

1. Indian Navy's stealth frigate INS Tarkash conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise with which country's navy?

- A. France
- B. Oman
- C. Sudan ☒
- D. Japan



- ✓ Indian Navy's stealth frigate INS Tarkash, visited Djibouti and conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise with Sudan Navy ships Almaz and Nimer in the Red Sea near the Sudan Naval Base. This is a part of its long-range overseas deployment. It is also on a deployment to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2. Where is the 'Artificial Intelligence in Defence' (AIDef) symposium and exhibition organised?

- A. New Delhi ☒
- B. Pune
- C. Dehradun
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first ever 'Artificial Intelligence in Defence' (AIDef) symposium and exhibition in New Delhi. It was organised by Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, to showcase the cutting-edge AI-enabled solutions developed by the Services, research organisations, Industry and start-ups and launch of AI products for the market. A 'GenNext AI' Solutions Competition was also organised.

3. Which Union Ministry identified and published poems, writings and publications that were banned by the British Government?

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



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CULTURE

- ✓ The Ministry of Culture is the nodal ministry for the 75-week-long Amrit Mahosav celebrations. It has identified poems, writings and publications that the British government banned and put them as catalogue, which has been published on the website by the National Archives of India. These works are in nine regional languages Tamil, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Kannada, Odiya, Punjabi, Sindhi, Telugu and Urdu.

4. Shinzo Abe, who was recently assassinated, is the former Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Japan ☒
- B. China
- C. Indonesia
- D. South Korea



- ✓ Japan's former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe passed away he was shot at a political campaign event in the city of Nara. Abe's speech was part of a campaign for his former party, the Liberal Democratic Party, as upper house elections in Japan are due to take place in this week.

5. As per the recent notification by the Finance Ministry, what is the GST applied for sale of the Indian national flag?

- A. 18 percent
- B. 12 percent
- C. 5 percent
- D. 0 percent ☒



- ✓ As per the recent notification by the Finance Ministry, sale of the Indian national flag is exempt from the Goods and Services Tax (GST). The Indian national flag, irrespective of whether machine made or of polyester, is exempt from the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Hand-woven, hand-spun national flags made of cotton, silk, wool or Khadi are already exempt from GST.

6. BepiColombo mission, which recently made news, is the first European mission to __?

- A. Mercury ☒
- B. Venus
- C. Mars
- D. Jupiter



- ✓ Launched in 2018, BepiColombo is the joint mission of the European Space Agency and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). The mission has two individual orbiters – ESA's Mercury Planetary Orbiter and Jaxa's Mercury Magnetospheric Orbiter. It is the first European mission to Mercury. This joint mission recently made its second gravity assist flyby of the Mercury.

7. Which is the venue of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference?

- A. Portugal ☒
- B. Spain
- C. Italy
- D. India



- ✓ United Nations Ocean Conference is set to be organized from June 27 to July 1 in Lisbon, Portugal. It will be co-hosted by the governments of Kenya and Portugal.

- ✓ The aim of the conference is to promote science-based innovative solutions needed to ensure sustainable management of ocean. It seeks to promote green technology and innovative use of marine resources. The conference will discuss solutions to address threats to health, ecology, economy and governance of the ocean.

8. Mandakini River, which was recently found in the news, is the tributary of which river?

- A. Alaknanda River ☒
- B. Bhagirathi River
- C. Koshi River
- D. Ramganga River



- ✓ The Mandakini River in Uttarakhand is the tributary of the Alaknanda River, which is one of the two head-streams of Ganga River. It originates from the Chorabari Glacier in the Garhwal Himalayas. The river drains into the Alaknanda, which flows into the Ganges. Recently, a joint operation was conducted by Uttarkhand Police and the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to rescue two youths trapped in the Mandakini River.

9. The levy of GST compensation cess has been extended till which year?

- A. 2023
- B. 2025
- C. 2026 ☒
- D. 2030



- ✓ As per the Goods and Services Tax (Period of Levy and Collection of Cess) Rules, 2022, notified by the Ministry of Finance, the compensation cess will continue to be levied from July 1, 2022 to March 31, 2026. The levy of cess, which was to end on June 30 was extended by the GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. It is used to repay the loans taken in the last two fiscal years to make up for the shortfall in revenue collection.

10. Which body has formulated and published standards for electric vehicle (EV) batteries?

- A. Bureau of Energy Efficiency
- B. Bureau of Indian Standard ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Power Finance Corporation



- ✓ India's national standard body, the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) has formulated and published standards for electric vehicle (EV) batteries. BIS functions under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. The new standards are released for test specifications for Lithium-ion Traction Battery Packs and Systems for Electrically Propelled Road Vehicles, considering real-life scenarios.