

1. As per the 'World Population Prospects 2022' report, India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country in which year?

- A. 2023 ☒
- B. 2024
- C. 2026
- D. 2030

2023

- ✓ The United Nations released the twenty-seventh edition of the official population estimates and projections titled 'World Population Prospects 2022' on World Population Day, July 11, 2022. As per the publication, India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023. The global population is projected to reach eight billion by November 15, 2022, could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030 and 9.7 billion in 2050.

2. Who are the winners of Wimbledon women's and men's title in 2022?

- A. Elena Rybakina, Novak Djokovic ☒
- B. Ons Jabeur, Novak Djokovic
- C. Elena Rybakina, Nick Kyrgios
- D. Venus Williams, Rafael Nadal



- ✓ 23-year-old player Elena Rybakina became the first player from Kazakhstan to win a grand slam title. She also became the youngest Wimbledon champion since 2011. Novak Djokovic won his fourth straight Wimbledon men's singles title, and his 21st grand slam title overall. He is now one grand slam title behind the all-time record set by Rafael Nadal of 22.

3. 'OALP' and 'HELP' which are sometimes found in the news, are associated with which field?

- A. Coal
- B. Oil ☒
- C. Automobile
- D. Electronics



- ✓ Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP), a new policy for finding and producing oil and gas, was launched by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in the year 2016. Seven bid rounds of the Open Acreage Licensing Programme (OALP) have been concluded so far and 134 exploration and production blocks were awarded. In the recent 7th bid round, ONGC, OIL and GAIL got most of the eight blocks offered for exploration and production of oil and gas.

4. Kanaganahalli, which was seen in the news, is an ancient Buddhist site located in which state/UT?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Karnataka ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. Bihar



- ✓ **Kanaganahalli is an ancient Buddhist site on the bank of Bhima River in Kalaburagi district of the state of Karnataka. It forms a part of the Sannati site. Archaeological Survey of India has now taken up conservation work at this Buddhist site.**

5. Singalila National Park, which was seen in the news recently, is situated in which state?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. West Bengal ☒
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ **The Singalila National Park, the highest protected area in West Bengal has launched a programme to release about 20 red pandas in a period of five years. West Bengal's Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park has started this programme to release 20 of red pandas (Ailurus fulgens) into the forests.**

6. Which Indian state has announced a buy back scheme to purchase single-use plastic items from students?

- A. Kerala
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ **The Himachal Pradesh is set to implement a buy-back scheme in schools and colleges to purchase single-use plastic items from students. Under the new scheme, the government will pay students Rs 75 for a kg of single-use plastic items they deposit with the school. The scheme aims to inculcate a habit of environment conservation among the youngsters.**

7. Gabon and Togo, which recently joined the Commonwealth of Nations, are from which region?

- A. Europe
- B. Africa ☒
- C. Oceania
- D. Asia



- ✓ **The French-speaking West African countries Gabon and Togo joined the Commonwealth, becoming the latest nations with no historic ties to Britain to enter the Commonwealth of Nations.**

- ✓ The 54–nation group of mostly former British colonies accepted Togo and Gabon's application for membership on the final day of its leadership summit held in Rwanda. They are the first new members to join the Commonwealth since Rwanda in 2009.

8. 'International Day in Support of Victims of Torture' is observed in which month?

- A. May
B. June ☒
C. July
D. September



- ✓ Every year June 26 is observed as the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. It aims to urge all the stakeholders to unite for people who have faced and continue to face the abuse and torture. In 1997, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution, declaring June 26 as the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. It not only spread awareness on the unacceptable character of human torture but also notes that it's a crime.

9. Which Indian state clinched their maiden Ranji Trophy title in 2022?

- A. Punjab
B. Madhya Pradesh ☒
C. Gujarat
D. Karnataka



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh defeated Mumbai by six wickets in the final to clinch their maiden Ranji Trophy title at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru. The match included centuries from Yash Dubey, Shubham Sharma and Rajat Patidar in the first innings. The renowned cricket coach Chandrakant Pandit, who was the captain of the Madhya Pradesh team 23 years ago, has guided the young team to victory.

10. 'Avinash Kulkarni' who was in the news recently, is the new CEO of which body?

- A. UIDAI
B. National Health Authority
C. IDRCL ☒
D. UGC



- ✓ Avinash Kulkarni has been selected as the CEO of India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL). It was formed to resolve more than ₹83,000 crore of bad loans to be acquired by the government–backed National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL). He was the Chief executive of India Resurgence Asset Reconstruction Company (IRARC) and also had served in SBI.