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1. 'Ganga Quest 2022', which was seen in the news recently, is held under which mission?

- A. Swachh Bharat Mission
- B. National Mission for Clean Ganga ☒
- C. Green India Mission
- D. National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Eco system



- ✓ **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) along with Tree Craze Foundation, began Ganga Quest, an online quiz in 2019. The last date for the quiz, which commenced on April 7, is 22nd May– the International Day for Biological Diversity.**
- ✓ **The winners will be announced along with a Live Quiz on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June 2022. Ganga Quest 2022 is part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.**

2. Which institution partnered with UNICEF India on sustainable development goals (SDGs) with a focus on children?

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B. NITI Aayog ☒
- C. Smile Foundation
- D. Pratham Foundation



**NITI Aayog**

- ✓ **Government think tank NITI Aayog and UNICEF India signed a statement of intent (SoI) on sustainable development goals (SDGs) with a focus on children. The SoI seeks to formalise a framework of cooperation to launch the first report on the 'State of India's Children: Status and Trends in Multidimensional Child Development'.**

3. Who has been appointed new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog (in April 2022)?

- A. Jayati Ghosh
- B. Abhijeet Banerjee
- C. Suman K Bery ☒
- D. Ramesh Chand



- ✓ **Dr. Suman K Bery has been appointed new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog. He will succeed Dr. Rajiv Kumar, as per the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.**
- ✓ **Dr. Suman K Bery had served as Director-General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) a leading non-profit policy research institution. He also served as a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, National Statistical Commission and Reserve Bank of India's Technical Advisory Committee on Monetary Policy.**

4. 'Urja Pravaha', which was recently inducted, is the ship of which armed force?

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



- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard Ship (Auxiliary Barge) named Urja Pravaha has been inducted into the Indian Coast Guard at Gujarat's Bharuch. It will be under the operational command of Coast Guard District Headquarters-4 (Kerala and Mahe), in addition to auxiliary barge Urja Shrota, which was based here since 2017. The ship is 36 meters long and is designed to carry Cargo Ship Fuel.

5. Which is the first vaccine to be granted emergency use authorisation in India, for children in 5 to 12 years age group?

- A. Covaxin
- B. Covishield
- C. Novavax
- D. Corbevax ☒



- ✓ Expert panel of Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has recommended granting emergency use authorisation for Corbevax for children in 5 to 12 years age group. Developed by Hyderabad-based firm Biological-E, Corbevax is India's first indigenously developed RBD protein sub-unit vaccine against Covid-19. At present, Corbevax is being given to children between 12 and 14 years. Covaxin is being given to children in the age group of 15-18 years.

6. 'India Out' campaign is associated with which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Nepal
- C. Maldives ☒
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih issued an order banning the 'India Out' campaign. Led by former President Yameen, the campaign accuses the Maldivian government of allowing Indian military presence in the island nation.
- ✓ President Solih has opted for an 'India first' foreign policy. The Maldives's National Security Council announced its decision that the campaign to incite hatred against India is a threat to national security.

7. The Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB) is located in which country?

- A. India
- B. Brazil
- C. USA
- D. South Korea ☒



- ✓ The Association of World Election Bodies 'A-WEB' was established 2013 in Song-do, South Korea. It is the first global organization of election management bodies, and consists of 118 EMBs as members and 20 Regional associations as associate members.
- ✓ A delegation led by Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra visited South Africa and Mauritius and held meetings with their Election Commission as well as interactions with the large NRI community in the two countries. He urged the members of Indian community to register as overseas voters.

8. The second statue of 'Hanumanji Char Dham' project has been inaugurated in Morbi in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bihar



- ✓ On the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled 108 feet statue of Lord Hanuman in Gujarat's Morbi. It is the second of the four statues being built in the four directions across the country, as part of the 'Hanumanji Char Dham' project.
- ✓ The first statue of the series was built in Himachal Pradesh's Shimla in 2010. The work on the third statue, in the south at Rameswaram has started.

