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1. The Agricultural Census is conducted in the interval of how many years in India?

- A. 2 B. 3
C. 5 ☒ D. 10

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- ✓ The Eleventh Agricultural Census (2021–22) was recently launched by the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ✓ Agriculture Census is conducted every 5 years in India and this is the first time the data collection will be conducted on smart phones and tablets. Agricultural Census is the main source of information on the number and area of operational holdings, their size, class-wise distribution, land use, tenancy and cropping pattern, etc.

2. Which shipyard—built India's first indigenous aircraft carrier— Vikrant?

- A. Cochin Shipyard ☒
B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
D. Hindustan Shipyard



- ✓ India's first indigenous aircraft carrier— Vikrant was built and delivered to the Indian Navy by Cochin Shipyards Limited (CSL). CSL, the public sector shipyard, under the Ministry of Shipping, has built the carrier with 76 per cent indigenisation components. Vikrant will be commissioned into the Indian Navy as Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant.

3. Tadoba Tiger Reserve, which hosted the Global Tiger Day Celebrations, is located in which Indian state?

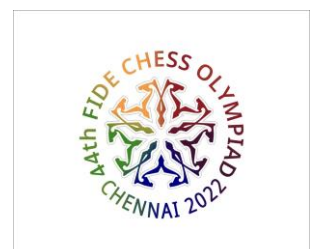
- A. Sikkim
B. Maharashtra ☒
C. Gujarat
D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Tadoba Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra played host to the Global Tiger Day Celebrations in India. Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav attended the Global Tiger Day 2022 Celebrations held at Chandrapur Forest Academy, Maharashtra. The declaration to celebrate Global Tiger Day was taken on 29th July 2010 at St Petersburg, for increased thrust on tiger conservation and management globally.

4. Which state hosted the FIDE Chess Olympiad for the first time in India?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒ B. Telangana
C. Maharashtra D. Odisha



- ✓ The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad is being hosted by the state of Tamil Nadu. This is the first time India is hosting the international event. The world's biggest team chess championship, with players from 187 countries, is organised at Mamallapuram, near Chennai.
- ✓ The international event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the presence of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

5. The Indian Navy recently received two MH-60 R multirole helicopters from which country?

- A. Russia
- B. United States ☒
- C. Israel
- D. France



- ✓ The Indian Navy recently received two MH-60 R multirole helicopters from the United States. The third helicopter is scheduled to be delivered in August this year. In 2019, the United States had approved the sale of 24 MH-60R multi-mission helicopters to India under its Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program. The MH-60R is the most advanced marine multi-mission helicopter which is in use currently.

6. Which state held the most number of sittings of the State Assembly in 2021?

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



- ✓ As per the recent study of the think tank PRS, Legislative Research (PRS), Kerala held the most number of sittings of the State Assembly in 2021 at 61 days. Between 2016 and 2019, it remained at the top with an average of 53 days. Kerala is followed by Odisha with 43 sitting days, Karnataka with 40 days and Tamil Nadu with 34 days.

7. 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme' which was recently launched, is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Power ☒
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food Distribution
- C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



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MINISTRY OF
POWER

- ✓ The Prime Minister launched the Union Power Ministry's 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme'. It aims to help DISCOMs improve their operational efficiencies and financial sustainability. The

Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of various green energy projects of NTPC worth over Rs 5200 crore. He also launched the 'National Solar rooftop portal'.

8. Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary, where a new damselfly species (*Protosticta anamalaica*) was spotted, is in which state?

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



- ✓ Entomologists from the Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS) have recently identified the species, Anamalai Reed-tail (*Protosticta anamalaica*) from the Western Ghats in the Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary in Thrissur. With this, the number of odonates in Kerala has grown to 182. The insect was first spotted at Ponmudi hills in the Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary of the Munnar landscape.

9. Logistics Data Bank (LDB) Project, which was seen in the news, is associated with which Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Heavy Industries



- ✓ NLDSL–NICDC Logistics Data Bank (LDB Project) has achieved a milestone of handling 50 million EXIM containers. Union Commerce and Industry Minister lauded the NICDC Logistics Data Services for the achievement. NICDC stands for National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation.
- ✓ LDB handles 100% of India's EXIM container volume. It uses RFID technology through Internet of Things, Big Data and Cloud-based solution for real-time tracking of EXIM container movement.

