 billion ☒
D) \$500 billion

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- ✓ India has recently achieved its target of reaching USD 400 billion in exports, in a financial year for first time.
- ✓ This success is achieved nine days ahead of schedule. India's goods exports in FY21 were USD 298.1 billion.

7. Pushkar Singh Dhami sworn in as the Chief Minister of which Indian state/UT?

- A) Manipur
B) Goa
C) Uttarakhand ☒
D) Punjab



- ✓ BJP leader Pushkar Singh Dhami took oath as the chief minister of Uttarakhand for his second consecutive term. Along with him, eight cabinet ministers were also administered the oath. Dhami became the 12th chief minister of the hill state-Uttarakhand.

8. When is the 'International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims' observed?

- A) March.22
B) March.24 ☒
C) March.26
D) March.28



- ✓ On 24 March, the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed. The Day was proclaimed in 2010 by the United Nations General Assembly.

9. Who is the first para-athlete to receive the Padma Bhushan in India?

- A) Devendra Jhajharia ☒
B) Mariappan Thangavelu
C) Avani Lekhara
D) Bhavina Patel



- ✓ Devendra Jhajharia became the first para-athlete to receive the Padma Bhushan in India. Padma Bhushan is the country's third-highest civilian award.
- ✓ Devendra Jhajharia has won many Paralympic medals, including his first gold at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, second gold at the 2016 Rio Games, and a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Avani Lekhara, a para-shooter, was awarded Padma Shri award.

10. What is the target set by India for establishing new Airports, by 2025?

- A) 110
B) 220 ☒
C) 330
D) 440



- ✓ The Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced that the Central Government has planned to set up as many as 220 new airports by 2025.

1. Which Indian company has been named as an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022?

- A) TATA
- B) Paytm
- C) BYJU'S ☒
- D) Zomato



- ✓ Indian Ed-tech company BYJU'S has been named as an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. The 2022 FIFA World Cup is scheduled to take place in Qatar from 21 November to 18 December, 2022.

2. 'Suraksha Kavach 2' is a Joint Security Exercise organised by Indian Army and which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Telangana
- C) Gujarat
- D) Maharashtra ☒



- ✓ Suraksha Kavach 2, a Joint Security Exercise was organised between Indian Army and Maharashtra Police at Lullanagar, Pune. The aim of the exercise was to harmonize the procedures undertaken by Army and Police to counter any likely terrorist actions in Pune.

3. Serdar Berdimukhamedov has won the Presidential Election of which country?

- A) Turkmenistan ☒
- B) Iran
- C) Pakistan
- D) Afghanistan



- ✓ 40-year-old Serdar Berdimukhamedov has won the Presidential Election of Turkmenistan. He is the son of the country's leader. Berdimukhamedov secured 72.97% of votes in the recently held election and succeeded his father Gurbanguly, as per the Central Election Commission.

4. As per the Final Estimates of 2020-21 of Area and Production of Horticultural Crops, what was the total production in 2020-21?

- A) 134.60 million Tonne
- B) 234.60 million Tonne
- C) 334.60 million Tonne ☒
- D) 434.60 million Tonne



- ✓ The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare released the Final Estimates of 2020-21 and First Advance Estimates of 2021-22 of Area and Production of various Horticultural Crops. Total Horticulture production in 2020-21 is estimated to a record 334.60 million Tonne, an increase of about 4.4% over that achieved in 2019-20.
- ✓ Production of Fruits and Vegetables is estimated to be 102.48 million Tonne and 200.45 million Tonne respectively. Total Horticulture production in 2021-22 is estimated to be 333.3 million Tonne, (decrease of 0.4%) over 2020-21.

5. Which country recently approved a bill to provide USD 52 billion in subsidies for semiconductor chips manufacturing?

- A) Russia
- B) USA ☒
- C) UK
- D) Germany



- ✓ The US Senate approved a bill to provide USD 52 billion in subsidies for semiconductor chips manufacturing. The legislation was sent to the House of Representatives, to launch a formal process known as a "conference".

6. 'Jingkieng Jri: Living Root Bridges', which were seen in the news recently, are situated in which state?

- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Meghalaya ☒
- D) Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ "Jingkieng Jri: Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscapes of Meghalaya" has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site tentative list.
- ✓ The Living Root bridges are home to several critically endangered species of flora and fauna. They were built by the indigenous people of Meghalaya, using the living roots of Ficus trees planted on both sides of a river.

7. 'Indian Agriculture towards 2030' book was launched by NITI Aayog along with which institution?

- A) UNEP
- B) FAO ☒
- C) NABARD
- D) ICAR



- ✓ Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar released a book titled Indian Agriculture towards 2030: Pathways for Enhancing Farmers' Income, Nutritional Security and Sustainable Food and Farm Systems.
- ✓ The book captures the outcomes of the dialogue by NITI Aayog and the Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare; and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, and facilitated by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN.

8. Rushikulya beach, which is known for mass nesting of endangered Olive Ridley turtles, is located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Odisha ☒
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Recently, a record 1,14,305 Olive Ridley turtles arrived at the Rushikulya river mouth for their annual mass nesting. The Rushikulya beach is located in Odisha's Ganjam district.

9. Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government e-Market (GeM) portal?

- A) Nandan Nilekani
- B) P K Singh ☒
- C) Amitabh Kant
- D) Ramesh Chand



- ✓ The Government e-Market (GeM) portal was launched in 2016, for online purchases of goods and services by all the central government ministries and departments. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of GeM announced that the portal has crossed Rs 1 lakh crore during this fiscal year. GeM is among the top five e-public procurement systems globally. The top four states that are buying from the portal are Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh.

