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1. 'CAPSTONE', which was seen in the news recently, is a satellite launched by which space agency?

- A. NASA ☒
- B. ESA
- C. SpaceX
- D. Roscosmos



- ✓ **NASA has recently launched a 25-kg satellite 'CAPSTONE', which is short for Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment. The satellite is designed to test a unique and elliptical lunar orbit. CAPSTONE will enter an elongated orbit called a near rectilinear halo orbit (NRHO). It will provide data about operating in an NRHO.**

2. In the PSLV-C53 mission, ISRO launched three satellites of which country?

- A. Nepal
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Singapore ☒
- D. New Zealand



- ✓ **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched three satellites from Singapore in its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C53) mission. It is being launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. PSLV-C53 is also the second dedicated mission of NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), a corporate arm of the Department of Space. ISRO has successfully launched the PSLV-C52 mission in February 2022 by injecting Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-04).**

3. What is the budgetary outlay of 'Computerisation of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)?

- A. Rs.216 Crore
- B. Rs.2516 Crore ☒
- C. Rs.750 Crore
- D. Rs.7216 Crore



- ✓ **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved computerisation of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) with a budgetary outlay of ₹2,516 crore. The objective is to increase efficiency of PACS, bring transparency and accountability in their operations. This project proposes computerization of about 63,000 functional PACS over a period of 5 years with Government of India share of ₹1,528 crore.**

4. Which is the venue of the 11th World Urban Forum held in 2022?

- A. Spain
- B. Poland ☒
- C. Australia
- D. France

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URBAN
FORUM



- ✓ The 11th World Urban Forum was held in Poland. The National Institute of Urban Affairs' (NIUA) Climate Centre for Cities (NIUA C-Cube), World Resources Institute India (WRI India) and their partners launched India's first national coalition platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS). 'India Forum for Nature-Based Solutions' aims to create a collective of NbS entrepreneurs, government entities and like-minded organisations, to aid in scaling urban nature-based solutions.

5. '2022 Resilient Democracies Statement' is associated with which global association?

- A. G20
B. BRICS
C. G7 ☒
D. ASEAN



- ✓ Leaders of the powerful G7 grouping and its five partner countries, including India issued a joint statement titled '2022 Resilient Democracies Statement'. The leaders affirmed that they are committed to open public debate and the free flow of information online and offline while guarding the freedom, independence and diversity of civil society actors.

6. The Indian Prime Minister inaugurated 'Kranti Gatha', a Gallery of Indian Revolutionaries in which state?

- A. Gujarat
B. Maharashtra ☒
C. Bihar
D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Kranti Gatha', a Gallery of Indian Revolutionaries inside an underground bunker at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai. The Prime Minister also inaugurated 'Jal Bhushan', the new residence and office of the Governor of Maharashtra.

7. What is the theme of 'World Blood Donor Day' 2022?

- A. Blood donation: An act of solidarity. ☒
B. Be brave; Donate Blood.
C. Helping Hands.
D. Blood Donation: Pay Back to the Earth.



- ✓ World Blood Donor Day is observed every year on 14 June. The theme of this year is 'Blood donation: An act of solidarity'. The Day was created to raise global awareness of the need for safe blood for transfusion, highlight the critical contribution of voluntary, blood donors, support national blood transfusion services, blood donor organizations and other related NGOs.

8. Which country hosted the Special ASEAN–India Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (SAIFMM)?

- A. Indonesia
- B. New Zealand
- C. India ☒
- D. Turkey



- ✓ India hosted the Special ASEAN–India Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (SAIFMM) to commemorate 30 years of ASEAN–India Dialogue Relations. ASEAN Foreign Ministers and Secretary General participated in the meeting. The Meeting was co–chaired by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan.

9. When is the ‘World Sea Turtle Day’ observed every year?

- A. June.16 ☒
- B. June.26
- C. June.30
- D. July.01



- ✓ ‘World Sea Turtle Day’ is celebrated on June 16 every year to highlight the importance of sea turtles in the marine system and save this aquatic species from extinction. Sea turtles graze on sea–grass, preventing the sea–grass beds from becoming overgrown and stimulating new growth. Sea turtles in India are protected by the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, which bans consumption of turtle meat and eggs by all except for indigenous tribal communities.

10. Which country is the host of FIFA under–17 Women’s World Cup 2022?

- A. India ☒
- B. Bangladesh
- C. China
- D. Brazil



- ✓ India is the host of FIFA under–17 Women’s World Cup 2022, whose schedule was released recently. India will play all its group stage matches of the World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. The quarterfinals will be held in Navi Mumbai and Goa on October 21 and 22. The Nehru Stadium in Goa and D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai will host maximum matches.

