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1. 'Ganga Quest 2022', which was seen in the news recently, is held under which mission?

- A. Swachh Bharat Mission
- B. National Mission for Clean Ganga ☒
- C. Green India Mission
- D. National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Eco system



- ✓ **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) along with Tree Craze Foundation, began Ganga Quest, an online quiz in 2019. The last date for the quiz, which commenced on April 7, is 22nd May– the International Day for Biological Diversity.**
- ✓ **The winners will be announced along with a Live Quiz on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5th June 2022. Ganga Quest 2022 is part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.**

2. Which institution partnered with UNICEF India on sustainable development goals (SDGs) with a focus on children?

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B. NITI Aayog ☒
- C. Smile Foundation
- D. Pratham Foundation



NITI Aayog

- ✓ **Government think tank NITI Aayog and UNICEF India signed a statement of intent (SoI) on sustainable development goals (SDGs) with a focus on children. The SoI seeks to formalise a framework of cooperation to launch the first report on the 'State of India's Children: Status and Trends in Multidimensional Child Development'.**

3. Who has been appointed new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog (in April 2022)?

- A. Jayati Ghosh
- B. Abhijeet Banerjee
- C. Suman K Bery ☒
- D. Ramesh Chand



- ✓ **Dr. Suman K Bery has been appointed new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog. He will succeed Dr. Rajiv Kumar, as per the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.**
- ✓ **Dr. Suman K Bery had served as Director-General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) a leading non-profit policy research institution. He also served as a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, National Statistical Commission and Reserve Bank of India's Technical Advisory Committee on Monetary Policy.**

4. 'Urja Pravaha', which was recently inducted, is the ship of which armed force?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Coast Guard ☒



- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard Ship (Auxiliary Barge) named Urja Pravaha has been inducted into the Indian Coast Guard at Gujarat's Bharuch. It will be under the operational command of Coast Guard District Headquarters-4 (Kerala and Mahe), in addition to auxiliary barge Urja Shrota, which was based here since 2017. The ship is 36 meters long and is designed to carry Cargo Ship Fuel.

5. Which is the first vaccine to be granted emergency use authorisation in India, for children in 5 to 12 years age group?

- A. Covaxin
- B. Covishield
- C. Novavax
- D. Corbevax ☒



- ✓ Expert panel of Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has recommended granting emergency use authorisation for Corbevax for children in 5 to 12 years age group. Developed by Hyderabad-based firm Biological-E, Corbevax is India's first indigenously developed RBD protein sub-unit vaccine against Covid-19. At present, Corbevax is being given to children between 12 and 14 years. Covaxin is being given to children in the age group of 15-18 years.

6. 'India Out' campaign is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih issued an order banning the 'India Out' campaign. Led by former President Yameen, the campaign accuses the Maldivian government of allowing Indian military presence in the island nation.
- ✓ President Solih has opted for an 'India first' foreign policy. The Maldives's National Security Council announced its decision that the campaign to incite hatred against India is a threat to national security.

7. The Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB) is located in which country?

- A. India
- B. Brazil
- C. USA
- D. South Korea ☒



- ✓ The Association of World Election Bodies 'A-WEB' was established 2013 in Song-do, South Korea. It is the first global organization of election management bodies, and consists of 118 EMBs as members and 20 Regional associations as associate members.
- ✓ A delegation led by Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra visited South Africa and Mauritius and held meetings with their Election Commission as well as interactions with the large NRI community in the two countries. He urged the members of Indian community to register as overseas voters.

8. The second statue of 'Hanumanji Char Dham' project has been inaugurated in Morbi in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bihar



- ✓ On the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled 108 feet statue of Lord Hanuman in Gujarat's Morbi. It is the second of the four statues being built in the four directions across the country, as part of the 'Hanumanji Char Dham' project.
- ✓ The first statue of the series was built in Himachal Pradesh's Shimla in 2010. The work on the third statue, in the south at Rameswaram has started.

9. Which state/UT celebrated its first ever Beach Festival 'I Sea PONDY-2022'?

- A. Goa
- B. Puducherry ☒
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Andaman & Nicobar Islands



- ✓ Puducherry Lieutenant Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan inaugurated the Puducherry's first-ever Beach Festival I Sea PONDY-2022. The festival will be celebrated for four days in Puducherry Gandhi Beach, Pondy Marina and Sandunes of Paradise Beach. The Beach Festival includes various cultural events and contests to be held in the beaches.

10. What is the theme of the 'National Fire Service Day 2022'?

- A. Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity ☒
- B. Tribute to Fire Fighters
- C. Fire Safety for Children
- D. AI in Fire Service



- ✓ **National Fire Service Day commemorates the 71 Fire Service personnel who lost their lives during a massive explosion at Mumbai dockyard on April 14, 1944.**
 - ✓ **The government of India also honours fearless fire-fighters on National Fire Service Day, who have done extraordinary work in their service. This year the theme of the National Fire Service Day is "Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity".**
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1. Which team won the men's' title in the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship?

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



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu defeated Punjab in the men's final of the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship. While the Indian Railways team won the women's title, beating Telangana. Tamil Nadu outplayed the defending champions Punjab 87–69 in the final to win the men's title. The women's semi-final saw the Railways register a big win over Tamil Nadu.**

2. 'Raisina Dialogue' which was inaugurated recently, is a Conference in which field?

- A. Foreign policy ☒
- B. Climate Change
- C. Information and Communication Technology
- D. Agriculture



- ✓ **Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship foreign policy and geo-economics conference. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the seventh edition with the chief guest Ursula von der Leyen, the President of European Union Commission.**
- ✓ **Over 200 speakers from 90 countries are participating in the seventh edition. The conference is a joint venture of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and think tank Observer Research Foundation (ORF). This year's theme is "Terranova: Impassioned, Impatient, and Imperilled".**

3. Emmanuel Macron has won the Presidential Election of which country?

- A. UK
- B. France ☒
- C. Germany
- D. South Africa



- ✓ **Emmanuel Macron has won the Presidential Election of France amidst historic challenge from far-right candidate Marine Le Pen. Macron became the first French leader to be re-elected to the Office in 20 years.**

4. Which institution conducts the 'All-India Household Consumer Expenditure Survey

- A. National Statistical Office ☒
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. NABARD



- ✓ The All-India Household Consumer Expenditure Survey is conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) every five years. The survey, which helps to arrive at estimates of poverty levels, is set to resume this year after a prolonged break.
- ✓ Since 2011-12, India does not have any official estimates on per capita household spending, used to arrive at estimates of poverty levels and to review economic indicators like GDP. The government scrapped the findings of the last Survey (2017-18) for data quality issues.

5. What is the primary objective of 'Amrit Sarovar initiative', which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Elimination of Single Use Plastic
- B. Rejuvenation of Water Bodies ☒
- C. Desalination of Sea Water
- D. Rain Water Harvesting



- ✓ Under the Amrit Sarovar initiative, 75 water bodies will be developed and rejuvenated in each district as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' has been completed in Rampur's Gram Panchayat Patwai, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Seventy-five ponds in Rampur were selected to be developed as Amrit Sarovar.

6. Which is the venue of the 'Khelo India University Games 2021', being held in April-May 2022?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Dehradun
- C. Bengaluru ☒
- D. Pune



- ✓ The 'Khelo India University Games 2021' is being hosted in Bengaluru from 24 April 2022 to 3 May 2022. Over 4,500 participants from 190 universities across the country are competing with each other at the Khelo India University Games. The athletes will participate across 20 different sports including indigenous sports like Mallakhamba and yogasana during the event.

7. 'Trilateral Development Corporation (TDC) Fund' is a new diplomatic initiative of which country?

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



- ✓ Union Ministry of External Affairs of India has recently launched a platform called the Trilateral Development Corporation (TDC). The fund would involve private sectors with state support for investments in the Indo-Pacific region and other regions. It aims to provide an alternative to China's Belt-Road Initiative (BRI). UK offers 5G, nuclear and high-speed rail technologies for BRI.

8. Kuril Islands, which was seen in the news, is claimed by which countries?

- A. China and Russia
- B. Japan and Russia ☒
- C. Ukraine and Russia
- D. UK and Russia



- ✓ Ever since the Soviet Union conquered the Kuril Islands in 1945, the ownership has been challenged by Japan. In the latest version of the 2022 Diplomatic Bluebook, which was published by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Northern Territories are “islands over which Japan has sovereignty, but now are illegally occupied by Russia.”

9. What is the rank of India in the SIPRI Data on Global Military expenditure in 2021?

- A. Second
- B. Third ☒
- C. Fifth
- D. Sixth

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- ✓ According to new data on global military spending published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), total global military expenditure increased by 0.7 per cent in 2021, to reach USD 2113 billion. This was the seventh consecutive year that spending increased and the first time to cross USD 2.1 trillion. The five largest spenders in 2021 were the United States, China, India, the United Kingdom and Russia, respectively together accounting for 62 per cent of expenditure.

10. Which is the venue of Asia's biggest international food and hospitality fair 'AAHAR 2022'?

- A. Nainital
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Mumbai



- ✓ Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in association with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) is organising Asia's biggest international food and hospitality fair AAHAR 2022. The fair is being organised at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- ✓ As per the Commerce and Industry Ministry, more than 80 exporters from different segments of agricultural products will participate in the fair. APEDA has created stalls for exporters from North East Region and Himalayan states, women entrepreneurs, FPOs, Start Ups and exporters of millets.

1. Which institution organised a National Level Workshop on “Innovative Agriculture”?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B. NITI Aayog ☒
- C. NABARD
- D. Indian Council of Agriculture Research



- ✓ **NITI Aayog, as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, organized a National Level Workshop on “Innovative Agriculture” in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said ‘Natural farming is the need of the hour and it is important to identify scientific ways to assure farmers higher incomes from natural farming.’**
- ✓ **Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parushottam Rupala, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar and Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog –Dr. Rajiv Kumar also participated in the Workshop.**

2. India has announced to set up ‘Transmission interconnection’ for transfer of renewable power with which country?

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



- ✓ **India and Maldives are planning to set up a transmission interconnection for transfer of renewable power between the two countries, to facilitate energy transition programme of Maldives. During the meeting between Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh and his Maldives counterpart, the leaders proposed two Memoranda of Understanding — on energy cooperation and on transmission interconnection under One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG).**

3. Which Indian state has recently signed MoUs for development of seven ropeway projects?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Assam



- ✓ **Himachal Pradesh government has signed MoU for the development of seven ropeway projects in Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Sirmour and Bilaspur districts of the state. The MoU was signed between Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation (RTDC) HP Limited and National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML) for the development of ropeways as innovative transport solution in Himachal Pradesh.**

4. Which is the venue of the 'International Conference on Pharma and Medical Devices sector 2022'?

- A. Varanasi
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Pune



- ✓ Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare, inaugurated the 7th edition of the International Conference on Pharma and Medical Devices sector 2022. The annual flagship three-day conference is being held at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- ✓ Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said that the Indian healthcare sector is becoming affordable and accessible for everyone due to the relentless efforts and leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India is the pharma hub in the world with our production being fifth in the world.

