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1. Which institution released the 'Global Findex database 2021'?

- A. RBI
- B. World Bank ☒
- C. IMF
- D. World Economic Forum



- ✓ The World Bank released the Global Findex Database 2021: Financial Inclusion, Digital Payments, and Resilience in the age of COVID-19. It surveyed how people in 123 economies use financial services throughout 2021. As per the report, large share of the global population without formal banking lives in India and China because of their size. The report also found that women are more likely to be unbanked than men.

2. Which city is the host of '2022 Global biodiversity conclave'?

- A. Paris
- B. Bonn ☒
- C. Geneva
- D. Davos



- ✓ The 2022 Global biodiversity conclave is organised in Bonn, Germany. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) announced that Assessment on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species will be released. Sustainable use of wild species keeping in mind the well-being of communities that depend on them for livelihood will be the focus of the report to be released.

3. As per the RBI's liberalised norms, what is the new limit of External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) under automatic route?

- A. \$500 million
- B. \$1 billion
- C. \$1.5 billion ☒
- D. \$2 billion



भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) liberalised norms to boost inflows of foreign exchange. The measures include easing norms for FPI investment in debt market, and increasing the External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) limit under the automatic route from USD750 million or its equivalent per financial year to USD 1.5 billion. Exemption from Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) on Incremental FCNR (B) and NRE Term Deposits was also announced.

4. Which company launched 'Startup School India (SSI)' initiative?

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



- ✓ Google announced the launch of Start-up School India (SSI) as part of the Google for Start-ups initiative. This is a platform under which Google will bring together investors, entrepreneurs and programmers and provide opportunities to start-ups from small cities to interact and learn from them. Google aims to reach out to at least 10,000 start-ups with this programme.

5. Ilaiyaraaja, who was recently nominated to Rajya Sabha, is an eminent personality in which field?

- A. Music ☒
- B. Sports
- C. Business
- D. Literature



- ✓ Legendary music director Ilaiyaraaja was recently nominated to Rajya Sabha, along with veteran athlete PT Usha, film screenwriter V Vijayendra Prasad and spiritual leader Veerendra Heggade. The nominations are done by the President on the advice of the Union Cabinet. While PT Usha is from Kerala, Ilaiyaraaja is from Tamil Nadu, Veerendra Heggade is from Karnataka and Vijayendra Prasad is from Andhra Pradesh.

6. Charon is the natural satellite of __?

- A. Neptune
- B. Jupiter
- C. Pluto ☒
- D. Uranus



- ✓ Charon is one of the five natural satellites of the dwarf planet Pluto. According to a new study, Charon has a "red cap" because of chemicals called tholins. These chemical compounds absorbed a specific colour of the Sun's UV rays to become red and get deposited around the natural satellite's north pole.

7. The European Council recently granted the candidate status to which country?

- A. Estonia
- B. Latvia
- C. Republic of Moldova ☒
- D. Georgia



- ✓ **Two countries – Ukraine and Republic of Moldova – were granted the status of candidate country by the European Council. This paves the way towards them becoming the members of the European Bloc.**

8. Ambubachi Mela, which kicked off recently, is organized in which state?

- A. Odisha
B. Mizoram
C. Assam ☒
D. Bihar



- ✓ **The Ambubachi Mela is a 4-day long festival held every year at the Kamakhya Temple, which is situated at Assam's Guwahati. It celebrates the goddess of motherhood and fertility. It marks Goddess Kamakhya experiencing the menstrual cycle.**

9. Bharat–NCAP is the initiative of which union ministry?

- A. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
B. Ministry of Home Affairs
C. Ministry of Culture
D. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways ☒



- ✓ **A draft notification was approved by the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways recently for the introduction of Bharat New Car Assessment Program (Bharat–NCAP). Under this initiative, cars will be given star ratings based on their performance in crash tests.**

10. The high-resolution camera DRACO, is part of which NASA mission?

- A. DART ☒
B. Artemis
C. DAVINCI+
D. Voyager



- ✓ **The Didymos Reconnaissance and Asteroid Camera for Optical navigation (DRACO) is the only instrument carried by NASA's DART mission. It was designed based on the New Horizon Mission's imager. In recent months, this high resolution camera captured some 150,000 images of various stars.**

