

1. Which institution released the 'Global Findex database 2021'?

- A. RBI
- B. World Bank ☒
- C. IMF
- D. World Economic Forum



- ✓ The World Bank released the Global Findex Database 2021: Financial Inclusion, Digital Payments, and Resilience in the age of COVID-19. It surveyed how people in 123 economies use financial services throughout 2021. As per the report, large share of the global population without formal banking lives in India and China because of their size. The report also found that women are more likely to be unbanked than men.

2. Which city is the host of '2022 Global biodiversity conclave'?

- A. Paris
- B. Bonn ☒
- C. Geneva
- D. Davos



- ✓ The 2022 Global biodiversity conclave is organised in Bonn, Germany. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) announced that Assessment on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species will be released. Sustainable use of wild species keeping in mind the well-being of communities that depend on them for livelihood will be the focus of the report to be released.

3. As per the RBI's liberalised norms, what is the new limit of External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) under automatic route?

- A. \$500 million
- B. \$1 billion
- C. \$1.5 billion ☒
- D. \$2 billion



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- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) liberalised norms to boost inflows of foreign exchange. The measures include easing norms for FPI investment in debt market, and increasing the External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) limit under the automatic route from USD750 million or its equivalent per financial year to USD 1.5 billion. Exemption from Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) on Incremental FCNR (B) and NRE Term Deposits was also announced.

4. Which company launched 'Startup School India (SSI)' initiative?

- A. Microsoft
- B. Google ☒
- C. Amazon
- D. Meta



- ✓ Google announced the launch of Start-up School India (SSI) as part of the Google for Start-ups initiative. This is a platform under which Google will bring together investors, entrepreneurs and programmers and provide opportunities to start-ups from small cities to interact and learn from them. Google aims to reach out to at least 10,000 start-ups with this programme.

5. Ilaiyaraaja, who was recently nominated to Rajya Sabha, is an eminent personality in which field?

- A. Music ☒
- B. Sports
- C. Business
- D. Literature



- ✓ Legendary music director Ilaiyaraaja was recently nominated to Rajya Sabha, along with veteran athlete PT Usha, film screenwriter V Vijayendra Prasad and spiritual leader Veerendra Heggade. The nominations are done by the President on the advice of the Union Cabinet. While PT Usha is from Kerala, Ilaiyaraaja is from Tamil Nadu, Veerendra Heggade is from Karnataka and Vijayendra Prasad is from Andhra Pradesh.

6. Charon is the natural satellite of __?

- A. Neptune
- B. Jupiter
- C. Pluto ☒
- D. Uranus



- ✓ Charon is one of the five natural satellites of the dwarf planet Pluto. According to a new study, Charon has a "red cap" because of chemicals called tholins. These chemical compounds absorbed a specific colour of the Sun's UV rays to become red and get deposited around the natural satellite's north pole.

7. The European Council recently granted the candidate status to which country?

- A. Estonia
- B. Latvia
- C. Republic of Moldova ☒
- D. Georgia



- ✓ **Two countries – Ukraine and Republic of Moldova – were granted the status of candidate country by the European Council. This paves the way towards them becoming the members of the European Bloc.**

8. Ambubachi Mela, which kicked off recently, is organized in which state?

- A. Odisha
B. Mizoram
C. Assam ☒
D. Bihar



- ✓ **The Ambubachi Mela is a 4-day long festival held every year at the Kamakhya Temple, which is situated at Assam's Guwahati. It celebrates the goddess of motherhood and fertility. It marks Goddess Kamakhya experiencing the menstrual cycle.**

9. Bharat-NCAP is the initiative of which union ministry?

- A. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
B. Ministry of Home Affairs
C. Ministry of Culture
D. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways ☒



- ✓ **A draft notification was approved by the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways recently for the introduction of Bharat New Car Assessment Program (Bharat-NCAP). Under this initiative, cars will be given star ratings based on their performance in crash tests.**

10. The high-resolution camera DRACO, is part of which NASA mission?

- A. DART ☒
B. Artemis
C. DAVINCI+
D. Voyager



- ✓ **The Didymos Reconnaissance and Asteroid Camera for Optical navigation (DRACO) is the only instrument carried by NASA's DART mission. It was designed based on the New Horizon Mission's imager. In recent months, this high resolution camera captured some 150,000 images of various stars.**