5. What is the total export of finished steel from India in FY 22?

- A. Rs 10 million tonnes
- B. Rs 13.5 million tonnes ☒
- C. Rs 15 million tonnes
- D. Rs 20.5 million tonnes



- ✓ The Ministry of Steel recently announced that the country exported 13.5 million tonnes (mt) of finished steel amounting to ₹1 trillion and imported steel of around ₹46000 crores. India also recorded an all-time steel high consumption at around 106 million. Government of India launched Production Linked Scheme (PLI) to produce speciality steel in our country.

6. Which Union Ministry launched the commemorative event – “Enterprise India”?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of MSME ☒
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Narayan Rane inaugurated the Ministry's Mega Event– “Enterprise India” under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It is a series of commemorative entrepreneurship development events and activities being organised to promote entrepreneurship culture and create awareness about the schemes and initiatives of Ministry of MSME across the country.

7. 'Digital India RISC-V Microprocessor (DIR-V) Program' aims to create Microprocessors and achieve Silicon and Design wins by which year?

- A. 2023 ☒
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2030



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and IT launched the 'Digital India RISC-V Microprocessor (DIR-V)' program. It aims to enable creation of Microprocessors and achieve industry-grade Silicon and Design wins by December 2023. It also set milestones for commercial silicon of SHAKTI & VEGA.

8. Who are the beneficiaries of the 'PM SVANidhi' scheme?

- A. SHG Members
- B. Street Vendors ☒
- C. Lactating Mothers and New Born Children
- D. Adolescent Boys and Girls



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the continuation of the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme till December 2024.
- ✓ Through the scheme, affordable collateral-free loans are given to street vendors. The scheme aimed to facilitate loans for an amount of Rs 5,000 crore while the recent approval has increased the loan amount to Rs 8,100 crore.

9. Kwar Hydro-electric project, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the investment of Rs 4,526.12 crore for the 540 MW Kwar Hydro-electric project. It is located on Chenab River in Jammu & Kashmir's Kishtwar district. The Kwar hydropower project will be implemented by Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Ltd (CVPPL), a joint venture company between NHPC Ltd and Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC).

10. Which is the venue of the Conference of High Court Chief Justices 2022?

- A. Chennai
- B. Kolkata
- C. New Delhi ☒
- D. Mumbai



- ✓ Chief Justice of India NV Ramana chaired the 39th conference of Chief Justices of various High Courts of the country, at the premises of the Supreme Court, New Delhi. The first Chief Justices' conference was held in November 1953 and 38 such conferences have been organised so far. The last Conference was held in the year 2016. It aims to address the issues concerning the judiciary and to discuss the steps to be taken to improve the justice delivery system.
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1. The Union Cabinet approved an additional funding of Rs 820 crore for which bank, to expand its services?

- A. India Post Payments Bank ☒
- B. Unity Small Finance Bank
- C. NSDL Payment Bank
- D. AU Small Finance Bank



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved an additional funding of Rs 820 crore for India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for expansion of its services to all post offices in the country. Out of the 1.56 lakh post offices, IPPB currently operates from 1.3 lakh post offices. Since the launch, it has opened over 5.25 crore accounts with 82 crore aggregate number of transactions. The Cabinet has approved a future fund infusion worth Rs 500 crore for meeting regulatory requirements and technological upgradation.

2. Which is the first airline in Asia to use the 'GAGAN' satellite-based navigation system during landing?

- A. Air India
- B. IndiGo ☒
- C. Air Asia
- D. SpiceJet



- ✓ IndiGo became the first airline in Asia to use the indigenously developed satellite-based navigation system 'GAGAN' during landing. The system has been jointly developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Indian Space Research Organisation. It provides corrections to the global positioning system (GPS) signal to improve air traffic management.

3. Which institution releases the 'Quarterly Employment Survey'?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Ministry of Labour & Employment ☒
- C. NASSCOM
- D. FICCI

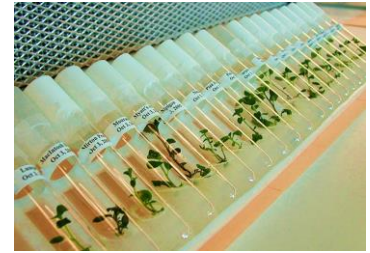


श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय
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MINISTRY OF LABOUR &
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- ✓ According to the Labour and Employment Ministry's third Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) report, over 4 lakh jobs were created in firms with 10 or more workers in 9 selected sectors in October–December 2021. The Ministry's survey, which covered 10,834 units established before 2013–14 in the third round, found employment had increased from 3.10 crore in July–September 2021 to 3.145 crore in the next quarter.

4. Which Indian state is the first to set up a Gene Bank Project?

- A. Kerala
- B. Telangana
- C. Maharashtra ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Maharashtra has announced to set up a 'Gene bank project', to conserve native and endangered animals, crops, marine and biological species. It will be implemented by the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board (MSBB) and Rs 172.39 crore has been allocated for the next five years.
- ✓ The project will work on seven themes — marine, crop, veterinary, freshwater, grassland biodiversity, protection and management of forest right areas, and regeneration of forests. The project will focus on mitigating the impact on the food chain due to climate change.

5. Which Indian Bank launched the 'Open-for-all' Digital ecosystem for MSMEs?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. ICICI Bank ☒
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. Canara Bank



- ✓ ICICI Bank has launched 'Open-for-all' Digital ecosystem for MSMEs. The digital service for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) can be used by customers of other banks. One of the new services it provides is sanction of instant and paperless overdraft facility up to Rs 25 lakh through 'InstaOD Plus'. The feature enables customers of any bank to avail of an overdraft instantly.

6. Which institution launched the 'Mandate document' for National Curriculum Framework (NCF)?

- A. University Grants Commission
- B. AICTE
- C. Union Education Ministry ☒
- D. National Testing Agency

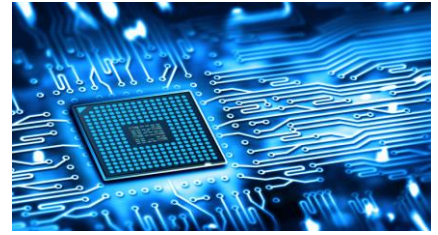


शिक्षा मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION

- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released the 'Mandate document' for National Curriculum Framework (NCF). The National Education Policy 2020 recommended the development of NCF in four areas — school education, early childhood care and education, teacher education and adult education. The development of the NCF is guided by the National Steering Committee (NSC), chaired by Dr K Kasturirangan, and supported by the Mandate Group, along with NCERT.

7. Which is the venue of the 'Semicon India Conference-2022'?

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



- ✓ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Semicon India Conference-2022' in Bengaluru. The consumption of semiconductors is expected to cross USD 110 billion by 2030 and India has the world's fastest growing start-up ecosystem.
- ✓ The Government of India recently launched 'Production Linked Incentives' (PLI) schemes that offer incentives of over 26 billion dollars in 14 key sectors.

8. 'National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities' has been launched under which scheme?

- A. Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin 2.0
- B. Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 ☒
- C. AMRUT 2.0
- D. HRIDAY 2.0



- ✓ Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has launched the 'National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities'. It aims to serve as a guiding document and blueprint for States and Cities to undertake large scale multimedia campaigns along with inter-personal communication campaigns. SBM Urban 2.0 is implemented by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

9. When is the 'World Hemophilia Day' observed across the world?

- A. April 15
- B. April 17 ☒
- C. April 19
- D. April 25



- ✓ World Hemophilia Day, which is marked on 17 April annually, is dedicated to raising awareness about hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders. Hemophilia is an inherited genetic disorder in which the blood's capacity to clot is substantially impaired, causing one to bleed excessively even from minor injuries. The World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) began observing World Hemophilia Day since 1989 to honour WFH founder Frank Schnabel's birthday.

10. What is the theme of the 'World Heritage Day 2022'?

- A. Heritage and Climate ☒
- B. Rural Landscapes
- C. Heritage for Generations
- D. Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures



- ✓ 'World Heritage Day 2022' is celebrated on April 18 every year to raise awareness and take up ways to preserve cultural heritage. It is also known as International Day for Monuments and Sites. This year, the World Heritage Day theme is "Heritage and Climate". In India, there are 40 UNESCO recognised world heritage sites. The most recent additions to India's world heritage sites are Jaipur city and the Harappan site of Dholavira in Gujarat.
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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?

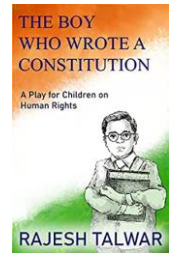
- A. Squash
B. Tennis ☒
C. Table-Tennis
D. Hockey



- ✓ 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.

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. Inian
- 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

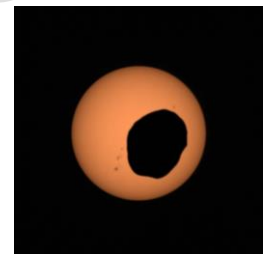


WORLD
creativity
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DAY

- ✓ 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 (SOFI) 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?

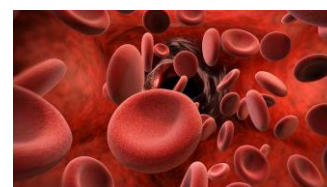
- A. Hong Kong ☒
B. Taiwan
C. South Korea
D. Malaysia



- ✓ **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?

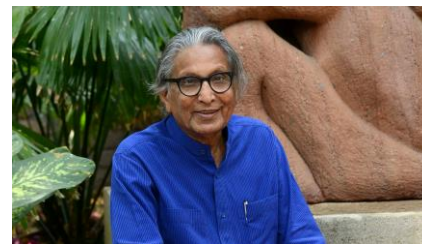
- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Iraq ☒
- D. Afghanistan



- ✓ 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.