10. Solomon Islands, which has drafted a security deal with China, is located in which Ocean/Sea?

- A) Atlantic Ocean
- B) Pacific Ocean ☒
- C) Indian Ocean
- D) Arabian Sea



- ✓ Solomon Islands, a country of hundreds of islands in the South-Pacific, has confirmed that it is drafting a security deal with China.
 - ✓ As per media reports, a Chinese military base could potentially be set up on the island to Australia's north. This step has triggered concern in neighbouring Australia and other Western allies in the Indo-Pacific.
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1. 'Tulip Festival' is an annual festival conducted in which Indian city?

- A) Shimla
- B) Srinagar ☒
- C) Chandigarh
- D) Guwahati



- ✓ Asia's largest tulip garden, with over one million tulips, has been opened to the public in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar. The Tulip Garden has been cultivated over months for the upcoming Tulip Festival.
- ✓ The Tulip Festival in Srinagar annually attracts tourists from all over the world at the beginning of spring.

2. Sanjhi Art, which was seen in the news recently, is practised in which state?

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



- ✓ Lok Sabha Member and Actor Hema Malini asked the government if it has any plan to encourage artists from Mathura-Vrindavan involved in Sanjhi art. Sanjhi art is a unique craft form that features exquisite designs and picture motifs, cut into paper.
- ✓ Originated in Mathura in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, Sanjhi painting is also practised in Vrindavan.

3. When is the 'International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery' observed?

- A) March.23
- B) March.25 ☒
- C) March.27
- D) March.29



- ✓ The 'International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery' is observed every year on March 25. The theme of the day in 2022 is "Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism".

4. PACER Initiative, which was seen in the news recently, is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Earth Science ☒
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Defence
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ The Polar Science and Cryosphere Research (PACER) scheme is implemented through National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ✓ It comprises of the Antarctic program, Indian Arctic program, Southern Ocean program and Cryosphere and Climate program. The scheme is organising 41st Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica. PACER scheme has recently been approved for continuation during 2021-2026.

5. Which Indian state/UT topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Gujarat ☒
- D) Telangana



- ✓ NITI Aayog, in partnership with the Institute of Competitiveness, released the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021. As per the report, most of the Coastal States of India are the best performers, and Gujarat was the top-performer.
- ✓ The EPI ranks states and UTs on 4 main pillars namely 'Policy; Business Ecosystem; Export Ecosystem; Export Performance' and 11 sub-pillars.

6. 'Le Corbusier's Edict' which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which Indian city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Chandigarh ☒
- D) Puducherry



- ✓ The Punjab Government made a resolution to install three statues in the Assembly Building of Capitol Complex, Chandigarh. It was opposed by Heritage Experts of the city. The 'Edict of Chandigarh' is a rule book prescribed by Le Corbusier, the planner of Chandigarh. Other than statues, the Edict also specifies a complete ban on noise and commercial structures at the Sukhna Lake.

7. Sariska Tiger Reserve, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

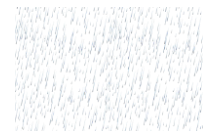
- A) Bihar
- B) Rajasthan ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Kerala



- ✓ A massive fire has recently broken out in the Sariska Tiger Reserve, located in Alwar district, in the state of Rajasthan. Air Force helicopters equipped with water sprays are battling the fire, as the 8-10 sq km area in the Akbarpur range has been affected. Sariska Tiger Reserve has a total of 27 tigers.

8. 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' campaign was first launched in which year?

- A) 2015
- B) 2017
- C) 2021 ☒
- D) 2022



- ✓ The President of India Ram Nath Kovind, presented the third National Water Awards and launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign 2022 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Government of India in 2019 launched the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan' and in the same year 'Jal Jeevan Mission' was also launched. On 22nd March in 2021, on 'World Water Day', the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' campaign was launched, to urge citizens to conserve water.

9. The 'Great Wall of India' and the second-longest wall of the world is located in which state/UT?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Rajasthan ☒
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ 'Kumbhalgarh' also known as the Great Wall of India is a fort on the range of Aravalli Hills near Udaipur of Rajasthan state. It is the second-longest wall of the world after the Great Wall of China.
- ✓ The formation of Rajasthan on March 30 is celebrated as 'Rajasthan Diwas'. On 30 March 1949, the princely states of Jodhpur, Jaipur,

Jaisalmer and Bikaner merged to form the 'Greater Rajasthan Union'.
2022 marks 73 years of Rajasthan Diwas.

10. What is the name of the portal, in which central sector and centrally sponsored schemes are on-boarded to ensure Direct Benefit Transfer?

- A) DBT Bharat Portal ☒
- B) Atmanirbhar DBT Portal
- C) Pradhan Mantri DBT Portal
- D) Amrit Kaal DBT Portal



- ✓ As many as 313 central sector and centrally sponsored schemes from 53 ministries have been onboarded on the DBT Bharat Portal. The Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) programme was launched to bring transparency through the transfer of subsidies to the beneficiaries through their bank accounts.
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1. 'Bali Declaration' which was unveiled recently, aims to prevent illegal trade of which product?

- A) Gold
- B) Mercury ☒
- C) Wildlife
- D) Human Organs



- ✓ The Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-4) was held recently at Bali, Indonesia.
- ✓ It had been decided that 10 types of products contain mercury that can be phased out, while the use of four types of products with mercury should be reviewed at COP-5 in Geneva, Switzerland. 'Bali Declaration' was unveiled to prevent illegal mercury trade.

2. Jens Stoltenberg is the Secretary-General of which organisation?

- A) EU
- B) NATO ☒
- C) G20
- D) G7



- ✓ North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) extended the term of Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg by a year until September 30, 2023.
- ✓ At the NATO summit in Brussels, the US President Joe Biden and other NATO leaders agreed to extend Stoltenberg's term. He was a former Norwegian prime minister and was named NATO Secretary-General in 2014. His term was due to expire in September 2021.

