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1. National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers 'NIPUN' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs ☒
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Women and Child Development



- ✓ Union Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri recently launched a project for skill training of construction workers called 'NIPUN' i.e., National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers. It is an initiative of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY–NULM). It aims to train over 1 lakh construction workers, through skilling and upskilling programmes and provides them with work opportunities also in foreign countries.

2. Which is the main venue of the eighth International Day of Yoga celebrations in India?

- A. Tenkasi
- B. Mysuru ☒
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the eighth International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations in Karnataka's Mysuru. The theme of this year's Yoga Day celebrations is 'Yoga for Humanity'. Over 25 crore people across the world took part in various events and doing yoga in unison.

3. The Multinational Peacekeeping Exercise "Ex Khaan Quest –2022" was organised in which country?

- A. France
- B. Oman
- C. Mongolia ☒
- D. Iran



- ✓ The Multinational Peacekeeping Exercise "Ex Khaan Quest –2022" was conducted at Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia. The exercise provided a platform for mutual learning and sharing best practices amongst the armies from 16 Nations. The Indian contingent consisting of personnel from the Ladakh Scouts participated in the exercise. Mock tactical operations as per United Nations (UN) mandate among other exercise were held.

4. In which country, world's largest ever freshwater fish has been found recently?

- A. Australia
- B. China
- C. Cambodia ☒
- D. Chile



- ✓ A 300kg stingray caught in the Mekong River in Cambodia is the biggest freshwater fish ever documented in the world. Though there is no official database of the world's biggest freshwater fish, the previous largest recorded fish was a 293 kg Mekong giant catfish caught in Thailand in 2005. The Mekong River flows from the Tibetan Plateau through China, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

5. Which Union Ministry has declared certain resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and NPCI as 'critical information infrastructure'?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



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- ✓ The Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) as 'critical information infrastructure'. The Information Technology Act of 2000 defines 'Critical Information Infrastructure' as a "computer resource". The government has the power to declare any data, database, IT network or communications infrastructure as CII.

6. What is the theme of the 'World Environment Day 2022'?

- A. Invest in our Planet
- B. Only One Earth ☒
- C. 50th 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'. It was the motto for the 1972 Stockholm Conference.

7. The Indian Air Force (IAF) signed an MoU with which state/UT to set up Indian Air Force Heritage Centre?

- A. Sikkim B. Kerala
C. Chandigarh ☒ D. Telangana



- ✓ The Chandigarh UT Administration and the Indian Air Force (IAF) signed an MoU on the Indian Air Force Heritage Centre. The centre will have simulators, decommissioned aircraft, aero engines and other IAF artefacts. The centre will also include virtual reality and AI technology. The Heritage Centre will be informative and motivate the country's youth to join the armed forces.

8. Supreme Court directed a mandatory eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of a minimum of how many kilometers for protected forest, wildlife sanctuary?

- A. 0.5 Km B. 1 Km ☒
C. 2 Km D. 3 Km



- ✓ The Supreme Court directed that every protected forest, national park and wildlife sanctuary across the country should have a mandatory eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of a minimum one km starting from their demarcated boundaries. As per the Environment Ministry guidelines, the eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) would act as a transition zone from areas of high protection to those involving lesser protection.

9. Who is the winner of the French Open tennis Women's Singles 2022 Title?

- A. Ashleigh Barty
B. Iga Swiatek ☒
C. Maria Sakkari
D. Naomi Osaka



- ✓ World Number One Iga Swiatek of Poland won the French Open 2022 Women's Singles Title by beating US teenager Coco Gauff. The 21-year-old clinched her second title in three years in straight sets 6–1, 6–3 over Gauff. She is the youngest player ranked in the top ten. Iga was the 2020 French Open champion and is the first player representing Poland to win a Grand Slam singles title.

10. Which bank has been declared the 'Celent Model' 2022 winner?

- A. IndusInd Bank ☒ B. HDFC Bank
C. ICICI Bank D. Axis Bank



- ✓ IndusInd Bank has been awarded the global 'Celent Model Bank' award under the category of 'Payments System Transformation' for building a best-in-class Enterprise Payments Hub (EPH). The award recognizes the Bank's outstanding journey in creating a cloud-based central payments hub. The award is given by Celent, leading research and advisory firm focused on technology for financial institutions globally.