1. What is the theme of the 'World Book and Copyright Day 2022'?

- A. Read, so you never feel low ☒
- B. To share a story
- C. Imagine the World: A story of books and festivals
- D. Reading, it's my right!



- ✓ The World Book and Copyright Day is celebrated on April 23, to promote the joy of books and reading. The theme for World Book and Copyright Day 2022 is "Read, so you never feel low."
- ✓ Each year, UNESCO and the international organisations representing the three major sectors of the book industry (publishers, booksellers, and libraries) select the World Book Capital for a one-year period. Guadalajara (Mexico) is the World Book Capital of 2022 and the city of Accra (Ghana) is the Capital for 2023.

2. The UN Chinese Language Day is observed on which date?

- A. April.20 ☒
- B. May.15
- C. April.21
- D. May.16

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- ✓ The UN Chinese Language Day is observed every year on April 20 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to raise awareness and respect for the history, culture and achievements of each of the six official languages of the world body.
- ✓ April 20 was chosen as the date for the Chinese language to pay tribute to Cang Jie, a mythical figure who is presumed to have invented Chinese characters about 5,000 years ago. The six official languages of the United Nations are as follows: English, French, Russian, Chinese, Spanish and Arabic.

3. As per a recent NABARD Study, farmers of which state borrowed the largest amount per farmer?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Punjab ☒



- ✓ As per a recent study, an average farmer of Punjab borrows four times the amount than his counterparts in Uttar Pradesh (UP) and over five times his counterparts in Maharashtra. The study was conducted by NABARD in collaboration with the Bharat Krishak Samaj on recent farm loan waivers by the three state governments. A marginal farmer in Punjab borrows Rs 3.4 lakh annually, as compared to Rs 84,000 and Rs 62,000 in UP and Maharashtra, respectively.

4. Which country won the 'Locked Shields 2022' Cyber-defence exercise?

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Finland ☒
- D. Germany



- ✓ Finland won Locked Shields 2022, the world's largest and most complex international cyber-defence live-fire exercise, from the 24 teams participated in this year's event. The joint team Lithuania-Poland took second place, followed by the joint Estonian-Georgian team. Locked Shields 2022 was organized by NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE).

5. Which institution announces the 'Class of Young Global Leaders (YGLs)'?

- A. World Bank
- B. World Economic Forum ☒
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. NASA



- ✓ The World Economic Forum announces the 'Class of Young Global Leaders (YGLs)', which includes researchers, innovative entrepreneurs, activists and promising political leaders between the ages of 30 and 40. The Indians featuring in the 2022 list are Aam Aadmi Party leader Raghav Chadha, Edelweiss Mutual Fund CEO Radhika Gupta, athlete Manasi Joshi, BharatPe CEO Suhail Sameer, Innov8 Coworking founder Ritesh Malik, Sugar Cosmetics CEO Vineeta Singh and Global Himalayan Expedition CEO Jaideep Bansal.

6. Which institution launched the 'National Data & Analytics Platform (NDAP)'?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. NITI Aayog ☒
- C. NASSCOM
- D. C-DAC



- ✓ NITI Aayog launched the National Data & Analytics Platform (NDAP) for open public use. The platform aims to democratize access to public government data by making data accessible, interactive, and available on a user-friendly platform. It presents foundational datasets from various government agencies and provides tools for analytics and visualization. This public launch follows a beta release of the platform in August 2021 that had provided access to a limited number of users for testing and feedback.

7. What is the theme of the 'International Museum Day 2022'?

- A. Bio-restoration in Museums
- B. Power of Museums ☒
- C. Cultural Exchange
- D. Global Co-operation



- ✓ **International Museum Day is celebrated by museums across the globe on May 18th, to generate awareness about the significant role of museums in community building, national and international cooperation as well as cultural exchange. The National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi is organizing week-long celebrations with educational activities and programs under the theme of this year's Museum Day – 'Power of Museums'.**

8. India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' has been inaugurated in which state?

- A. Goa
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated the country's first 'Amrit Sarovar' in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh. With the help of local people and local school children, the dirty pond has been transformed with new retaining wall, boundary wall, food court, fountains and lighting. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called for having at least 75 water bodies in every district in the 75th year of India's Independence.**

9. Scientists have discovered the fossil of a Madtsoiidae snake in which state/UT?

- A. Kerala
- B. West Bengal
- C. Ladakh ☒
- D. Lakshadweep



- ✓ **Scientists have discovered the fossil of a Madtsoiidae snake in the Himalayan Mountains in Ladakh. Madtsoiidae is an extinct group of medium-sized to gigantic snakes. This research highlights the existence of the rare serpent species in the Indian subcontinent. They are thought to grow up to 30 feet in length. The study was undertaken by researchers from Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun, Panjab University, IIT Ropar and Comenius University, Slovakia.**

10. 'Rural Tribal Technical Training' Project was inaugurated from which place?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Gandhi Nagar
- C. Bhopal ☒
- D. Pune



- ✓ **Minister of State, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Rajeve Chandrasekhar launched the Pilot Project for Skilling Tribal Youth – Rural Tribal Technical Training at the Centre for Research and Industrial Staff Performance CRISP, Bhopal. The project seeks to provide training for about 250 beneficiaries of 17 districts selected from six states of India – Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Odisha and will be organized at Jharkhand. The training will enable the youth to start their own business.**
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1. Which is the venue of the first Incredible India International Cruise Conference (IIICC) held in 2022?

- A. Goa
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Mumbai ☒
- D. Kolkata



- ✓ Union Tourism Minister, G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated the first Incredible India International Cruise Conference (IIICC) in Mumbai.
- ✓ He also invited domestic and international tourists to 'Come, Cruise in India.' It was jointly organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, the Government of India and FICCI. Eight Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) were signed during the conference.

2. Chittagong Port, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

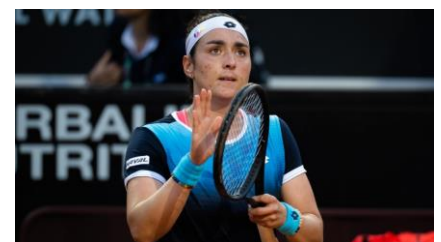
- A. India
- B. Bangladesh ☒
- C. Nepal
- D. Myanmar



- ✓ The Chittagong or Chhatogram port is one of the important seaports of Bangladesh. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina offered India to use the Chittagong Port when External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met her in Dhaka. Due to the sea port's close proximity, the port facility has the potential to boost economic activity in the North-East Indian states including Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram.

3. Which tennis player won the Italian Open 2022 women's single title?

- A. Ashleigh Barty
- B. Iga Swiatek ☒
- C. Naomi Osaka
- D. Simona Halep



- ✓ World No.1 Iga Swiatek won her fifth consecutive WTA Tour title by defeating No.7 player in straight sets to win the Italian Open 2022. The 20-year-old Polish star is just the second player to ever win four or more WTA 1000 titles in a single season after Serena Williams (5) in 2013. Novak Djokovic scored a straight-set victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas to win the 2022 Italian Open men's title and his first ATP Tour title of the season.

4. 'Technology Pioneers Community' is an initiative of which institution?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. WEF ☒
- C. IMF
- D. World Bank



- ✓ The World Economic Forum said 100 new startups, including five from India, have joined its Technology Pioneers Community. The start-ups include entities from healthcare and financial services to the metaverse. World Economic Forum released the 2022 cohort of Technology Pioneers ahead of its annual meeting in Davos. The five Indian entities include Vahan, SmartCoin Financials, Proeon, Pandocorp and Recykal.

5. When is the 'International Day of Living Together in Peace' observed annually?

- A. May.12
- B. May.14
- C. May.16 ☒
- D. May.18



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to declare 16 May as the International Day of Living Together in Peace in 2017. The Day aims to urge people to live together in a united and peaceful way. The year 2000 was recognised as 'The International Year for a Culture of Peace' and the UN declared the decade from 2001 to 2010 as the "International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for Children of the World."

6. Dudh Vani, India's first Community radio station (CRS), has been inaugurated in which state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Prime Minister inaugurated a community radio station (CRS) named 'Dudh Vani', which has been dedicated to animal husbandry. Set up by the Banaskantha District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union (Banas Dairy), the Radio station will connect over five lakh dairy farmers across 1,700 villages in the State. This is also the country's first community radio station dedicated to the cattle-breeders.

7. Which country accounted for 82 per cent of all malaria deaths in the South–East Asian region?

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



- ✓ The World Malaria Report 2021 of the World Health Organization (WHO) shows that the India accounted for about 82 per cent of all malaria deaths in the South–East Asian region. However, it is the only high burden country to sustain a reduction in the malaria disease burden. The theme for World Malaria Day 2022, observed in April 25 is “harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives”.

8. ‘Pranahita Pushkaralu’ is a famous festival celebrated in which state?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Telangana ☒
- C. Kerala
- D. Odisha



- ✓ ‘Pranahita Pushkaralu’ is a mega river festival dedicated to worshipping the Pranahita, a tributary of the river Godavari, in Telangana. The festival was celebrated for the first time following the creation of Telangana state. It started at the venues created on the shores of Pranahita. Over 6 lakh devotees from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka states took part in the 12–day long festival.

9. Which state has passed bills to transfer the Governor’s power in appointing Vice–Chancellors of state universities to the state?

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



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu Assembly passed two Bills that seek to transfer the Governor’s power in appointing Vice–Chancellors of 13 state universities to the state government. As per the state government, the Bills were required as the Governor was disregarding the state government’s opinion on the appointments of VCs. This argument was also made by states such as Maharashtra and West Bengal in the past.

10. Who won the 2022 Laureus World Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year awards?

- A. Max Verstappen and Elaine Thompson–Herah ☒
- B. Lewis Hamilton and Elaine Thompson–Herah
- C. Rafael Nadal and Ashleigh Barty
- D. Lewis Hamilton and Ashleigh Barty



- ✓ **Formula One world champion Max Verstappen and Jamaican Olympic sprint queen Elaine Thompson–Herah have been named 2022 Laureus World Sportsman and Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year respectively. Italian Men's Football Team won their second Laureus Team of the Year Award while Global tennis sensation Emma Raducanu received the Laureus Breakthrough of the Year Award.**
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1. How many medals did India win in the Asian Wrestling Championships 2022?