3. Airports Authority of India (AAI), partnered with which institution to develop indigenous Air Traffic Management Systems?

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



- ✓ Airports Authority of India (AAI), under its R & D initiative, has entered into an agreement with Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to jointly develop indigenous Air Traffic Management Systems. The Agreement was signed during 'Wings India 2022' in Hyderabad.

4. 'Prasthan' is an offshore security exercise, conducted by which Indian Armed Force?

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



- ✓ 'Prasthan' is an offshore security exercise, conducted by the Indian Navy every six months. It includes participation from the Indian Air Force, Coast Guard, ONGC, Mumbai Port Trust, Customs, state fisheries department, Marine Police among others.
- ✓ This exercise aims to ensure offshore security and to integrate efforts of all maritime stakeholders involved in offshore defence.

5. Which Mutual fund House has filed for launching India's first Defence Fund?

- A) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- B) HDFC Mutual Fund ☒



C) SBI Mutual Fund

D) Canara Robeco Mutual Fund

- ✓ HDFC Mutual Fund filed a scheme information document (SID) with SEBI for India's first Defence Fund – HDFC Defence Fund.
- ✓ It is an open-ended equity scheme, which will invest in defence & allied sector companies.

6. Which Indian state was ranked third in terms of per capita income in the fiscal year 2021-22?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Chandigarh
- D) Puducherry



- ✓ According to the Economic Survey of Delhi 2021-22, Delhi ranked third in terms of per capita income behind Sikkim and Goa. As per the survey, Delhi's per capita income grew 16.81 per cent year-on-year to Rs 4,01,982 in fiscal 2021-22. The per capita income of Delhi was three times higher than the national average in 2021-22.

7. 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP) is supported by which global institution?

- A) International Monetary Fund
- B) World Bank ☒
- C) UNICEF
- D) World Economic Forum



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved USD 808 million (₹6,062.45 crore) for a new scheme 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP). The new scheme assisted by the World Bank is expected to commence in the financial year of 2022-23.
- ✓ It aims to improve access to market and credit of the MSMEs. It focuses on strengthening institutions and governance of the MSME programme, and support to market access and access to finance.

8. Which section of Railways has completed 100 per cent electrification across the zone?

- A) Konkan Railway ☒
- B) North East Frontier Railway
- C) East Coast Railway
- D) South Central Railway



- ✓ Konkan Railway has recently completed 100 per cent electrification across the zone and it has set new benchmarks for sustainable development.
- ✓ The Konkan Railway has completed the electrification work on its complete 741 km long route between Roha in Maharashtra and Thokur in Karnataka. The cost of this electrification project is Rs 1287 crore.

9. Kaziranga National Park is located along which Indian River?

- A) Ganga
- B) Yamuna
- C) Brahmaputra ☒
- D) Sutlej



- ✓ Kaziranga National Park is a protected area in Assam, spread along the Brahmaputra River. The National Park has successfully completed 14th Rhino Census in 2022. There was increase of 200 one-horned rhinoceros from the 2018 figures.

10. Which bank acquired the Indian consumer banking businesses of Citibank?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) Axis Bank ☒
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Yes Bank



- ✓ Indian private sector lender Axis Bank has acquired the Indian consumer banking businesses of US bank Citigroup. The sale includes businesses of credit cards, retail banking, wealth management and consumer loans for Rs 12,325 crore.
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1. The Lok Sabha passed a bill to merge three municipal corporations of which city into a single entity?

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



- ✓ The Lok Sabha passed the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill seeks to unify the three municipal corporations of Delhi into a single and integrated entity, for better planning and optimal utilisation of resources. Through the bill, the Centre proposed to appoint a 'Special officer' who will discharge the functions of the elected wing of councillors till the meeting of the new corporation is held. The bill is expected to give more autonomy to the unified corporation.

2. Which Indian player won the Swiss Open Super 300 badminton tournament in 2022?

- A) K Srikanth
- B) P V Sindhu ☒
- C) Saina Nehwal
- D) HS Prannoy



- ✓ Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu defeated Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan to win the Swiss Open Super 300 badminton tournament in Basel.
- ✓ P V Sindhu won her second title in Basel in straight games with a score-line of 21-16, 21-8. Sindhu earlier won the Syed Modi India International in January. India's HS Prannoy lost the men's singles final in Basel to Jonathan Chritie.

3. The sixth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) has been extended till which month?

- A) June 2022
- B) May 2022
- C) August 2022
- D) September 2022 ☒



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has decided to extend the PMGKAY till September 2022.
- ✓ Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), 5 kg of food grains (wheat, rice, coarse grain) is provided to each beneficiary each month free of cost. Phase-V of the scheme was to end in March 2022.

4. 'Decentralised Waste Management Technology Park' has been inaugurated at which state/UT?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Rajasthan



- ✓ The Waste to Wealth Mission of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, has inaugurated Decentralised Waste Management Technology Park in East Delhi. It was inaugurated in collaboration with the East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC), for onsite processing of fresh Municipal solid waste.

5. Who were the recipients of Lifetime Achievement APJ Abdul Kalam Award at the Sansad Ratna Awards 2022?

- A) Dr H V Hande and Veerappa Moily ☒
- B) H D Deve Gowda and Veerappa Moily
- C) Dr H V Hande and S M Krishna
- D) H D Deve Gowda and S M Krishna



- ✓ During the 12th session of the Sansad Ratna Awards Committee, the inaugural Lifetime Achievement APJ Abdul Kalam Award given to 95-year-old veteran MLA of the Tamil Nadu assembly, Dr H V Hande, a former health minister.
- ✓ Former Karnataka chief minister Veerappa Moily, veteran MLA and MP, was also the recipient of this award. Supriya Sule and Amar Patnaik are among 11 MPs who were honoured at the Sansad Ratna Awards 2022, awarded by the Prime Point Foundation.