1. Who has sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra, after the resignation of Uddhav Thackeray?

- A. Devendra Fadnavis
- B. Eknath Shinde ☒
- C. Sunil Prabhu
- D. Sharad Pawar



- ✓ Shiv Sena rebel leader Eknath Shinde sworn in as Maharashtra CM while BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis sworn in as the deputy chief minister. Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari administered the oath of office and secrecy to the leaders. This was preceded by the resignation of the former CM Uddhav Thakarey amidst an internal party rebellion.

2. 'PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM)' is associated with which organisation?

- A. DRDO
- B. ISRO ☒
- C. HAL
- D. BHEL



- ✓ The PSLV Orbital Experimental Module is a platform which is used to perform in-orbit experiments using the final stage of ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). In the PSLV rocket, first three stages fall back into the ocean and the final stage (PS4) ends up as space junk, after launching the satellite into orbit. POEM has a Navigation Guidance and Control (NGC) system for attitude stabilisation.

3. Which is the only institution in India to issue "Electoral bonds"?

- A. RBI
- B. SBI ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. CDBT



- ✓ The government has approved the issuance of 21st phase of sale of electoral bonds through authorised SBI branches from July 1. State Bank of India (SBI) is the only authorised institution to issue and encash Electoral Bonds through its 29 Authorized Branches.
- ✓ The Electoral bonds are interest-free bearer instruments, which can be encashed by the party through a Bank account within 15 days.

4. The Union Cabinet approved the categorization of which institution as an 'International Organization', in July 2022?

- A. International Solar Alliance
- B. BIMSTEC
- C. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure ☒
- D. One Sun One World One Grid



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the categorization of Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) as an 'International Organization'. The cabinet also approved signing of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) with CDRI, for grant of exemptions and privileges under Section-3 of the United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947.

5. Which Indian organisation carried out the maiden flight test of 'Autonomous flying wing technology demonstrator'?

- A. DRDO ☒
- B. NSIL
- C. Dhruva Airspace
- D. Pixxel Space



- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out the maiden flight test of the 'autonomous flying wing technology demonstrator' in Karnataka. The test, carried out from the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka is being seen as an important milestone towards developing unmanned aircraft technology in India.

6. Which company launched 'Internet Explorer (IE) browser' in 1995?

- A. Apple
- B. IBM
- C. Microsoft ☒
- D. Yahoo



- ✓ Microsoft has shut down its iconic Internet Explorer (IE) browser after 27 years. It was one of the oldest browsers launched in the year 1995. Microsoft has asked its users to switch to its modern Edge browser, while the virtual version of the older browser will be available to users. In 2022, Chrome is the most popular and widely used browser in the world with over 70 % market share.

7. What is the theme of the 'World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought' 2022?

- A. Reduced Harmful Activities.
- B. Rising up from Drought Together. ☒
- C. Healthy Soil; Healthy Earth.
- D. Degradation to Restoration.



- ✓ World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is marked every year on 17 June across the world. The day focuses on turning degraded land into healthy or fertile soil to combat desertification. The theme for World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is – Rising up from drought together.

8. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Press Council of India?

- A. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai ☒
- B. Justice Ajay Kumar Sikri
- C. Justice Sadasivam
- D. Justice Y Chandrachud



- ✓ **Former Supreme Court Judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai has been nominated as Chairperson of the Press Council of India. She replaced the retired Justice CK Prasad who vacated office in November 2021. Justice Desai has also served as the chairman of the Delimitation Commission on Jammu and Kashmir, Public prosecutor for the state of Maharashtra and as a Judge on the Bombay High Court.**

9. When is the 'World Sickle Cell Awareness Day' observed every year?

- A. June.19 ☒
- B. June.23
- C. June.30
- D. July.03



- ✓ **Every year on the 19th of June, the World Sickle Cell Day (SCD) event is conducted by the United Nations General Assembly to raise awareness of sickle cell disease. Sickle cell anaemia is a group of inherited disorders that cause red blood cells to become sickle in shape instead of normal biconcave shape.**

10. Gustavo Petro is the newly elected leftist President of which country?

- A. France
- B. Colombia ☒
- C. Thailand
- D. North Korea



- ✓ **Former rebel fighter Gustavo Petro secured majority of votes in the Colombia's presidential election and is set to become the first leftist President of the country. A shift of South American politics to the left has been observed with the victories in Peru last year, and in Chile and Honduras this year. During the pandemic, Colombia saw anti-establishment protests against corruption, stagnancy, increased taxation and a new health care reform.**

