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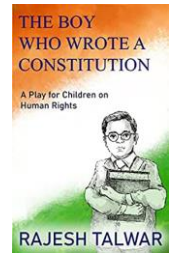


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1. Who is the author of the "The boy who wrote a constitution", which was recently released?

- A. Rajesh Talwar ☒
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Romila Thapar
- D. Arjun Dev



- ✓ A book titled "The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution" written by noted playwright and author Rajesh Talwar was released recently. The children drama, based on Ambedkar's own recollection of his childhood, was released on the occasion of Dr BR Ambedkar's 131st birth anniversary. The author's other books include "The Vanishing of Subhash Bose", "Gandhi, Ambedkar, and the Four Legged Scorpion", and "Aurangzeb".

2. 'Shinku La Pass', which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Border Roads Organisation will construct the world's highest tunnel at Shinku La Pass at 16,580 feet to connect Himachal Pradesh to Ladakh. BRO Director General Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhary stated this while opening the strategically important Himachal to Zaskar Road at Shinku La Pass. The Centre has launched 'Project Yojak' of BRO to implement this ambitious project.

3. 'Donbas', which was seen in the news recently, is a region in which country?

- A. Russia ☒
- B. Japan
- C. Ukraine
- D. Israel



- ✓ Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces have attacked a front stretching more than 300 miles as it advances to take control of the Donbas region. Thousands of Russian troops backed by artillery and rocket barrages were advancing in the region, and the Ukrainian officials called it as the Battle of the Donbas.

4. India's first portable solar rooftop system was inaugurated at which city?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Jaisalmer
- C. Gandhinagar ☒
- D. Chandigarh



- ✓ India's first portable solar rooftop system was inaugurated at Swaminarayan Akshardham temple complex in Gandhinagar. The installation of 10 PV Port systems in the temple complex is supported by the German development agency Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). The systems have been installed under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's initiative to develop renewable energy cities across India.

5. Which is the first country to announce a ban on missile tests against space satellites?

- A. Russia
- B. USA ☒
- C. Israel
- D. Japan



- ✓ The United States has become the first country in the world to announce a ban on missile tests against space satellites. US Vice-President Kamala Harris, who chairs the National Space Council, announced that the debris created by such tests presents a risk to the safety of astronauts and satellites. Many countries including U.S, China, Russia and India have carried out such tests and generated space debris.

6. Which Indian chess player won the 'La Roda International Open Chess tournament'?

- A. R Praggnanandhaa
- B. D Gukesh ☒
- C. Iniyan
- D. Koneru Humpy



- ✓ Young Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh clinched victory in the 48th La Roda International Open Chess tournament, scoring eight points from nine rounds. The 15-year-old GM from Tamil Nadu, who remained unbeaten through the nine rounds, defeated Israel's Victor Mikhalevski in the final round. His compatriot R Praggnanandhaa, another young GM, took the third spot.

7. After Bhutan and Singapore, NPCI has expanded to which country, to offer UPI-based payments?

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



- ✓ NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), the international arm of NPCI, has entered the UAE market by partnering with NeoPay, the payment subsidiary of Mashreq Bank.
- ✓ BHIM UPI service has been made live on NeoPay terminals. This partnership will offer Unified Payments Interface-based payments for Indians travelling to these regions. This is NPCI's third such international expansion after Bhutan and Singapore.

8. 'SAANS Campaign' which was seen in the news, is associated with which disease?

- A. COVID-19
- B. Pneumonia ☒
- C. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- D. Pulmonary Fibrosis



- ✓ 'Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully' (SAANS) was launched by Union Health Ministry to ensure greater awareness and early detection of pneumonia in children. Recently, Karnataka Health and Medical Education Ministry launched SAANS campaign in the state to ensure early detection of pneumonia in children under five.
- ✓ It aims to reduce pneumonia mortality to less than 3 per 1,000 live births. Pneumonia is a lung infection caused by bacteria, virus or fungus.

9. India celebrates 'Civil Services Day' to commemorate the address of which leader to the Administrative Services Officers?

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru
- C. B R Ambedkar
- D. Sardar Vallabhai Patel ☒



- ✓ Every year on April 21, the Government of India celebrates 'Civil Services Day', to commemorate the day in 1947 when Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister of Independent India, addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in Delhi.
- ✓ In the famous speech, he referred to public workers as the "steel frame of India". The first such celebration took place on April 21, 2006. 'The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration' is awarded during the occasion annually.