6. What is the theme of the Earth Hour in 2022?

- A) Shape our Future ☒
- B) Stand for Environment
- C) Save our Children
- D) Decarbonise the Planet



- ✓ Earth Hour was observed from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m on March 26. It is the world's largest movement for the environment where people across the globe unite to take a stand against climate change by turning off non-essential lights for one hour.
- ✓ It commenced as a symbolic light-out event in Sydney in 2007, and then was observed every year on the last Saturday of March in more than 180 countries.

7. Gilbert F Hounbo has been elected as the Director-General of which global organisation?

- A) UNEP
- B) ILO ☒
- C) IMF
- D) WEF



- ✓ The ILO Governing Body has elected Gilbert F. Hounbo as the Organization's 11th Director-General. Hounbo, who is currently President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), will assume office in October 2022. He is also the first African to hold the Director-General post of ILO. The current Director-General, Guy Ryder, from the United Kingdom, has held the office since 2012.

8. Which Airport won the 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022 event?

- A) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
- B) Cochin International Airport ☒
- C) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- D) Kempegowda International Airport



- ✓ The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has bagged the 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022. It is Asia's largest event on civil aviation jointly organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and FICCI.
- ✓ CIAL was selected for the implementation of a project named 'Mission Safeguarding' during the Covid pandemic to ensure safe travel at Kochi Airport.

9. Which country is the winner of 2022 SAFF U-18 Women's Championships?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) India ☒
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Japan



- ✓ Indian Team emerged as the Champions of the 2022 SAFF U-18 Women's Championships, despite losing 0-1 to Bangladesh. The result was declared because of a better goal difference. India enjoyed a better goal difference of +11 in comparison to +3 of Bangladesh.
- ✓ The valuable player of the tournament and the highest goal scorer was Lynda Kom who scored five goals.

10. 'Nalagarh Medical Devices Park' is a project of which Indian state/UT?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C) Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Bihar



- ✓ The Himachal Pradesh Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Mohali as knowledge partner for the upcoming Medical Devices Park at Nalagarh in Solan district.

1. Which institution releases the 'State of World Population Report'?

- A) UNICEF
B) UNFPA ☒
C) IMF
D) World Bank



- ✓ United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) recently released the 'State of World Population: Seeing the Unseen: The case for action in the neglected crisis of unintended pregnancy' Report.
- ✓ As per the report, nearly half of all pregnancies, totalling 121 million each year throughout the world, are unintended. Globally, an estimated 257 million women who want to avoid pregnancy are not using safe and modern methods of contraception.

2. Which institution launched the digital platform 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records' (FASTER)?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
B) Supreme Court of India ☒
C) Election Commission of India
D) Central Bureau of Investigation



- ✓ The Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana launched digital platform 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records' (FASTER).
- ✓ The platform would be used by the court officials to instantly to send e-copies of the orders to intended parties, through a secured electronic communication channel. It covers all types of orders of the court.

3. Which regulator body launched the ideathon named 'Manthan'?

- A) RBI
B) NABARD
C) SEBI ☒
D) IRDAI



- ✓ SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch launched the 'Manthan', a six-week long ideathon, in association with various institutions including BSE, NSE, NSDL, KFinTech, CAMS, LinkInTime and MCX.
- ✓ It will facilitate the creation of a set of ideas and innovative solutions related to the securities market in India.

4. 'The Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya' is located in which state/UT?

- A) New Delhi ☒
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Uttarakhand
D) Gujarat



- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya, a museum dedicated to prime ministers of India, is set to be inaugurated on April 14 to coincide with B R Ambedkar's birth anniversary. Being built on a 10,000-square metre land adjacent to the Nehru Memorial Museum in Delhi, the museum covers the life and times of all 14 Indian prime ministers so far.

5. Which city is the host of the 'Mega International Summit on MSMEs 2022'?

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



- ✓ Ministry of MSME, Government of India and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, organised a 'Mega International Summit on MSMEs' at the India International Centre, New Delhi.
- ✓ The two-day summit was attended by entrepreneurs, academicians, policymakers, industry leaders, industry associations, start-ups, social impact organizations, MSMEs and self-help groups from India and across the world.

6. A new Project to enhance climate resilience of coastal communities, has been initiated across which states?

- A) Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Odisha
B) Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Odisha ☒
C) Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Kerala
D) Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Odisha



- ✓ The Centre has initiated a project across the states of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Odisha to enhance climate resilience of coastal communities. The project has been undertaken at a total cost of USD 130.269 million (around Rs 1,000 crore) which includes a grant of USD 43.419 million.

7. The World Autism Awareness Day is observed on which date?

- A) April 01
B) April 02 ☒
C) April 03
D) April 04



- ✓ World Autism Awareness Day aims to create awareness about the obstacles that people with autism face every day. Each year, World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated on April 2 globally to spread awareness about autism spectrum disorder. This year, the theme of World Autism Awareness Day is 'Inclusion in the Workplace'.

8. When is the National Maritime Day celebrated every year?

- A) April.01
B) April.03
C) April.05 ☒
D) April.07



- ✓ India recently celebrated the 59th National Maritime Day which falls on April 5 every year. This year's theme is 'Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19'. The first anniversary of the day was held in 1964 to raise awareness about international trade and economy.
- ✓ An award ceremony is held to honour those who made important contributions to the Indian maritime industry.

