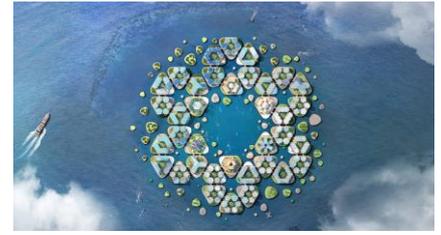


1. A floating city named Oceanix City is going to be set up in which country?

- A. Maldives
- B. Malaysia
- C. South Korea
- D. Singapore



- ✓ **The UN announced world's first-ever floating city named Oceanix City in April this year. It is going to be set up off the coast of South Korea's second-largest city, Busan. The construction process is going to commence next year.**

2. Bashi Channel, which was making news recently, is part of which strait in the Pacific Ocean?

- A. Taiwan Strait
- B. Luzon Strait
- C. Karimata Strait
- D. Malacca Strait



- ✓ **The Bashi Channel, which connects the South China Sea with the western Pacific Ocean, is a waterway between the Philippines' northern island of Luzon and the Taiwanese island of Orchid. It is part of the Luzon Strait, which connects the Philippine Sea to the South China Sea.**

3. Russian enclave Kaliningrad, that was in news recently, is located in which sea?

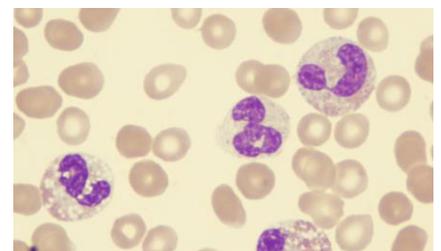
- A. North Sea
- B. Labrador Sea
- C. Baltic Sea
- D. Beaufort Sea



- ✓ **The Russian enclave Kaliningrad is located on the Baltic Sea. It is sandwiched between Lithuania and Poland. It was captured by the USSR from Nazi Germany in April 1945. It became part of the USSR territory as the result of the Potsdam Agreement. It was recently in news because of a row after Lithuania decided to ban goods part of EU sanctions from moving through its territory to reach Kaliningrad.**

4. Which tissue / organ of human body is affected by myelodysplastic syndrome?

- A. Blood cells
- B. Thymus gland
- C. Lymphatic vessels
- D. Pancreas



- ✓ **Myelodysplastic syndrome is a rare type of blood cancer that affects the body's ability to make healthy blood cells in the bone marrow. It obstructs the body's ability to produce blood cells. Its treatments range from blood transfusion to chemotherapy or stem cell transplantation.**

5. Which body is responsible for the implementation of the NIPUN project of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs?

- A. National Skill Training Institute
 B. National Skill Development Fund
 C. National Skill Development Corporation
 D. National Council for Vocational Education and Training



- ✓ **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which comes under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, is responsible for the implementation of the NIPUN project of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. It will train potential candidates under this initiative.**

6. Which Indian personality has been signed on as brand ambassador of 'Garuda Aerospace'?

- A. Sivakarthikeyan
 B. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
 C. Rajinikanth
 D. Kamal Haasan



- ✓ **Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been signed on as brand ambassador and a minority shareholder of Garuda Aerospace. It is a Chennai-based aviation and aerospace component manufacturing firm that deals with designing and building of unmanned aerial vehicles. The company is known for developing low-cost drone solutions.**

7. Which Indian state/UT declared 'Blue Duke' as the state butterfly?

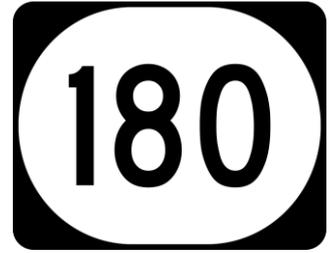
- A. Arunachal Pradesh
 B. Sikkim
 C. Nagaland
 D. Punjab



- ✓ **Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang declared Blue Duke the state butterfly, on the occasion of World Environment Day. Blue Duke whose scientific name is 'Bassarona durga', is endemic to Sikkim and the eastern Himalayas. Blue Duke falls in Schedule 2 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and is a protected species in the Himalayas. As many as 720 species of butterflies are found in Sikkim.**

8. What is the rank of India in the '2022 Environmental Performance Index'?

- A. 120
- B. 140
- C. 160
- D. 180



- ✓ India's rank is 180 in the 2022 Environmental Performance Index (EPI) and has scored the lowest among 180 countries. The report ranks the countries on 40 performance indicators across 11 issue categories on climate change performance, environmental health, and ecosystem vitality. India's performance on these parameters in terms of policy action is considered to be poor.

9. Joe Root, who recently scored 17,000 runs in international cricket, plays for which country?

- A. South Africa
- B. England
- C. Australia
- D. West Indies



- ✓ England batter Joe Root became the first English player to complete 17,000 runs in international cricket. Earlier, Joe Root completed 10,000 runs in Test cricket, becoming the second English player and 14th overall player to reach the feat. This list is led by Sachin Tendulkar (15,921), Ricky Ponting (13,378), Jacques Kallis (13,289).

10. Which state topped the FSSAI's 4th State Food Safety Index (SFSI) in 2022?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya released the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) 4th State Food Safety Index (SFSI). It measures the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.
- ✓ Among the larger states, Tamil Nadu was the top-ranking state, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra. Among the smaller states, Goa was first followed by Manipur and Sikkim. Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi and Chandigarh were at first, second and third ranks among UTs.