

1. The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been extended till which year?

- A. 2023–24
- B. 2024–25
- C. 2025–26
- D. 2029–30



- ✓ The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been approved for continuation till 2025–26 with the total outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore. The extension of the scheme is over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle for five years from 2021–22 to 2025–26. The scheme will create sustainable employment opportunities for about 40 lakh persons in five financial years. It is implemented by the Ministry of micro, small and medium enterprises.

2. Which institution recently unveiled 'Param Ananta' Super Computer?

- A. IIT Guwahati
- B. NIT Tiruchirappalli
- C. IIT Gandhinagar
- D. IIT Madras



- ✓ The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar have jointly unveiled a new supercomputer called Param Ananta. It was launched in phase two of the central government's National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
- ✓ The supercomputer is capable of offering peak performance of 838 teraflops. With this, India has 15 supercomputers disclosed to the public, with a combined performance capability of 24 petaflops.

3. Which institution released the report titled 'Tobacco: Poisoning Our Planet'?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. World Health Organization
- C. UNICEF
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) released a report titled 'Tobacco: Poisoning Our Planet' to coincide with World No Tobacco Day. It found that the tobacco industry is responsible for the annual loss of eight million human lives, 600 million trees, 200,000 hectares of land, 22 billion tonnes of water, and releases about 84 million tonnes of CO₂ into the Earth's atmosphere. The report called for steps to make the industry more accountable for the destruction.

4. Which state is the top sugar producer of India in 2021–22?

- A. Kerala
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Assam
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Maharashtra has overtaken Uttar Pradesh (UP) to regain its position as India's top sugar producer, in the year 2021–22, after five-year gap. The state's output for the 2021–22 crushing year–October–September– stood at 138 lakh tonnes (lt). That is highest ever beating the previous 107.21 lakh tonnes of 2018–19. Maharashtra is followed by Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.

5. Which country has recently signed a free trade agreement (FTA) with the United Arab Emirates?

- A. Australia
- B. Israel
- C. France
- D. Italy



- ✓ Israel has signed a free trade agreement with the United Arab Emirates, its first big trade pact with an Arab state. The agreement, which aimed at boosting trade between the two Middle Eastern nations, would encourage more Israeli companies to set up offices in the UAE, particularly in Dubai. The deal with Israel is UAE's second bilateral free trade agreement after a similar accord with India in February.

6. Which Union Ministry launched the 'GatiShakti Sanchar portal'?

- A. Ministry of Railways
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- D. Ministry of Electronics and IT



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

सत्यमेव जयते

- ✓ Ministry of Electronics and IT launched the 'GatiShakti Sanchar' portal, which aims to accelerate approvals for laying of fibre and tower installations, ahead of the 5G roll-out in the country. The portal will enable centralised right of way (RoW) approvals for telecom infrastructure projects and can be used by industries to apply for RoW approvals, including for 5G services. The portal brings down the time taken for approvals from nearly 100 days to around 22.

7. What is the theme of the 'World Migratory Bird Day 2022'?

- A. Impact of Light Pollution on Migratory Birds
- B. Impact of Air Pollution on Migratory Birds
- C. Impact of Noise Pollution on Migratory Birds
- D. Impact of Pandemic on Migratory Birds

- ✓ **World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated on May 14. It aims to highlight the issue of the well-being of migratory birds such as loss of habitat, climate change, poisoning, and illegal killing. World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated on two peak days each year– the second Saturdays of May and October, to highlight the need for international collaboration. The theme of this year is ‘Impact of Light Pollution on Migratory Birds’. At least, 229 species of birds arrive in the country every year.**

8. Who was the highest-paid athlete in the world, as per Forbes’ list of 2022?

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. LeBron James
- D. Cristiano Ronaldo



- ✓ **Ace football player Lionel Messi was the highest-paid athlete in the world over the last 12 months, as per the Forbes’ list of highest paid athletes 2022. Messi earns around USD 75 million a year from playing soccer, also receives USD 55 million from sponsorship deals and endorsements. He is ahead of LeBron James and rival Cristiano Ronaldo on the list. Previously in 2019, Messi topped the Forbes’ list.**

9. ‘Roy: Going for Broke’ is the autobiography of which cricketer?

- A. Shane Warne
- B. Andrew Symonds
- C. Ricky Ponting
- D. Adam Gilchrist



- ✓ **Former Australia cricketer and two-time World Cup winner Andrew Symonds recently passed away in a car crash. He played all three formats of cricket as a batting all-rounder. The 46-year-old featured in 198 ODIs, scoring six centuries and 30 half-centuries. He also contributed 133 wickets. ‘Roy: Going for Broke’ was his auto-biography written with Stephen Gray.**

10. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully tested solid rocket booster HS-200, component of which mission?

- A. Gaganyaan
- B. Aditya-L1
- C. Chandrayaan-3
- D. Aditya-L2



- ✓ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully tested solid rocket booster HS-200, a key component for the Gaganyaan manned mission programme. The test was conducted at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. HS-200 booster loaded with 203 tonnes of solid propellant was tested for duration of 135 seconds. The launch vehicle is indigenous developed by ISRO in participation with various industries.**