9. Which day is celebrated as World Health Day?

- A) April.01
B) April.03
C) April.05
D) April.07 ☒



- ✓ 7 April is celebrated as the World Health Day to create public awareness regarding health all over the world under the sponsorship of World Health Organization and other related organizations. The theme for this year's World Health Day is "Our Planet, Our Health".

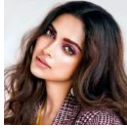
10. Which Indian personality has featured in the 'Time100 - Impact Awards'?

A) Virat Kohli

B) Sivakarthikeyan

C) Deepika Padukone ☒

D) PV Sindhu



- ✓ Indian Actor Deepika Padukone was honoured at the TIME 100 impact awards, for her work on mental health through her organisation 'Live Love Laugh' foundation. This is the second honour by the TIME magazine for the ace actress.
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1. Which is the first Indian city to get a road that is made out of steel waste?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Surat ☒
- C) Jaipur
- D) Chandigarh



- ✓ Surat has become the first in India to get a road that is made out of steel waste. It is seen as an example of sustainable development.
- ✓ The road is built by Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India with CSIR India (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) & CRRRI (Central Road Research Institute) with support from Ministry of Steel and Government think tank NITI Aayog.

2. 'Varnika' Ink Manufacturing Unit of Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) has been inaugurated in which city?

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



- ✓ Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Shaktikanta Das dedicated Varnika, the Ink Manufacturing Unit of Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) to the nation in Mysuru. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

3. 'Balikatan' is a Joint military drills held between the Forces of US and which country?

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



- ✓ The Defence Forces of the United States and Philippines launched their largest joint military drills in the Philippines named 'Balikatan 2022'. The 12-day war games involve nearly 9,000 Filipino and American soldiers.

4. India recently signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) with which country?

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



- ✓ India and Australia signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA). It seeks to provide -duty access to 96 per cent of India's exports to Australia. The exports include engineering goods, gems and jewellery, textiles, apparel and leather.
- ✓ The pact is expected to boost bilateral trade in goods and services to USD 45-50 billion over 5 years and generate over 1 million jobs in India.

5. Which Asian country has declared a nationwide public emergency amidst protests over economic crisis?

- A) Myanmar
- B) Afghanistan
- C) Sri Lanka ☒
- D) Pakistan



- ✓ Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has declared a nationwide public emergency amidst protests over the worst economic crisis in the island nation.
- ✓ The special gazette notification declared a public emergency in Sri Lanka with immediate effect from April 1.

6. 'Sajibu Nongma Panba' is a traditional festival of which Indian state?

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



- ✓ 'Sajibu Nongma Panba' is a traditional festival for the followers of the Sanamahism religion in Manipur, as a Lunar New Year. The day is mostly observed on the first day of the lunar month of Sajibu.
- ✓ Also known as Meetei Cheiraoba or Sajibu Cheiraoba, the festival is celebrated by the Meitei people, one of the largest ethnic communities in Manipur.

7. Which city hosted the 'Global Collaboration Advanced Vaccinology Training' Meeting?

- A) New York
- B) Geneva ☒
- C) Berlin
- D) Paris



- ✓ 'Global Collaboration Advanced Vaccinology Training' meeting was recently held in Geneva. In the meeting, the need for a basic vaccinology training module for healthcare personnel across the world was discussed. India was represented by Dr NK Arora, head of the COVID-19 working group in the National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (NTAGI).

8. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS)?

- A) Urjit Patel
- B) CS Rajan ☒
- C) Raghuram Rajan
- D) Viral Acharya



- ✓ The Union Government has appointed CS Rajan as Chairman and Managing Director of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) for a period of six months. Till March-end, the company has resolved debt amounting to Rs 55,000 crore.
- ✓ Out of which, Rs 21,000 crore has been discharged by way of monetisation of assets and debt repayment. The resolved debt amounts to 90% of the total debt that was expected to be resolved.

9. Which Indian state/UT has announced 'Vinaya Samarasya Yojana'?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Karnataka ☒
- C) Kerala
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ The Karnataka government has announced 'Vinaya Samarasya Yojana', an awareness programme meant to eradicate untouchability in Gram Panchayats across the state. The scheme has been named after a three-year-old Dalit boy Vinay.

10. Which institution launched the 'DSLSA Legal Aid Clinic', to provide free legal assistance to women?

- A) UN Women
- B) National Commission for Women ☒
- C) UNICEF
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) has launched a 'Legal Aid Clinic'. It will act as a single-window facility for resolving grievances of women by offering them free legal assistance.
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1. Which country is the host of 5th BIMSTEC Summit in 2022?

- A) India
- B) Sri Lanka ☒
- C) Myanmar
- D) Bhutan



- ✓ The 5th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit was hosted virtually by Sri Lanka, the current chair. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the conference virtually and announced USD 1 million in aid to promote the budget of the Bimstec secretariat.
- ✓ The theme of the Colombo summit is "Bimstec-Towards a Resilient Region, Prosperous Economies, Healthy Peoples".

2. What is the rank of India in the 'Hurun global U-40 self-made billionaires 2022'?

- A) Second
- B) Third
- C) Fourth ☒
- D) Sixth



- ✓ In the 'Hurun global U-40 self-made billionaires 2022', India is ranked at fourth place. USA leads the list with 37 billionaires, China second with 25 and UK is at third with 8. India had 6 U-40 self-made billionaires.
- ✓ Mark Zuckerberg (37) is the world's no.1 under 40 years with USD 76bn. Tiktok founder Zhang Yiming (39) is the second with USD 54bn.

