

1. The 'National Flag Day' is celebrated in which day in India?

- A. July.18
- B. July.22 ☒
- C. July.24
- D. July.25



- ✓ Every year, India celebrates the National Flag Day on July 22. On the same day in the year 1947, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the National Flag. When the members of the Indian Constituent Assembly met in the Constitution Hall in Delhi on July 22, 1947, the first thing the assembly discussed was a motion by Jawaharlal Nehru to adopt the national flag for free India.

2. Who are the beneficiaries of 'Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana'?

- A. School Students
- B. Senior Citizens ☒
- C. Below-Poverty-Line Women
- D. MSMEs



- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana was launched on July 21, 2017. The scheme recently completed five years since its launch. Under the scheme, senior citizens above the age of 60 can make a lump sum investment and can monthly or a yearly pension. PMVVY has been extended up to 31st March, 2023. The amendment in 2020 allowed an assured rate of return of 7.40 % per annum for the year 2020–21 per annum and thereafter to be reset every year.

3. What is the growth forecast for India for 2022–23, as per Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s recent estimate?

- A. 7.2 % ☒
- B. 7.8 %
- C. 8.0 %
- D. 8.2 %



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank set its economic growth forecast for India to 7.2%. The reasons cited are higher-than-expected inflation and monetary tightening. It also lowered the GDP growth estimate for 2023–24 to 7.8% from the 8% estimated earlier.

4. Which tech company funds the 'DigiVaani Call Center' set up recently by NASSCOM?

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



- ✓ **Nasscom Foundation has set up a call centre to help women farmers scale up their business called the "DigiVaani Call Center". It has been set up in collaboration with non-profit Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals (ISAP). The project is run on a pilot basis to initially reach out to 20,000 rural women entrepreneurs across six states– Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana and Rajasthan. The project has been funded by Google.**

5. Who has assumed the additional charge of Ministry of Minority Affairs after Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi?

- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. Smriti Irani ☒
- C. Jitendra Singh
- D. Rajnath Singh



- ✓ **Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani assumed additional charge of Ministry of Minority Affairs. She took over from Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi who resigned from the Union Council of Ministers. Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who is currently in charge of the Civil Aviation Ministry assumed the additional charge of the Steel Ministry.**

6. Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya at which city?

- A. Amravati
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Sri Nagar ☒
- D. Puri



- ✓ **Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya at Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir. Ramanujacharya is regarded as a Vedic philosopher and social reformer, who travelled across India, advocating equality and social justice. Ramanujacharya is known for revived the Bhakti movement and his preachings inspired other Bhakti schools of thought.**

7. The Indian Government recently organised a 'National Conclave' on which fruit?

- A. Mango
- B. Dragon Fruit ☒
- C. Lychee
- D. Pineapple



- ✓ Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare organised a 'National Conclave on Dragon Fruit'. The Centre has decided to promote the cultivation of dragon fruit. It is also known as a "super fruit" for its health benefits. At present, this exotic fruit is cultivated in 3,000 hectares; the plan is to increase cultivation to 50,000 hectares in five years. Gujarat and Haryana Governments had already offered incentives for cultivation of the fruit.

8. As per the Environment Ministry's report, how many faunal species were added by India in 2021?

- A. 54 B. 24
C. 240 D. 540 ☒



- ✓ The details of new discoveries and new records of fauna and flora were published by Bhupendra Yadav, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, at Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Kolkata. India added 540 species to its faunal database in 2021 taking the total number of animal species to 1,03,258. A new mammal species *Crocidura narcondamica*, a white-toothed shrew, was found in the Andaman and Nicobar group of islands.

9. Which is set to become the first state in the country to have an exclusive Research and Development (R&D) Policy?

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



- ✓ Karnataka is set to become the first state in the country to have an exclusive Research and Development (R&D) Policy. The policy seeks to allocate at least 0.1 per cent of its Gross State Domestic Product towards R&D and innovation.
- ✓ Karnataka is the first state to have an exclusive aerospace and defence R&D policy. It also has a separate semiconductor and renewable energy policy.

10. Mangarh Hillock, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Punjab
B. Rajasthan ☒
C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Bihar



- ✓ Mangarh Hillock, situated in Rajasthan near the Gujarat Border, is set to be declared monument of national importance. It is a site of a tribal uprising where a massacre of over 1500 Bhil tribal freedom fighters took place in 1913. Tribals gathered at the site were holding a meeting in protest, led by a leader from the community Govind Guru. The place is also known as the Adivasi Jallianwala.