

1. As per the recent NSO Update (June 2022), what is the GDP growth estimate of India in 2021–22?

- A. 8.5 per cent
- B. 8.7 per cent
- C. 8.9 per cent
- D. 9.2 per cent



- ✓ National Statistical Office (NSO) marginally slashed its year-on-year gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast to 8.7 per cent, down from 8.9 per cent estimated in February. The fourth quarter (January–March period of 2021–22) GDP growth was recorded at 4.1 per cent. The economy witnessed a 6.6 per cent contraction in 2020–21. The latest GDP growth estimate is lower than the second advance estimate of 8.9 per cent (released in February) and first advance estimate of 9.2 per cent (released in January).

2. What are the new annual premium rates of PMJJBY and PMSBY respectively, with effect from June 1, 2022?

- A. Rs 520 and Rs 40
- B. Rs 436 and Rs 20
- C. Rs 400 and Rs 40
- D. Rs 350 and Rs 30



- ✓ The government raised the premium for Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), to make them economically viable. The premium rate of PMJJBY has been revised upward to Rs 1.25 per day, with an increase from Rs 330 to Rs 436 annually. The annual premium for PMSBY has been hiked from Rs 12 to Rs 20. The new premium rates are effective from June 1, 2022.

3. What is the fiscal deficit recorded in India for 2021–22 (in percentage of GDP)?

- A. 7.51 %
- B. 7.01 %
- C. 6.71 %
- D. 6.21 %



- ✓ The Controller General of Accounts (CGA) released the fiscal deficit for 2021–22, which improved to 6.71 per cent of the GDP over the revised budget estimate of 6.9 per cent. The fiscal deficit in absolute terms was Rs 15,86,537 crore (provisional). The tax receipts during the fiscal stood at Rs 18.2 trillion as against the revised estimates (RE) of Rs 17.65 trillion.

4. Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of NARCL (National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd)?

- A. Urjit Patel
- B. Natarajan Sundar
- C. Ashwani Bhatia
- D. Nitin Chugh



- ✓ **Former State Bank of India Deputy Managing Director Natarajan Sundar has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of NARCL (National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd) as MD & CEO. NARCL is the joint initiative of Public and Private Sector Banks, and is expected to takeover bad loans from banks and focus on resolution and recoveries. NARCL has shareholding from 15 Indian Banks and Canara Bank is the sponsor bank.**

5. What is the theme of the 'World No Tobacco Day 2022'?

- A. Tobacco: A Threat to our Humanity
- B. Tobacco: A Threat to our Environment
- C. Tobacco: A Threat to Health
- D. Dangers of smoking



- ✓ **World No Tobacco Day is observed on May 31 every year to create awareness of the dangers of smoking, tobacco companies and their business practices. This year's theme for World No Tobacco Day 2022 is 'Tobacco: A Threat to our Environment.' Nearly 3.5 million hectares of land are destroyed every year to grow tobacco. As per the United Nations, consumption of tobacco kills more than 8 million people every year.**

6. What is the theme of the 'International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia' 2022?

- A. Our Bodies. Our Lives. Our Rights
- B. Fundamental Rights of LGBTIQ+
- C. Bodily Autonomy
- D. Decriminalise Diversity



- ✓ **The 'International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia' is observed on 17 May every year. The Day celebrates diversity and raises awareness of the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTIQ+) people. This year's theme has been chosen to be Our Bodies. Our Lives. Our Rights.**

7. Naveen Srivastava has been appointed as the ambassador to which country?

- A. USA
- B. Nepal
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Ukraine



- ✓ India announced the appointment of Naveen Srivastava, the additional secretary in the external affairs ministry, as the next ambassador to Nepal. Srivastava will succeed Vinay Kwatra, who became foreign secretary this month. India and Nepal signed six agreements during the Nepal visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, including one for the 490–MW Arun–4 hydropower project.

8. World AIDS Vaccine Day is celebrated to commemorate the speech made by which US President?

- A. George Bush
- B. Bill Clinton
- C. Barack Obama
- D. Abraham Lincoln



- ✓ 'World AIDS Vaccine Day' is observed annually on May 18 to honour the healthcare professionals, researchers, volunteers and community members for their work to find a safe and effective preventive HIV vaccine. It also commemorates the delivered by former US President Bill Clinton on May 18, 1997 in which he insisted on the need for an effective and preventive HIV vaccine that would control the spread of HIV. At the end of 2020, there were 37.7 million people living with HIV, and 0.68 million people died from AIDS–related illnesses.

9. The Supreme Court had directed which state to compensate victims who suffered effects of endosulfan?

- A. Odisha
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ The Supreme Court slammed Kerala as it failed to comply with January 2017 order requiring them to compensate victims who suffered effects of endosulfan pesticide. The judgment had directed three steps – identification of victims, disbursement of ₹5 lakh compensation to each victim, and setting up medical facilities to deal with the long–term health effects arising from the effects of endosulfan. The Supreme Court banned the use of Endosulfan in 2012.

10. National Dengue Day is observed in India during which month?

- A. October B. January
- C. April D. May



- ✓ Every May 16, National Dengue Day is observed to spread awareness about the vector–borne disease. Every year, around 400 million dengue infections occur worldwide, with around 96 million resulting in severe disease. The campaign was started by the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry. Dengue fever is a mosquito–borne disease caused by any of four Aedes species. These mosquitoes carry viruses that also cause West Nile Virus illness and yellow fever.