10. Arjun Halakurki, Sunil Kumar and Neeraj, who were seen in the news, are associated with which sports?

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



- ✓ In the Asian championships being held in Ulan Baatar (Capital city of Mongolia), Greco-Roman wrestlers Arjun Halakurki, Sunil Kumar and Neeraj won bronze medals. Five more Greco categories, freestyle and women's wrestling are yet to follow in the competition. Greco-Roman category is seen as a weak link in Indian wrestling as No Greco-Roman wrestler qualified for Tokyo.

1. Who has been appointed as the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the Indian Government (in 2022)?

- A. Ajay Kumar Sood ☒
- B. K Sivan
- C. Mayilsamy Annadurai
- D. Kris Gopalakrishnan



- ✓ Veteran physicist Ajay Kumar Sood has been appointed as the principal scientific advisor (PSA) to the Government of India.
- ✓ As per the Personnel ministry order, Sood, a member of the Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council to the Prime minister, has been appointed to the post for a period of three years. He will succeed the incumbent PSA and renowned biologist K Vijay Raghavan.

2. Which country tested the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) 'Sarmat'?

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



- ✓ Russia recently tested its new Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Sarmat. The RS-28 Sarmat (also called as Satan-II) is claimed to be able to carry ten or more warheads and decoys.
- ✓ It has the capability of firing over either of the earth's poles with a range of 11,000 to 18,000 km. Sarmat is named after nomadic tribes who were in the present-day Southern Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan.

3. How many Indians featured in the 2022 edition of Wisden 'Five Cricketers of the Year' list?

- A. One
- B. Two ☒
- C. Three
- D. None



- ✓ India's captain Rohit Sharma and ace pacer Jasprit Bumrah have been honoured by Wisden as two of their Five Cricketers of The Year. They were named along with New Zealand opener Devon Conway, England pacer Ollie Robinson and South Africa Women captain Dane van Niekerk. England skipper Joe Root was named Leading Cricketer in the World in the 2022 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.

4. When is the 'World Creativity and Innovation Day' celebrated every year?

- A. April 18
- B. April 21 ☒
- C. April 23
- D. May 05

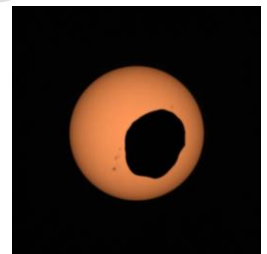


WORLD
creativity
AND
INNOVATION
DAY

- ✓ World Creativity and Innovation Day is celebrated every year on April 21. It is marked to raise the awareness of the role of creativity and innovation in all aspects of human development. United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to celebrate the day in 2017, and the first World Creativity and Innovation Day was celebrated in 2018. The theme of World Creativity and Innovation's Day this year is 'Collaboration'.

5. Phobos is the natural satellite/moon of which planet?

- A. Venus
- B. Mars ☒
- C. Jupiter
- D. Saturn



- ✓ The Perseverance Mars rover of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has captured the eclipse involving Mars. It captured Phobos, Mars' potato-shaped moon or satellite, crossing the face of the Sun. The eclipse was captured with Perseverance's Mastcam-Z camera. It lasted a little above 40 seconds, shorter than a solar eclipse involving Earth's Moon, as Phobos is about 157 times smaller than Earth's Moon.

6. Who has been conferred the UNEP 'Champions of the Earth' Lifetime Achievement Award?

- A. David Attenborough ☒
- B. Wangari Maathai
- C. Greta Thunberg
- D. Joe Biden



- ✓ The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has awarded David Attenborough the Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✓ The Veteran English broadcaster and biologist has been honoured for his dedication to research, documentation and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration. He is known for his work with the BBC's Natural History Unit.