9. Which state/UT celebrated its first ever Beach Festival 'I Sea PONDY-2022'?

- A. Goa
- B. Puducherry ☒
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Andaman & Nicobar Islands



- ✓ Puducherry Lieutenant Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan inaugurated the Puducherry's first-ever Beach Festival I Sea PONDY-2022. The festival will be celebrated for four days in Puducherry Gandhi Beach, Pondy Marina and Sandunes of Paradise Beach. The Beach Festival includes various cultural events and contests to be held in the beaches.

10. What is the theme of the 'National Fire Service Day 2022'?

- A. Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity ☒
- B. Tribute to Fire Fighters
- C. Fire Safety for Children
- D. AI in Fire Service



- ✓ **National Fire Service Day commemorates the 71 Fire Service personnel who lost their lives during a massive explosion at Mumbai dockyard on April 14, 1944.**
  - ✓ **The government of India also honours fearless fire-fighters on National Fire Service Day, who have done extraordinary work in their service. This year the theme of the National Fire Service Day is "Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity".**
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1. Which team won the men's' title in the 71<sup>st</sup> Senior National Basketball Championship?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Punjab
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu defeated Punjab in the men's final of the 71<sup>st</sup> Senior National Basketball Championship. While the Indian Railways team won the women's title, beating Telangana. Tamil Nadu outplayed the defending champions Punjab 87–69 in the final to win the men's title. The women's semi-final saw the Railways register a big win over Tamil Nadu.**

2. 'Raisina Dialogue' which was inaugurated recently, is a Conference in which field?

- A. Foreign policy ☒
- B. Climate Change
- C. Information and Communication Technology
- D. Agriculture



- ✓ **Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship foreign policy and geo-economics conference. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the seventh edition with the chief guest Ursula von der Leyen, the President of European Union Commission.**
- ✓ **Over 200 speakers from 90 countries are participating in the seventh edition. The conference is a joint venture of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and think tank Observer Research Foundation (ORF). This year's theme is "Terranova: Impassioned, Impatient, and Imperilled".**

3. Emmanuel Macron has won the Presidential Election of which country?

- A. UK
- B. France ☒
- C. Germany
- D. South Africa



- ✓ **Emmanuel Macron has won the Presidential Election of France amidst historic challenge from far-right candidate Marine Le Pen. Macron became the first French leader to be re-elected to the Office in 20 years.**

4. Which institution conducts the 'All-India Household Consumer Expenditure Survey

- A. National Statistical Office ☒
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. NABARD





- ✓ The All-India Household Consumer Expenditure Survey is conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) every five years. The survey, which helps to arrive at estimates of poverty levels, is set to resume this year after a prolonged break.
- ✓ Since 2011-12, India does not have any official estimates on per capita household spending, used to arrive at estimates of poverty levels and to review economic indicators like GDP. The government scrapped the findings of the last Survey (2017-18) for data quality issues.

5. What is the primary objective of 'Amrit Sarovar initiative', which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Elimination of Single Use Plastic
- B. Rejuvenation of Water Bodies ☒
- C. Desalination of Sea Water
- D. Rain Water Harvesting



- ✓ Under the Amrit Sarovar initiative, 75 water bodies will be developed and rejuvenated in each district as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' has been completed in Rampur's Gram Panchayat Patwai, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Seventy-five ponds in Rampur were selected to be developed as Amrit Sarovar.

6. Which is the venue of the 'Khelo India University Games 2021', being held in April-May 2022?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Dehradun
- C. Bengaluru ☒
- D. Pune



- ✓ The 'Khelo India University Games 2021' is being hosted in Bengaluru from 24 April 2022 to 3 May 2022. Over 4,500 participants from 190 universities across the country are competing with each other at the Khelo India University Games. The athletes will participate across 20 different sports including indigenous sports like Mallakhamba and yogasana during the event.

7. 'Trilateral Development Corporation (TDC) Fund' is a new diplomatic initiative of which country?

- A. Russia
- B. India ☒
- C. China
- D. USA



- ✓ Union Ministry of External Affairs of India has recently launched a platform called the Trilateral Development Corporation (TDC). The fund would involve private sectors with state support for investments in the Indo-Pacific region and other regions. It aims to provide an alternative to China's Belt-Road Initiative (BRI). UK offers 5G, nuclear and high-speed rail technologies for BRI.

