

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.