7. Nobel Prize winner José Ramos–Horta has won the Presidential Election of which country?

- A. Mongolia B. Timor–Leste ☒
C. Brunei D. Papua New Guinea



- ✓ **Timor–Leste, or East Timor is a Southeast Asian nation occupying half the island of Timor, with Dili as its Capital. Nobel Prize winner José Ramos–Horta has scored a landslide victory in the country's presidential election. The 72-year-old secured 62.09% votes against incumbent Francisco Guterres, as per the secretariat's website.**

8. Which city is the venue of first-ever 'Incredible India International Cruise Conference 2022'?

- A. Chennai B. Madurai
C. Visakhapatnam D. Mumbai ☒

Incredible India

- ✓ **India would host the first-ever 'Incredible India International Cruise Conference 2022' in May. The Mumbai Port Authority (MPA) would host the event in India's financial capital on May 14–15. The first-of-its-kind of iconic sea cruise terminal would be commissioned by Mumbai by July 2024. Union Minister for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal also launched the event's website and unveiled the event logo and mascot named 'Captain Cruzo' for the event.**

9. Which country conducted the first open–air trial of genetically modified mosquitoes?

- A. China B. United States of America ☒
C. Germany D. Italy



- ✓ **Oxitec, a UK-based biotech firm initially founded at Oxford University, released genetically modified mosquitoes in an effort to curb wild mosquito populations. Oxitec had already tested the genetically modified mosquitoes in the field in Brazil, Panama, the Cayman Islands and Malaysia, but this was the first open–air trial of genetically modified mosquitoes in the United States.**

10. As per the official data, which state generated the most Bio–medical waste per day in 2020?

- A. Uttar Pradesh B. Kerala ☒
C. Madhya Pradesh D. Karnataka



- ✓ **The Ministry of Environment data shows that the country generated 651.23 tonnes of BMW per day in 2020. After the Covid–19 pandemic outbreak, the daily BMW output rose by about 962.31 tonnes in two years. 60 per cent of BMW generated daily during this period was Covid–related.**
- ✓ **Kerala generated about 40.41 tonnes of BMW per day in 2020 and 178.37 tonnes of Covid–related BMW from 2020 to 2022. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh also lead in BMW generation. Maharashtra has the highest number of Common Bio–Medical Waste Treatment Facilities (30), while Kerala has 1 facility.**

1. Which Union Ministry is associated with the pilot phase of the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Electronics and IT



- ✓ The Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched the pilot phase of the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). It is a first-of-its-kind initiative globally to pave way for democratising digital commerce to enhance the penetration of digital commerce in the country. The initiative aims to promote an open platform for exchange of goods and services through electronic networks.

2. Which institution releases the 'Report on Currency and Finance'?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. National Payment Corporation of India
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the 'Report on Currency and Finance (RCF)' for the year 2021–22. As per the report, price stability is a necessary precondition for strong and sustainable growth. It also proposed a 7–point blueprint for reforms. The Indian economy may take 12 years to overcome the losses emanating from the COVID–19 pandemic, which account to Rs 52 Lakh Crores.

3. Which Company launched M15 Petrol, with 15 per cent blend of methanol with petrol?

- A. Indian Oil Corporation ☒
- B. Bharat Petroleum
- C. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- D. GAIL Ltd



- ✓ Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) launched M15 petrol on a pilot basis in Assam's Tinsukia district. It has a 15 per cent blend of methanol with petrol. Methanol is being manufactured by Assam Petrochemical Ltd near the Digboi refinery. The government had earlier extended the timeline for the disbursement of loans and completion of projects related to ethanol. The Government also provides financial assistance in the form of interest subvention.

4. What is the rank of India in the 'RSF 2022 World Press Freedom Index'?

- A. 87
- B. 104
- C. 150 ☒
- D. 176



- ✓ According to the RSF 2022 World Press Freedom Index, India's ranking has fallen down to 150th position from last year's 142nd place. This year, Norway (1st) Denmark (2nd) and Sweden (3rd) were ranked at the top positions, while North Korea remained at the bottom of the list of 180 countries and territories. Reporters' Sans Frontieres (RSF) or Reporters without Borders, a global media watch-dog releases the report every year.

5. India signed a pact on 'Green Hydrogen Task Force' and agreed to work on AI-startups with which country?

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Germany ☒
- D. France



- ✓ India and Germany recently inked a joint declaration of intent on Indo-German Green Hydrogen Task Force. India and Germany also agreed to work together with focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI) startups as well as AI research and its application in sustainability and health care. India's Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh visited Germany as part of his official tour.

6. India's first green-field grain-based ethanol plant has been inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Odisha
- C. Bihar ☒
- D. Telangana



- ✓ Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the country's first greenfield grain-based ethanol plant in Purnea. The 105-crore plant by Eastern India Biofuels is the first one developed since the Centre gave approval to Bihar's ethanol production and promotion policy-2021. The state government has proposed opening at least 17 ethanol plants over the next two years.

