

1. Which state has approved to set up 'Pilibhit Tiger Protection Foundation'?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved a proposal to set up Pilibhit Tiger Protection Foundation under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The cabinet decided to give incentives to set up units in the state's first proposed medical device park. It was also decided to implement the Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Kisan Samridhi Yojana in the state till 2026–27.

2. What is the rank of India in the World Competitiveness Index 2022?

- A. 97
- B. 68
- C. 54
- D. 37

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- ✓ The annual World Competitiveness Index compiled by the Institute for Management Development was recently released. India has registered the sharpest rise among the Asian economies, with a six-place jump from 43rd to 37th rank on the index due to gains in economic performance. Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China were the top-performing Asian economies. Denmark was placed on top, while Switzerland slipped from the top to the second position.

3. Which institution offers the skill-based bachelor degree programme for 'Agniveers'?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IGNOU
- C. AICTE
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru University



- ✓ The Ministry of Education (MoE) announced the launch of a special three-year skill based bachelor degree programme for 'Agniveers'. The degree programme offered by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) will be recognised both in India and abroad for employment and education. Agniveers are the defence personnel to be recruited under the newly launched 'Agnipath' scheme.

4. Which organisation developed the nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile?

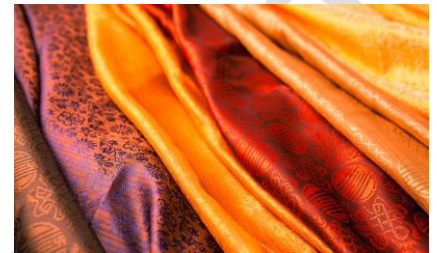
- A. Boeing
- B. DRDO
- C. HAL
- D. Dassault Aviation



- ✓ India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed, nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile from a test range off the Odisha coast. The missile was developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation of India. It has a range of around 250 km and can carry a one tonne payload.
- ✓ The test comes around 10 days after India tested its Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile Agni-IV, which can travel as far as 4,000 km.

5. Which country was the top export destination for the country's textiles and apparel shipments in 2021-22?

- A. UAE
- B. USA
- C. China
- D. Singapore



- ✓ India recorded its highest-ever textiles and apparel exports in the financial year 2021-22 at USD 44.4 billion. The exports including handicrafts recorded an increase of 41 per cent over corresponding figures in FY21. USA was the top export destination for the country's textiles and apparel shipments with 27 per cent share, followed by the European Union (18 %), Bangladesh (12 %) and UAE (6 %).

6. Which is the venue of the 'World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2022'?

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



- ✓ The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2022 started from 15 March in a virtual format with the final week held physically from 30 May to 3 June 2022 at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The forum was held under the theme of 'ICTs for Well-Being, Inclusion and Resilience: WSIS Cooperation for Accelerating Progress on the SDGs'. The WSIS Forum is co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD.

7. Libreville is the capital of which country, recently visited by the Vice President of India?

- A. Senegal
- B. Gabon
- C. Guinea
- D. Cameroon



- ✓ Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu is on a visit to Gabon, Senegal, and Qatar, the first visit from India at the level of Vice President to the three countries. Libreville is the capital of the Central-

African country Gabon. The Vice President reiterated the commitment of the Government of India to be Gabon's reliable partner. The bilateral trade between the countries reached USD 1.12 billion in 2021–22.

8. Which state/UT hosted the India's first Lavender Festival?

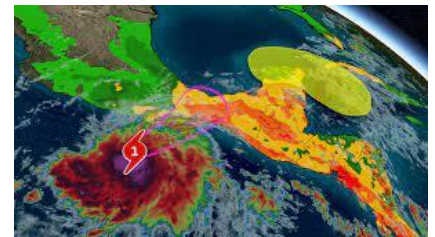
- A. Sikkim
- B. Nagaland
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Lavender Festival, the first-of-its kind in India, in Baderwah, Jammu and Kashmir. Baderwah in Doda district is the birthplace of the purple revolution and it is known for lavender cultivation in terms of land and climate. CSIR-Aroma Mission, under the Ministry of Science & Technology, aims to develop aroma-related science and technology to reach farmers, industry, and society.

9. 'Hurricane Agatha', the first of the Pacific season, recently hit which country?

- A. Canada
- B. Mexico
- C. Denmark
- D. Japan



- ✓ 'Hurricane Agatha', the first of the Pacific season hit Mexico and the casualties climbed to at least 10 dead and around 20 missing in southern Mexico. Heavy rains triggered landslides and flooding in the country. The storm was the strongest to make landfall along Mexico's Pacific coast in May since record keeping began in 1949. Mexico is regularly hit by tropical storms on both its Pacific and Atlantic coasts, between May and November.

10. Frontier, the world's fastest supercomputer, is developed in which country?

- A. USA
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. Israel



- ✓ 'Frontier' became the world's fastest supercomputer, according to the Top500 list of world's most powerful supercomputers with Linmark benchmark score of 1.1 exaflops. It is a supercomputer built using Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) architecture and equipped with Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) processors. It surpassed Fugaku, Japan's supercomputer jointly developed by RIKEN and Fujitsu Ltd., which topped the supercomputer benchmarking index in 2020.