10. Loktak Lake, the largest freshwater lake in India, is located in which state?

- A. Assam
- B. Manipur ☒
- C. Haryana
- D. Telangana



- ✓ Loktak lake is the largest freshwater lake in India, located in the state of Manipur. The lake covers 61 per cent of the total identified wetlands of the state. Recently, the Loktak Development Authority (LDA) issued a notice to remove all floating houses and fishing structures on Loktak lake. It has created a sharp reaction from the fishing community and home-stay operators.

1. Who has been named as the new MD and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE)?

- A. Ashish Chauhan ☒
- B. K V Kamath
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. Arundhati Bhattacharya



- ✓ Market regulator SEBI has named Ashish Chauhan as the new MD and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE). Ashish Chauhan is currently the MD and CEO of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). BSE and its subsidiary CDSL, launched successful IPOs under his leadership.

2. 'The Crafts Village scheme' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Union Ministry of Culture
- B. Union Ministry of Textiles ☒
- C. Union Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Union Ministry of MSME



- ✓ 'The Crafts Village scheme' aims to develop handicrafts as a sustainable livelihood option for artisans in the clusters. It is an initiative of Union Textiles Ministry for 'Linking Textile with Tourism'. It aims to promote craft and tourism by providing infrastructure support to handicraft clusters. Eight craft villages are selected under the scheme.
- ✓ They are Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Vadaj (Gujarat), Naini (Uttar Pradesh), Raghurajpur (Odisha), Anegundi (Karnataka), Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Taj Ganj (Uttar Pradesh) and Amer (Rajasthan).

3. 'Chabahar Port', which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Nepal
- C. Iran ☒
- D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ The Chabahar Port is a strategic port located in Iran is the commercial transit centre for the Central Asian region. 'Chabahar Day' is celebrated to mark the beginning of International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) – an Indian vision to economise movement of cargo between India and Central Asia.
- ✓ On the occasion of 'Chabahar Day', Union Ports, Shipping & Waterways Ministry along with the Indian Ports Global Ltd. (IPGL) which was formed to participate in Chabahar development project, organized a conference in Mumbai.

4. Which state is the venue of the India–Oman joint military drill 'AL NAJAH'?

- A. Maharashtra
B. Rajasthan ☒
C. Sikkim
D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Indian Army and Royal Army of Oman have recently started their 13–day joint military exercise in Rajasthan, India. The 4th edition of India–Oman joint military drill 'AL NAJAH' focuses on Counter Terrorism, Regional Security and Peace Keeping Operations.

5. Who is the head of the task force recently set up by the Central govt to monitor monkeypox situation in India?

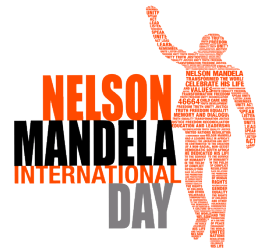
- A. Amitabh Kant
B. V K Paul ☒
C. Mansukh Mandaviya
D. Bharati Pawar



- ✓ The Central Government has established a task force to monitor monkey–pox situation in India. It is headed by Dr VK Paul, member (Health), NITI Aayog. The task force also includes Secretary, Union Health Ministry, Pharma and Biotech. It will advise the government on expanding diagnostic facilities and investigating vaccination against the disease. India has reported four Monkeypox cases so far, three cases in Kerala and one in Delhi.

6. When is the 'Nelson Mandela Day' observed every year?

- A. July.14
B. July.18 ☒
C. July.19
D. July.25



- ✓ 'Nelson Mandela Day' is observed on July 18 every year. The United Nations (UN) had declared July 18 as Nelson Mandela Day to honour the leader in 2009. Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid activist who served as the first President from 1994 to 1999. He was the first black head of state and the first elected President in a fully democratic election in South Africa.

