

1. Which Ministry launched the report on 'Circular Economy in Municipal Solid and Liquid Waste'?

- A. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- B. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** has released a report on 'Circular Economy in Municipal Solid and Liquid Waste.' At present, India generates 1.4 lakh tonnes of solid waste daily out of which 35 percent is dry waste. This report has estimated that proper municipal wet, solid, and construction waste treatment can generate around Rs 30,000 crore revenue annually.

2. Which country chaired the 'BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meet in 2022?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. Brazil



- ✓ China hosted the BRICS foreign ministers' meet in 2022. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India S Jaishankar participated in the meeting, where the foreign ministers discussed the situation in Ukraine and supported talks between Russia and Ukraine.
- ✓ External Affairs Minister also participated in the BRICS foreign ministers' dialogue with emerging markets and developing countries.

3. As per a recent landmark judgement of the Supreme Court, which body's recommendation is not binding on the Centre and State?

- A. Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council
- B. Finance Commission
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Financial Stability and Development Council



- ✓ The Supreme Court ruled in a landmark judgment that the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council's recommendations are not binding on the Centre and the states. The Supreme Court struck down the integrated GST (IGST) levy in an ocean freight case and ruled that the recommendations have only persuasive value. It said Parliament and the state legislatures had equal powers to legislate on GST and the Council must work in a harmonious manner.

4. Under which article of the constitution, the Supreme Court ordered the release of Rajiv Gandhi assassination case convict A G Perarivalan?

- A. Article 142
- B. Article 161
- C. Article 123
- D. Article 260

# 142

✓ The Supreme Court Bench of Justices invoked the extraordinary power conferred on the court under Article 142 of the Constitution, to order the release of Rajiv Gandhi assassination case convict A G Perarivalan. The Apex court cited the inordinate delay and lack of decision making by the Tamil Nadu Governor in pardoning Perarivalan under Article 161 of the Constitution.

5. Which country chaired the high-level Ministerial meeting on 'Global Food Security—Call to Action'?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. USA
- D. UK



✓ US Secretary of State Antony Blinken chaired the high-level Ministerial meeting on 'Global Food Security—Call to Action' in New York. India's Union Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan expressed concern over global food insecurity in the meeting.

✓ He said that India welcomes the UN Secretary General's initiative of establishing a Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance (GCRG) and exemption of food purchases by WFP for humanitarian assistance from food export restrictions.

6. As per the recent UN World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) report, what is the projected GDP Growth rate of India in FY23?

- A. 8.2%
- B. 7.5%
- C. 6.9%
- D. 6.0%

# 6

✓ UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs released its World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) report. India is projected to grow by 6.4 per cent in 2022, slower than the last year's 8.8 per cent but still remains the fastest-growing major economy.

✓ For the fiscal year 2023, India's growth is projected to be 6 per cent. The war in Ukraine slowed global economic growth to 3.1 per cent from 4 per cent.

7. The 'National Endangered Species Day' is celebrated on which day of May?

- A. First Sunday of May
- B. Last Saturday of May
- C. Last Sunday of May
- D. Third Friday of May



✓ National Endangered Species Day is celebrated every year on the third Friday of May and this year it is celebrated on 20 May. The day aims to create awareness among people about endangered species and the different steps we can take to protect them. The Endangered Species Act of 1973 came into existence on 28 December. The act aims to raise the need for wildlife conservation and rehabilitation of endangered species.

8. What is the surplus transfer by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to the Government for 2021–22?

- A. Rs 20201 crores
- B. Rs 30307 crores
- C. Rs 78784 crores
- D. Rs 99500 crores



✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will transfer Rs 30,307 crore as surplus to the government for 2021–22. The decision was taken by the RBI board to maintain the contingency risk buffer at 5.50 per cent of its balance sheet. This year's transfer is lower than the surplus transferred in the previous financial year Rs 99,126 crore for a nine-month period ended March 2021.

9. 'Anti-Terrorism Day' is observed on which day in India?

- A. January.31
- B. February.28
- C. March.31
- D. May.21



✓ Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on May 21 in India every year. It was on this day in the year 1991 that former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated. The objective of this day is to sensitise the youth about terrorism and violence by highlighting the suffering of common people. This year commemorates Rajiv Gandhi's 30<sup>th</sup> death anniversary. This year, the Ministry of Home Affairs proposed 'Anti-Terrorism Pledge'.

10. Which was the top-most investor in India during fiscal year 2021–22?

- A. USA
- B. Singapore
- C. UAE
- D. The Netherlands



✓ According to a statement issued by the commerce and industry ministry, India has recorded highest ever annual FDI inflow of USD 83.57 billion in the Financial Year 2021–22. FDI equity inflow in manufacturing sectors has increased by 76 per cent in 2021–22. Singapore was the topmost investor in India last fiscal year, accounting for 27% of the FDI, followed by the US at 18% and Mauritius at 16%. In 2020–21, the inflows were USD 81.97 billion.