7. Which organisation releases the State of the World's Forests (SOFO) Report?

- A. NABARD
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C. Food and Agricultural Organisation ☒
- D. World Wide Fund for Nature

- ✓ State of the World's Forests (SOFO) Report is a flagship publication of Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO).
- ✓ As per the 2022 edition of the report, released during the World Forestry Congress, the world has lost 420 million hectares (mha), approximately 10.34 per cent of its total forest area in the last 30 years. It also warned that 15% of 250 emerging infectious diseases have been linked to forests.

8. India's first 'Tribal health observatory (TriHOb)' has been announced by which state/UT?

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Jharkhand
C. Gujarat D. Odisha ☒



- ✓ The Odisha State ST and SC development department signed an MoU with the Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar, to set up a tribal health observatory (TriHOb). This is said to be the first in the country, for ensuring equity in tribal health in Odisha.
- ✓ TriHOb will establish a repository on the health of tribal population of Odisha. Odisha Tribal Family Health Survey was also launched.

9. After the May 2022 Meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee, what is the revised Repo Rate?

- A. 3.75%
B. 4.25%
C. 4.40% ☒
D. 4.50%



- ✓ The Reserve Bank hiked the repo rate by 40 basis points (bps) to 4.40 per cent, after an unscheduled meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) in May 2022. Next meeting of the MPC is scheduled during June 6–8. All six members unanimously voted for a rate hike while maintaining the accommodative stance. The decision aimed to contain inflation, which remained above 6 per cent for the last three months. Cash reserve ratio was hiked by 50 bps to 4.5% effective May 21.

10. India's first Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub) has been set up in which city?

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



- ✓ India's first Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub) has been set up at Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences (DRILS) at Hyderabad. The Government of Telangana supported the establishment of this Centre of Excellence in partnership with Dr Reddy's Laboratories and Laurus Labs. The hub has state-of-the-art flow chemistry equipment to provide hands-on training ensure greater incorporation of flow chemistry techniques during R&D.

1. What is the new Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in India as per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5)?

- A. 2.4
- B. 2.2
- C. 2.0 ☒
- D. 1.9



- ✓ Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya released the National Report of the 5th round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) at the 'Swasthya Chintan Shivir' held at Vadodara. The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) which is measured as the average number of children per woman has come down from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level between NFHS-4 and 5. There are only five states in India, which are above the replacement level of fertility of 2.1. This includes Bihar (2.98), Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Manipur.

2. Who is the head of the Delimitation Commission, which redrew the electoral map of Jammu and Kashmir?

- A. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai ☒
- B. Justice Sadasivam
- C. Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- D. Sushil Chandra



- ✓ The Delimitation Commission, which redrew the electoral map of Jammu and Kashmir, was headed by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, a retired judge of the Supreme Court. Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and state election commissioner K K Sharma are its ex-officio members. The Delimitation Commission released its final report, with 47 seats assigned for Kashmir and 43 for Jammu. There will be five parliamentary constituencies, each with an equal number of 18 Assembly seats while 9 seats were reserved for the Scheduled Tribes (ST).

3. Cynthia Rosenzweig, who was seen in the news, is the recipient of which prestigious award?

- A. World Food Prize ☒
- B. Booker Prize
- C. Pulitzer Prize
- D. Abel Award



- ✓ Cynthia Rosenzweig, a senior research scientist at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), received the 2022 World Food Prize from the World Food Prize Foundation. World Food Prize is a prestigious award conceived as the 'Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture'. Rosenzweig was selected for the award for her research to understand the relationship between climate and food systems and forecast how they will change in the future.

4. Which institution releases the Periodic Labour force survey (PLFS) results in India?

- A. National Statistics Office ☒
- B. Ministry of Labour and Employment
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. World Bank – India



- ✓ Under the periodic labour force survey (PLFS), a quarterly bulletin is released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), giving estimates of labour force indicators namely unemployment rate, Worker Population Ratio (WPR), Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) etc.
- ✓ As per the October–December 2021 edition, the unemployment rate for persons of 15 years and above in urban areas slipped to 8.7 per cent from 10.3 per cent in the quarter year–ago. In the July–September 2021, it was 9.8 per cent in urban areas.