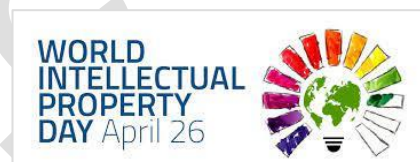
- A. 10
- B. 12
- C. 15
- D. 17 ☒

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- ✓ The Indian team ended its campaign at Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 with a total of 17 medals– one gold, five silvers and 11 bronze. On the Final day, India's Freestyle wrestlers Deepak Punia and Vicky bag Silver Medal and Bronze Medal respectively. Indian team won in all the categories of Greco Roman, Women's freestyle and Men's freestyle.

2. What is the theme of the 'World Intellectual Property Day' 2022?

- A. IP and Youth innovating for a better future. ☒
- B. IP during Pandemic.
- C. Plagiarism and its effects.
- D. Awareness on IPR.



- ✓ The 'World Intellectual Property Day' 2022 is celebrated on April 26, to raise awareness of the impact of how patents, copyright, trademarks and design affect our daily life. Geneva-based World Intellectual Property Organization is one of the 15 specialized agencies of the United Nations. The theme for this year's World Intellectual Property Day is focused on 'IP and Youth innovating for a better future'.

3. Which country is the host of the 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA) in 2022?

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



- ✓ Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is set to host 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA), for the first time in 118 years of its existence. The WCOA is held every four years since it was started in 1904. The event will be held in November 2022 in the newly built 'Jio World Convention Centre', Mumbai. About 6000 top accountants from 130 countries will participate in the programme directly and over 10000 will join virtually. The theme of the event would be 'Building Trust Enabling Sustainability'.

4. Which week is celebrated as World Immunization Week?

- A. Fourth week of April ☒
- B. Fourth week of May
- C. Fourth week of January
- D. Fourth week of September



- ✓ Fourth week of April is celebrated as World Immunization Week and observed by all the member states of World Health Organization. Its purpose is to raise public awareness about diseases that

are preventable through immunization, thereby encouraging immunization. "Long Life for All" is the theme for this year's World Immunization Week.

5. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of NASSCOM?

- A. Anant Maheshwari
- B. Krishnan Ramanujam ☒
- C. Kris Gopalakrishnan
- D. Nandan Nilekani



- ✓ The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), has announced the appointment of Krishnan Ramanujam, as its chairperson for 2022–23.
- ✓ He is currently serving as the President, Enterprise Growth Group, at Tata Consultancy Services and Vice–Chairman of NASSCOM. He succeeds Rekha M. Menon, chairperson and senior managing director of Accenture in India. Anant Maheshwari, President, Microsoft India, is appointed as NASSCOM Vice–chairperson for 2022–23.

6. Which country recently announced to withdraw from the United Nations World Tourism Organisation?

- A. China
- B. Russia ☒
- C. Ukraine
- D. Belarus



- ✓ Russia announced that it has decided to withdraw from the Spain–based United Nations World Tourism Organisation ahead of the scheduled vote on their suspension. Despite the withdrawal, UNWTO made it clear that they will go ahead with the suspension, due to the ongoing invasion of Ukraine. The process of excluding Russia from the body will take around a year to finish.

7. As per a recent study, what is the estimated number of deaths among children and adolescents in 2019?

- A. 8 Lakh
- B. 18 Lakh
- C. 86 Lakh ☒
- D. 118 Lakh



- ✓ According to a new series on optimising child and adolescent health and development, published in the Lancet, over 86 lakh deaths among children and adolescents (0–20 years) were recorded in 2019. Stillbirths and neonatal deaths accounted for over half these deaths, while another one–third of the deaths occurred in children between one month and five years of age.

8. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting launched 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya' in association with which OTT platform?

- A. Amazon Prime
- B. Netflix ☒
- C. Sony Liv
- D. Disney+ Hotstar

NETFLIX

- ✓ Ministry of Information and Broadcasting launched 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya' short video series, created in collaboration with OTT platform, Netflix.
- ✓ The initiative aims to bring out inspiring stories of Indians, motivate people to achieve their goals. The videos will be available on various social media channels of the Ministry and Netflix, as well as broadcast across the Doordarshan network.

9. Which is the venue of the Conference of High Court Chief Justices 2022?

- A. Chennai
- B. Kolkata
- C. New Delhi ☒
- D. Thiruvananthapuram



- ✓ Chief Justice of India NV Ramana chaired the 39th conference of Chief Justices of various High Courts of the country, at the premises of the Supreme Court, New Delhi. The first Chief Justices' conference was held in November 1953 and 38 such conferences have been organised so far. The last Conference was held in the year 2016. It aims to address the issues concerning the judiciary and to discuss the steps to be taken to improve the justice delivery system.

10. When is the 'World Day for Safety and Health at Work' observed?

- A. April 24
- B. April 26
- C. April 28 ☒
- D. April 30



- ✓ The 'World Day for Safety and Health at Work' is observed annually on April 28. The day is dedicated to create awareness on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) management. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) began to observe World Day in the year 2003 to prevent accidents and diseases at work. The theme for this year's World Day for Safety And Health at Work 2022 is 'Act together to build a positive safety and health culture'.

1. Who is the author of the book titled 'Not Just a Nightwatchman: My Innings in the BCCI'?

- A. Sourav Ganguly
- B. Vinod Rai ☒
- C. Jagmohan Dalmiya
- D. N Srinivasan



- ✓ The 11th Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Vinod Rai has authored a book titled 'Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings in the BCCI'. The Supreme Court of India appointed Vinod Rai as the interim president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in 2017. The book is said to be a transparent commentary on the functioning of BCCI under the guidance of the Committee of Administrators (CoA).

2. Which University has been ranked first among all public universities in India by Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022?

- A. Anna University
- B. Madras University
- C. Calcutta University ☒
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru University



- ✓ Calcutta University has been ranked first among all the central and state-aided public universities in the country by Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022.
- ✓ Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was placed at 41st place in the overall table. India is the fourth most-represented nation across the rankings, with 64 universities featuring in total along with Turkey. Australia's Western Sydney University is ranked at the top spot in the overall ranking, which includes 1,406 institutions.

3. As a part of Mission SAGAR IX, INS Gharial recently delivered critical medicines to which country?

- A. Maldives
- B. Sri Lanka ☒
- C. Nepal
- D. Afghanistan



- ✓ INS Gharial, as part of Mission SAGAR IX, delivered over 760 kgs of 107 types of critical lifesaving medicines to Sri Lanka. The recent mission aims to provide medical aid to Sri Lanka during its ongoing economic crisis. The Indian Navy undertakes several humanitarian operations titled Mission SAGAR to assist friendly countries, in line with the Government's vision of SAGAR – Security and Growth for All in the Region.

4. Which infrastructure project won the 'Indian Building Congress' (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project'?

- A. Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Tunnel
- B. Atal Tunnel ☒
- C. Rohtang La Pass
- D. Zoji La Pass



- ✓ The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) constructed– Atal Tunnel, built in Rohtang in Himachal Pradesh, received the Indian Building Congress' (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award. The IBC jury selected the strategic tunnel as the 'Best Project for Excellence in Built Environment' in 2021. Built using the New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM), it was dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 3, 2020.

5. India ranks at which place worldwide for production in terms of volume of Pharma exports?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd ☒
- D. 5th

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- ✓ India ranks third worldwide for production in terms of volume of Pharma exports and 14th by value. The current market size of the domestic pharmaceutical industry is around USD 50 billion. The share of pharmaceuticals and drugs of India in the global exports is 5.92 percent. As per the Commerce Ministry, Pharma exports have touched Rs 1,83,422 crore in 2021–22. 60 percent of the world's vaccines and 20 percent of generic medicines came from India.

6. Youth Affairs and Sports Minister inaugurated the 2nd Khelo Masters Games 2022 at which place?

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



- ✓ Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated 2nd Khelo Masters Games Delhi–2022 in New Delhi. In this game, over 3000 master players of the age group over 30 to 95 years, from 23 State and Union Territories are participating in eight categories of games. It concludes on May 3.

7. Which organisation has launched 'Gluten-free' Millet Products at AAHAR Food Fair?

- A. NABARD B. APEDA ☒
- C. FICCI D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has launched a variety of millet products for all age groups at affordable prices, at the AAHAR food fair in New Delhi. As per the Commerce and Industry Ministry, all the millet products launched by APEDA are gluten-free, 100 percent natural and patented. The 36th edition of AAHAR was jointly organized by APEDA and the India Trade Promotion Organization.**

8. 'International Dark Sky Week' is celebrated in which month?

A. April ☒

B. May

C. June

D. July



- ✓ **The International Dark Sky Week is an annual event hosted by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA). This year, astronomers and sky enthusiasts marked the 2022 International Dark Sky Week from April 22–30. Hundreds of events were conducted across the globe where participants learn astrophotography, take night walks, and observe night sky without light pollution and learn how it negatively impacts our ecosystem.**

9. India's P V Sindhu won which medal/position in the Asian Championships 2022?

A. Gold

B. Silver

C. Bronze ☒

D. 4th Place



- ✓ **India's ace shuttler P V Sindhu won her second Asian Championships bronze medal as she lost the women's singles semifinal to Japan's Akane Yamaguchi. She faced a three-game loss to top-seed and defending champion Akane Yamaguchi of Japan though Sindhu clinched the opening game 21–13. Lee Zii Jia defeated Jonatan Christie for title to win Men's title while Wang Zhi Yi defeated Akane Yamaguchi in Women's singles.**

10. 'Jivhala' is a special loan scheme launched by which state government?

A. Andhra Pradesh

B. Maharashtra ☒

C. Punjab

D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ **The Maharashtra Department of Prisons has launched first kind of credit scheme for prisoners in jails across the state. The loan scheme titled Jivhala is offered by the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank for inmates who are undergoing a prison sentence of more than three years.**

- ✓ The pilot was introduced at Yerawada Central Jail in Pune, and will be extended to nearly 60 prisons. Inmates can use the loans for education of their children, medical treatment of family members, legal fees, or other expenses.
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1. When is the 'World Tuna Day' celebrated every year?

