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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.

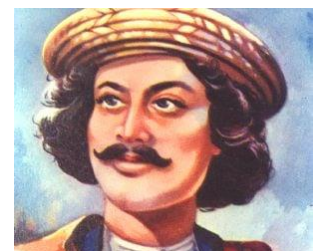
7. Who established the 'Brahmo Samaj' reformist movement?

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?

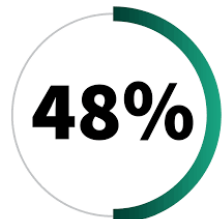
- A. ILO
- B. WHO ☒
- C. UNICEF
- D. World Bank



- ✓ 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.