1. Which government agency is responsible for protecting India's critical information infrastructure?

- A. National Cyber Coordination Centre
- B. National Informatics Centre
- C. ICERT
- D. NCIIPC ☒



- ✓ The National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) is the nodal agency responsible for protecting India's critical information infrastructure. It was established in 2014 under Section 70A of the IT Act, 2000. It is part of the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO), an intelligence agency under the NSA.

2. Emancipation Proclamation, which was mentioned in news, is related to ___?

- A. Black Lives Matter Movement
- B. Right to Abortion
- C. Voting Rights
- D. End of Slavery ☒



- ✓ Former US President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863 to free African Americans in secessionist Confederate states from slavery. It remained ineffective for more than two years as the slave owners withheld this information from their slaves. The last of the enslaved African Americans were freed on June 19, 1865.

3. Inter-State Council was established under which article of Indian Constitution?

- A. Article 246
- B. Article 257
- C. Article 263 ☒
- D. Article 267



- ✓ Article 263 of the Indian Constitution allows the President to establish the Inter-State Council, which brings together government entities on a common platform for discussing various governance issues. The Inter-State Council was established in 1990. Its chairman is the Prime Minister and its members include chief ministers and administrators of states and union territories.

4. UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize gives recognition to works done in which of the following fields?

- A. Literature
- B. Biological Sciences
- C. Environment Protection
- D. Information & Communication Technology ☒



- ✓ **UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize or the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Education** was established in 2005 with the help of the Kingdom of Bahrain. It gives recognition to the innovative use of ICT in the education sector.

5. Which wildlife sanctuary is location of India's first-ever Dark Sky Reserve?

- A. Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary ☒
- B. Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary
- C. Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary



- ✓ **A part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary in Ladakh is going to become a Dark Sky Reserve, which will help promote astronomy-tourism. Once this region is declared as the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve, efforts will be undertaken to protect the night sky from superfluous illumination and light pollution.**

6. Which association holds the annual BALTOPS naval exercise?

- A. European Union
- B. NATO ☒
- C. SCO
- D. ASEAN



- ✓ **NATO launched the two-week United States-led naval exercise on the Baltic Sea with more than 7,000 sailors, airmen and marines from 16 nations. Finland and Sweden, who have applied to join the military alliance, also participated in the event. The annual BALTOPS naval exercise was initiated in the year 1972.**

7. What is the expansion of 'D2M broadcasting', which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Digital-to-Mobile
- B. Direct-to-Mobile ☒
- C. Device-to-Mobile
- D. Direct-to-Movie



- ✓ **The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and India's public service broadcaster Prasar Bharati are exploring the feasibility of a technology called 'direct-to-mobile' (D2M) broadcasting. It allows broadcasting video and other forms of multimedia content directly to mobile phones, without the need of an active internet connection. The technology is also expected to improve consumption of broadband and utilisation of spectrum.**

8. What is the theme of the 'World Food Safety Day 2022'?

- A. Prevent foodborne risks.
- B. Safer Food, Better Health. ☒
- C. Manage foodborne infections.
- D. Safe food to children.



- ✓ **Every year, June 7 is observed as World Food Safety Day across the world. The objective behind the day is to promote awareness to prevent, detect and manage food-borne risks. The day was declared by the United Nations in 2018 to raise awareness of food safety. This year, the theme of World Food Safety Day is, "Safer Food, Better Health". As per a report by WHO, the world records over 600 million cases of food-borne diseases annually.**

9. India recently signed an MoU with which country to increase cooperation on climate action and environmental protection?

- A. France
- B. Canada ☒
- C. Australia
- D. Chile



- ✓ **India and Canada have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to increase cooperation on climate action, environmental protection and conservation through various initiatives in areas such as renewable energy and plastic pollution. The two countries will collaborate, exchange information and support each other's climate and environmental goals.**

10. Luxury cruise liner "Empress" has been flagged off from which state/UT?

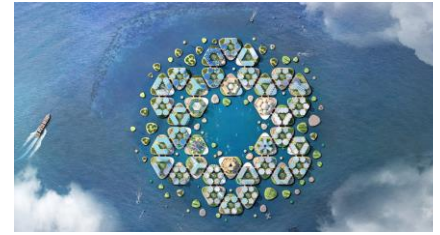
- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin recently flagged off the luxury cruise liner "Empress" from Chennai port. This is regarded as the first luxury cruise liner to be operated from the state. The eleven-storey tourist vessel can accommodate up to 2000 passengers and 800 crew members. The package also includes an anchor at Puducherry and Visakhapatnam harbours.**

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?

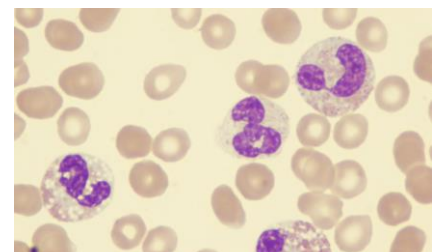
- A. North Sea
- B. Labrador Sea
- C. Baltic Sea ☒
- D. Beaufort Sea



- ✓ 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?

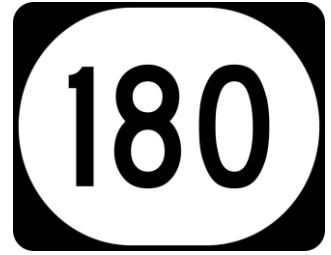
- A. Arunachal Pradesh
B. Sikkim ☒
C. Nagaland
D. Punjab



- ✓ **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.

1. Tenth Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with which of the following aspects?

- A. Official languages
- B. Land Reforms
- C. Anti-defection law ☒
- D. Panchayati Raj



- ✓ The Tenth Schedule, which is popularly known as the Anti-Defection Act, became part of the Indian Constitution as the result of the 52nd Amendment Act, 1985. It sets grounds for the disqualification of legislators on the grounds of defection to another political party. It was recently making news due to Maharashtra Political Crisis.

2. Varada River, which was mentioned in news recently, is the tributary of which river?

- A. Krishna River
- B. Cauvery River
- C. Kali River
- D. Tungabhadra River ☒



- ✓ The Varada River in central Karnataka is a tributary of Tungabhadra River. The state government of Karnataka is currently facing criticism from environmentalists for the proposed Bedti-Varada River linking project. The Bedti-Varada river-linking project seeks to pump about 524 million cubic metres (mcm) of water from Sirsi in Uttara Kannada to arid regions of Raichur and Koppal districts. It has met with strong opposition from local activists, who say that project will destroy 2,125 acres of forests in the ecologically sensitive parts of Western Ghats.

3. NDA Presidential election candidate Droupadi Murmu belongs to which tribe?

- A. Gond
- B. Santhal ☒
- C. Bhil
- D. Munda



- ✓ Santhal or Santal are India's third largest scheduled tribe community after Gonds and Bhils. The Santhali population is mainly distributed in Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal. NDA Presidential election candidate Droupadi Murmu's home district, Mayurbhanj, is one of the districts having dense concentration of the Santhali people. Droupadi Murmu belongs to Santhal tribe.

4. Raghurajpur, that was recently in news, is famous for which of the following types of paintings?

- A. Madhubani
- B. Pattachitra ☒
- C. Kalighat
- D. Pahadi



- ✓ **Pattachitra painting is the traditional painting of Odisha and West Bengal. These scroll paintings trace their origin to 12th century. They mainly depict Hindu mythology and are closely related to Jagannath and Vaishnava sect. It was recently in news as Odisha Chief Minister Naveen gave a Pattachitra to Pope Francis in Vatican City as a gift. This pattachitra was created by artist Apindra Swain and his family who belong to craft village of Raghurajpur in Puri district. Raghurajpur is world famous for Pattachitra paintings.**

5. Central Bureau of Communication was earlier known as __?

- A. Department of Telecommunication
- B. C-DOT
- C. Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity
- D. Bureau of Outreach and Communication ☒



- ✓ **The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has renamed the Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC) as the Central Bureau of Communication. The BOC was set up in 2017 following the merger of the ministry's erstwhile media units.**

6. The 'Ayurveda Aahar' logo, which was released recently, has been designed in which colour tone?

- A. Red
- B. Green ☒
- C. Blue
- D. Brown



- ✓ **Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launched the 'Ayurveda Aahar' logo on the occasion of World Food Safety Day on June 7. 'Ayurveda Aahar' is food prepared in accordance with the recipes, ingredients and processes as described in the books of Ayurveda listed under 'Schedule A' of FSSAI regulations. The design of the green-coloured logo contains initial letters of the words Ayurveda and Aahar in Devnagari and English.**

7. 'Kheer Bhawani Mela' is a festival celebrated in which Indian state/UT?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Jammu & Kashmir ☒
- C. Nagaland
- D. Punjab



- ✓ The annual Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela started at the famous Ragnya Devi temple in Ganderbal, Jammu and Kashmir. The Tullmulla shrine is also the symbol of centuries-old culture and brotherhood among different communities of Kashmir. The Mela is being celebrated after two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. 'Revitalisation: Collective Action for the Ocean' is the theme of which international day celebrated on June 8?

- A. World Sea Animals Day
- B. World Ocean Day ☒
- C. World Beach Day
- D. World Mother Earth Day



- ✓ The United Nations designated June 8 as World Ocean Day to raise awareness about how to save the oceans and sustainably use them in the future. The theme for World Ocean Day 2022 is 'Revitalisation: Collective Action for the Ocean'.
- ✓ This year's theme focuses on how to not only stop harming the ocean but on actions to be taken in order to restore the oceans through collective efforts.

9. What is the target year set by India for first Human Space Mission Gaganyaan and first Human Ocean Mission?

- A. 2022
- B. 2023 ☒
- C. 2024
- D. 2025



- ✓ Earth Science Minister Dr Jitendra Singh announced that India will launch the first Human Space Mission 'Gaganyaan' as well as the first Human Ocean Mission in the second half of 2023. Addressing the World Oceans Day celebrations in New Delhi, The Minister also said that the government will soon unveil the Blue Economic Policy and around 40 million people will be employed by ocean-based industries by 2030.

10. 'EASE 5.0 Reforms', which was seen in the news, is associated with which units?

- A. Universities
- B. Public Sector Banks ☒
- C. Airports
- D. Police Stations



- ✓ Enhanced Access and Service Excellence-EASE 5.0 'Common reforms agenda' of EASE Next program was recently launched by the Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman. They have been developed for reforms in Public Sector Banks. PSB Manthan, 2022 unveiled the EASENext program, which would comprise 2 major initiatives namely EASE 5.0 reforms agenda and Bank specific strategic 3-year roadmap, based on individual bank's business priorities.

1. When is the 'United Nations Public Service Day' observed?

- A. June.18
- B. June.21
- C. June.23 ☒
- D. June.25



- ✓ Observed on June 23, UN Public Service Day aims to recognize the importance of public institutions and public servants in ensuring the development of all sectors across the globe. The 2022 theme is "Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goals".

2. Which state/UT launched 'Mo Bus service', which was recently recognized by the UN's Public Service Awards?

- A. Telangana
- B. New Delhi
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha ☒



- ✓ Odisha's Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) authority introduced the 'Mo Bus Service' in November 2018 to promote smart technologies and safe transportation for women riders. It was recently recognised by the UN's Public Service Awards for 2022.

3. India recently announced 'Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy programme' with which country?

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



- ✓ A joint India-UK 'Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy' programme was recently announced by the foreign ministers of the UK and India. It aims to equip diplomats from all Commonwealth member states with expertise and skills required for addressing emerging challenges that have global-level impact. This academy programme will be hosted in New Delhi. This was announced during the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), which was held in Rwanda, East Africa from June 24 to 25.

4. Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 comes under the jurisdiction of which union ministry (as of June 2022)?

- A. Ministry of Finance ☒
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Law and Justice



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- ✓ The Revenue Department under the Finance Ministry governs the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (NDPS) Act of 1985. The Central Government is planning the transfer of the administration of this Act from finance ministry to Home Ministry to bring all issues related to narcotics under one department.

5. Which state is set to roll out the comprehensive health insurance scheme, 'MEDISEP'?

- A. Kerala ☒
- B. Bihar
- C. Gujarat
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Kerala government is set to launch MEDISEP scheme from July 1, 2022. It is a medical insurance scheme for state government employees, pensioners and their eligible family members. It will provide cashless medical assistance with a comprehensive coverage of up to Rs.3 lakhs per year.

6. 'World Investment Report' is the flagship report of which institution?

- A. IMF
- B. World Bank
- C. UNCTAD ☒
- D. WTO



- ✓ In its latest World Investment Report, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said FDI inflows to India declined to USD 45 billion in 2021 from USD 64 billion in the previous year. India's rank jumped one place to 7th position among top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the 2021 calendar year even though the FDI inflows into the country is declining. The United States (USD 367 billion) remained the top recipient of FDI.

7. Which Indian has been selected as Global SDG Pioneer by the UN Global Compact Network in 2022?

- A. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli ☒
- B. P V Sindhu
- C. Yash Dhul
- D. Sumant Sinha



- ✓ Ramkrishna Mukkavilli, the head of Hyderabad-based startup Maithri Aquatech, has been selected as Global SDG Pioneer by the UN Global Compact Network (UNGC). He is the first Indian to be recognised by the UNGC as one of the 10 new SDG Pioneers for 2022. He was previously selected as India's SDG Pioneer by the UN Global Compact Network India. Using 'atmospheric water generation', his company generated 100 million litres of fresh water from air.

8. Which Indian author was named as 'Companion of Honour' by the United Kingdom?

- A. Ruskin Bond
B. Salman Rushdie ☒
C. Arundhati Roy
D. Vikram Seth



- ✓ Indian Author Salman Rushdie was appointed a Companion of Honour by the United Kingdom for services to literature. The 74-year-old author of 'Midnight's Children' was named on the occasion of the four days of celebrations to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee. He had earlier received a knighthood in 2007. Companion of Honour is an exclusive club with membership limited to just 65 people at any given time, for services to literature.

9. Which Indian has been appointed as the head of International Monetary Fund's Asia and Pacific Department?

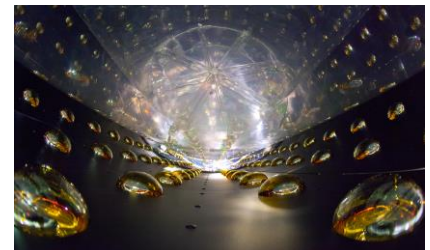
- A. Urjit Patel
B. Nirmala Sitharaman
C. Krishna Srinivasan ☒
D. Viral Acharya



- ✓ India's Krishna Srinivasan has been appointed as the director of the Asia and Pacific Department of the International Monetary Fund. With over 27 years of working at IMF, he oversees the department's surveillance work on smaller Pacific states such as Fiji and Vanuatu, and systemically important nations such as China and Korea.

10. The 'Daya Bay Reactor Neutrino Experiment' is functional in which country?

- A. China ☒
B. Russia
C. Israel
D. Australia



- ✓ The Daya Bay Reactor Neutrino Experiment is functional in Guangdong, China. It is situated at Daya Bay, approximately 52 kilometers northeast of Hong Kong. The multinational collaboration includes researchers from China, Chile, the United States, Taiwan, Russia, and the Czech Republic. The detectors pick up light signals generated by antineutrinos streaming from nearby nuclear power plants.

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.

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 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 12th 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".

1. Which institution recently released a report titled 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy'?

- A. World Bank
- B. International Labour Organisation
- C. NITI Aayog ☒
- D. International Monetary Fund



NITI Aayog

- ✓ **NITI Aayog released a report titled 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy' recently. The Indian gig workforce is expected to expand to 23.5 million workers by 2029–30, a 200 percent jump from 7.7 million now. The report estimates that gig workers will form 4.1 per cent of the total workforce in India by 2029–2030, from 1.5 per cent now.**

2. Which Union Ministry released the 'Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI–D)'?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- C. Ministry of Education ☒
- D. Ministry of Jal Shakti



**शिक्षा मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION**

- ✓ **Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI–D) for 2019–20, and noted that schools across India performed poorly under the category of digital learning. The top performing districts were Jaipur, Sikar and Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan. The PGI–D structure has 600 points, under six categories.**

3. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is set to launch 'One Health' Pilot project in which city?

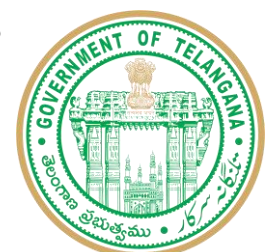
- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru ☒
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Mysuru

Bengaluru

- ✓ **The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is set to launch the One Health Pilot project in Bengaluru. It will help develop a roadmap for a national project to prevent future outbreaks of zoonotic diseases by using better response mechanism and management and incorporating global best practices. DAHD in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and CII as partner is implementing the One–Health Framework project in Karnataka and Uttarakhand.**

4. T–Hub, which was seen in the news, is a start–up incubator based in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana ☒
- C. Tripura
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao recently inaugurated the new facility of business incubator T-Hub in Hyderabad. The new building, called T-Hub 2.0 is claimed to be world's largest innovation campus. The facility will support over 2,000 startups under one roof. Established in 2015, T-Hub (Technology Hub) is an innovation hub and ecosystem enabler based in the city of Hyderabad.**

5. Which Indian state/ UT is the host of G-20 summit in 2023?

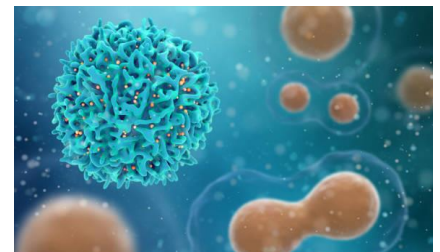
- A. Kerala
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ **Jammu and Kashmir has been selected by the Ministry for External Affairs (MEA) for meetings during the G-20 summit, to be hosted by India in 2023. The Jammu and Kashmir government has constituted a five-member high-powered panel for overall coordination of G20 meetings to be held in the union territory. This will be the first major international summit to be held in Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of its special status.**

6. Which state inaugurated the country's first oncology laboratory for comprehensive cancer diagnostic services?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated a cancer diagnostics and research centre, which is the country's first oncology laboratory for comprehensive cancer diagnostic services.**
- ✓ **Karkinos Healthcare's advanced centre for cancer diagnostics and research will serve as a central lab. The focus is on early diagnostic tools, molecular assays for precision medicine. The Tata Group is investing Rs 110 crore in Karkinos while other stake holders are Rakuten Medical, Mayo Clinic and Reliance Digital Health.**

7. As per the 'Innovation Policy for Indian Railways', what is the maximum limit of grant provided to innovators?

- A. Rs 10 lakh
- B. Rs 25 lakh
- C. Rs 50 lakh
- D. Rs 1.5 Crore ☒



- ✓ **Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched 'Innovation Policy for Indian Railways', to encourage participation of start-ups. Also referred as 'Start-Ups for Railways', the policy seeks to provide up to Rs. 1.5 Crore to innovators on equal sharing basis.**

8. Which country was the top buyer of Indian rice during the pandemic?

- A. Maldives
- B. UAE
- C. China ☒
- D. South Korea



- ✓ China emerged as the top buyer of Indian rice during the pandemic, importing 16.34 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) or 7.7 per cent of India's total rice export in financial year 2021–22. In 2021–22, India's total rice export (both basmati and non-basmati) was 212.10 LMT. Out of China's total rice import from India, nearly 97 percent was broken rice, which has seen a rise in demand from that country. India used to export broken rice mostly to African countries, earlier.

9. India recently conducted a Coordinated Patrol exercise with which country on the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca?

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



- ✓ The 38th India–Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND–INDO CORPAT) between the Indian and Indonesian Navy is being conducted in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca. The Navy Units of Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) represent India. This is the first post pandemic Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two countries. The two Navies have been carrying out CORPAT along their International Maritime Boundary Line since 2002.

10. 'Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela' is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship ☒
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Education



कौशल विकास और
उद्यमशीलता मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

सत्यमेव जयते

- ✓ The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will organise the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela every month. At the end of a candidate's training period, they will be awarded an Apprenticeship certificate, acknowledged by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET). The primary objective of the Mela is to encourage the hiring of apprentices from the cities.

1. What is the objective of 'Dak Karmayogi' portal, which was launched recently?

- A. Grievance Redressal
- B. Training Employees ☒
- C. Awarding Best Performers
- D. Participation of Public



- ✓ The 'Dak Karmayogi' e-learning portal of the Department of Posts was launched by Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Communications. This portal has been developed in-house under vision of 'Mission Karmayogi', conceptualized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promote efficiency of Government employees.

2. What is 'Hermit', which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Missile
- B. Satellite
- C. Spyware ☒
- D. Vaccine



- ✓ 'Hermit' is the name of the latest sophisticated spyware seen in the news. It is believed to have targeted iPhones and Android devices in Italy and Kazakhstan. The spyware has been developed by an Italian vendor called RCS Lab. Google's Threat Analysis Group (TAG) put out a detailed blog post recently, explaining how they believed Hermit was used to target devices.

3. National Highways Excellence Awards (NHEA) were instituted to felicitate which category?

- A. Companies ☒
- B. Public
- C. Bureaucrats
- D. Employees



- ✓ With a view to strengthen and augment the road infrastructure in the country, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) initiated "National Highways Excellence Awards" (NHEA) in 2018 in order to incentivize stakeholders in the highway construction and maintenance process and to create a spirit of healthy competitiveness amongst them.

4. RAMP scheme, which was seen in the news, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of MSME ☒
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 'Udyami Bharat' programme in New Delhi to launch the 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP) scheme. He also launched the 'Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters' (CBFTE) scheme and new features of the 'Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme' (PMEGP). The results of MSME Idea Hackathon, 2022 were announced and National MSME Awards were distributed.

5. When is the 'National Insurance Awareness Day' observed?

- A. June.25
B. June.27
C. June.28 ☒
D. June.30



- ✓ The National Insurance Awareness Day is observed on 28 June annually to make people aware about the benefits of investing in an insurance plan. After a huge fire in London, Nicholas Barbon set up the first fire insurance company in 1666 AD. Since then, the insurance market has expanded to several new sectors.

6. 'Kihoto Hollohan' Judgement, which was seen in the news, is associated with which state?

- A. Sikkim
B. Maharashtra ☒
C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Gujarat



- ✓ Amid the political crisis in Maharashtra, the role and powers of the Deputy Speaker are being discussed. In the landmark judgment of 'Kihoto Hollohan vs Zachillhu And Others' (1992), the Supreme Court upheld the sweeping discretion available to the Speaker in deciding cases of disqualification of MLAs.

7. When is the 'Elimination of Child Labour Week' observed in India?

- A. June 01–07 B. June 12–20 ☒
C. June 20–27 D. July 01–07



- ✓ National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, NCPCR is observing 'Elimination of Child Labour Week' in honour of World Day Against Child Labour (12 June) in 75 places from June 12 to June 20. The NCPCR has developed a draft SOP on the rescue and post-rescue of child labour. Rescue operations in 75 places where children are involved in labour work across the country shall be conducted during this week, with the help of authorities like State Commission, District authorities, Child Welfare Committees etc.

8. Neeraj Chopra bettered his national record in Javelin throw, in the Paavo Nurmi Games held in which country?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Mongolia
- C. Finland ☒
- D. Turkey



- ✓ Neeraj Chopra bettered his national record in Javelin throw, in the Paavo Nurmi Games held in Turku, Finland. With a throw of 89.30 metres, he created a new national record, better than his Tokyo Olympics performance of 87.58m. It made him India's first track and field gold medallist. His recent throw, which fetched him a silver medal.

9. The first train under the Indian Railways' 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme was flagged off between which cities?

- A. Mumbai–Ahmedabad
- B. Coimbatore–Shirdi ☒
- C. Rameswaram–Ayodhya
- D. Puri–Hyderabad



- ✓ The first train under the Indian Railways' 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme was flagged off between Coimbatore North railway station in Tamil Nadu for Sainagar Shirdi in Maharashtra. This particular train will be operated by a private operator 'South Star Rail'. It will depart from Coimbatore every Tuesday reach Shirdi on Thursdays. The objective of the theme is to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and historical places, to the people of India and the world.

10. Which country hosted the 'Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians'?

- A. USA
- B. Japan
- C. Egypt ☒
- D. France



- ✓ Egypt has hosted the Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Sharm El Sheikh. The conference is jointly organized by the House of Representatives and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). Around 200 young MPs, from 60 countries are participating to discuss strategies to mitigate the impact of climate change. Nagaland's first woman elected as Member of Parliament to Rajya Sabha S. Phangon Konyak is representing India at the Conference.