

1. Which state is ranked first in the NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index (2021)?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka ☒
- C. Kerala
- D. Telangana



- ✓ **Karnataka has been ranked first in the NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index (2021) for third time in a row. The first edition was released in October 2019 and second in January 2021.**
- ✓ **The India Innovation Index ranks states and union territories on the basis of innovation capabilities. Telangana, Haryana and Maharashtra stood second, third and fourth in the list of top states. Manipur topped the 'North East and Hill States' section and Chandigarh won the 'Union Territory and City States' category.**

2. 'Banthia Commission' report, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Reservation in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
- B. Reservation in Local bodies ☒
- C. Reservation in Promotion
- D. Minimum Support Price



- ✓ **The Supreme Court has accepted the report of the Banthia Commission and directed the Maharashtra State Election Commission to hold elections as per the report. It paves way for political reservation for candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes in the Local Bodies' Elections in the state. The candidates will get 27 percent political reservation in local self-government elections in the state.**

3. Who has been selected as the 15th President of India?

- A. Yashwant Sinha
- B. Draupadi Murmu ☒
- C. Ramnath Govind
- D. Jagdeep Dhankhar



- ✓ **Draupadi Murmu, the NDA's presidential candidate, emerged victorious in the presidential election with 64.03 percent votes. She bagged a total of 6,76,803 votes over her rival Yashwant Sinha who got 3,80,177 votes. Draupadi Murmu also scripted history to become the first tribal leader to be elected as the President of India.**

4. Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021, which was seen in the news, is associated with which Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ☒
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of External Affairs



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- ✓ The Government has prohibited import of human embryos in line with the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021 and The Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021. This was announced by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade. Earlier, imports were prohibited except for research purposes based on the guidelines of the Department of Health Research.

5. India signed a MoU with which country for reintroduction of cheetah and wildlife conservation?

- A. Australia
- B. Namibia ☒
- C. Kenya
- D. Ghana



- ✓ An MoU was signed by Union Environment Minister of India and Deputy Prime Minister of Namibia, in New Delhi. It paves way for reintroduction of eight cheetahs in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. The MoU also covers cooperation on wildlife conservation and sustainable biodiversity utilisation. India will train Namibian candidates in wildlife management courses at the Wildlife Institute of India.

6. Environment Ministry organised the 'Hariyali Mahotsav' in which state/UT?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Punjab



- ✓ Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has organised 'Hariyali Mahotsav' in New Delhi in the spirit of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Hariyali Mahotsav, the 'Tree Festival' is organized to create awareness about the importance of trees and forest conservation. Hariyali Mahotsav is being organized by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in collaboration with the State Governments, Police Institutions and Schools of Delhi for undertaking plantation drives.

7. 'Varanasi Declaration', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which field?

- A. Environment
- B. Education ☒
- C. Space Science
- D. Medical Science



- ✓ Ministry of Education (MoE) and University Grants Commission (UGC) have organised Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) in Varanasi. Varanasi Declaration on Higher Education, an expected outcome of the ABSS will announce a timeline for the Higher Education Commission of India. Another component of the Declaration will be to ensure that research, innovation and entrepreneurship (RIE) becomes accessible to all Higher Education Institutions.

8. 'News Initiative India Training Network' is an initiative of which company?

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



- ✓ Google has expanded its Google News Initiative India Training Network to cover five new Indian languages. This Google initiative helps teach journalists and newsrooms learn digital skills needed to tackle misinformation online. It will now be available in Punjabi, Assamese, Odia, Gujarati, and Malayalam.
- ✓ The Google News Initiative India Training Network was launched four years ago in partnership with DataLeads. Google is set to launch a Fact-Check Academy in partnership with DataLeads.

9. Which is the venue of 'First India Animal Health Summit 2022' in India?

- A. New Delhi ☒
B. Sikkim
C. Arunachal Pradesh
D. Karnataka



- ✓ Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying inaugurated First India Animal Health Summit 2022. The First India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held in New Delhi. It was organized by Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) and the Agriculture Today Group.

10. Which country has signed pact for supplying technology for Kudankulam nuclear power plant?

- A. USA
B. Russia ☒
C. France
D. Israel



- ✓ A unit of Russian nuclear major Rosatom State Corporation has signed an agreement to supply thermocouples for four power units of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) in Tamil Nadu. LUCH Scientific Production Association, part of the R&D unit of Rosatom will provide the new sensors designed for thermal control of NPP process equipment.