8. Kuril Islands, which was seen in the news, is claimed by which countries?

- A. China and Russia
- B. Japan and Russia ☒
- C. Ukraine and Russia
- D. UK and Russia



- ✓ Ever since the Soviet Union conquered the Kuril Islands in 1945, the ownership has been challenged by Japan. In the latest version of the 2022 Diplomatic Bluebook, which was published by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Northern Territories are “islands over which Japan has sovereignty, but now are illegally occupied by Russia.”

9. What is the rank of India in the SIPRI Data on Global Military expenditure in 2021?

- A. Second
- B. Third ☒
- C. Fifth
- D. Sixth

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- ✓ According to new data on global military spending published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), total global military expenditure increased by 0.7 per cent in 2021, to reach USD 2113 billion. This was the seventh consecutive year that spending increased and the first time to cross USD 2.1 trillion. The five largest spenders in 2021 were the United States, China, India, the United Kingdom and Russia, respectively together accounting for 62 per cent of expenditure.

10. Which is the venue of Asia’s biggest international food and hospitality fair ‘AAHAR 2022’?

- A. Nainital
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Mumbai



- ✓ Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in association with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) is organising Asia’s biggest international food and hospitality fair AAHAR 2022. The fair is being organised at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- ✓ As per the Commerce and Industry Ministry, more than 80 exporters from different segments of agricultural products will participate in the fair. APEDA has created stalls for exporters from North East Region and Himalayan states, women entrepreneurs, FPOs, Start Ups and exporters of millets.



1. Which institution organised a National Level Workshop on “Innovative Agriculture”?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B. NITI Aayog ☒
- C. NABARD
- D. Indian Council of Agriculture Research



- ✓ **NITI Aayog, as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, organized a National Level Workshop on “Innovative Agriculture” in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said ‘Natural farming is the need of the hour and it is important to identify scientific ways to assure farmers higher incomes from natural farming.’**
- ✓ **Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parushottam Rupala, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar and Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog –Dr. Rajiv Kumar also participated in the Workshop.**

2. India has announced to set up ‘Transmission interconnection’ for transfer of renewable power with which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Nepal
- C. Maldives ☒
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ **India and Maldives are planning to set up a transmission interconnection for transfer of renewable power between the two countries, to facilitate energy transition programme of Maldives. During the meeting between Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh and his Maldives counterpart, the leaders proposed two Memoranda of Understanding — on energy cooperation and on transmission interconnection under One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG).**

3. Which Indian state has recently signed MoUs for development of seven ropeway projects?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Assam



- ✓ **Himachal Pradesh government has signed MoU for the development of seven ropeway projects in Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Sirmour and Bilaspur districts of the state. The MoU was signed between Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation (RTDC) HP Limited and National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML) for the development of ropeways as innovative transport solution in Himachal Pradesh.**

4. Which is the venue of the 'International Conference on Pharma and Medical Devices sector 2022'?

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



- ✓ Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare, inaugurated the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Conference on Pharma and Medical Devices sector 2022. The annual flagship three-day conference is being held at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- ✓ Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said that the Indian healthcare sector is becoming affordable and accessible for everyone due to the relentless efforts and leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India is the pharma hub in the world with our production being fifth in the world.

5. What is the total export of finished steel from India in FY 22?

- A. Rs 10 million tonnes
- B. Rs 13.5 million tonnes ☒
- C. Rs 15 million tonnes
- D. Rs 20.5 million tonnes



- ✓ The Ministry of Steel recently announced that the country exported 13.5 million tonnes (mt) of finished steel amounting to ₹1 trillion and imported steel of around ₹46000 crores. India also recorded an all-time steel high consumption at around 106 million. Government of India launched Production Linked Scheme (PLI) to produce speciality steel in our country.

6. Which Union Ministry launched the commemorative event – “Enterprise India”?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of MSME ☒
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Narayan Rane inaugurated the Ministry's Mega Event– “Enterprise India” under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It is a series of commemorative entrepreneurship development events and activities being organised to promote entrepreneurship culture and create awareness about the schemes and initiatives of Ministry of MSME across the country.

