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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 ☒



- ✓ 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.**

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.

1. What is the name of the campaign launched to ensure complete Covid-19 vaccination (in June 2022)?

- A. Har Ghar Dastak Campaign 2.0 ☒
- B. Atmanirbhar Vaccine Campaign 2.0
- C. Pradhan Mantri Vaccine Campaign
- D. Garib Kalyan Vaccine Campaign 2.0



- ✓ **The Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0 was organised across the country to ensure complete Covid-19 vaccination of all eligible beneficiaries. The special focus was on those in the 12-14 age group and precaution dose for those above 60. The two-month long door-to-door campaign will run between June 1 and July 31. The first Har Ghar Dastak campaign was conducted in 2021 November. As many as 193.6 crore doses have been administered across the country, so far.**

2. The Union Cabinet expanded the scope of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to allow which entity to register as buyers?

- A. Post Offices
- B. Cooperative Societies ☒
- C. Small Finance Banks
- D. Common Service Centres



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet expanded the scope of the public procurement portal Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to allow cooperative societies to register as buyers. Over 8,54,000 registered cooperatives and their 270 million members will be benefitted.**

3. Who has won the '2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champion Award'?

- A. Cécile Ndjebet ☒
- B. David Attenborough
- C. Kimiko Hirata
- D. Sharon Lavigne



- ✓ **Activist Cécile Ndjebet of Cameroon won the 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award in recognition of her contribution to preserving forests and improving the lives of people depending on forests. The award is presented by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), which is chaired by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The award was conferred at a ceremony during the XV World Forestry Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea.**



4. As per the recent amendment in the National Policy on Biofuels, what is the target year of blending 20 percent ethanol in petrol?

- A. 2024–25
- B. 2025–26 ☒
- C. 2029–30
- D. 2039–40



- ✓ The Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the amendments to the National Policy on Biofuels. It advanced the target of blending 20 percent ethanol in petrol to 2025–26 from 2030. At present, about 10 percent of ethanol is blended in petrol. More feed stocks have been allowed for the production of bio-fuels which can be doped with auto fuels.

5. Which institution developed 'HANSA-NG', the new generation two-seater flying trainer aircraft?

- A. CSIR–NAL ☒
- B. BRO
- C. DRDO
- D. HAL



- ✓ HANSA-NG, the new generation two-seater flying trainer aircraft designed and developed by Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)–National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), successfully completed in-flight engine relight test. The test was carried out at the aeronautical test range (ATR) facility of Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), Karnataka.

6. India signed a MoU with which country for cooperation in Fertilizer Sector?

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. Japan
- D. Jordan ☒



- ✓ A high-level delegation led by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers visited Jordan for enhanced cooperation in Fertilizer Sector amid Global Fertilizers crisis. An MoU was signed with Jordan for supply of 30 LMT Rock Phosphate, 2.50 LMT DAP, 1 LMT phosphoric acid for the current year.

7. World Bee Day is observed during which month annually?

- A. May ☒
- B. June
- C. August
- D. September



- ✓ World Bee Day is observed annually on 20 May, to raise awareness about the essential roles bees play in supporting people and the environment. It is organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on the birth anniversary Slovenian beekeeper Anton Janša– the pioneer of modern beekeeping. This year, World Bee Day will be celebrated under the theme – “Bee Engaged: celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems”.

8. Which city is to house the ‘Vulture Gene Bank’, for conservation of the critically–endangered species?

- A. Tenkasi  
B. Mysuru ☒  
C. Mukurthi  
D. Kalakkad



- ✓ The University of Mysore’s Department of Studies in Genetics and Genomics signed a MoU with the Karnataka Forest Department for a study on biodiversity of vultures in Ramadevarabetta hills in Ramanagaram using DNA profiling techniques ‘Vulture Gene Bank’ is set to be established in Mysuru for conservation of the critically–endangered species. The genetics department has proposed to start vulture genome studies soon to save the species from getting extinct.

9. The ‘National Endangered Species Day’ is celebrated on which day of May?

- A. First Sunday of May  
B. Last Saturday of May  
C. Last Sunday of May  
D. Third Friday of May ☒



- ✓ National Endangered Species Day is celebrated every year on the third Friday of May and this year it is celebrated on 20 May. The day aims to create awareness among people about endangered species and the different steps we can take to protect them. The Endangered Species Act of 1973 came into existence on 28 December. The act aims to raise the need for wildlife conservation and rehabilitation of endangered species.

10. Which date is observed as ‘International Families Day’?

- A. May.15 ☒      B. May.30  
C. June.01      D. June.03



INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF FAMILIES  
15 MAY 2022

- ✓ On May 15, the United Nations celebrates International Families Day worldwide. The United Nations General Assembly declared the day in 1993. For the International Day of Families 2022, the UN Secretary–General has chosen the theme of “Families and Urbanization”. The focus for this year is to increase awareness of the importance of family–friendly and sustainable urban policies.