- A. April.30
- B. May.02 ☒
- C. June.03
- D. May.13



- ✓ **World Tuna Day on May 2 was established in December 2016 by the United Nations General Assembly, with an aim to preserve endangered species and to highlight the importance of sustainable fishing practices. On May 2– 2017, the first World Tuna Day was observed. As per the UN, around 7 million metric tons of tuna and tuna-like species are harvested every year. This year it is being celebrated under the theme "Our Tuna, Our Heritage".**

2. When is the 'World Veterinary Day' annually observed?

- A. Last Saturday of April ☒
- B. Last Saturday of May
- C. Last Saturday of June
- D. Last Saturday of December



- ✓ **'World Veterinary Day' is annually observed on the last Saturday of April. This year, it fell on April 30. The day aims to highlight and promote the work performed by veterinarians all over the world. In 1959, World Veterinary Association (WVA) was founded in Madrid, Spain. This year it is being observed under the theme, "Strengthening Veterinary Resilience".**

3. CubeSat LakshyaSAT, a nano-satellite built by an Indian Research Scholar, was launched from which country?

- A. USA
- B. UK ☒
- C. Israel
- D. Australia



- ✓ **Sai Divya, research scholar in Satellite Communications from Andhra Pradesh has developed CubeSat LakshyaSAT, research nano-satellite. After she sent the prototype of the Cubesat to the UK, B2Space Company launched the satellite. The CubeSat model, placed inside a space box platform, was sent to the stratosphere to collect various parameters of the stratosphere using a high-altitude balloon.**

4. Which country launched the 'Zhongxing 6D' communication satellite?

- A. Israel
- B. China ☒
- C. Japan
- D. South Korea



- ✓ The China National Space Administration launched the two missions, on the same day of successful landing of its longest astronaut mission yet. A Long March 3B rocket lifted off carrying the Zhongxing 6D a special communication satellite for radio and television programs.
- ✓ The satellite will provide high-definition video; radio and television broadcast services across the South China Sea, Southeast Asia and Pacific Island countries. A Long March 4C rocket launched a new atmosphere monitoring satellite into orbit.

5. NROL-85, which was launched recently, is an intelligence satellite of which country?

- A. USA ☒
- B. UAE
- C. Israel
- D. France



- ✓ SpaceX launched a spy satellite for the US National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). A two-stage Falcon 9 rocket was used to carry the NROL-85 spacecraft.

6. Harshada Sharad Garud, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Boxing
- B. Weight-Lifting ☒
- C. Squash
- D. Hockey



- ✓ Harshada Sharad Garud made history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal in Weightlifting, at the IWF Junior World Championships at Heraklion in Greece. She lifted 153-kilogram in the 45-kilogram weight category, to finish on top of the podium. Before the 18-year-old sportsperson, there are only two Indians to win a medal in IWF Junior World Championships. Mirabai Chanu had won a bronze in 2013 and Achinta Sheuli won a silver medal last year.

7. Sajan Prakash and Vedaant Madhavan, who were seen in the news, are associated with which sports?

- A. Swimming ☒
- B. Cricket
- C. Boxing
- D. Badminton



- ✓ Top Indian swimmer Sajjan Prakash won the men's 200m butterfly gold and Vedaant Madhavan bagged silver medal in the men's 1500m freestyle event at the Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark.
- ✓ Sajjan Prakash is a 28-year-old swimmer from Kerala, who specialises in freestyle, butterfly and medley events. 16-year-old Vedaant Madhavan, had won a bronze medal at the Latvia Open in March 2021, won seven medals in Junior National Aquatic Championships last year.

8. Which country hosted the 'International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI)'?

A. France

B. UK

C. India ☒

D. New Zealand



- ✓ Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) hosted the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI), in New Delhi, in both offline and online modes. It is being hosted in collaboration with the United States government. The conference was attended by the Prime Ministers of India, Australia and Japan, as well as Presidents of Ghana and Madagascar. India launched the initiative on 'Infrastructure for Resilient Island States' at COP26 2021

9. Which country is the host of second 'India-Nordic Summit' held in 2022?

A. Finland

B. Netherlands

C. Denmark ☒

D. Belgium



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently attended the second India-Nordic Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark. He discussed the situation in Ukraine with the Prime Ministers of Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Iceland during the summit. India and Denmark signed nine agreements including that on Centre of Excellence in Green Shipping, on Migration and Mobility, Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP), etc.

10. Which country is the host of FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in 2022?

A. Brazil

B. India ☒

C. Canada

D. Greece



- ✓ India is the host of FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in 2022 and the event will be held across three venues – Bhubaneswar, Goa and Navi Mumbai. The draw for the tournament will be held in Zurich on June 24. Host India and six other countries – Brazil, Chile, China PR, Colombia, Japan and New Zealand have been confirmed for the competition so far.

1. 'Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary' which was notified as tiger reserve, is located in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan ☒
- D. Punjab



- ✓ The Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary in Rajasthan was notified as India's 52nd tiger reserve, as announced by the Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav. This is Rajasthan's fourth tiger reserve after Ranthambore, Sariska and Mukundra. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) approved to make Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary as tiger reserves last year.

2. What are 'Surat' and 'Udaygiri' recently launched by the Defence Minister?

- A. Warships ☒
- B. Missiles
- C. Space Launch Vehicles
- D. Fighter Jets



- ✓ Defence minister Rajnath Singh launched two made-in-India warships 'Surat' and 'Udaygiri' in Mumbai. This is the first time two indigenously built warships have been launched together, the Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL). Surat is the fourth guided missile destroyer of P15B class, and Udaygiri is the second stealth frigate of P17A class. Both warships have been designed in-house by the Directorate of Naval Design (DND) and built at Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai.

3. Which country is the host of the XV World Forestry Congress?

- A. Japan
- B. USA
- C. South Korea ☒
- D. Argentina



- ✓ During the XV World Forestry Congress, held in Seoul, South Korea, the Seoul Declaration was adopted. The Declaration, signed by 141 participant countries, focuses on identifying key areas that can help to tackle multiple crises of the humanity. It also highlighted the need to triple investments for restoring degraded land by 2030.

4. The World Bank sanctioned USD 350 billion to which state for implementing the 'SRESTHA' Project?

- A. Assam
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Rajasthan
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ The World Bank sanctioned USD 350 billion to Gujarat for the implementation of Systems Reform Endeavours for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G). Under the SRESTHA-Gujarat project, the government will undertake the initiative to expand the health services to the rural and urban people and strengthening the epidemic prevention system of the state.

5. Which was the top recipient countries for remittances in 2021?

- A. India ☒
- B. Egypt
- C. Indonesia
- D. Mexico



- ✓ The top five recipient countries for remittances in 2021 were India, Mexico, China, the Philippines, and Egypt. According to the World Bank's latest Migration and Development Brief, remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries are expected to increase by 4.2 percent this year to reach USD 630 billion.

6. 'India Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)' is associated with which Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of External Affairs ☒
- C. Ministry of Science & Technology
- D. Ministry of Electronics & IT



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- ✓ India Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme is an initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs, wherein participants from ITEC member countries are trained.
- ✓ The President of India Ramnath Kovind's visit to Jamaica is the first ever visit of an Indian President to the country. This is taking place in the 60th anniversary year of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

7. As per a recent report, which country recorded the maximum number of air-pollution-related deaths?

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



- ✓ According to a recent report on pollution and health published in The Lancet Planetary Health, Air pollution was responsible for 16.7 lakh deaths in India in 2019, which is 17.8% of all deaths in the country that year. The majority of the air pollution-related deaths in India were caused by PM2.5 pollution. Globally, air pollution alone contributes to 66.7 lakh deaths.

8. Which state is the host of 'Vadnagar International Conference'?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the Vadnagar International Conference in Gandhinagar in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Cultural Affairs. On International Museum Day, the Gujarat government announced to make the city of Vadnagar into a world-class heritage tourism destination.
- ✓ Vadnagar is known for its monuments, works of art, and archaeological and historical heritage. Vadnagar is also the native place of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

9. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been selected as the next President of which country?

- A. South Africa
- B. France
- C. Somalia ☒
- D. Argentina



- ✓ Somali legislators have elected former leader Hassan Sheikh Mohamud as the African country's next president. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, who served as Somalia's president between 2012 and 2017, won the contest in the capital, Mogadishu.

10. Which state is the champion of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2022?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Odisha ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Odisha were crowned as the champions of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2022. Odisha clinched a 2-0 victory over Karnataka in the final of the competition, held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Jharkhand earned a third-place finish in the competition after defeating Haryana.

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 Jai Shankar 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

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- ✓ 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% ☒

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- ✓ 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 30th 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.**

1. Which states have the highest ratio of undertrials in jails, as per latest NCRB Data?

- A. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
- B. Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir ☒
- C. Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh
- D. West Bengal and Assam



- ✓ According to the latest data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for 2020, of the total 4.88 lakh prison inmates, 76 % or 3.71 lakh were found to be undertrials, of which about 68% were either illiterate or school dropouts.
- ✓ Among the undertrials, about 20% were Muslims, while about 73% were Dalits, tribals or OBCs. Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) were found to have the highest ratio of undertrials in jails at 91%, followed by Bihar and Punjab at 85%, and Odisha at 83%.

2. Who has been appointed as the advisor to the Indian Prime Minister (in 2022)?

- A. Tarun Bajaj
- B. Tarun Kapoor ☒
- C. Michael D Patra
- D. Jayati Ghosh



- ✓ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved appointment of Tarun Kapoor, as an advisor to the Prime Minister, in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), in the rank and scale of Secretary to Government of India, initially for a period of two years. Former petroleum secretary and 1987-batch IAS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre, superannuated as the Secretary of the Ministry of petroleum and natural gas in 2021.

3. PMFME Scheme and One District One Product (ODOP) scheme are associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Food Processing Industries ☒
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ Union Minister of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) launched Three One District One Product (ODOP) brands under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme in New Delhi.
- ✓ The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has signed an agreement with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) for developing 10 brands of selected 20 ODOPs under the 'branding and marketing component' of the PMFME scheme.

4. Which state government launched 'e-Adhigam' scheme to provide tablets to five lakh students?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Haryana ☒
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Under the Haryana Government, around five lakh school students of classes 10th and 12th will receive tablets. These devices come with pre-loaded content along with personalised and adaptive learning software, and 2GB of free data. Haryana government has also announced to form two task forces for the education sector, to work on the infrastructure and sanitation of schools.

5. Which country is the host of 24th Summer Deaflympics in 2022?

- A. India
- B. Brazil ☒
- C. Australia
- D. Greece



- ✓ The 24th Summer Deaflympics is being held in Caxias do Sul, Brazil from 1st May 2022. A strong Indian contingent of 65 athletes is participating in the Games. Dhanush Srikanth clinched gold in the men's 10m air rifle competition while Shourya Saini won bronze. India's badminton team also won gold beating Japan 3-1 in the final.