1. 'Mission Vatsalya', which was seen in the news, is a scheme implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development ☒
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ **Mission Vatsalya is an umbrella scheme for child protection services in the country implemented by the Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry. The Ministry released the guidelines for the scheme. Funds to states will be approved through the Mission Vatsalya Project Approval Board (PAB), which will be chaired by the WCD Secretary, who will approve annual plans and financial proposals received from states and UTs for release of grants.**

2. Which state received approval for a USD 300 million World bank-funded school education project?

- A. Chhattisgarh ☒
- B. Odisha
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **The Chhattisgarh Government has received an in-principle nod from the Central Government to go ahead with a USD 300 million school education project the State. Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) under the Union Finance Ministry had given an in-principle approval for the project, which is to be funded by the World Bank.**

3. 'Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)' is associated with which institution?

- A. UNICEF
- B. UNESCO ☒
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. Centre for Cultural Resources and Training



- ✓ **India has been elected to the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) for the 2022–2026 cycle. India has already served as a member of the ICH Committee twice from 2006 to 2010 and from 2014 to 2018. India will be a part of two Committees of UNESCO — Intangible Cultural Heritage (2022–2026) and World Heritage (2021–2025).**

4. Who has been named as India's new Sherpa for the G-20, after Piyush Goyal?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Rakesh Sharma
- C. Amitabh Kant ☒
- D. Parameswaran



- ✓ **Former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant has been named as India's new Sherpa for the G-20, replacing Piyush Goyal, Minister for Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs. India is set to assume G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023. The Sherpa will attend meetings that will be held in different parts of the country.**

5. What is the name of the single repository of all Indian government's digital projects, to be shared with the world?

- A. Vishwa. Bharat Stack
- B. Indiastack. Global ☒
- C. Global Desi Stack
- D. Local to Global Stack



- ✓ **As part of the ongoing Digital India Week 2022 celebrations, a virtual event on India Stack Knowledge Exchange was also organised. Indiastack.global was launched by the Prime Minister, which is a single repository of all major projects on India Stack. The Indian government has decided to share with the world the many e-governance tools including Aadhaar, the DigiLocker, CoWin Platform, the Government e-Marketplace, and Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission.**

6. When is International Day of Women in Diplomacy observed?

- A. June.23
- B. June.24 ☒
- C. June.25
- D. June.26



- ✓ **The UNGA has adopted the resolution to designate June 24 as the International Day of Women in Diplomacy. Its purpose is to promote the full and equal participation of women at all levels of diplomacy.**

7. PNS Taimur, which was delivered by China to Pakistan, is a __?

- A. Corvette
- B. Frigate ☒
- C. Destroyer
- D. Aircraft Carrier



- ✓ **PNS Taimur is the second Type 054A/P frigate received by Pakistan from China. The vessel was commissioned at the Hudong–Zhonghua Shipyard in Shanghai. In January this year, PNS Tughril became the first Type 054A/P frigate to be part of the Pakistan Navy Fleet.**

8. Gotland, which made news recently, is an island belonging to which country?

- A. Denmark
B. Sweden ☒
C. Norway
D. Iceland



- ✓ **Gotland is an island belonging to Sweden in the Baltic Sea. A new 'smart road' capable of charging big electric vehicles has been constructed in this island. The threat of electrical shocks from these wires is eliminated as they are buried under the road.**

9. Which state instituted the 'Kempegowda International Award'?

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



- ✓ **Kempe Gowda was a chieftain under the Vijayanagar Empire, who was known for the fortification of Karnataka's capital, Bengaluru in 1537. His birth anniversary is observed every year across Karnataka on June 27 since 2017. In his honour, Kempe Gowda International Award was instituted earlier this year, to recognize the contributions towards development of Bengaluru. The recipients of the inaugural edition of this award are former Karnataka Chief Minister SM Krishna, Infosys founder NR Narayan Murthy and veteran badminton player Prakash Padukone.**