3. Which Indian billionaire topped the 'Hurun Richest Self-Made Women in the World 2022' in the country?

- A) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- B) Falguni Nayar ☒
- C) Radha Vembu
- D) Mrudula Parekh



- ✓ As per the 'Hurun Richest Self-Made Women in the World 2022', there are 124 self-made women billionaires in the world now, down 6 from last year. Three Indian women – Falguni Nayar of Nykaa, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon and Radha Vembu of Zoho feature in the latest Hurun list of women self-made billionaires.
- ✓ Falguni Nayar overtook long-time India's number one woman billionaire Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw to become the richest self-made woman in India.

4. Which Indian state signed a pact with WWF India to develop State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (SBSAP)?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Assam
- C) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- D) Kerala



- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh signed a pact with WWF India to develop the State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (SBSAP).
- ✓ The SBSAP will be aligned with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and Pakke Declaration.

5. What is the name of the website launched for services related to broadcast in India?

- A) Broadcast Seva Portal ☒
- B) Bharat Broadcast
- C) Atmanirbhar Broadcast



D) e-Broadcast Portal

- ✓ The government has launched a new broadcast services website to ensure faster filing and processing of applications for broadcast licenses, permissions and registrations.
- ✓ The 'Broadcast Seva Portal' will help satellite TV channels, teleport operators, MSOs, community radio stations (CRS) and private FM channels. It is also used for tracking applications, calculating fees and making payments.

6. Viktor Orban has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Ukraine
- B) Hungary ☒
- C) Belarus
- D) Poland



- ✓ Viktor Orban, Hungary's nationalist Prime Minister has been elected again for the successive fourth term. He is also the country's longest-serving leader since the fall of communism in 1989.

7. Which Indian city is to be covered with Artificial Intelligence-based cameras, as part of Road Safety Project?

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



- ✓ About sixty Artificial Intelligence-based cameras are to be installed around the Kozhikode city of Kerala, as a part of the State-level road safety project.
- ✓ This step is to be implemented for the purpose of exposing traffic rule violations and book them with solid digital evidence. The state government will spend ₹225 crore for the project.

8. Assam recently signed a MoU with which state, to resolve differences in the state border?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Meghalaya ☒
- C) Manipur
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ According to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Meghalaya and Assam, 18.33 square kilometer will be with Meghalaya while 18.46 sq km will be with Assam.

9. Which is the venue of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) maiden Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22)?

- A) Visakhapatnam
- B) Goa ☒
- C) Pune
- D) Dehradun



- ✓ The Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) held its maiden Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMEX-22) at Goa and in Arabian Sea. 22 Observers from 15 IONS member navies, including Australia, Bangladesh, France, India, Sri Lanka, UAE and UK among others also participated in the exercise.
- ✓ IMEX - 22 was conducted in two phases at Mormugao Port, Goa and in the Arabian Sea.

10. Shahi Litchi earned the GI tag from which Indian state?

- A) Bihar ☒
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttarakhand



- ✓ The Centre through Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) is facilitating trial shipments into new global markets for Indian niche GI tagged agricultural products.
 - ✓ Bihar's GI tagged Shahi Litchi was exported from Muzaffarpur district of Bihar to London last year. As on date, there are 417 registered GI products and of them, around 150 GI tagged products are agricultural and food products.
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1. The 'Unbox Me campaign', which was launched recently, is associated with which day?

- A) International Transgender Day of Visibility ☒
- B) Zero Discrimination Day
- C) World Humanitarian Day
- D) International Day for People of African Descent



- ✓ International Transgender Day of Visibility is observed on March 31. The USAID launched an initiative called 'Unbox Me campaign', which advocates for the rights of transgender children.
- ✓ It aims to raise awareness among parents, teachers and the society about gender identity during childhood. The campaign originated in India, where more than 90 per cent of transgender people leave their homes.

2. As per the data from the Reserve Bank of India, which bank recorded the highest value of frauds in April–December 2021?

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



- ✓ According to data from the Reserve Bank of India, a total of 27 scheduled commercial banks and financial institutions have reported 96 cases of fraud, involving a total amount of Rs 34,097 crore during April–December 2021. While Punjab National Bank recorded the highest value of frauds worth Rs 4,820 crore.

3. Which racing driver won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2022?

- A) Max Verstappen ☒
- B) Charles Leclerc
- C) Lewis Hamilton
- D) Sebastian Vettel



- ✓ Belgian–Dutch racing driver Max Verstappen won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2022. Max Verstappen won the intense battle with Charles Leclerc to take his first victory of the season. Ferrari's Carlos Sainz and Red Bull's Sergio Perez took third and fourth. George Russell finished fifth for Mercedes while ace driver Lewis Hamilton finished at 10th spot.

4. Which state has approved Renewable Energy Policy (2022–27)?

- A) Karnataka ☒
- B) Assam
- C) Gujarat
- D) Kerala



- ✓ The State Cabinet of Karnataka approved Renewable Energy Policy (2022–27). It aims for developing the State as a hub of renewable energy generation as well as manufacturing of equipment related to renewable energy. The policy also seeks to upgrade the renewable energy generation capacity of the State to 10 GW in the next five years.

5. Which is the first Union Territory of India to launch its MyGov platform?

- A) Puducherry
- B) Lakshadweep
- C) Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- D) Chandigarh



- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir is the first India's first Union Territory to launch its MyGov platform. It was launched by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The platform aims for citizen engagement and achieve the goal of 'Good Governance'. It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014.

6. What is the theme of the 'National Maritime Day' 2022?

- A) International trade and Economy
- B) Sustainable Shipping beyond COVID-19 ☒
- C) Gratitude towards Navy
- D) Atmanirbhar Maritime Force



- ✓ India recently celebrated the 59th National Maritime Day which falls on April 5 every year. This year's theme is 'Sustainable Shipping beyond COVID-19'. The first anniversary of the day was held in 1964 to raise awareness about international trade and economy.