1. What is the name of the new model schools proposed by the Union Education Ministry?

- A. PM Model schools
- B. PM Shri schools ☒
- C. Atmanirbhar schools
- D. Bharat Gaurav schools



- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan addressed the National Education Ministers' Conference in Gujarat's Gandhinagar with a focus on implementation of the new National Educational Policy 2020. He announced that the Education Ministry is in the process of establishing 'PM Shri schools' as the laboratory of NEP 2020. The schools will be fully equipped to prepare students for the future.

2. Which country has recently voted to join the European Union's Defence policy?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Denmark ☒
- C. Malta
- D. Vatican City



- ✓ Denmark is set to join the European Union's defence policy after it held a referendum for the decision. Denmark is the only EU member that is not part of the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). The Denmark government has succeeded in abolishing an exemption secured in a 1993 referendum on the Maastricht Treaty. Sweden and Finland also placed historic bids to join NATO, which will be taken up at the upcoming summit.

3. India signed a 'Vision statement for defence cooperation' with which country?

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



- ✓ India and Israel adopted a 'Vision statement' for strengthening defence cooperation in future. The statement marked 30 years of diplomatic ties between the two countries. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Israeli counterpart held bilateral talks in New Delhi. The two leaders discussed defence cooperation and the global and regional defence scenario. Israel recently signed the instrument of ratification of the International Solar Alliance.

4. When is the 'World Bicycle Day' celebrated every year?

- A. June.1
- B. June.3 ☒
- C. June.5
- D. June.7



- ✓ **World Bicycle Day is celebrated every year on June 3, to develop a culture of cycling for basic transportation, commutation, and strengthening physical and mental health. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launched a nationwide 'Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle Rally' from Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, Delhi on the occasion of World Bicycle Day 2022.**

5. As per the RBI's recent directions, what is the charge levied for card-less cash transactions?

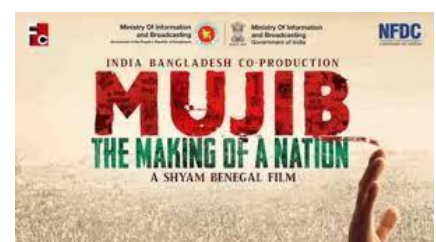
- A. Rs 0.50 per transaction
- B. Rs 10 per month
- C. Rs 25 per month
- D. No charges to be levied ☒



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asked all banks and ATM operators to make cardless cash withdrawal facility, known as ICCW (Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal), available at all ATMs across all banks in India. UPI would be used for customer authorisation in such transactions, settlement would be through the National Financial Switch (NFS)/ATM networks. The card-less cash transactions shall be processed without levy of any charges.**

6. 'Mujib – The Making of a Nation' movie is jointly produced by which countries?

- A. Bangladesh and Nepal
- B. Bangladesh and China
- C. Bangladesh and India ☒
- D. Bangladesh, Myanmar and India



- ✓ **The 90-second trailer of the feature film on 'Mujib – The Making of a Nation' directed by Shri Shyam Benegal was released recently.**
- ✓ **The Ministry of Information Broadcasting, Government of India and the Ministry of Information Broadcasting, Government of Bangladesh are producers of the film. National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) of India and Bangladesh's Film Development Corporation (FDC) signed the Agreement for the film on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 2020.**

7. Yagachi River, which was seen in the news, flows in which state?

- A. Karnataka ☒
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ The Yagachi reservoir located in the Hassan district of Karnataka was full for the first time in May. Due to the heavy rains in the catchment area, the water level reached 3164.06 ft against the maximum of 3164.90 ft. Yagachi River arises in the Western Ghats near Chickmagalur, flows through Belur, Hassan District, where it becomes a tributary of the Hemavati River.

8. Which organisation announced to fund USD 30 billion to tackle global food crisis?

- A. Food and Agricultural Organisation
- B. World Bank ☒
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. International Monetary Fund



- ✓ The World Bank has announced that it has planned to implement a global response to the food security crisis, with up to USD 30 billion funding in existing and new projects. Financing in areas such as agriculture, nutrition, social protection, water and irrigation will be available for implementation to address food insecurity over the next 15 months. The World Bank is also working with countries to prepare USD 12 billion of new projects to fight food security crisis.

9. Where is the 'CSIR–Central Leather Research Institute' located in India?

- A. Pune
- B. Chennai ☒
- C. Lucknow
- D. Mysuru



- ✓ Union Minister of State Ministry of Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh addressed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of CSIR–Central Leather Research Institute in Chennai. He announced that the leather industry in India will aim at net–zero carbon footprint. In 2021, export realization from the leather sector is valued at Rs 40,000 crores. The Minister also announced about the efforts to prepare customised footwear for Indians by using 3D technology.