5. Which company has designed India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)?

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL
- C. Alstom ☒
- D. Siemens



- ✓ India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) between Delhi and Meerut, is being designed by global mobility provider Alstom in Hyderabad and manufactured in Savli, Gujarat. The first trainset of the system was handed over to the National Capital Region Transport Corporation for the Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut RRTS Phase 1. India's first semi high–speed regional train can move passengers at 180 km/hour.

6. What is the mascot of the Fourth Khelo India Youth Games 2022?

- A. Appu
- B. Dhakad ☒
- C. Veer
- D. Ghambhir



- ✓ Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launched the mascot 'Dhakad' along with official logo and official jersey of the Fourth Khelo India Youth Games. Haryana is hosting the fourth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games from June 4 to June 13 at Panchkula and other cities. Five traditional games like gatka, thang–ta, kalarippayattu, mallakhamb and yogasana have been introduced for the first time in Khelo India Youth Games.

7. Which Union Ministry implements the 'PM MITRA' Scheme?

- A. Ministry of Textiles ☒ B. Ministry of Home Affairs
C. Ministry of Defence D. Ministry of External Affairs



- ✓ **PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Park (PM MITRA) is being implemented by Union Ministry of Textiles. PM MITRA Park creates an Integrated Textiles Value Chain at one location and will reduce logistics cost. A National Conference on PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Park (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme was organized by Ministry of Textiles. 13 State Governments presented plans for setting up of PM MITRA Parks in their respective states.**

8. Rakhigarhi, which was seen in the news recently, is a Harappan site located in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Jharkhand
C. Gujarat D. Haryana ☒



- ✓ **As per the Archaeological Survey of India, the latest round of excavations at the Rakhigarhi in Haryana's Hisar has revealed street system on raised platforms, houses with extensive layouts, and a drainage system. It is a 5,000-year-old Harappan site and was one of the five iconic sites announced in the 2020 Budget Speech. The site is also considered the biggest Harappan-era site.**

9. 'John Lee', who was in the news recently, is the newly elected leader of which country?

- A. Hong Kong ☒
B. Taiwan
C. South Korea
D. Malaysia



- ✓ **John Lee was elected as Hong Kong's next leader by an Election committee who cast their votes in a secret ballot. The committee included around 1,500 largely pro-Beijing members. Lee, who was formerly Hong Kong's Chief Secretary, will begin his five-year term replacing outgoing Chief Executive Carrie Lam. Hong Kong is a special administrative region of China which returned to Chinese rule in 1997 from the UK.**

10. 'Thalassemia' is the disease associated with which part of the body?

- A. Lungs B. Liver
C. Blood ☒ D. Heart



- ✓ **Every year World Thalassemia Day is observed on May 8 across the world, to create awareness about the disease and to sensitise about the struggle of patients suffering from the disease. Thalassemia is a genetic blood disorder that doesn't let the body to create enough haemoglobin. The theme for this year's World Thalassemia Day is 'Be Aware.Share. Care: Working with the global community as one to improve thalassemia knowledge.'**

1. Carlos Alcaraz, who won the Madrid Open title recently, is from which country?

- A. France
- B. Spain ☒
- C. Switzerland
- D. Russia



- ✓ The 19-year-old Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz has become a sensation in Tennis after his two Masters 1000 titles, including the Madrid Open. Alcaraz beat defending champion Alexander Zverev in the Madrid Open final, after beating Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic in previous rounds. It is his fourth title of the year including victory at the Miami Open in April. He became the first player since David Nalbandian in 2007 to defeat three top-four players at a single Masters 1000 event.

2. Which is the first state in the country to offer breakfast in government schools?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Punjab
- C. Kerala
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Tamil Nadu has become the first state in the country to offer breakfast in government schools, along with the mid-day meal. Chief Minister MK Stalin announced the breakfast scheme for students studying in classes 1 to 5 in the state. The special nutritional scheme is based on a public health study by the government on the malnourished children in the state. Tamil Nadu was also a pioneer of the midday meal scheme.

3. Which is the first Indian company to cross USD 100 billion annual revenue?

- A. Adani Industries
- B. Reliance Industries ☒
- C. TATA Industries
- D. Future Enterprises



- ✓ Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd first became the first Indian company to cross USD 100 billion annual revenue. For the fiscal 2021-22, Reliance reported a net profit of ₹60,705 crore on a revenue of ₹7.92 lakh crore (USD 102 billion). The earnings rose due to the high oil refining margins, growth in telecom and digital services and strong retail business. Rise in broadband subscribers, online retail and new energy investment are also the reasons for rise in earnings.