7. 'Digital India RISC-V Microprocessor (DIR-V) Program' aims to create Microprocessors and achieve Silicon and Design wins by which year?

- A. 2023 ☒
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2030



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and IT launched the 'Digital India RISC-V Microprocessor (DIR-V)' program. It aims to enable creation of Microprocessors and achieve industry-grade Silicon and Design wins by December 2023. It also set milestones for commercial silicon of SHAKTI & VEGA.

8. Who are the beneficiaries of the 'PM SVANidhi' scheme?

- A. SHG Members
- B. Street Vendors ☒
- C. Lactating Mothers and New Born Children
- D. Adolescent Boys and Girls



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the continuation of the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme till December 2024.
- ✓ Through the scheme, affordable collateral-free loans are given to street vendors. The scheme aimed to facilitate loans for an amount of Rs 5,000 crore while the recent approval has increased the loan amount to Rs 8,100 crore.

9. Kwar Hydro-electric project, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the investment of Rs 4,526.12 crore for the 540 MW Kwar Hydro-electric project. It is located on Chenab River in Jammu & Kashmir's Kishtwar district. The Kwar hydropower project will be implemented by Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Ltd (CVPPL), a joint venture company between NHPC Ltd and Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC).

10. Which is the venue of the Conference of High Court Chief Justices 2022?

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



- ✓ Chief Justice of India NV Ramana chaired the 39<sup>th</sup> conference of Chief Justices of various High Courts of the country, at the premises of the Supreme Court, New Delhi. The first Chief Justices' conference was held in November 1953 and 38 such conferences have been organised so far. The last Conference was held in the year 2016. It aims to address the issues concerning the judiciary and to discuss the steps to be taken to improve the justice delivery system.
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1. The Union Cabinet approved an additional funding of Rs 820 crore for which bank, to expand its services?

- A. India Post Payments Bank ☒
- B. Unity Small Finance Bank
- C. NSDL Payment Bank
- D. AU Small Finance Bank



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved an additional funding of Rs 820 crore for India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for expansion of its services to all post offices in the country. Out of the 1.56 lakh post offices, IPPB currently operates from 1.3 lakh post offices. Since the launch, it has opened over 5.25 crore accounts with 82 crore aggregate number of transactions. The Cabinet has approved a future fund infusion worth Rs 500 crore for meeting regulatory requirements and technological upgradation.

2. Which is the first airline in Asia to use the 'GAGAN' satellite-based navigation system during landing?

- A. Air India
- B. IndiGo ☒
- C. Air Asia
- D. SpiceJet



- ✓ IndiGo became the first airline in Asia to use the indigenously developed satellite-based navigation system 'GAGAN' during landing. The system has been jointly developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Indian Space Research Organisation. It provides corrections to the global positioning system (GPS) signal to improve air traffic management.

3. Which institution releases the 'Quarterly Employment Survey'?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Ministry of Labour & Employment ☒
- C. NASSCOM
- D. FICCI

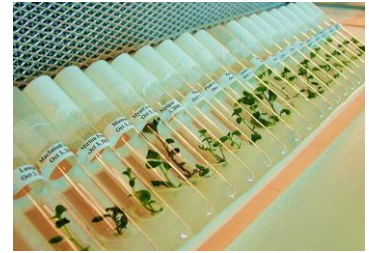


- ✓ According to the Labour and Employment Ministry's third Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) report, over 4 lakh jobs were created in firms with 10 or more workers in 9 selected sectors in October–December 2021. The Ministry's survey, which covered 10,834 units established before 2013–14 in the third round, found employment had increased from 3.10 crore in July–September 2021 to 3.145 crore in the next quarter.



4. Which Indian state is the first to set up a Gene Bank Project?

- A. Kerala
- B. Telangana
- C. Maharashtra ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Maharashtra has announced to set up a 'Gene bank project', to conserve native and endangered animals, crops, marine and biological species. It will be implemented by the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board (MSBB) and Rs 172.39 crore has been allocated for the next five years.
- ✓ The project will work on seven themes — marine, crop, veterinary, freshwater, grassland biodiversity, protection and management of forest right areas, and regeneration of forests. The project will focus on mitigating the impact on the food chain due to climate change.