10. PMAY aims to achieve 'Housing for All' by which year?

- A. 2020
B. 2022 ☒
C. 2025
D. 2050



- ✓ **PMAY aims to achieve 'Housing for All' by the year 2022. It was launched on June 25, 2015. It is implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. It caters to the housing needs of the Economical Weaker Sections, Lower Income Groups and Middle-Income Groups. This year marks the 7th anniversary of this flagship scheme. To commemorate this, the government released an e-book featuring the achievements under this scheme. The goal of this scheme is to complete 2.7 crore houses by 2022. Till date, about 67 per cent of this goal has been achieved.**

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



संस्कृति मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
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.

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.

1. 'State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022' report was released by which organisation?

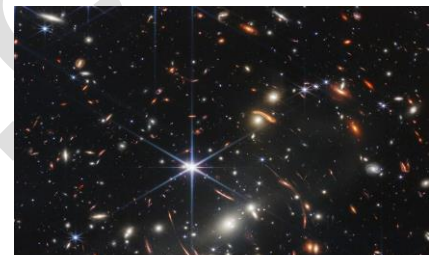
- A. United Nations ☒
- B. World Bank
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022 report was issued by UN agencies: FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO. The number of undernourished people in India has declined in the last 15 years to 224.3 million in 2019–2021. The report also noted that there are more obese adults and anaemic women in India, the world's second most populous country.

2. The oldest documented light in the history of the universe, which was recently released, was captured by which telescope?

- A. Hubble Space Telescope
- B. James Webb Space Telescope ☒
- C. Voyager Space Telescope
- D. Akash Space Telescope



- ✓ US President Biden unveiled an image taken by the James Webb Space Telescope. It is the oldest documented light in the history of the universe from 13 billion years ago. The image is called by the name of SMACS 0723. It is a patch of sky visible from the Southern Hemisphere on Earth.

3. POP–FAME, a new fuel which was found in the news, was developed from which source?

- A. Hydrogen
- B. Bacterium ☒
- C. Biomass
- D. Plastic



- ✓ Scientists from the US Lawrence–Berkeley Lab have developed a fuel from a bacterium fuel 'POP–FAME', for poly–cyclo–propanated fatty acid methyl ester. The fuel has energy density values exceeding 50 mega–joules a litre, which is more than the rocket fuels used at present.

4. Which is India's third and most recent power exchange that was launched recently?

- A. Bharat Power Exchange
- B. Hindustan Power Exchange ☒
- C. Amrit Power Exchange
- D. PTC Power Exchange



- ✓ Hindustan Power Exchange (HPX), the third power exchange in the country was launched recently. It is backed by BSE and Power Trading Corporation (PTC). PTC India and BSE Investment hold 25 per cent each in HPX, while 9.9 per cent is held by ICICI Bank. The other two exchanges in the country are Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) and Power Exchange of India Ltd (PXIL), while IEX holds 98 per cent almost monopoly on the total traded power.

5. Which is the venue of 'National Conclave on Mines and Minerals'?

A. New Delhi ☒

B. Mumbai

C. Ranchi

D. Raipur



- ✓ Union Minister for Mines Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the 6th National Conclave on Mines and Minerals in New Delhi. The conclave has been organized as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented 'Rashtriya Khanij Vikas Puraskar' and other awards in different categories at the conclave.

6. 'MIDCOM' is a Defence Cooperation Meeting held between India and which country?

A. Malaysia ☒

B. Maldives

C. Mauritius

D. Mozambique



- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a video conference with Senior Defence Minister of Malaysia, to discuss various issues concerning bilateral, regional and defence industrial cooperation. The ministers discussed the existing defence cooperation activities and framework, and ways to enhance them under the existing Malaysia India Defence Cooperation Meeting (MIDCOM) framework.

7. Which country is the host of G-7 Summit in 2022?

A. France

B. Germany ☒

C. Italy

D. United Kingdom



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged the Group of Seven (G7) countries to consider investing in India's emerging market for clean energy technologies. He represented India as a partner country in the G7 Summit in Germany after being invited by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. Indonesia, Argentina, Senegal and South Africa also attended the summit as partner countries.

