- 1. Which global bloc launched a USD 600 billion Global Infrastructure Plan?
- A. BRICS
- B. G7 ☑
- C. G20
- D. European Union



- ✓ US President Joe Biden and other G7 leaders re—launched the "Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment" at their annual gathering at Schloss Elmau in Germany. It aims to raise USD 600 billion in private and public funds over five years, to finance infrastructure in developing countries and counter China's Belt and Road project.
- ✓ The United States would mobilise USD 200bn in grants, federal funds and private investment over five years, while Europe will mobilise 300 billion euros.
  - 2. Which is the most liveable city in the world, as per the 'EIU Global Liveability Index'?
  - A. London
  - B. Vienna 🗹
  - C. Nagercoil
  - D. Geneva



- ✓ The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) launched its annual ranking of the world's most liveable cities— Global Liveability Index for 2022. 173 cities were ranked based on a range of criteria, including infrastructure, availability to green space, political stability, crime rates, and health care. Vienna (Austria), Copenhagen (Denmark) and Zurich (Switzerland) were the top three cities in the index.
  - 3. When is the 'Micro-Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day' celebrated?
  - A. June.18
  - B. June.21
  - C. June.27 ☑
  - D. June.30



✓ June 27 is celebrated as the Micro-Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day. The day is aimed at raising public awareness of the contribution of MSMEs to global economic growth and sustainable development. The United Nations General Assembly declared the day in the year 2017.

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- 4. Which country has launched a solid-fueled rocket named 'Zuljanah'?
- A. Israel
- B. Iran ☑
- C. Russia
- D. North Korea



- ✓ Iran has launched a solid–fueled rocket into space named 'Zuljanah'. It is a a 25.5–meter–long rocket, capable of carrying a satellite of 220 kgs. The satellites will gather data in low–earth orbit. Zuljanah is named after the horse of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.
  - 5. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog (after Amitabh Kant)?
  - A. Urjit Patel
  - B. Subash Chandra Garg
  - C. Parameswaran 🗹
  - D. Rajesh Bansal



- ✓ Parameswaran, a 1981-batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog. He is also the former Secretary of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, who led the government's Swachh Bharat Mission. The new CEO succeeds Amitabh Kant, who retires on June 30 this year.
  - 6. Which country has supplied nuclear fuel to the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP)?
  - A. USA
  - B. Russia 🗹
  - C. UAE
  - D. China



- ✓ Rosatom State Corporation of Russia has supplied the first batches of reliable and cost-efficient nuclear fuel over the existing one, to India for the Units 1 & 2 of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP). The existing fuel is 'TVS-2M nuclear fuel' and after the refuelling, the power unit 1 will start operations in 18-month fuel cycle.
  - 7. Which is the venue of the 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference (MC12) of the World Trade Organization (WTO)?
  - A. Geneva 🗹
- B. Tokyo
- C. New York
- D. Paris



✓ Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal represented India in the 12th Ministerial conference (MC12) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) at Geneva.

- ✓ The Minister while speaking at the plenary session of MC12, said that finding a permanent solution to the issue of public stockholding for food security should be the top–most priority. India co–sponsored a G−33 proposal for solution to permanent stock holding at WTO in 2021.
  - 8. Which country has announced plans to launch a solar power plant in space?
  - A. India
  - B. UAE
  - C. China
  - D. South Korea



- ✓ China has announced that it is planning to launch a solar power plant in space for producing inexhaustible power in 2028, as part of the updated plan. Earlier, China aimed to establish a 1− megawatt solar power station in space by 2030. China will launch a satellite in 2028 to test wireless power transmission technology from space to the ground from an altitude of 400km. It would convert solar energy to microwaves or lasers.
  - 9. Which indigenous missile corvette of the Indian Navy was converted to a ship museum?
  - A. INS Vikrant B. INS Khukri ☑
  - C. INS Kattabomman D. INS Shivalik



- ✓ INS Khukri (P49), the first indigenous missile corvette of the Indian Navy, was transferred to the Diu Administration after 32 years of glorious service to the nation and Navy, to be converted to a ship museum. Recently the Khukri Museum was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The newly inaugurated ship museum and the existing Khukri Memorial are housed in Diu.
  - 10. "United in making our voice heard" is the theme of which international day in June 2022?
  - A. International Albinism Awareness Day ☑
  - B. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
  - C. World Day Against Child Labour
  - D. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day



✓ UN's General Assembly proclaimed 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day with effect from 2015. The day is marked every year to bring about awareness among the people about albinism and the rights of people with albinism. It is a congenital disorder that occurs due to absolute or partial absence of a pigment in the skin, eyes and hair. The theme for the year 2022 is "United in making our voice heard".