5. Which Indian Bank launched the 'Open-for-all' Digital ecosystem for MSMEs?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. ICICI Bank ☒
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. Canara Bank



- ✓ ICICI Bank has launched 'Open-for-all' Digital ecosystem for MSMEs. The digital service for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) can be used by customers of other banks. One of the new services it provides is sanction of instant and paperless overdraft facility up to Rs 25 lakh through 'InstaOD Plus'. The feature enables customers of any bank to avail of an overdraft instantly.

6. Which institution launched the 'Mandate document' for National Curriculum Framework (NCF)?

- A. University Grants Commission
- B. AICTE
- C. Union Education Ministry ☒
- D. National Testing Agency



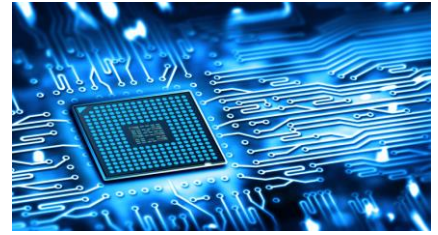
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- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released the 'Mandate document' for National Curriculum Framework (NCF). The National Education Policy 2020 recommended the development of NCF in four areas — school education, early childhood care and education, teacher education and adult education. The development of the NCF is guided by the National Steering Committee (NSC), chaired by Dr K Kasturirangan, and supported by the Mandate Group, along with NCERT.



7. Which is the venue of the 'Semicon India Conference-2022'?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru ☒
- D. Chennai



- ✓ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Semicon India Conference-2022' in Bengaluru. The consumption of semiconductors is expected to cross USD 110 billion by 2030 and India has the world's fastest growing start-up ecosystem.
- ✓ The Government of India recently launched 'Production Linked Incentives' (PLI) schemes that offer incentives of over 26 billion dollars in 14 key sectors.

8. 'National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities' has been launched under which scheme?

- A. Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin 2.0
- B. Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 ☒
- C. AMRUT 2.0
- D. HRIDAY 2.0



- ✓ Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has launched the 'National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities'. It aims to serve as a guiding document and blueprint for States and Cities to undertake large scale multimedia campaigns along with inter-personal communication campaigns. SBM Urban 2.0 is implemented by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

9. When is the 'World Hemophilia Day' observed across the world?

- A. April 15
- B. April 17 ☒
- C. April 19
- D. April 25



- ✓ World Hemophilia Day, which is marked on 17 April annually, is dedicated to raising awareness about hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders. Hemophilia is an inherited genetic disorder in which the blood's capacity to clot is substantially impaired, causing one to bleed excessively even from minor injuries. The World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) began observing World Hemophilia Day since 1989 to honour WFH founder Frank Schnabel's birthday.

10. What is the theme of the 'World Heritage Day 2022'?

- A. Heritage and Climate ☒
- B. Rural Landscapes
- C. Heritage for Generations
- D. Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures



- ✓ 'World Heritage Day 2022' is celebrated on April 18 every year to raise awareness and take up ways to preserve cultural heritage. It is also known as International Day for Monuments and Sites. This year, the World Heritage Day theme is "Heritage and Climate". In India, there are 40 UNESCO recognised world heritage sites. The most recent additions to India's world heritage sites are Jaipur city and the Harappan site of Dholavira in Gujarat.
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1. The Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) Rules have been amended, to allow..... percent of FDI in LIC.

- A. 10
- B. 20 ☒
- C. 25
- D. 50



- ✓ The Government has amended rules of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), paving the way for up to 20 per cent foreign direct investment in LIC. The government is planning to dilute its stake in LIC through the Initial Public Offering (IPO). After the Cabinet approval, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) amended the FDI policy to facilitate overseas investment in LIC. SEBI gave approval to the draft papers of LIC.