6. 'Whitely Gold Award' is presented to people who contribute in which field?

- A. Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation ☒
- B. Water Resources Conservation
- C. Mineral Resources Conservation
- D. Land Resources Conservation



- ✓ 'Whitely Gold Award' is annually awarded to people in recognition of their outstanding contribution to conservation. Charudutt Mishra, a snow leopard conservationist, was awarded the Whitely Gold Award in 2022, for his efforts to involve local communities in conserving snow leopards. Mishra is also the first international Executive Director of the Snow Leopard Trust (SLT). He also helped establish the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Programme.

7. Which University won the 'Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021'?

- A. Madras University
- B. Anna University
- C. Jain University ☒
- D. Punjab University



- ✓ Bengaluru-based Jain (Deemed-to-be University), the host for the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021, has bagged the top position in 'Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021'. The team won 20 gold, seven silver and five bronze medals. Lovely Professional University (LPU) and Punjab University bagged the first runner-up and the second runner-up positions respectively. In this edition, 2 national records and 76 previous Khelo India University games records were broken.

8. Ronnie O'Sullivan, who recently became the oldest World Champion, plays which sports?

- A. Tennis
B. Snooker ☒
C. Squash
D. Golf



- ✓ English snooker player Ronnie O'Sullivan, the current world number one, claimed his seventh World Championship title with a win over Judd Trump to equal Stephen Hendry's record. The 46-year-old snooker player becomes the oldest world champion in Crucible history. He won his first professional ranking event at 17 years. He is also the youngest player to win the Masters at 19. O'Sullivan has been awarded an Order of the British Empire in 2016, for services to snooker.

9. Which country recently launched eight remote sensing satellites including Jilin-1 01C and Jilin-1 Gaofen series satellites?

- A. Israel
B. China ☒
C. UAE
D. Russia



- ✓ China has recently launched eight satellites on a Long March rocket to Low Earth Orbit including Jilin-1 01C and Jilin-1 Gaofen series satellites. This also marked the 419th flight mission of the Long March rocket series. Last week, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) launched two satellites on a Long March 2C rocket, aimed to boost the country's urban security and monitoring environmental changes.

10. When is the 'World Hand Hygiene Day' celebrated every year?

- A. May.2 B. May.4
C. May.5 ☒ D. May.7



- ✓ World Health Organization (WHO) marks May 5 every year as 'World Hand Hygiene Day', to encourage people to clean hands at the right times with the right products. This year, the Campaign theme is "A health care "quality and safety climate or culture" that values hand hygiene and infection prevention and control" and the Slogan is "Unite for safety: clean your hands".

1. Which is the first state in India to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Bihar
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Rajasthan became the first state in India to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations. The state houses 10,506 MW out of the country's 49,346 MW-solar energy capacity.
- ✓ Out of the state's total capacity, 9,542 MW is ground-mounted, 668 MW is rooftop and 296 MW has been developed in off-grid sector. It is also emerging as a hub in roof-top solar capacity. The state has signed several MoUs in energy sector during the "Invest Rajasthan" campaign.

2. Which country marks 'Victory Day' on May 9 annually?

- A. France
- B. Russia ☒
- C. Germany
- D. India



- ✓ 'Victory Day' is celebrated by Russia every year on May 9, marking victory of Soviet Union over Nazi Germany in 1945. The day, usually includes a military parade in Red Square in Moscow, is also celebrated to remember the sacrifices of World War Two. Twenty-seven million Soviet citizens died in the World War 2, called as the Great Patriotic War by Russians.

3. Which is the venue of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual meeting 2022?

- A. New York
- B. Davos ☒
- C. Geneva
- D. Paris



- ✓ The World Economic Forum (WEF) is set to hold its Annual Meeting 2022 in the Switzerland town of Davos from May 22 to 26. The theme of the WEF Annual Meeting 2022 will be "Working Together, Restoring Trust". The issues to be discussed include government policies and business strategies amidst global pandemic, and the war in Ukraine and geo-economic challenges.

4. What is the name of the technology in which the DNA of an organism is changed?

- A. Genetic Modification
- B. Genome Editing ☒
- C. Genetic Change
- D. Genome Regulation



- ✓ The Department of Biotechnology notified the guidelines for safety assessment of genome edited plants. The guidelines provide a road map for sustainable use of genome editing technologies. They are applicable to public and private sector research institutions. Genome editing is the technology in which the DNA of an organism is changed and it is different from genetically-modified organisms (GMO) technology.

5. Which country is the host of the Quad Leaders' Summit 2022?

A. Japan ☒

B. USA

C. India

D. Australia



- ✓ The second in-person Quad Leaders' Summit is hosted by Japan. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue comprises India, the US, Japan and Australia. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the Quad Leaders' Summit. The leaders of four countries review the progress of the group's initiatives. The newly-elected Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese also joins the Quad Leaders' Summit for the first time.

6. Indian Navy recently undertook Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) Exercise with which country?

A. Japan

B. France

C. Bangladesh ☒

D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ The fourth edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) commenced in the Northern Bay of Bengal recently. Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy will undertake joint patrolling along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL). Two indigenously built ships INS Kora and INS Sumedha are participating in the exercise along with Bangladesh Navy Ships. Maritime Patrol Aircraft of both navies would also participate in the Patrol.

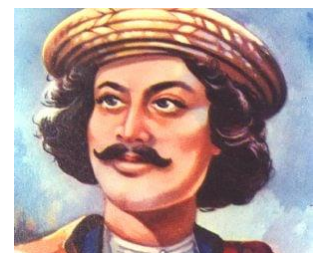
7. Who established the 'Brahmo Samaj' reformist movement?

A. Dayanand Saraswati

B. Rajaram Mohan Roy ☒

C. Rabindranath Tagore

D. Annie Besant



- ✓ 19th century social and religious reformer Raja Ram Mohan Roy founded Brahmo Samaj a reformist movement of Hindu religion. It aimed to fight the social evils that were prevalent in the society, such as superstitious practices, customs such as Sati, child marriage, caste inequalities. He was born on May 22, 1772 in the then Bengal Presidency.

- ✓ Ministry of Culture held the inaugural ceremony to commemorate the yearlong celebrations of Raja Ram Mohan Roy's 250th birth anniversary in Kolkata.

8. Which is the venue of the 75th edition of the World Health Assembly?

- A. Rome
B. Paris
C. Geneva ☒
D. New York



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) is organising the 75th edition of the World Health Assembly in Geneva. The one million ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers have received the Global Health Leaders Award–2022. They were one among the six recipients of the award. The other recipients include eight volunteer polio workers who were shot and killed by armed gunmen in Afghanistan.

9. India signed 'Investment Incentive Agreement (IIA)' with which country?

- A. Japan
B. USA ☒
C. Australia
D. UAE



- ✓ India and the United States recently signed the Investment Incentive Agreement (IIA) in Tokyo. It is a legal requirement for US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to continue providing investment support in India. The IIA was signed in Tokyo by India's Foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra and Scott Nathan, CEO of DFC.

10. Which institution released a report titled 'Child Alert' Report?

- A. World Bank
B. NITI Aayog
C. UNICEF ☒
D. Oxfam International



- ✓ UNICEF recently released a report titled "Child Alert". It highlighted those 600,000 more children may miss out on essential treatment. An increasing number of children may die from severe wasting as the price of food and life-saving treatment rises. The effects of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and ongoing damage due to climate change, are causing a spiraling global food crisis.

1. Which organisation released a report “Monitor on the World of Work”?

- A. UNESCO
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. UNICEF
- D. International Labour Organisation ☒



- ✓ **International Labour Organization (ILO) released the 9th edition of the ILO Monitor on the World of Work. As per the report, multiple global crises are causing deterioration in the global labour market recovery, with increasing inequalities within and between countries.**
- ✓ **The number of hours worked globally dropped in the first quarter of 2022, to 3.8 percent below the pre-crisis benchmark.**

2. Who is the head of the RBI committee formed to evaluate the quality of customer service in banks, NBFCs, and other regulated entities?

- A. M D Patra
- B. B P Kanungo ☒
- C. M K Jain
- D. Urjit Patel



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a committee to evaluate the efficacy, adequacy and quality of customer service in banks, NBFCs, and other entities regulated by it. The six-member committee is headed by former RBI deputy governor B P Kanungo. The committee has been asked to submit a report within three months from the date of its first meeting.**

3. MyGov Helpdesk has been made accessible to citizens in which social platform?

- A. Twitter
- B. WhatsApp ☒
- C. Telegram
- D. Facebook



- ✓ **It has been announced that the services of the Central and State Governments for the archiving of important documents including Academic certificate, Aadhar card, driving license can now be accessed through WhatsApp. The Digilocker application provides the facility to store various important documents in digital format. The central government has announced that people will now be able to access the services provided by the application through, 'MyGov HelpDesk' through WhatsApp.**

4. 'Global Collaboration Village' is the new initiative of which organisation?

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. World Economic Forum ☒
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The World Economic Forum (WEF), during its Davos meeting has announced that it is building a "Global Collaboration Village" as the virtual future of public-private cooperation. The initiative is being launched in collaboration with Accenture and Microsoft. WEF launched the initiative for Defining and Building the Metaverse.

5. What is the theme of the 'Swachh Survekshan – SS-2023'?

- A. Jan Bhagidhari
- B. Jan Andolan
- C. Waste to Wealth ☒
- D. Grey Water Management



- ✓ Union Government has launched the 8th Edition of Swachh Survekshan – SS-2023 under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0. Swachh Survekshan– 2023 has been designed with the theme of 'Waste to Wealth' as its driving philosophy. The survey would also give priority to the principle of 3 Rs– Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

6. Which country hosted the BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting in 2022?

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. China ☒
- D. South Africa



- ✓ Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs participated in the 7th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting. It was hosted by the People's Republic of China through video conference with participation from all BRICS Member Nations.
- ✓ Discussion was held under the theme "Establishing a Cultural Partnership Featuring Inclusiveness and Mutual Learning among BRICS". The Ministers adopted the BRICS Action Plan 2022–2026 to strengthen the cultural cooperation.