10. The 'International Tea Day' was celebrated on which day every year?

- A. May.21 ☒
- B. May.30
- C. June.01
- D. June.03



- ✓ The 'International Tea Day' is celebrated across the world on May 21. In 2019, the UN General Assembly had marked May 21 as the International Day for Tea to promote production and consumption of the beverage. Food and Agricultural Organization's Intergovernmental Group insisted on making more efforts to expand tea demand in tea–producing countries, where per capita consumption is relatively low.



1. Which Union Ministry launched the “Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas” (SHRESTHA) scheme?

- A. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Tribal Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched “Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas” (SHRESTHA). It aims to provide quality education and opportunities for the poorest Scheduled Caste students. Under this scheme, a certain number of meritorious SC students per year will be selected through a National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS), conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). They will be admitted in the good private residential schools, affiliated to CBSE.

2. Ministry of Tourism launched the ‘National strategy for sustainable tourism’ along with which organisation?

- A. FAO
- B. UNEP ☒
- C. World Bank
- D. World Economic Forum



- ✓ Ministry of Tourism, in association with the United Environment Program (UNEP) and Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) organised the ‘National summit on developing sustainable and responsible tourist destinations’ in New Delhi. On this occasion, the Ministry of Tourism launched the national strategy for sustainable tourism and the responsible traveller campaign.

3. What is the theme of the ‘World Environment Day 2022’?

- A. Invest in our Planet
- B. Only One Earth ☒
- C. 50<sup>th</sup> Environment Day
- D. Live with the Nature



- ✓ The World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5, to raise awareness about degrading environmental conditions and environment protection. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the nodal agency that organises and supports events across the world. The year 2022 marks the 50th World Environment Day. Sweden is the host of the event this year and the theme is ‘Only One Earth’.

4. Which state launched a special Health Care scheme called 'Anchal' for pregnant women?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Rajasthan launched a special Health Care scheme 'Anchal' in the Karauli district for pregnant women. During the campaign, over 13000 pregnant women were tested for their haemoglobin levels and are advised to take right medicines.

5. What is the new rate of interest ratified by the Government for the 'employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2021–22?

- A. 8.7%
- B. 8.5%
- C. 8.1% ☒
- D. 7.5%



- ✓ The Government has approved 8.1 per cent rate of interest on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for the year 2021–22, from 8.5 per cent provided in the previous year. The 8.1 per cent EPF rate of interest is the lowest since 1977–78, when it stood at 8 per cent. The interest rate on EPF deposits was decided by the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) and was ratified by the finance ministry 2021.

6. Nikhat Zareen, who recently won a gold medal for India in World Championship, plays which sports?

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Badminton
- C. Boxing ☒
- D. Squash



- ✓ 25-year-old boxer from Telangana Nikhat Zareen won the gold medal in the women's World Boxing Championships in the flyweight (52 kg) category. She also became only the fifth Indian woman to win the championship. Nikhat started her boxing journey in 2009, won the youth world championship in 2011 and reached till quarter finals of senior world championship in 2016.

7. India's first 'Wargame Research and Development Centre' (WARDEC) is announced to be set up in which city?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Kochi
- D. Visakhapatnam



- ✓ The Army Training Command signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), Gandhinagar to develop a 'War-game Research and Development Centre' in New Delhi. The project named 'WARDEC', will be a first-of-its-kind simulation-based training centre in India that will use artificial intelligence (AI) to design virtual reality war-games.

8. Which space company successfully conducted a static fire test of 'Kalam-100 rocket'?

- A. NSIL  
B. Sky root ☒  
C. Pixxel  
D. Agnikul



- ✓ Hyderabad-based space technology start-up Skyroot Aerospace successfully conducted a static fire test of its Kalam-100 rocket that will power the Vikram-1 launch vehicle. The third stage, named Kalam-100 after former President APJ Abdul Kalam. The Vikram-1 vehicle has been designed to deliver 480 kilograms to 500 kilometers of cargo in the Low Inclination Orbit.

9. Anthony Albanese has won the Presidential Elections of which country?

- A. United Kingdom  
B. France  
C. Australia ☒  
D. New Zealand



- ✓ In the recently held Australian Presidential Elections, Labor Party won at least 72 seats, compared with 52 of Scott Morrison's Liberal-National Coalition. Anthony Albanese-led Labor Party is set to come into power for the first time since 2013. Prime Minister Scott Morrison's conservative government conceded defeat.

10. What is the theme of the 'International Day for Biological Diversity 2022'?

- A. Building a shared future for all life ☒  
B. Inclusive and Inspiring  
C. Rights for All life  
D. Co-exist and Co-operate



- ✓ International Day for Biological Diversity is observed on May 22 every year. The theme for this year is "Building a shared future for all life". The United Nations proclaimed the day, which aims to spread awareness about issues of biodiversity in the world. Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate change Bhupender Yadav inaugurated Biological Diversity Exhibition at Chennai.

