digital services in Indian languages. 'Digital India GENESIS' – a National Deep–tech Startup Platform, to support successful start-ups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities with a total outlay of 750 crore rupees was also launched. A global repository of key projects implemented under India Stack 'Indiastack.global' was launched.

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1. 'Alluri Sitarama Raju' was a freedom fighter from which present-day state?

A. Tamil Nadu

- B. Kerala
- C. Andhra Pradesh 🗹
- D. Karnataka
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 30–ft bronze statue of legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju on his 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary. The 15–tonne statue was carved out at a cost of Rs 3 crore and installed by the Kshatriya Seva Samiti in Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh. The leader was known for the 'Rampa Rebellion' or 'Manyam Uprising', in the Rampachodavaram forest area, which was undertaken against the mighty British forces.
  - 2. What is the theme of 'Digital India Week 2022'?
  - A. Catalyzing New India's Techade ☑
  - B. India's Digital Start Ups
  - C. Local to Global
  - D. Atmanirbhar Start up Ecosystem
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Digital India Week 2022 in Gandhinagar in Gujarat. The theme for Digital India Week is Catalyzing New India's Techade.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also launched 'Digital India Bhashini' to enable easy access to the internet and

3. Which Union Ministry released the 'States' Start–ups Ranking 2021'?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☑
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- ✓ Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry has released 'Start-ups Ranking 2021'. The ranking focuses on seven reform areas. Gujarat, Karnataka and Meghalaya were categorised as best performers while Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Mizoram and Ladakh have an emerging start-up ecosystem. Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and Jammu and Kashmir were ranked as the top performers section.



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4. 'Lisbon Declaration' which was seen in the news, is associated with the conservation of which entity?

A. Air B. Mountains

C. Oceans ☑ D. Freshwater Glaciers

The UN Ocean Conference 2022 concluded with the unanimous adoption of the Lisbon Declaration "Our Ocean, our future, our responsibility." More than 150 countries agreed to scale up science– based and innovative actions to address the ocean emergency. The Lisbon Declaration takes into account the capacity challenges being faced by the developing countries.

- 5. 'Kai Chutney' made of Weaver ants is a popular food made in which state?
- A. Jharkhand
- B. Odisha 🗹
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. West Bengal
- ✓ Weaver ants, whose scientific name is Oecophylla smaragdina, are present in Mayurbhanj district, Odisha. The people of the district especially the tribals, make a food item with the ants called the Kai Chutney. Scientists from Odisha are in the process of presentation for the geographical indications (GI) registry of Kai Chutney.
  - 6. Who recently became the first black vice president of Colombia?
  - A. Gustavo Petro
  - B. Francia Marquez 🗹
  - C. Virgilio Barco Vargas
  - D. Juan Guaido
- Francia Marquez is set to be the first black woman to become the vice president of Colombia. The environmental activist received the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize in 2018 for standing up against gold mining.

7. Where was the Indian Coast Guard's 840 Squadron created?

- A. Visakhapatnam
- B. Chennai 🗹
- C. Thanjavur
- D. Mumbai
- The Indian Coast Guard's new air squadron named 840 Squadron was created in Chennai on June 20, 2022. The squadron was initially created with an indigenous ALH Mark–III aircraft. This is the first such aircraft to be stationed in the eastern region.

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## 8. Khumbu glacier, which was recently making news, is located at?

- A. India
- B. Bhutan
- C. Nepal 🗹
- D. Tibet
- ✓ Khumbu Glacier is situated at Nepal's Khumbu region between Mount Everest and the Lhotse– Nuptse ridge. Like many other glaciers in the Himalayas, Khumbu Glacier is melting at a rapid pace. This is making it highly hazardous for Nepal's Everest base camp.
  - 9. Which year has been designated as ASEAN–India Friendship year?
  - A. 2021
  - B. 2022 🗹
  - C. 2023
  - D. 2025
- ✓ The year 2022 has been designated as the ASEAN–India Friendship year. This year marks the 30th anniversary of dialogue relations between India and ASEAN countries. The diplomatic ties between the two sides commenced in the early 1990s.
  - 10. 'Unmesh' is an international literary festival, organised at which state/UT?
  - A. Himachal Pradesh 🗹
  - B. Gujarat
  - C. Telangana
  - D. Kerala
- <sup>7</sup> Three–day international literary festival 'Unmesh' was organised at the state of Himachal Pradesh. The festival was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghawal. Over 425 writers, poets, translators, critics and personalities from 15 countries, representing over 60 languages, are participating in the event. The festival is being organised by the Union Ministry of Culture and the Sahitya Akademi with the support of the Himachal Pradesh Department of Art and Culture as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsay'.