1. Which new body has been approved to replace the Banks Board Bureau (BBB)?

- A. Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB) ☒
- B. Financial Institutions Bureau (FIB)
- C. Banks Appointment Bureau (BAB)
- D. Banks and Insurance Companies Bureau



- ✓ The government has decided to set up the Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB) to replace the Banks Board Bureau (BBB). The BBB was entrusted with the task of selecting candidates for appointments to the senior management-level posts. Delhi High Court last year ruled that BBB couldn't select the General Managers and directors of state-run general insurers. Former BBB chairman Sharma is set to head the new body.

2. Which Indian state has launched a new scheme named 'Naari Ko Naman'?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched the 'Naari Ko Naman' scheme. It aims to 50 per cent concession on bus fares to women for travel within the state. The state government also announced to sanction 25 new posts of women drivers in the 'Ride With Pride' government taxi service – an initiative to ferry women passengers and senior citizens.

3. Who is the new President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?

- A. T Raja Kumar ☒
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. Viral Acharya
- D. Subhash Chandra Garg



- ✓ T Raja Kumar of Singapore has been appointed as the president of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the anti-money laundering watchdog. He has replaced Marcus Pleyer and will discharge his service for next two years. As per FATF, the President will focus on enhancing the effectiveness of global anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures, improving asset recovery and other initiatives.

4. What is the total GST revenue collected in June 2022?

- A. Rs 1.45 Lakh Crore ☒
- B. Rs 1.30 Lakh Crore
- C. Rs. 1.20 Lakh Crore
- D. Rs. 1.15 Lakh Crore



- ✓ The Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue in June rose to ₹144,616 crore, the second-highest since the inception of GST five years ago. The new high collection is on the back of rapid economic recovery and stricter compliance, as per the Union Finance Ministry said. In April, the collection was the highest ever at ₹1,67,540 crore. This is the fifth time the monthly GST collection crossed the ₹1.40 lakh crore mark and fourth month at a stretch since March 2022.

5. Which Union Ministry released 'SDG National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report, 2022'?

- A. Ministry of Finance
B. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation ☒
C. Ministry of Home Affairs
D. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



- ✓ India has been celebrating 29th June as "Statistics Day". This year, the theme was 'Data for Sustainable Development'. The Ministry released 'Sustainable Development Goals–National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report, 2022'. Along with the report, the updated NIF 2022 and Data Snapshot on SDGs NIF Report 2022 and "Youth in India 2022" publication were also released.

6. As per the Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change notification, use of 'single-use plastic' is banned with effect from which date?

- A. 2022 April.01
B. 2022 July.01 ☒
C. 2023 January.01
D. 2023 April.01



- ✓ The Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change has defined a list of items that will be banned from next month. The announcement of ban was made last year. As per the notification, the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single-use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022.

7. Which country launched its first domestically built space rocket 'Nuri'?

- A. South Korea ☒
B. Iran
C. UAE
D. Israel



- ✓ South Korea launched its first domestically built space rocket 'Nuri' in the country's second attempt. Earlier, the country failed to place a payload into orbit. If the launch is successful, South Korea will become the world's 10th nation to place a satellite into space with its own technology. The performance verification satellite will also help South Korea launch more satellites.

8. What is the rank of India in the World Gold Council (WGC) report of largest gold recyclers?

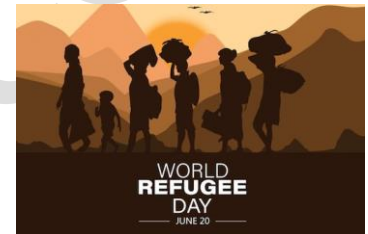
- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth ☒



- ✓ According to a World Gold Council (WGC) report titled 'Gold refining and recycling', India has emerged as the fourth largest recycler in the world. India has recycled 75 tonnes in 2021 while China topped the chart as it recycled 168 tonnes followed by Italy in the second position with 80 tonnes and the US at the third rank with 78 tonnes in 2021.

9. 'Whoever, whatever, whenever. Everyone has a right to seek safety' is the theme of which international day observed in June?