2. Which global payments company is associated with the world's first 'crypto-backed' payment card?

- A. VISA
- B. Mastercard ☒
- C. Rupay
- D. American Express



- ✓ Crypto lender Nexo has partnered with global payments company Mastercard to launch the world's first "crypto-backed" payment card. The card available in selected European countries initially, allows users to spend without having to sell their digital assets such as bitcoin. The card can be used at 92 million merchants worldwide where Mastercard is accepted.

3. Stefanos Tsitsipas, who won the Monte-Carlo Masters 2022, is a tennis player from which country?

- A. France
- B. Switzerland
- C. Greece ☒
- D. Cuba



- ✓ Greek Ace Tennis player Stefanos Tsitsipas became the sixth man to defend his title at the Monte-Carlo Masters. He defeated Alejandro Davidovich Fokina in the final of the 2022 edition in straight sets. The victory marked his eighth ATP Tour title and his second Masters 1000 title. He is at present at the rank of World No 5 in the WTA list.

4. D Vishwa, who passed away recently, was an ace player of which game?

- A. Tennis
- B. Squash
- C. Table Tennis ☒
- D. Fencing



- ✓ 18-year-old top Table tennis player from Tamil Nadu D. Vishwa was killed in a road accident while on his way to Shillong to participate in the 83<sup>rd</sup> senior national championships. He won the Youth U-19 boys' singles title in the National-ranking tournament in January last year and finished runner-up in the South Zone ranking tournament in December 2021.

5. Durban, which has been hit by storms and heavy rains, is a city in which country?

- A. USA
- B. South Africa ☒
- C. Russia
- D. Egypt



- ✓ South Africa's eastern region has been hit by more rain after the deadliest storm stroke the country. It has killed nearly 400 people and left tens of thousands homeless. Recovery operations and humanitarian relief are under way in the Durban city of 3.5 million people.
- ✓ The floods have damaged more than 13,500 houses and completely destroyed about 4,000. The government has announced one billion rand (USD 68m) in emergency relief funding.

6. Which is the first state in India to get the 'L-root server', to provide digital services with seamless internet connectivity?

- A. Kerala
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Telangana



- ✓ Rajasthan has become the first State in the country to get the L-root server, which will enable the State government to provide its digital services and implement e-governance with seamless internet connectivity. The new facility will strengthen internet infrastructure as well as help improve security of internet-based operations.

7. 'State of the Economy' is the flagship report of which institution?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. Finance Ministry
- D. FICCI



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its flagship 'State of the economy' report said that the surge in commodity prices is posing inflation risks amidst surging imports.
- ✓ Though the strength of underlying fundamentals and the stock of international reserves provide buffers, rapidly widening trade and current account deficits co-existing with portfolio capital outflows are risks to external sustainability.

8. Which city is the host of 'Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization' conference?

- A. Chennai   B. Visakhapatnam  
C. Surat ☒   D. Palakkad



- ✓ The 'Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization' conference is organised by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in association with Surat Smart City Corporation Development Ltd at Surat.
- ✓ In the India Smart Cities Awards Contest (ISAC) 2020, Surat and Indore received award as Best City and Uttar Pradesh was awarded the Best State. Several initiatives were launched including Urban Outcomes Framework 2022, Data portal- AMPLIFI, and Output Outcome Dashboard for Smart Cities Mission.

9. Which institution organises the 'National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise (NCX India)'?

- A. Indian Army  
B. National Security Council ☒  
C. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing  
D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The National Security Council Secretariat is organising National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise (NCX India) for government officials. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval inaugurated the National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise. The participants will be trained on various key cyber security areas such as Malware Information Sharing Platform (MISP), Vulnerability Handling & Penetration Testing, Network, Digital Forensics, among others.

10. 'Ankita Raina, Rutuja Bhosale, Riya Bhatia and Sowjanya Bavisetti' are associated with which sports?

- A. Squash  
B. Tennis ☒  
C. Table-Tennis  
D. Hockey



- ✓ The Indian women's tennis team comprising Ankita Raina, Rutuja Bhosale, Riya Bhatia and Sowjanya Bavisetti finished third at the Billie Jean King Cup 2022. After losing against Japan and China in their initial group matches, the Ankita Raina-led team bounced back and won a third-straight victory against Indonesia, New Zealand and finally South Korea.