7. How many digits are in the Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) number?

- A. 10
- B. 12
- C. 14 ☒
- D. 16

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- ✓ The National Health Authority (NHA) under its Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) scheme has announced the launch of a revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) mobile application. The updated version of the ABHA app has a new User Interface (UI).
- ✓ The application also enables an individual to create an ABHA address, a username that can be linked with the 14-digit ABHA number. In the new application, individuals can access their health records anytime and anywhere.

8. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has been re-elected as the head of which institution?

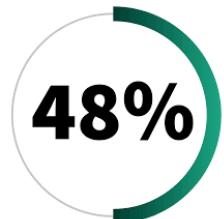
- A. ILO
- B. WHO ☒
- C. UNICEF
- D. World Bank



- ✓ The Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO) re-elected Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus for a second five-year term as Director-General of the agency. His re-election was confirmed during the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. A Director-General can be re-appointed once, in accordance with World Health Assembly rules and procedures.

9. According to the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021, what percentage of school students in India commute to and from schools on foot?

- A. 45%
- B. 48% ☒
- C. 50%
- D. 52%



- ✓ According to NAS-2021, at least 48 percent of students across the country walk to school, while nine percent of them use school transportation. According to the survey, at least 25 percent of schools face a lack of parental support in students' learning.

10. Australia's new Prime Minister Anthony Norman Albanese belongs to which political party?

- A. National Party of Australia
- B. Liberal Party of Australia
- C. Australian Labor Party ☒
- D. Australian Greens



- ✓ After nine years in opposition, the Australian Labor Party, led by Anthony Albanese, is back in power. 74.6% of the votes were cast in the country, with Anthony Albanese's party winning 75 seats in the 151-member House of Representatives; While the conservative Liberal National Coalition won 57 seats. Anthony Norman Albanese is an Australian politician who is the 31st and current Prime Minister of Australia. He has been the leader of the Australian Labor Party since 2019, and the Member of Parliament for Grendler since 1996.

1. India's largest lithium-ion battery plant is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ India's largest lithium-ion battery plant is located in the state of Gujarat. Nexcharge, the joint venture of Indian battery maker Exide Industries and Switzerland's Leclanche SA have started mass production in the plant. It has a total installed capacity of 1.5 Gigawatt hours (GWh) to produce batteries for automobiles and energy storage applications. Nexcharge has so far invested 2.5 billion rupees in building and setting up the plant.

2. Which Ministry/institution launched North East Capacity Building (NECB) 2.0 Project?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒
- B. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- C. NASSCOM
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and IT launched five National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NEILIT).
- ✓ North East Capacity Building (NECB) 2.0 Project was also launched for training in digital skill sets and industry-demanding technologies for people in the North-East states. The event was held at the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NEILIT), Dimapur.

3. Which is the host of the 'Northeast Food Show' 2022?

- A. Guwahati
- B. Shillong ☒
- C. Dispur
- D. Kohima



- ✓ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma and Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated the Northeast Food Show at Shillong. The Food Show provides a platform for the entrepreneurs and farmers of the State and the North-East access to international markets. Meghalaya, in collaboration with SIAL food innovation network, organized the first event in 2019 and this is the second edition of the mega food exhibition show.

4. Which is the venue of the 19th Asian Games scheduled to be held in 2022?

- A. Tokyo, Japan
- B. Hangzhou, China ☒
- C. Colombo, Sri Lanka
- D. New Delhi, India



- ✓ The 19th Asian Games, which was originally scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China from September 10 to 25, 2022, has been postponed amid a surge in COVID-19 cases in China. The Olympic Council of Asia has postponed the Games, which is also the second biggest sporting event after the Olympics in size.

5. 'Malpe Floating Bridge' which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka ☒
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Karnataka's first floating bridge has been recently inaugurated on the Malpe Beach in Udupi. A visitor can feel the sea wave movement while walking on the bridge. The bridge is 100-metre-long and 3-metre-wide and around 100 visitors will be allowed to walk on the bridge. As the bridge is not permanently attached, it could be easily relocated to another place easily.

6. 'Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022' was organised at which city?

- A. Kochi
- B. Coimbatore ☒
- C. Tirunelveli
- D. Tenkasi



- ✓ Union Minister for MSME Narayan Rane inaugurated the 'Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022' being organised under the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. During the event, Coir industry awards were distributed to 44 coir & coir products manufacturing and exporting units. Coir Board also introduced new coir products like coir composite fruit bowl, geo-textile shadow lamp among others.

7. What is the maximum age to enrol in the Atal Pension Yojana (APY)?

- A. 35 years
- B. 40 years ☒
- C. 45 years
- D. 50 years



- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) have completed seven years of providing social security net. More than 4 crore individuals have subscribed to Atal Pension Yojana so far. To enrol in the pension scheme, a person must be in the age group of 18 to 40. One can get a monthly pension of Rs 1000 to Rs 5000 depending on the monthly premium.

8. Who is the first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8000 m?

A. Priyanka Mohite ☒

B. Arunima Sinha

C. Shivangi Pathak

D. Tashi Yangjom



- ✓ A 30-year-old woman, named Priyanka Mohite is now known as the first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8000 m. She has achieved this success after ascending Mount Kanchenjunga, which is 8586 m above sea level and also the third highest mountain on the planet. In 2013, Mohite scaled the highest peak in the world, the Mount Everest, which stands at 8849 m. Mohite has also received the Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award 2020.

9. Former World Bank economist Rodrigo Chaves sworn in as the President of which country?

A. Spain

B. Costa Rica ☒

C. Brazil

D. France



- ✓ Costa Rica's new President Rodrigo Chaves was sworn in recently. The former World Bank economist won a four-year term last month against former President Jose María Figueres. Costa Rica, with a population of around 5 million, is considered as one of the most politically stable countries in Central America.

10. 'Romain Rolland' Book Prize is awarded to the best translation of which language book into Indian language/ English?

A. German

B. French ☒

C. Spanish

D. Japanese



- ✓ 'Romain Rolland' Book Prize is awarded to the best translation of a French book into Indian language or English. The Bengali translation of French novel "Meursault, contre-enquête" (The Meursault Investigation) has won the fifth Romain Rolland Book Prize. It was the debut novel of

Algerian writer and journalist Kamel Daoud. The award was given to translator Trinanjan Chakraborty and publisher Patra Bharati.

1. In which city is the “Param Yodha Sthal” located?

- A. New Delhi ☒
- B. Lucknow
- C. Jammu
- D. Amritsar



- ✓ The iconic rifle and soldier’s war helmet, which were part of the Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate, were taken to the National War Memorial on May 27, 2022. It was a symbol of the soldiers who died in the 1971 war. The Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate was merged with the eternal flame at the National War Memorial (NWM) in January 2022.
- ✓ The Amar Jawan Jyoti was built as a memorial to the Indian soldiers who died in action in the Indo–Pak war of 1971, which India won, and thus led to the creation of Bangladesh. It was inaugurated by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on 26 January 1972.

2. What was the venue of the 4th Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan?

- A. Taraz, Kazakhstan
- B. Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- C. Dushanbe, Tajikistan ☒
- D. Tehran, Iran



- ✓ The National Security Advisors of Tajikistan, India, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Kyrgyzstan and China meet in Dushanbe, Tajikistan for the 4th Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan on May 26, 2022. India’s National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval said it will continue to guide India’s approach.

3. Who is the author of the novel “Tomb of Sand”, originally titled Rhett’s Mausoleum, which has won the 2022 International Booker Prize?

- A. Anita Desai
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Gitanjali Shree ☒
- D. Shashi Deshpande



- ✓ Reet Ka Maqbara, a Hindi novel written by Gitanjali Shree based in New Delhi, an ordinary literary figure. It won the International Booker Prize 2022, translated into English by Daisy Rockwell based in the United States.
- ✓ Sand Ka Maqbara, originally titled Rhett Ki Samadhi and published in 2018, is the first Hindi work translated into English to receive the prestigious recognition. Penguin India released its English translation in March 2022. The book has also been the winner of the English Pain Award.

4. Menstrual Hygiene Day is observed on which of the following date?

- A. 27 May
- B. 26 May
- C. 25 May
- D. 28 May ☒



- ✓ Menstrual Hygiene Day is held on 28 May to raise awareness about the challenges faced by women and girls around the world due to menstruation and to highlight solutions that address these challenges. This year theme is, "Making Menstruation a Normal Fact of Life by 2030".

5. How many Indians have been awarded the Pulitzer Prize 2022?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Four ☒
- D. Six



- ✓ The winners of Pulitzer Prize 2022 in journalism, books, drama and music were announced recently and India has received four awards. Ace photographer Danish Siddiqui was posthumously awarded a Pulitzer in the category of Feature Photography. Other Indian winners are Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo, and Amit Dave. All the four are awarded the prestigious prize for their images of the impact of COVID on India.

6. 'World Lupus Day' is observed each year on May 10. What is 'Lupus'?

- A. An endangered fish
- B. A Disease ☒
- C. A Minority Race
- D. A Language



- ✓ The 'World Lupus Day' is observed each year on May 10 to raise awareness about Lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that can cause damage to any part of the body. In this type of disease, the immune system malfunctions and cannot differentiate between pathogens and healthy tissue and thus creates antibodies that destroy healthy tissue. The most common symptoms of Lupus disease are intermittent fever, recurrent mouth ulcers, joint and muscle pain, and extreme fatigue.

7. Which city is the host of the 'Plastindia 2023 – 11th International Plastic Exhibition & Conference'?

- A. New Delhi ☒
- B. Chennai
- C. Trivandrum
- D. Varanasi



- ✓ Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched Plastindia 2023–11th International Plastic Exhibition & Conference. Plastindia Foundation will organise the 11th International Plastics Exhibition, Conference and Convention from 1st–5th February, 2023 at ITPO Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Exports of Indian Chemicals registered growth of 106% in 2021–22 over 2013–14.

8. 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.

9. Which company launched new Artificial Intelligence chips called 'Gaudi2' and 'Greco'??

- A. Nvidia
B. Intel ☒
C. Qualcomm
D. Samsung



- ✓ Global chip manufacturer Intel Corp launched a new chip called Gaudi2 focused on artificial intelligence computing. Intel has also launched a new chip called Greco for inferencing work: taking an AI algorithm and making a prediction or identifying an object. The AI chip market is currently dominated by Nvidia Corp.