- A. World Refugee Day ☒
- B. World Soil Day
- C. World UN Peacekeepers Day
- D. World Wind Day



- ✓ Every year, World Refugee Day is observed on June 20, to highlight the difficulties faced by refugees who have been displaced from their homes. The United Nations has celebrated this day since 2001 and the day marks the 50th anniversary of the 1951 refugee convention. The theme for this year's World Refugee Day is 'Whoever, whatever, whenever. Everyone has a right to seek safety.'

10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Centre for Brain Research (CBR) in which state/UT?

- A. Karnataka ☒
- B. Gujarat
- C. Telangana
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Centre for Brain Research (CBR) at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) campus, Bengaluru. The Centre has been set up at a cost of Rs 280 crore. It is developed as the first research facility which focuses on conducting vital research to provide evidence-based public health interventions to manage age-related brain disorders.

1. 'Alluri Sitarama Raju' was a freedom fighter from which present-day state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Andhra Pradesh ☒
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 30-ft bronze statue of legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju on his 125th birth anniversary. The 15-tonne statue was carved out at a cost of Rs 3 crore and installed by the Kshatriya Seva Samiti in Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh. The leader was known for the 'Rampa Rebellion' or 'Manyam Uprising', in the Rampachodavaram forest area, which was undertaken against the mighty British forces.

2. What is the theme of 'Digital India Week 2022'?

- A. Catalyzing New India's Techade ☒
- B. India's Digital Start Ups
- C. Local to Global
- D. Atmanirbhar Start up Ecosystem



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Digital India Week 2022 in Gandhinagar in Gujarat. The theme for Digital India Week is Catalyzing New India's Techade.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also launched 'Digital India Bhashini' to enable easy access to the internet and digital services in Indian languages. 'Digital India GENESIS' – a National Deep-tech Startup Platform, to support successful start-ups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities with a total outlay of 750 crore rupees was also launched. A global repository of key projects implemented under India Stack 'Indiastack.global' was launched.

3. Which Union Ministry released the 'States' Start-ups Ranking 2021'?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs



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उद्योग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY**

- ✓ Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry has released 'Start-ups Ranking 2021'. The ranking focuses on seven reform areas. Gujarat, Karnataka and Meghalaya were categorised as best performers while Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Mizoram and Ladakh have an emerging start-up ecosystem. Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and Jammu and Kashmir were ranked as the top performers section.

4. 'Lisbon Declaration' which was seen in the news, is associated with the conservation of which entity?

- A. Air
B. Mountains
C. Oceans ☒
D. Freshwater Glaciers



- ✓ The UN Ocean Conference 2022 concluded with the unanimous adoption of the Lisbon Declaration "Our Ocean, our future, our responsibility." More than 150 countries agreed to scale up science-based and innovative actions to address the ocean emergency. The Lisbon Declaration takes into account the capacity challenges being faced by the developing countries.

5. 'Kai Chutney' made of Weaver ants is a popular food made in which state?

- A. Jharkhand
B. Odisha ☒
C. Chhattisgarh
D. West Bengal



- ✓ Weaver ants, whose scientific name is *Oecophylla smaragdina*, are present in Mayurbhanj district, Odisha. The people of the district especially the tribals, make a food item with the ants called the Kai Chutney. Scientists from Odisha are in the process of presentation for the geographical indications (GI) registry of Kai Chutney.

6. Who recently became the first black vice president of Colombia?

- A. Gustavo Petro
B. Francia Marquez ☒
C. Virgilio Barco Vargas
D. Juan Guaido



- ✓ Francia Marquez is set to be the first black woman to become the vice president of Colombia. The environmental activist received the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize in 2018 for standing up against gold mining.

7. Where was the Indian Coast Guard's 840 Squadron created?

- A. Visakhapatnam
B. Chennai ☒
C. Thanjavur
D. Mumbai



- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard's new air squadron named 840 Squadron was created in Chennai on June 20, 2022. The squadron was initially created with an indigenous ALH Mark-III aircraft. This is the first such aircraft to be stationed in the eastern region.

8. Khumbu glacier, which was recently making news, is located at?

- A. India
- B. Bhutan
- C. Nepal ☒
- D. Tibet



- ✓ Khumbu Glacier is situated at Nepal's Khumbu region between Mount Everest and the Lhotse–Nuptse ridge. Like many other glaciers in the Himalayas, Khumbu Glacier is melting at a rapid pace. This is making it highly hazardous for Nepal's Everest base camp.

9. Which year has been designated as ASEAN–India Friendship year?

- A. 2021
- B. 2022 ☒
- C. 2023
- D. 2025

2022

- ✓ The year 2022 has been designated as the ASEAN–India Friendship year. This year marks the 30th anniversary of dialogue relations between India and ASEAN countries. The diplomatic ties between the two sides commenced in the early 1990s.