7. Which Union Ministry's website has been ranked first in the National e–Governance Service Delivery Assessment?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs ☒
B. Ministry of Culture
C. Ministry of Defence
D. Ministry of Finance



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MINISTRY OF
HOME AFFAIRS

- ✓ The website of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been ranked first in the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment. The Digital Police portal was ranked second in the service delivery assessment of websites of central government ministries, conducted by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in association with its knowledge partners NASSCOM and KPMG in 2021.

8. Who is the head of the high-powered panel on minimum support price (MSP), which was recently set up?

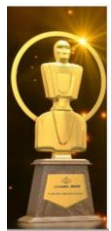
- A. Ramesh Chand
B. Amitabh Kant
C. M S Swaminathan
D. Sanjay Agarwal ☒



- ✓ The Central Government has constituted a high-powered panel under the chairmanship of former agriculture secretary Sanjay Agarwal. The panel seeks to the minimum support price (MSP) mechanism more effective and transparent. It was set up eight months after the government repealed the three controversial farm Acts. The panel includes NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand, and representatives from IFFCO, ICAR, along with representatives from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, and Odisha.

9. 'JC Daniel Award' is the highest award in cinema in which language?

- A. Tamil
B. Malayalam ☒
C. Marathi
D. Kannada



- ✓ Renowned filmmaker KP Kumaran was awarded the 2021 JC Daniel Award. It is Kerala's highest award in Malayalam cinema. The award is presented annually by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, a non-profit institution under the Department of Cultural Affairs.

10. Which country is the top source of India's remittances in 2021?

- A. UAE
B. USA ☒
C. Singapore
D. Canada



- ✓ As per a recent survey of the Reserve Bank of India, the US surpassed the UAE as the top source country of India's remittances, accounting for 23% of total remittances. India is by far the world's largest recipient of remittances, as it received \$87 billion in 2021 with a growth of 4.6%.

1. Rakhigarhi, which was seen in the news recently, is an ancient site located in which state?

- A. Haryana ☒
- B. Gujarat
- C. Odisha
- D. Punjab



- ✓ Twenty heritage sites, including ancient mounds at Haryana's Rakhigarhi have been identified for the 'National importance' tag. The other sites include Anangtal in Delhi; rock painting at Chintakunta, Andhra Pradesh; rock art site Murgi at Rdanag, Leh; Kaleshwar Mahadev Temple, Himachal Pradesh among others.

2. Which Ministry is associated with the Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems Amendment Bill 2022?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Defence
- C. Ministry of External Affairs ☒
- D. Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Waterways

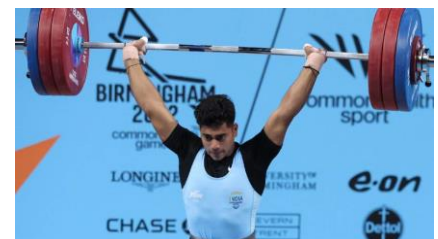


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MINISTRY OF
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- ✓ The Parliament has recently passed the Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill 2022. Ministry of External Affairs introduced the bill. It seeks to amend the 2005 Act and to stop persons from financing any prohibited activity related to weapons of mass destruction and their delivery.

3. Achinta Sheuli, who clinched gold medal for India in the Commonwealth Games 2022, is associated with which sport?

- A. Weight lifting ☒
- B. Boxing
- C. Table Tennis
- D. Cricket



- ✓ 20-year-old Achinta Sheuli clinched gold medal for India in the Commonwealth Games 2022 in 73-kg category of Weight lifting. He won the first place with a combined effort of 313 Kilograms (143kg in snatch and 170kg in clean & jerk). Mirabai Chanu and Jeremy Lalrinunnga have earlier claimed gold medals while Bindyarani Devi and Sanketh Sargar picked up silver medals.

4. When is the 'Muslim Women's Rights Day' observed?

- A. July.31
- B. August.1 ☒
- C. August.3
- D. August.5



- ✓ 'Muslim Women's Rights Day' is observed every year on the first of August to celebrate the enforcement of law against the 'Triple Talaq' rule. The Triple Talaq, also known as Talaq-e-Biddat was made illegal and as per the law the offenders will be jailed up to 3 years and also have to pay fine.