7. Which Union Ministry oversees the 'Stand Up India Scheme'?

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



- ✓ Ministry of Finance oversees the 'Stand Up India Scheme', which aims to promote entrepreneurship among women, Scheduled Castes (SC) & Scheduled Tribes (ST) categories, to help them in starting a Greenfield enterprise. The scheme has completed six years.

8. Gangaur Festival is predominantly celebrated in which Indian state?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Rajasthan ☒
- C) Manipur
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Gangaur Festival is predominantly celebrated in the state of Rajasthan. Rajasthan Tourism Department organised the festival after two years gap due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The festival commenced on April 3 and continues for 18 days.

9. Who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India?

- A) Vinay Mohan Kwatra ☒
- B) Rudrendra Tandon
- C) Dinesh Bhatia
- D) Santosh Jha



- ✓ The Indian government appointed senior Indian Foreign Service officer Vinay Mohan Kwatra as the new Foreign Secretary. The 1988-batch IFS officer is currently serving as Ambassador in Kathmandu since January 2020. Vinay Kwatra will replace the incumbent Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

10. Ricky Kej and Falguni Shah are the recent winners of which award?

- A) Academy Awards
- B) Grammy Awards ☒
- C) Pritzker Architecture Prize
- D) Abel Prize



- ✓ Two Indian musicians were among the winners at the 64th Annual Grammy Awards. Composer Ricky Kej won his second Grammy Award as he won the award for Best New Age Album, jointly with Stewart Copeland for their album 'Divine Tides'. Indian-American singer-songwriter Falguni Shah, called as Falu won in the Best Children's Music Album category for her album 'A Colorful World'.
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1. 'Mes Aynak site' and 'Buddhas of Bamiyan', which were seen in the news, are located in which country?

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



- ✓ 'Mes Aynak site' and 'Buddhas of Bamiyan' are located in Afghanistan. The Taliban regime in Afghanistan has announced that it would protect the ancient Buddha statues in Mes Aynak.
- ✓ When Taliban ruled Afghanistan, they destructed the centuries-old Buddha statues in Bamiyan using artillery, explosives, and rockets. UNESCO included the remains of the Bamiyan Buddhas in its list of world heritage sites in 2003.

2. 'Ambedkar Young Entrepreneur (AYE)-Mentor program' is a new scheme of which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D) Ministry of Education



- ✓ The venture capital fund (VCF) scheme was implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to help aspiring entrepreneurs belonging to SCs and OBCs new businesses. As the performance of the scheme is not satisfactory, the Ministry is set to launch a "mentorship" programme.

3. India signed a MoU with which country to set up Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC)?

- A) Japan
- B) Nepal
- C) Sri Lanka ☒
- D) Bangladesh



- ✓ India and Sri Lanka have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Indian public sector Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) to set up a state-of-the-art Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC) in Colombo.
- ✓ The agreement is a part of India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for all in the Region) initiative in the Indian Ocean.

4. Which state won the 'best state' award at the National Water Awards 2022?

- A) Uttar Pradesh ☒
- B) Assam
- C) Gujarat
- D) Kerala



- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind recently awarded the 'best state' award at the National Water Awards 2022.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh topped among all Indian states in terms of water conservation while Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu secured the second and third place, respectively.
- ✓ Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh, Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala, East Champaran district of Bihar and Indore in Madhya Pradesh

topped in the Best District Category for the north zone, south zone, east zone and west zone respectively.

5. 'Varuna' is the bilateral naval exercise between India and which country?

- A) France ☒
- B) Japan
- C) Oman
- D) UAE



- ✓ India and France recently commenced their 20th edition of the bilateral naval exercise named 'Varuna' in the Arabian Sea.
- ✓ Naval ships, submarines, maritime patrol aircraft, fighter aircraft and helicopters of the two navies are participating in the exercise. The bilateral naval exercises between the two Navies were initiated in the year 1993. The exercise was christened as 'Varuna' in 2001.

6. 'Prakriti', which was recently launched, is mascot to create awareness on which field?

- A) Plastic pollution ☒
- B) Gender Equality
- C) LGBTQ Rights
- D) Skill Development



- ✓ Union Environment Minister Bupender Yadav launched "Prakriti", mascot that spreads awareness about small changes in life that can curb plastic pollution.
- ✓ It also highlights various green initiatives taken by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to ensure effective Plastic Waste Management (PWM) in the country.

7. As per the update of World Health Organization's air quality database, what percentage of the world breathes unhealthy air?

- A) 25
- B) 49
- C) 75
- D) 99 ☒



- ✓ The 2022 update of the World Health Organization's air quality database highlights that 99 per cent of the world population breathes air that exceeds WHO air quality limits. As of now, over 6,000 cities in 117 countries are monitoring air quality.

8. Which country has started a pilot project to produce 'Green' Steel by burning hydrogen?

- A) Australia
- B) Sweden ☒
- C) Poland
- D) Italy



- ✓ Sweden has launched a pilot project to reduce the carbon emissions involved in steel production by switching some of that process from burning coking coal to burning hydrogen.

- ✓ HYBRIT or Hydrogen Breakthrough Iron-making Technology – is a joint venture between steel giant SSAB, mining company LKAB and Swedish state-owned power firm Vattenfall. As per World Steel Association, every metric ton of steel produced emitted twice that much carbon dioxide.

