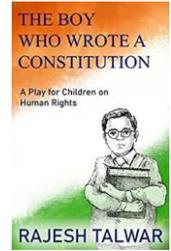


1. Who is the author of the "The boy who wrote a constitution", which was recently released?

- 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. Iniyar
- 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.