10. 'Unmesh' is an international literary festival, organised at which state/UT?

- A. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- B. Gujarat
- C. Telangana
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Three-day international literary festival 'Unmesh' was organised at the state of Himachal Pradesh. The festival was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal. Over 425 writers, poets, translators, critics and personalities from 15 countries, representing over 60 languages, are participating in the event. The festival is being organised by the Union Ministry of Culture and the Sahitya Akademi with the support of the Himachal Pradesh Department of Art and Culture as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

1. Which institution recently released compendium of Ayush practices to manage COVID–19?

- A. AIIMS
- B. Ministry of AYUSH
- C. NITI Aayog ☒
- D. WHO



NITI Aayog

- ✓ Indian Government's think tank NITI Aayog released compendium of Ayush practices to manage COVID–19. The compendium provides information focused on practices adopted by various states and UTs of India for strengthening the country's fight against COVID–19.

2. Which institution has launched a portal named 'Pariksha Sangam'?

- A. UGC
- B. CBSE ☒
- C. NTA
- D. IGNOU



- ✓ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched a new portal named Pariksha Sangam. The portal will act as a one-stop destination for all exam-related activities, which will include term results and more. It has 3 parts – Schools (Ganga), Regional Offices (Yamuna) and Head Office (Saraswati).

3. Which institution conducts OBICUS (order books, inventories and capacity utilisation) survey of manufacturing companies?

- A. DPIIT
- B. FICCI
- C. RBI ☒
- D. DIPAM



- ✓ The Reserve Bank has launched the next round of its order books, inventories and capacity utilisation survey (OBICUS) of manufacturing companies. The results of the survey provide valuable inputs for monetary policy formulation. The 58th round of the OBICUS is for April – June 2022 period. The information collected in the survey includes data on new orders received during the reference quarter, backlog of orders, pending and total inventories among others.

4. What is the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) in India?

- A. 1980
- B. 1998
- C. 1915 ☒
- D. 1812

1915

- ✓ The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has barred hotels and restaurants from adding service charge 'automatically or by default' in the food bill. The consumer may lodge a complaint on the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) 1915 or through the NCH mobile application, as per the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

5. What is the unique feature of 'HomoSEP', a robot developed by IIT–Madras?

- A. Detects Pneumonia in children
B. Cleans Septic Tanks ☒
C. Detects Down Syndrome
D. Recycles e–waste



- ✓ Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras have developed a robot to clean septic tanks without human intervention. Named HOMOSEP, the product development was further supported by GAIL (India). Initially, ten units are planned to be deployed across Tamil Nadu. The robots have been developed to eliminate manual scavenging.

6. International Coastal Clean–up Day is celebrated in which month?

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



- ✓ India launched one of its longest running coastal clean–up campaigns recently, in which 75 beaches of the country to be cleaned up to commemorate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The coastal clean–up drive will be carried out in the country for 75 days from 3rd of July to 17th of September 2022, which is also the International Coastal Clean–up Day. The drive aims to remove one thousand 500 tonnes of garbage from the sea coasts.

7. Which is the venue of the Plenary Session of 110th International Labour Conference?

- A. Geneva ☒
B. Paris
C. Chennai
D. Coimbatore



International
Labour
Organization

- ✓ Union Minister Bhupender Yadav addressed the Plenary Session of 110th International Labour Conference in Geneva. The International labour Conference sets the international labour standards and the broad policies of the ILO. It is the largest international gathering attended by representatives of governments, employers and workers from the 187 ILO Member States.

8. Khuvsgul lake National Park, which was recently added to UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves, is located in which country?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Mongolia ☒
- C. Chile
- D. Mexico



- ✓ Mongolia's Khuvsgul Lake National Park has been recently added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO. The decision was taken during the 34th session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme taking place in Paris, France. Khuvsgul Lake is located in the northern Mongolia near the Russian border, holding nearly 70 per cent of Mongolia's fresh water.

9. Which cricket team created a world record with a One-day international score of 498 runs?

- A. Australia
- B. England ☒
- C. South Africa
- D. West Indies



- ✓ England hit a world record one-day international score of 498 against Netherlands and won the match by 232 runs in Amstelveen. The England team beat their previous mark of 481-6 set against Australia at Trent Bridge in 2018. Player of the match Jos Buttler finished on 162 not out, with century off 47 balls.

10. As per recent MFIN report, which is the largest state in terms of the outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans?