4. By selling a 3.5 per cent stake in LIC, what is the total amount to be raised by the Government?

- A. Rs 64000 Crore
- B. Rs 45000 Crore
- C. Rs 36000 Crore
- D. Rs 21000 Crore ☒



- ✓ India's biggest-ever initial public offering (IPO), by Life Insurance Corp (LIC) has been fully booked under all categories. The portion set for policy holders was booked 6.11 times, employees by 4.39 times, retail investors by 1.99 times, non-institutional investors by 2.91 times and qualified institutional buyers (QIB) by 2.83 times.
- ✓ The government will raise ₹ 21,000 crore from selling a 3.5 per cent stake in the country's top insurer. This is only a third of the original target fixed by the government.

5. Which is the first Asian country to join NATO's cyber defence group?

- A. India
- B. South Korea ☒
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ South Korea's National Intelligence Service became the first in Asia to join NATO's cyber defence group. South Korea has been under Cyber-threats from China and North Korea. NIS was accepted as a contributing participant for NATO's Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE). It was a cyber defence hub founded in Estonia, in 2008 and is focused on cyber-security research, training, and exercises.

6. The Sawa Lake, a biodiverse wetland seen in the news, is located in which country?

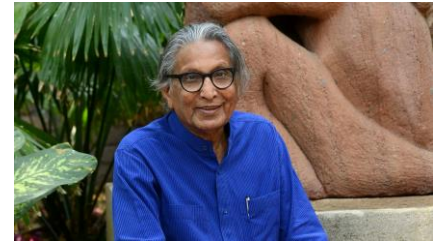
- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Iraq ☒
- D. Afghanistan



- ✓ The Sawa Lake, a biodiverse wetland situated near the city of Samawa, Iraq has disappeared mainly due to human activity and climate change. The five-square-kilometre lake has been drying up since 2014 and causes have been climate change and rising temperatures. Over 1000 wells illegally dug for agriculture in the region and cement and salt factories constructed near-by the lake have drained significant amounts of water.

7. Which Indian architect has been conferred the prestigious Royal Gold Medal 2022?

- A. Balkrishna Doshi ☒
- B. Sheila Sri Prakash
- C. Brinda Somaya
- D. Hafeez Contractor



- ✓ Veteran architect Balkrishna Doshi was conferred the prestigious Royal Gold Medal 2022, one of the world's highest honours for architecture, awarded by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). The 94-year-old architect is the only one from India. He is also the first to receive both the Royal Gold Medal and the Pritzker Architecture Prize, referred to as the Nobel Prize of architecture.

8. 'Yoon Suk-yeol' is the new President of which country?

- A. South Korea ☒
- B. Philippines
- C. Vietnam
- D. Thailand



- ✓ South Korea's new President Yoon Suk-yeol has recently won the Presidential Elections by the narrowest margin ever. He was a Prosecutor and played a significant role in convicting former president Park Geun-hye for abuse of power. He gained public attention after his investigations into some of the country's high-profile corruption scandals.

9. 'Experience Studio on Drones', has been launched at which institution?

- A. DRDO
- B. ISRO
- C. NITI Aayog ☒
- D. New Space India



- ✓ Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia launched an Experience Studio on Drones at NITI Aayog, to promote innovation and adoption of drones for public services. The Union Minister also announced the launch of two challenges, which will be held by NITI Aayog in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation: 'Drones for Social Impact Competition' and 'Robotics Workshop and Competition'.

10. When is the 'International Day of Plant Health (IDPH)' observed every year?

- A. May.10
- B. May.12 ☒
- C. May.14
- D. May.15



- ✓ The United Nations designated 12 May the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) to raise global awareness on protecting the plant health. As per the UN, protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and the environment, and boost economic development. Plants make up 80% of the food we eat and 98% of the oxygen we breathe. Up to 40% of food crops are lost due to plant pests and diseases every year.

1. Which country has been elected as the new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022–2024?

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



- ✓ India has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022–2024. Commission on Elections, Philippines was the previous chair of AAEA. Currently, 20 Asian Election Management Bodies (EMB) are members of AAEA and Election Commission of India (ECI) is a founder member of the EMB of AAEA. New members include Russia, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Taiwan, and the Philippines.