1. What is the name of the new national portal launched for credit-linked government schemes?

- A. PM Atmanirbhar Portal
- B. Jan Samarth Portal ☒
- C. Jan Sandesh Portal
- D. Bharat Samarth Portal



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the national portal for credit-linked government schemes named 'Jan Samarth Portal'. Jan Samarth Portal is a one-stop digital portal linking government credit schemes, to connect beneficiaries to lenders. It provides people with the right government benefits through simple and easy digital processes.

2. Which country launched its manned mission to its Tiangong Space station?

- A. Japan
- B. Israel
- C. China ☒
- D. South Korea



- ✓ China successfully launched its third manned mission to its new space station, sending three astronauts to continue construction work for six months. China's Manned Space Agency (CMSA) announced that the Shenzhou-14 spacecraft was launched by a Long March 2F rocket. The team will live and work at the Tiangong Space Station's Tianhe core module for six months.

3. Who is the winner of the French Open 2022 Men's single title?

- A. Novak Djokovic
- B. Rafael Nadal ☒
- C. Casper Ruud
- D. Lucas Alcaraz



- ✓ Tennis player Rafael Nadal won the final match to beat Casper Ruud and claim his 14<sup>th</sup> French Open Men's single title. With this victory, Nadal claimed his 14<sup>th</sup> championship at Roland Garros and 22<sup>nd</sup> Grand Slam title overall. French Open is a Grand Slam tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France.

4. Which country launched the global initiative 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement'?

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. India ☒
- D. Japan



- ✓ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a global initiative Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement, on the occasion of World Environment Day through video conferencing. The idea of LiFE was originally introduced by the Prime Minister during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties COP-26 in Glasgow. 'LiFE Global Call for Papers' was initiated inviting ideas and suggestions to adopt an environment-conscious lifestyle.

5. 'Ex SAMPRITI-X' is a joint military training exercise between India and which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Japan
- C. Bangladesh ☒
- D. France



- ✓ 'Ex SAMPRITI-X', a joint military training exercise between India and Bangladesh commenced in Bangladesh, as part of bilateral defence cooperation. The military training exercise is aimed at strengthening the features of interoperability and cooperation between both armies. The Indian contingent is represented by a battalion of the Dogra regiment.

6. 'Shellebrate!' is the theme of which International Day?

- A. World Turtle Day ☒
- B. World Tuna Day
- C. World Water Day
- D. World Environment Day



- ✓ World Turtle Day is celebrated on 23 May globally, to raise awareness about the ways to help turtles to survive in their natural habitat. The theme for World Turtle Day 2022 is – 'Shellebrate!', to ask everyone to love and save Turtles. This special day was founded by the American Tortoise Rescue (ATR), a non-profit organisation in 1990.

7. World Red Cross Day is observed on which date?

- A. May.08 ☒
- B. May.10
- C. June.05
- D. June.07





- ✓ To commemorate the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the World Red Cross Day is celebrated every year on May 8. The day also marks the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the founder of 'International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)' and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize. The theme for 2022 is 'Be Human Kind'.

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8. What is the Government's total fertiliser subsidy in the year 2022–23?

- A. Rs 1 lakh crore  
B. Rs 2.15 lakh crore ☒  
C. Rs 1.5 lakh crore  
D. Rs 3.5 lakh crore



- ✓ The Central Government announced an additional fertiliser subsidy of ₹1.10 lakh crore, amidst the rising prices of fertiliser. This has been announced in addition to the fertiliser subsidy of ₹1.05 lakh crore in the budget. With this, the Government's total fertiliser subsidy is set to touch a record ₹2.15 lakh crore in 2022–23. The fertiliser subsidy stood at ₹1.62 lakh crore in 2021–22.

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9. Which is the first country to introduce 21–day quarantine for monkeypox patients?

- A. United Kingdom  
B. France  
C. Belgium ☒  
D. New Zealand



- ✓ Belgium has introduced a mandatory 21–day quarantine for monkey–pox patients amidst the raising cases globally. The WHO has so far confirmed 92 cases of the disease in 12 countries, with 28 more suspected cases under review. Monkeypox is a disease caused by the monke–pox virus, a part of the smallpox family. It has symptoms including rashes, fever, headaches, muscle ache, swelling and back–pain.

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10. Who is the head of the RBI committee formed to evaluate the quality of customer service in banks, NBFCs, and other regulated entities?

- A. M D Patra  
B. B P Kanungo ☒  
C. M K Jain  
D. Urjit Patel



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a committee to evaluate the efficacy, adequacy and quality of customer service in banks, NBFCs, and other entities regulated by it. The six–member committee is headed by former RBI deputy governor B P Kanungo. The committee has been asked to submit a report within three months from the date of its first meeting.