5. Which state signed an MoU with NITI Aayog for enhancement of the learning outcome of students?

- A. Uttarakhand
B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
C. Assam
D. West Bengal



NITI Aayog

- ✓ The Arunachal Pradesh government inked a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NITI Aayog on the enhancement of the learning outcome of students across 3,000 plus government schools in the state. The MoU is a three-year partnership (2022 – 25) focusing over two lakh children. The school education transformation project is under NITI Aayog's Development Support Services for States (DSSS) initiative.

6. Who has been appointed as the BCCI ethics officer and Ombudsman?

- A. Ranjan Gogoi
B. Vineet Saran ☒
C. A K Sikri
D. V K Singh



- ✓ Former Supreme Court judge Vineet Saran has taken over as the BCCI's ethics officer and ombudsman, filling the dual posts which were lying vacant for a year. Vineet Saran has succeeded Justice (Retd) D K Jain, whose term ended in June last year. He is a former Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, and also served as a judge in Karnataka and Allahabad High Court.

7. Which Indian state recently conducted its first-ever survey of blackbucks?

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



- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh State Wildlife Department has commenced the first-ever survey of blackbucks along a stretch of islands in the Godavari between Dowleswaram and Yanam. The survey aims of drawing up a conservation plan to protect the endangered species.

8. Which is the first port in India to become a full Landlord Major Port of India?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Maharashtra ☒
- B. Cochi Port, Kerala
- C. Mormugao Port, Goa
- D. Kandla Port, Gujarat



- ✓ Maharashtra's Jawaharlal Nehru Port has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India with all berths being operated on PPP model. JNP is one of the leading container ports of the country and is ranked 26th among the top 100 global ports.

9. What is the rank of India in the 2022 edition of Henley Passport Index?

- A. 82
- B. 85
- C. 87 ☒
- D. 84



- ✓ In the 2022 edition of Henley Passport Index, Indian passport is ranked at 87 as it provides easy access to 57 countries. Japan is at the first place of the index with hassle-free entry to 193 countries. Singapore and South Korea have the next powerful passports in the world with access to 192 countries. Indian passports had access to just 23 destinations in 2020.

10. Which state topped the utilisation of funds under Smart City Mission?

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



- ✓ As per a recent government data, Tamil Nadu tops the list of states so far as utilisation of funds under Smart City Mission. Tamil Nadu has spent over Rs 3932 crore out of the Rs 4333 crore released by the Centre, Uttar Pradesh is at second position with utilisation of Rs 2699 cr out of the release of Rs 3142 crore. The Smart Cities Mission (SCM) was launched on 25 June, 2015.

1. Which Union Ministry implements the 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0' scheme?

- A. Ministry of Health
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development ☒
- C. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- D. Ministry of Tribal Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued Operational Guidelines for implementation of 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0'. The Integrated Nutrition Support scheme has been approved by the Government of India for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021–22 to 2025–26. The programme aims to address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

2. 'Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)' which is seen in the news, is a term related to which field?

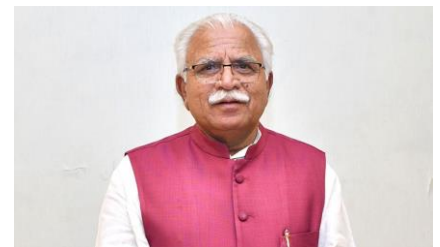
- A. Economy
- B. Climate Change ☒
- C. Defence
- D. Industry



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement. The NDCs are to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). India last submitted its NDC in the year 2015. India has committed to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030 and achieving 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

3. Which state launched the 'Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)' scheme?

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Haryana ☒
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar recently launched the 'Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)' scheme. It aims to provide 'free education' to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students of government schools in budget private schools. Under the scheme, government school students whose parents have an annual verified income of less than Rs 1.8 lakh can enroll in private schools.

4. As of August 2022, how many start-ups are registered in India?

- A. 25000 B. 50000
C. 75000 ☒ D. 1,00,000

75,000

- ✓ **Union Minister for Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal announced that India has achieved a landmark milestone, as there are 75000 startups in the country. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recognized more than 75,000 startups.**
- ✓ **The initial ten thousand startups were recognized in 808 days, while the latest ten thousand were achieved in only 156 days.**

5. Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary and Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary, which were declared Ramsar sites, are located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
B. Odisha
C. Karnataka
D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ **India has added 10 more wetlands designated as Ramsar sites to make the total sites in the country to 64, covering an area of 12,50,361 hectares. The 10 new sites include Six sites in Tamil Nadu including Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary and Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary and One each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.**

6. When is the 'World Chess Day' celebrated every year?

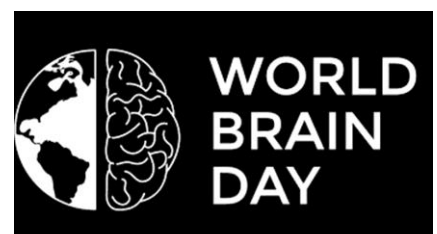
- A. July.20 ☒
B. August.20
C. September.20
D. October.20



- ✓ **World Chess Day is observed on 20 July every year. It is also known as International Chess Day. On the same day in 1924, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) was founded in Paris. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) proposed the idea of celebrating the day in 1966.**

7. What is the theme of the 'World Brain Day – 2022'?

- A. Brain Health for all ☒
B. Brain: The CPU
C. Brain for Knowledge
D. Knowledge is Brain



- ✓ **'World Brain Day (WBD) 2022'** is marked every year on July 22, to increase public awareness and promote advocacy related to brain health. This year, the World Brain Day is dedicated to the theme "Brain Health for all". WBD 2022 campaign will focus on five key messages globally: Awareness, Prevention, Advocacy, Education and Access.

8. Which is the venue of the Asian Games in 2023?

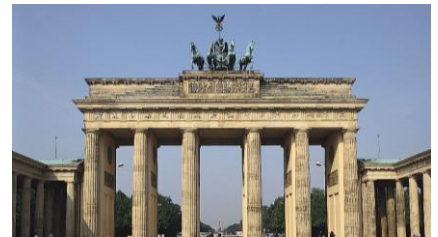
- A. India
B. China ☒
C. Indonesia
D. Nepal



- ✓ **The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)** has confirmed that the postponed Asian Games will be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8 in 2023. The Asian Games were scheduled to be held in September 2022 but the OCA announced the postponement until 2023 due to rise in Covid-19 cases in China earlier this year.

9. Which is the venue of the '13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue' 2022?

- A. Chicago
B. Berlin ☒
C. Netherlands
D. Switzerland



- ✓ **The 13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue** began recently in Berlin. The two-day ministerial meet is chaired by Germany and Egypt, the hosts of annual climate meet (COP-27). The informal ministerial meet proposes to build consensus and provide political direction to resolve divergences in improving implementation of climate action, which is the core goal of COP-27.

10. What is the name of India's first passenger drone which was recently seen in the news?

- A. Akash
B. Varuna ☒
C. Jatayu
D. Garuda



- ✓ **Varuna**, India's first drone that can carry human pay-load has a range of 25 km. The passenger drone can carry 130 kg payload and has 25-33 minutes of flight time. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently watched the demonstration of India's first passenger drone, Varuna. 'Varuna' drone has been designed and developed by a startup 'Sagar Defence Engineering'.

1. Which state's astronomical observatory has been included in the UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage Observatories?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Bihar ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Kerala



- ✓ The astronomical observatory at the LS College, Muzaffarpur has been included in UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage Observatories of the World. It was developed in 1916 after a college professor felt the need of an astronomical observatory. After functioning for several decades, it was sealed in 1995, when some astronomical equipment were found missing.

2. Larsen & Toubro signed a MoU with which state to set up an IT and ITeS technology park?

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



- ✓ Larsen & Toubro signed a MoU with the Gujarat state government to set up an IT and IT-enabled service (ITeS) Technology Park in Vadodara. L&T will develop this IT Park in the next five years with an investment of Rs 7,000 crores. It will provide jobs for 2,000 engineers and other positions in a year and 10,000 direct and indirect employments in the next five years.