2. 'Katalin Novak' was elected recently as the first female and youngest President of which country?

- A. Finland
- B. Romania
- C. Hungary ☒
- D. Poland



- ✓ The Hungarian Parliament has elected Katalin Novak as the country's first-ever female president. The 44-year-old Minister is also Hungary's youngest-ever head of state. Novak, who recently served as a minister for family policy. She was known for the government policies including tax breaks and handouts designed to encourage young families to have more children.

3. 'Tomato Flu', which was seen in the news recently, is endemic to which state?

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



- ✓ After the recent outbreak of 'Tomato flu', which was endemic to Kerala, the neighbouring states are ramping up surveillance to prevent the disease. The tomato flu is a rare viral disease, which causes fever, skin irritation, rashes and dehydration. It affects children below five years of age and gets its name from the large red-coloured blisters it causes. There is no specific drug and the infected children are to be isolated, as it is contagious like other flu types.

4. Who is the recipient of the 2022 Templeton Prize?

- A. Roger Penrose
- B. James Peebles
- C. Arthur Ashkin
- D. Frank Wilczek ☒



- ✓ **Frank Wilczek, the Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist and author was honoured with this year's prestigious Templeton Prize. The Award was established in 1972 by the late philanthropist Sir John Templeton. It is awarded to individuals whose life's work symbolises a fusion of science and spirituality. Previous winners include Jane Goodall, Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.**

5. What is India's retail inflation in April 2022, as it touched its highest point in eight years?

- A. 8.01 %
- B. 7.85 %
- C. 7.79 % ☒
- D. 7.50 %



- ✓ **India's retail inflation in April 2022 surged to 7.79 per cent in April, largely driven by rising fuel and food prices, touching its highest point in last eight years. The previous high was recorded at 8.33 per cent in May 2014. 6.95 per cent inflation is recorded in the month of March. Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) upper tolerance limit for retail inflation is 6 %.**

6. Agriculture Ministry signed a MoU with which organisation for technical support towards PMFBY and KCC?

- A. FAO
- B. UNDP ☒
- C. IMF
- D. WMO



- ✓ **The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). As per the MoU, UNDP will provide technical support towards the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme & Kisan Credit Card – Modified Interest Subvention Scheme. UNDP has been providing technical assistance for the last 4 years.**

7. Which Union Ministry launched 'BHARAT TAP' initiative?

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| A. Ministry of Jal Shakti | B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare | D. Ministry of MSME |



- ✓ Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep S Puri launched the BHARAT TAP initiative at the 'Plumbex India' exhibition. BHARAT TAP initiative will reduce water consumption at source considerably. The Puri also launched 'Nirmal Jal Prayas' initiative which will work for saving of 500 crore litres of water per year.

8. Which institution has announced to set up 'YUVA Tourism Clubs'?

- A. CBSE ☒ B. UGC
C. ISRO D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued instructions to all CBSE affiliated schools regarding formation of Yuva Tourism Clubs. The Ministry of Tourism has initiated 'YUVA Tourism Clubs' as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations. It aims to nurture and develop young ambassadors of Indian tourism who would become aware of tourism possibilities in India, understand our rich cultural heritage and develop passion for tourism.

9. Kishore Kumar Das, who has been chosen for 'Commonwealth Points of Light Award', is from which country?

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



- ✓ The founder of educational charity 'Bidyanando', Kishore Kumar Das from Bangladesh has been chosen for the Commonwealth Points of Light Award, which recognises outstanding individual volunteers. He has been selected for his exceptional work in improving access to education for children from marginalised backgrounds, said the British High Commission. Kishore Das setup Bidyanando in 2013, which runs five primary schools which provide free education and meal programme for vulnerable.

10. The UN celebrates English Language Day on April 23 in honour of which English Author?

- A. Walt Whitman
B. William Shakespeare ☒
C. R W Emerson
D. Robert Frost



- ✓ The United Nations (UN) celebrates English Language Day on April 23 every year, in honour of English playwright William Shakespeare as the date marks both his birthday and day of death.
- ✓ The UN observes language days for each of its six official languages, to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity. UN Spanish Language Day is also observed on 23 April, to pay tribute to Spanish writer Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra.