

1. Who has sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra, after the resignation of Uddhav Thackeray?

- A. Devendra Fadnavis
- B. Eknath Shinde ☒
- C. Sunil Prabhu
- D. Sharad Pawar



- ✓ Shiv Sena rebel leader Eknath Shinde sworn in as Maharashtra CM while BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis sworn in as the deputy chief minister. Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari administered the oath of office and secrecy to the leaders. This was preceded by the resignation of the former CM Uddhav Thakarey amidst an internal party rebellion.

2. 'PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM)' is associated with which organisation?

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



- ✓ The PSLV Orbital Experimental Module is a platform which is used to perform in-orbit experiments using the final stage of ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). In the PSLV rocket, first three stages fall back into the ocean and the final stage (PS4) ends up as space junk, after launching the satellite into orbit. POEM has a Navigation Guidance and Control (NGC) system for attitude stabilisation.

3. Which is the only institution in India to issue "Electoral bonds"?

- A. RBI
- B. SBI ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. CDBT



- ✓ The government has approved the issuance of 21st phase of sale of electoral bonds through authorised SBI branches from July 1. State Bank of India (SBI) is the only authorised institution to issue and encash Electoral Bonds through its 29 Authorized Branches.
- ✓ The Electoral bonds are interest-free bearer instruments, which can be encashed by the party through a Bank account within 15 days.

4. The Union Cabinet approved the categorization of which institution as an 'International Organization', in July 2022?

- A. International Solar Alliance
- B. BIMSTEC
- C. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure ☒
- D. One Sun One World One Grid



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the categorization of Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) as an 'International Organization'. The cabinet also approved signing of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) with CDRI, for grant of exemptions and privileges under Section-3 of the United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947.

5. Which Indian organisation carried out the maiden flight test of 'Autonomous flying wing technology demonstrator'?

- A. DRDO ☒
- B. NSIL
- C. Dhruva Airspace
- D. Pixxel Space



- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out the maiden flight test of the 'autonomous flying wing technology demonstrator' in Karnataka. The test, carried out from the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka is being seen as an important milestone towards developing unmanned aircraft technology in India.

6. Which company launched 'Internet Explorer (IE) browser' in 1995?

- A. Apple
- B. IBM
- C. Microsoft ☒
- D. Yahoo



- ✓ Microsoft has shut down its iconic Internet Explorer (IE) browser after 27 years. It was one of the oldest browsers launched in the year 1995. Microsoft has asked its users to switch to its modern Edge browser, while the virtual version of the older browser will be available to users. In 2022, Chrome is the most popular and widely used browser in the world with over 70 % market share.

7. What is the theme of the 'World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought' 2022?

- A. Reduced Harmful Activities.
- B. Rising up from Drought Together. ☒
- C. Healthy Soil; Healthy Earth.
- D. Degradation to Restoration.



- ✓ World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is marked every year on 17 June across the world. The day focuses on turning degraded land into healthy or fertile soil to combat desertification. The theme for World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is – Rising up from drought together.

8. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Press Council of India?

- A. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai ☒
- B. Justice Ajay Kumar Sikri
- C. Justice Sadasivam
- D. Justice Y Chandrachud



- ✓ **Former Supreme Court Judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai has been nominated as Chairperson of the Press Council of India. She replaced the retired Justice CK Prasad who vacated office in November 2021. Justice Desai has also served as the chairman of the Delimitation Commission on Jammu and Kashmir, Public prosecutor for the state of Maharashtra and as a Judge on the Bombay High Court.**

9. When is the 'World Sickle Cell Awareness Day' observed every year?

- A. June.19 ☒
- B. June.23
- C. June.30
- D. July.03



- ✓ **Every year on the 19th of June, the World Sickle Cell Day (SCD) event is conducted by the United Nations General Assembly to raise awareness of sickle cell disease. Sickle cell anaemia is a group of inherited disorders that cause red blood cells to become sickle in shape instead of normal biconcave shape.**

10. Gustavo Petro is the newly elected leftist President of which country?

- A. France
- B. Colombia ☒
- C. Thailand
- D. North Korea



- ✓ **Former rebel fighter Gustavo Petro secured majority of votes in the Colombia's presidential election and is set to become the first leftist President of the country. A shift of South American politics to the left has been observed with the victories in Peru last year, and in Chile and Honduras this year. During the pandemic, Colombia saw anti-establishment protests against corruption, stagnancy, increased taxation and a new health care reform.**