9. The Blue Nile River, which was seen in the news, originates in which country?

- A) Ethiopia ☒
- B) Chile
- C) Mexico
- D) South Africa



- ✓ The Blue Nile, a subsidiary of the Nile River originates at Lake Tana in Ethiopia and travels through Ethiopia and Sudan.
- ✓ A shipwreck on the Blue Nile River happened in Sudan's Sennar province has killed 23 people, all of them female. The Blue Nile is an important transport route for people and goods in the African nations.

10. 'Wagner Group', is a private military company of which country?

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



- ✓ 'Wagner Group', is a private military company of Russia. As per British military intelligence, 1,000 mercenaries from the 'Wagner Group' are being deployed to eastern Ukraine.
- ✓ The group has been active over the past eight years in Ukraine, Syria and African countries. It has repeatedly been accused of war crimes and human rights abuses. The Wagner Group first went into operation during Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014.

1. As per the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2022, what is the estimated growth rate of India in 2023–24?

- A) 10.5%
- B) 9%
- C) 8% ☒
- D) 6.5%

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- ✓ Manila-based Asian Development Bank recently released its flagship Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2022. It projected South Asia's largest economy India to grow by 7.5% in the current fiscal year (2022–23) and by 8 per cent the next year (2023–24).

2. What is the theme of the 'World Health Day' in 2022?

- A) Our Planet, Our Health ☒
- B) Climate Change Matters
- C) Personal Hygiene and Public Hygiene
- D) Take Care of You and Earth



- ✓ April 7 is observed as World Health Day, to celebrate the creation of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948 in the First Health Assembly. WHO leads the celebration to discuss health-related issues and to draw attention to specific health issues. The theme for this year's World Health Day is "Our Planet, Our Health".

3. Which institution released the 'Braving the Storms: East Asia and Pacific Economic Update' Report?

- A) International Monetary Fund
- B) World Bank ☒
- C) Asian Development Bank
- D) BRICS Bank



- ✓ The World Bank released the April 2022 update 'Braving the Storms: East Asia and Pacific Economic Update'. As per the report, there are three risks for the region: financial tightening in the US, structural slowdown in China, and the war in Ukraine.
- ✓ The April 2022 issue of the report suggests bold reforms to avert the risks and grasp the opportunities.

4. Which milestone has been achieved by India's agricultural products export in the year 2021–22?

- A) \$10 billion
- B) \$20 billion
- C) \$50 billion ☒
- D) \$100 billion



- ✓ India's agricultural products export touched a new milestone by crossing USD 50 billion in the year 2021–22. This is also the highest level ever achieved for agriculture exports from India.
- ✓ The agricultural exports have grown by 19.92% during 2021–22 to touch USD 50.21 billion. As per the data, the highest ever exports have been achieved for staples like rice (USD 9.65 billion), wheat (USD 2.19 billion), sugar (USD 4.6 billion).

5. The 'One Health' framework has been launched as a pilot project in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand ☒
- B) Gujarat
- C) Goa
- D) Haryana



- ✓ The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying has launched a pilot project in the state of Uttarakhand to implement the One Health Framework by One Health Support Unit.
- ✓ The key objective of the Unit is to develop a national One Health roadmap based on the learnings of the pilot project implementation.

6. What is the theme of the World Autism Awareness Day – 2022?

- A) Inclusion in the Workplace ☒
- B) Quality Education for All
- C) Leaving No one Behind
- D) Disorder, not a disease



- ✓ World Autism Awareness Day aims to create awareness about the obstacles that people with autism face every day. Each year, World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated on April 2 globally to spread awareness about autism spectrum disorder.
- ✓ This year, the theme of World Autism Awareness Day is 'Inclusion in the Workplace'.

7. What is the theme of the 'World Meteorological Day' – 2022?

- A) Early Warning and Early Action ☒
- B) Climate and Water
- C) The Sun, the Earth and the Weather
- D) The Ocean, Our climate and Weather



- ✓ The World Meteorological Day is observed to commemorate the day on which 'World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)' was founded.
- ✓ WMO now has 193 member countries and territories. WMO has been observing World Meteorological Day since 1961 on March 23. The theme of this year's World Meteorological Day is "Early Warning and Early Action".

8. As per a recent report, which country has the lowest rate of insurance penetration across Asia?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Afghanistan
- C) India ☒
- D) Nepal



- ✓ A recent report prepared by environmental platform Climate Trends has pointed out that India has the lowest rate of insurance penetration across Asia.
- ✓ The Indian insurance companies were among the worst performers scoring below 10 per cent for the quality of their disclosures. Indian insurance companies failed to pay close to three-fourths of the claimed amount for Cyclone Amphan, which hit the West Bengal during May 2021.

9. Which city is the host of Khelo India University Games 2021 (KIUG 2021)?

- A) Chennai
- B) Bengaluru ☒
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Dehradun



- ✓ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launched the logo, jersey, mascot and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2021 (KIUG 2021).
- ✓ The mascot is an elephant named as 'Veera'. The event to be held in Bengaluru, postponed due to the ongoing Covid crisis last year, will be the second edition of KIUG. It includes Yogasana and Mallakhamb for the first time.

10. Which country won the ICC Women's World Cup 2022?

- A) England
- B) Australia ☒
- C) South Africa
- D) India



- ✓ Australian Team defeated England by 71 runs in the final to win their record seventh ICC Women's Cricket World Cup.
- ✓ Alyssa Healy of Australia smashed 170 to take Australia to a mammoth 356 for five against England in the final. Another player Nat Sciver remained unbeaten on 148. The England team could score only 285 in 43.4 overs.

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 23rd 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 23rd 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.

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.

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 Samridhhi" 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 Samridhhi" programme in 126 additional cities across 14 states and Union territories.
- ✓ "Svanidhi se Samridhhi", 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.

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



- ✓ 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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