3. In which state, world's largest floating solar power plant is set to be built?

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



- ✓ As per the recent announcement of Renewable Energy Ministry, world's largest floating solar power plant is going to be built in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa. The plant is expected to generate 600-Megawatt power by 2022-23 and is estimated to be worth over Rs 3000 crores. At present, India's largest floating solar power project is operational at Ramagundam in Telangana, being operated by NTPC.

4. Which is the first bank in India to list its Payment Gateway platform on the income tax department's TIN 2.0 platform?

- A. State Bank of India
B. Federal Bank ☒
C. Punjab National Bank
D. Axis Bank



- ✓ **Federal Bank has become India's first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the income tax department's TIN 2.0 platform. The Payment Gateway enables tax payers to make their payments using modes such as credit/ debit card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS and internet banking.**

5. Which country chairs the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022?

- A. China
B. Russia
C. India ☒
D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ **India is set to host diplomats of the 15-nation UN Security Council including US, China and Russia, in October for a special meeting on counter-terrorism. India is an elected non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for a two-year term. India's tenure at the Council will end in December this year. India chairs the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022.**

6. When is the 'National Broadcasting Day 2022' observed in India?

- A. July.23 ☒
B. August.23
C. September.23
D. October.23



- ✓ **National Broadcasting Day is an annual event observed on July 23 in India, to remind Indian citizens about the impact of radio on our lives. India's official broadcaster 'Prasar Bharati' includes All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan. The Indian Broadcasting Company Ltd (IBC) was taken over by the British and transformed into All India Radio (AIR) in 1936.**

7. What is India's gross expenditure on R&D (GERD), as per NITI Aayog's recent report?

- A. \$43 per capita ☒
B. \$83 per capita
C. \$123 per capita
D. \$183 per capita



NITI Aayog

- ✓ **According to NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index 2021, India's gross expenditure on research and development (R&D) is one of the lowest in the world, with just USD 43 per capita.**

- ✓ It said that India needs to boost this expenditure and at least be on a par with its BRICS or ASEAN counterparts like Russia (USD 285) and Brazil (USD 173). In India, the government spends more than 55% on R&D and private sector is to be encouraged to take up research.

8. 'E-AMRIT mobile application', which was recently launched, is associated with which sector?

- A. Electric mobility ☒
- B. Sports
- C. Millet Cultivation
- D. Women Empowerment



- ✓ NITI Aayog launched E-AMRIT (Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation) mobile application to raise awareness on electric mobility, in collaboration with UK. It also launched a report on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling Market in India. NITI Aayog has been collaborating with the UK Government in the areas of e-vehicles, charging infrastructure and battery storage.

9. India held a 'Meeting on Transnational Crimes' with which global bloc?

- A. BIMSTEC
- B. BRICS
- C. ASEAN ☒
- D. G20



- ✓ The 9th ASEAN-India Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crimes was recently held in a virtual mode. Both sides discussed ways to enhance cooperation under the framework of ASEAN-India Work Plan to combat Transnational Crimes. The 10th ASEAN-India SOMTC Consultation on Transnational Crimes will be held in 2023 in Indonesia.

10. Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection (MASI), which was seen in the news, is associated with which action?

- A. Monitoring of Health Care Institutions
- B. Monitoring of Child Care Institutions ☒
- C. Inspection of Sports Institutions
- D. Inspection of Educational Institutions



- ✓ Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani replied in Lok Sabha that over 2,000 children have died in specialised adoption agencies since 2014. As many as 27,085 children have been adopted since 2014. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) developed an application namely Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection (MASI) for real-time monitoring of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs).

1. 'Yudh Abhyas' is a military exercise held between India and which country?

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



- ✓ India and the US will conduct a fortnight-long mega military exercise named 'Yudh Abhyas' in Uttarakhand's Auli in October 2022. The 18th edition of the exercise is scheduled to include number of complex drills. The last edition of the exercise took place in October 2021 in Alaska in the US. In June 2016, the US designated India a 'Major Defence Partner'.

2. Which organisation test-fired indigenously developed laser-guided ATGMs?

- A. HAL
- B. DRDO ☒
- C. BEL
- D. BHEL



- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Army test-fired the indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM). It was launched from Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun at KK Ranges with support of Armoured Corps Centre and School in Maharashtra.

3. What is the name of the satellite developed by 750 girls across 75 rural schools to be launched by ISRO?

- A. BharatSat
- B. AzaadiSAT ☒
- C. GramSAT
- D. CommuniSAT



- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch a Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. It is the smallest and lightest commercial rocket built by ISRO. The rocket will also carry the Indian tricolour, which will be unfurled in space to mark the 75th year of independence. The SSLV will carry EOS-02, an indigenously developed earth observation satellite, and Cubesat AzaadiSAT, which was developed by 750 school girls across 75 schools in rural India. The satellite will carry a special space song along with the national anthem.

4. What is the repo rate after the August 2022 Monetary policy committee (MPC) Meeting?

- A. 5.0 %
- B. 5.2 %
- C. 5.4 % ☒
- D. 5.75 %



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- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das–chaired Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) raised the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 5.40 percent. The decision was taken to tame persisting high inflation. After the decision, the repo rate is above pre–pandemic levels of 5.15 percent. The overall rate hike in three successive policy meets has gone to 140 basis points.

5. Which country conducted its largest–ever military exercises around Taiwan?

A. China ☒

B. Russia

C. India

D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ China fired ballistic missiles and deployed fighter jets and warships as it began its largest–ever military exercises around Taiwan, a show of force. This was commenced as retaliation to the visit of the US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s to the island. Pelosi was the highest–profile US official to visit Taiwan in years. The Taiwanese cabinet said the drills would disrupt 18 international routes passing through its flight information region.

6. IUCN has listed which species of butterfly in the ‘Endangered species list’?

A. Monarch butterfly ☒

B. Peacock butterfly

C. Red Admiral butterfly

D. Gossamer–winged butterfly



- ✓ The migratory ‘Monarch butterfly’ has been listed in the endangered species category by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. IUCN listed the butterfly, a subspecies of monarch (*Danaus plexippus*) as endangered, which indicates that the subspecies is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild. The main threats to the butterfly are habitat loss, pesticide and herbicide use and climate change.

7. When is the Income Tax Day celebrated in India?

A. July.24 ☒

B. August.24

C. September.24

D. January.24



- ✓ The Income Tax department observes July 24 every year as Income Tax Day, to commemorate the introduction of income tax in the country. On the same day in 1860, Sir James Wilson introduced income tax for the first time in India, to compensate for the losses suffered by the British regime during the 1857 war of independence. Income Tax Day was celebrated for the first time in 2010, to mark 150 years of income tax in India.

8. Which is the venue of the '1st Khelo India Fencing Women's League'?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Gwalior
- D. Patna



- ✓ The 1st Khelo India Fencing Women's League recently commenced at the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. This is the first of its kind national fencing competition for women. Over 300 women across 20 States are participating in the event. Tokyo Olympian and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) athlete Bhavani Devi is also a participant.

9. Which Indian state recently launched a dedicated 'Tourism Policy 2021'?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Jharkhand ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Assam



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Jharkhand Hemant Soren launched 'Jharkhand Tourism Policy 2021'. The policy aims to revive and revamp the tourism sector of the state. 'Jharkhand Tourism Policy 2021' was organized by FICCI, jointly with the Jharkhand government. It aims to develop the state as one of the most sought-after tourist destinations by 2025.

10. Which institution has launched campaign 'Create for India' to cheer the Indian contingent of the Commonwealth Games?

- A. Sports Authority of India ☒
- B. National Sports University
- C. Army Sports Institute India
- D. Board of Control for Cricket in India



- ✓ Sports Authority of India has started a new initiative to cheer for Indian contingent of the Commonwealth Games with the campaign 'Create for India'. A 215-member Indian athlete contingent across 16 disciplines is set to participate in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Participants were asked to submit entries using the hashtags #create4India and #cheer4India.