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



- ✓ According to the quarterly report published by Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN), Tamil Nadu has displaced West Bengal to emerge as the largest State in terms of the outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans.
- ✓ The gross loan portfolio (GLP) of Tamil Nadu as of March 31, 2022 stood at ₹36,806 crore while the overall microfinance industry has a total GLP of ₹2,85,441 crore as of March 31, 2022. Banks held the largest share of the portfolio in micro-credit followed by NBFC-MFIs.

1. Which city was ranked first in India in the EIU 'Global Liveability Index 2022'?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chennai

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- ✓ The European Intelligence Unit (EIU) recently released the Global Liveability Index 2022, which ranked 173 cities on the basis of their living conditions. Five Indian cities– Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Ahmadabad and Bangalore were included in the list. Delhi was ranked the best at 140, followed by Mumbai at 141, Chennai and Ahmadabad at 142 and 143 respectively. Bengaluru was the last of Indian cities at 146th rank.

2. Which state topped the Ranking Index for implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA)?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Odisha ☒
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ Union Food Minister Piyush Goyal released the first State Ranking Index for implementation of the National Food Security Act, 2013. The states and UTs were ranked based on three parameters for the year 2022. Among the 20 big states and Union Territories (UTs), Odisha topped the index followed by Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, while Goa was at the last. Tripura ranked first and Ladakh was at the last among the 14 smaller states and UTs.

3. Fields Medal, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which field?

- A. Architecture
- B. Photography
- C. Mathematics ☒
- D. Sports



- ✓ Fields Medal is also described the Nobel Prize in mathematics. Ukrainian mathematician Maryna Viazovska, who works in Switzerland, was named as one of four recipients of the 2022 Fields Medal. The Fields Medal is awarded by the International Mathematical Union (IMU), an international non-governmental and non-profit scientific organisation to promote international cooperation in mathematics.

4. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award, which was recently announced, is associated with which field?

- A. Teaching
- B. Public Administration ☒
- C. Social Service
- D. Entrepreneurship



- ✓ Union Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announced setting up of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award in public administration in the field of academic excellence. He announced the award in memory of the first President of India, while he chaired the meeting of Executive Council of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in New Delhi.

5. India recorded its fastest growth in 11 years in services industry in which month?

- A. January 2022
- B. April 2022
- C. May 2022
- D. June 2022 ☒



- ✓ India's services industry expanded at the fastest rate in over eleven years in June 2022 amid strong demand. The S&P Global India Services Purchasing Managers' Index rose to 59.2 in June, its highest since April 2011. As per the survey, stubborn inflation remains a concern as prices charged rose at the sharpest rate in almost five years.

6. Which state has signed a joint declaration in the field of integrated water resources management?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Haryana ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Kerala



- ✓ The Haryana state government and Israel have signed a joint declaration in the field of integrated water resources management and capacity building. The Joint Cooperation Agreement was signed by the Project Director of Atal Bhujal Yojana, Haryana with the representative of Israel, to make significant transformation in water management sector.

7. Bavarian Alps, which recently made news, is situated in __?

- A. Russia
- B. France
- C. Germany ☒
- D. Switzerland



- ✓ **Bavarian Alps** are mountain ranges located with the German state of Bavaria. The G7 Leaders' Summit 2022 is set to take place from June 26 to 28 in the Bavarian Alps. Germany, which took over the G7 presidency at the beginning of this year, will host the event.
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8. Swadesh Darshan scheme is the initiative of which union ministry?

- A. Ministry of Culture
B. Ministry of Tourism ☒
C. Ministry of Railways
D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ **Swadesh Darshan Scheme** was launched by the Ministry of Tourism for the integrated development of theme-based tourist circuits in India. Under this central sector scheme, central financial assistance will be provided to states and union territories for the infrastructural development of the tourist circuits.
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9. Which country was the last to join the BRICS group?

- A. Australia
B. England
C. South Africa ☒
D. West Indies



- ✓ **South Africa** was the last member country to join the BRICS in the year 2010. Other BRICS countries are Brazil, Russia, India and China. Together, these countries account for around 40 per cent of the global population and some 30 per cent of the global GDP.
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10. Who recently became India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations?

- A. T S Tirumurti
B. Ruchira Kamboj ☒
C. Taranjit Singh Sandhu
D. Pooja Kapur



- ✓ **Ruchira Kamboj** recently became India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. As the UN ambassador, she will be the head of the Permanent Mission of India to the UN in New York City. She will succeed T S Tirumurti.
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