

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?

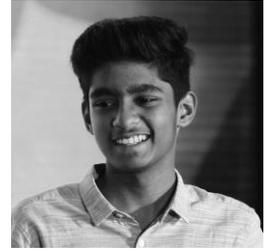
- A. France
- B. Switzerland
- C. Greece
- D. Cuba



- ✓ 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 83rd 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.