10. Which city is the host of 'Intersolar Europe 2022' event?

- A. New Delhi
B. Munich ☒
C. Dhaka
D. London



- ✓ 'Intersolar Europe 2022' is organised by the Indo-German Energy Forum (IGEF) in Munich. It is the world's leading exhibition series for the solar industry and its partners. The exhibition aims to increase the share of solar power in our energy supply. It will be represented by several countries and major multinational companies of the Renewable Energy sector. Union Minister of State for Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Shri Bhagwant Khuba represents India.

1. PRIME (Program for Researchers for Innovation, Market Readiness and Entrepreneurship) is an initiative of which institution?

- A. Skill India Mission
- B. NITI Aayog ☒
- C. NASSCOM
- D. NCERT



NITI Aayog

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare launched Atal Innovation Mission – PRIME (Program for Researchers for Innovation, Market Readiness and Entrepreneurship) Playbook and Start-up showcase in New Delhi. The program has been launched to create strong indigenous manufacturing capabilities in all critical sectors in the country.

2. Which Indian Grandmaster won hat-trick titles after he clinched the 1st Chessable Sunway Formentera 2022 tournament?

- A. D Gukesh ☒
- B. R Praggnanandhaa
- C. Adhiban Baskaran
- D. P Harikrishna



- ✓ Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh emerged champion in the 1st Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament. It was a hat-trick of titles for him as previously won the La Roda tournament and the Menorca Open in recent weeks. The 15-year-old Gukesh remained unbeaten through the nine rounds. With this victory, he moved up to no.64 in the world rankings.

3. Marcos Junior has been elected as the new President of which country?

- A. Philippines ☒
- B. Indonesia
- C. Myanmar
- D. Nepal



- ✓ Marcos Junior, the son of late Philippines dictator Ferdinand Marcos won a landslide Presidential election victory. Marcos Junior secured over 30 million votes, more than double the tally of his nearest rival, liberal candidate Leni Robredo. In 1986, Marcos Senior and his family were chased into exile by the People Power revolution in the country.

4. Which of the following is the focus country of the 17th Mumbai International Film Festival?

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| A. Bhutan | B. Sri Lanka |
| C. Bangladesh <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | D. Nepal |



- ✓ The 17th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation Films (MIFF-2022) is being held from May 29 to June 4, 2022 at Films Division Complex, Mumbai. Bangladesh is the 'country of focus' at the festival which will include documentaries, short stories and animation films from around the world.

5. In which state, the Prime Minister recently inaugurated Nano Urea (Liquid) plant?

- A. Gujarat ☒
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ On May 28, 2022 Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Nano Urea (Liquid) Plant manufactured at IFFCO, Kalol (Gujarat). He also addressed the leaders of various cooperative institutions on 'Sahakar Se Prosperity' at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar.
- ✓ The Nano Urea (Liquid) Plant, approximately Rs.175 crore, will provide the means to help farmers increase productivity and increase their income. The plant will produce around 1.5 lakh bottles of 500 ml capacity per day.

6. INS Gomti, which was recently decommissioned after 34 years of service to Indian armed forces, was a __?

- A. Light Aircraft Carrier
- B. Missile Frigate ☒
- C. Fast Battleship
- D. Attacker Submarine



- ✓ INS Gomti (a guided missile frigate) was decommissioned at sunset on 28 May 2022 at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai after 34 years of service. INS Gomti takes its name from the vibrant river Gomti and was commissioned on 16 April 1988 by Defense Minister KC Pant at Mazagon Dock Limited, Bombay.

7. A 16-foot tall bronze statue of Dravidian political leader and five-time Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Late 'Kalaigarnar' M Karunanidhi was unveiled at _____?

- A. Chennai ☒
- B. Thiruvavarur
- C. Madurai
- D. Salem



- ✓ Vice President M Venkaiah unveiled a 16-foot tall bronze statue (standing on a 14-foot high pedestal) of Dravidian political leader and five-time Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Late 'Kalaigarnar' M Karunanidhi in Chennai on May 28, 2022.

8. Which ministry has released the draft National Data Governance Framework to improve services?

- A. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has released the draft National Data Governance Framework for mobilizing non-personal data of citizens for use by both public and private entities to improve services. The draft policy proposes the launch of a non-personal data-based India dataset programme. Addresses methods and regulations to ensure that non-personal and anonymous data from both government and private entities are securely accessible by the research and innovation ecosystem.

9. How many new Indian languages have been added in Google Translate language translation tool recently?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 6
- D. 8 ☒



- ✓ Google has recently added 8 Indian languages including Assamese, Bhojpuri, Sanskrit, Dogri, Konkani, Meiteilon (Manipuri), Mizo, and Maithili. Google has added 24 more languages to its Google Translate language translation tool, covering a total of 133 languages used around the world. Google is also adding Quechua (Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador), Guarani (Paraguay and Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina), and Aymara (Bolivia, Peru, and Chile) for the first time.

10. 'The Rock', which was auctioned recently for USD 18.8 million, is a _____?

- A. Painting
- B. Diamond ☒
- C. Mega Yacht
- D. Sculpture



- ✓ 'The Rock', the biggest white diamond ever auctioned, was sold for a price of 18.6 million Swiss francs (USD 18.8 million). The 228.31-carat stone, which was larger than a golf ball, was sold in Geneva by Christie's auction house. There were high hopes that 'The Rock' would break the world record for a white diamond, which stands at USD 33.7 million. The large diamond was extracted from a mine in South Africa in the early 2000s and has been displayed in Dubai, Taipei and New York before its scheduled sale in Geneva.

1. In which state, the Department of Posts delivered mail using a drone for the first time?

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



- ✓ The Department of Posts delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in Gujarat's Kutch district, for the first time. The project covered a distance of 46 km in 25 minutes, from Bhuj taluk to Bhachau taluk of Kutch district by the postal department under the guidance of the Union Ministry of Communications. The pilot project studied the cost of delivery by drones and geographical location between the two centres.

2. Bandhan Express and Maitree Express, which were seen in the news, run between India and which country?

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



- ✓ Bandhan Express, which runs between India and Bangladesh, recently resumed service after two years, which was earlier stopped due to the COVID pandemic. Maitree Express also resumed services after a long gap of more than two years. Bandhan Express between Kolkata and Khulna runs two days a week, Maitree Express connects Kolkata with Dhaka running five days a week.

3. What is the theme of the '2022 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers'?

- A. People Peace Progress: The Power of Partnerships ☒
- B. Peace for All
- C. Planet Peace Partnerships
- D. Tribute to Peacekeepers



- ✓ The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on 29 May annually to pay tribute to the contributions of uniformed and civilian personnel. It aims to honour around 4,200 peacekeepers who had lost their lives serving under UN since 1948. Last year, as many as 135 personnel lost their lives last year. This year, the United Nations observed the day under the theme, "People Peace Progress: The Power of Partnerships".

4. As per the 'Road accidents in India – 2020' report released recently, which state/UT recorded the highest accident severity in 2020?

- A. Kerala
- B. Mizoram ☒
- C. Assam
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ As per the report titled 'Road accidents in India – 2020', saw the lowest number of road accidents since 2000 and least deaths since 2009, in the year 2020.
- ✓ 'Road accident severity', defined as the number of persons killed per 100 accidents, increased in 2020 to 36, which is the highest since 2000. Mizoram (79) has recorded the highest accident severity, followed by Bihar (78) and Punjab (75) in 2020.

5. Which is the second state to recognise Community Forest Resource (CFR) rights inside a National Park?

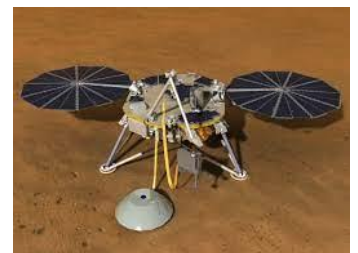
- A. Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Chhattisgarh ☒
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Chhattisgarh state government approved the CFR claims of Gudiyapadar and Nagalsar villages in Kanger Ghati National Park in the state. With this, Chhattisgarh is the second state after Odisha to have recognised Community Forest Resource (CFR) rights inside a National Park. The rights empower forest dwellers in decision-making and forest governance with access to funds available under various government programs.

6. Which country's Mars lander recently detected the largest quake that was observed on another planet?

- A. UAE
- B. USA ☒
- C. China
- D. Israel



- ✓ NASA's InSight Mars lander detected the largest quake that was ever observed on another planet. The rover landed on Mars in November 2018 and has heard 1,313 quakes so far, of which the largest "Marsquake" was detected in August 2021. On Earth the quakes are caused by shifts in tectonic plates, but Mars does not have tectonic plates and its crust is a giant plate.

7. Which institution releases the 'Fostering Effective Energy Transition' Report?

- A. World Bank
B. World Economic Forum ☒
C. International Monetary Fund
D. International Energy Agency



- ✓ The World Economic Forum released the 'Fostering Effective Energy Transition' Report recently. As per the study, an urgent action by both private and public sectors is required to ensure a resilient energy transition to address the challenges to environmental sustainability, energy security and affordability. The special edition report, launched in collaboration with Accenture, listed recommendations for governments, companies, consumers to progress the energy transition.

8. Anna Qabale Duba, who won the \$250,000 Global Nursing Award 2022, is from which country?

- A. Kenya ☒
B. UAE
C. Nigeria
D. South Africa



- ✓ Anna Qabale Duba from Kenya has been announced as the winner of the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2022. It is one of the top awards with the highest prize money in the healthcare community worth USD 250,000. Under the Qabale Duba Foundation, she built a school in her village where children could study in the morning and adults in the afternoon. She is an advocate for gender equality and education in her community.

9. Which country's scientists have grown plants in lunar soil for the first time?

- A. USA ☒
B. India
C. Japan
D. China



- ✓ The researchers at the University of Florida (UF) in the US demonstrated that plants can successfully sprout and grow in lunar soil. Plants were grown in Moon's soil, also known as lunar regolith, brought back to Earth by astronauts in the Apollo missions. Arabidopsis plant is used in the research as its genetic code is fully mapped. This is a step towards producing food and oxygen on the Moon during future space missions.

10. Manik Saha was sworn in as the new Chief Minister of which Indian state?

- A. Assam
B. Tripura ☒
C. Meghalaya
D. Manipur



- ✓ Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb resigned from the post in the state, where Assembly elections are due early next year. State party president Manik Saha, who is also a Rajya Sabha member, was elected as the new Leader of the House. Manik Saha took oath as Tripura's new Chief Minister.