8. 'Living Lands Charter', which was seen in the news, is associated with which global bloc?

- A. G7
- B. G20
- C. Commonwealth of Nations ☒
- D. BRICS



- ✓ At the conclusion of the 2022 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Kigali, Rwanda, all 54 Commonwealth members adopted 'Living Lands Charter'. The non-binding agreement mandates that member countries will safeguard global land resources and arrest land degradation and act against climate change, biodiversity loss and towards sustainable management.

9. After Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh, which state has entered Uranium Mining in India?

- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ After Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan is the third state where uranium has been found in India. The rare mineral is found at Rohil in Sikar district. The Rajasthan government has issued a letter of intent (LoI) to Uranium Corporation of India, for excavation of ore of this rare mineral in the state.

10. When is the 'International Day of the Tropics' celebrated?

- A. May.27
- B. May.29
- C. June.27
- D. June.29 ☒



- ✓ International Day of the Tropics is observed annually on June 29, to highlight the importance of the tropics and the environmental and socio-economic challenges faced in these regions. The Tropics are the regions around the equator that lie between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. This region hosts about 40 per cent of the Earth's population and 80 per cent of its biodiversity.

1. Which institution released the 'Cost-of-Living Crisis in Developing Countries' report?

A. UNDP ☒

B. World Bank

C. World Economic Forum

D. International Monetary Fund



- ✓ **UN Development Programme (UNDP) released a report on 'Cost-of-Living Crisis in Developing Countries'. It shows that inflation will have only negligible impact on poverty in India. As per the report, targeted transfers help poorer households cope with price spikes. In India, targeted and time-bound transfers of food and cash were given to the vulnerable through PMGKAY and PMGKY.**

2. What is the rate of retail inflation recorded in India in June 2022?

A. 5.01 per cent

B. 6.01 per cent

C. 7.01 per cent ☒

D. 8.01 per cent



- ✓ **As per the recent data released by the NSO, retail inflation slowed down marginally to 7.01 per cent in June from 7.04 per cent in May 2022 due to moderation in food inflation. The inflation rate continued to remain above the 7 per cent mark for the third month in a row. It is higher than the Reserve Bank of India's target of 2+/-4 per cent for the medium term, for two quarters.**

3. Which is the venue of the 'National Conference of State Agriculture & Horticulture Ministers'?

A. Jaipur

B. Amritsar

C. Bengaluru ☒

D. Varanasi



- ✓ **Two days' National Conference of State Agriculture & Horticulture Ministers was inaugurated in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched "Platform of Platforms (PoPs) under e-NAM". The conference is organised by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.**

4. Which institution releases the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) output data?

A. NITI Aayog

B. National Statistical Office ☒

C. Department of Financial Services

D. Department of Economic Affairs



- ✓ **National Statistical Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation (MoSPI), releases the the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth data. The IIP growth rose to 19.6% in May as against 7.1% in April. The manufacturing sector's output grew 20.6% in May this year, while the mining output climbed 10.9%, and power generation increased 23.5%.**

5. Which company is set to produce India's first Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV) against cervical cancer?

- A. BioCon
- B. Serum Institute of India ☒
- C. Bharat Biotech
- D. Biological E Limited



- ✓ **The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) approved India's first Quadri-valent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV) against cervical cancer. The qHPV vaccine will be manufactured by Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII). Cervical cancer is the second most frequent cancer among women in India between the ages of 15 and 44.**

6. Who was called as the 'Father of Public Sector Undertakings' in India?

- A. V Krishnamurthy ☒
- B. Shanta Kumar
- C. Ramesh Bais
- D. Prahlad Singh Patel



- ✓ **Dr V Krishnamurthy, former chairman of public sector undertakings such as Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and Maruti Udyog (now Maruti Suzuki), passed away recently. He is regarded as the 'Father of Public Sector Undertakings'.**
- ✓ **He had served as Secretary of Industries for the Government of India, Member of the Planning Commission, and many other Prime Minister's Committees. He was conferred Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan for his services.**

7. The birth day of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, is recognised as which special day in India?

- A. National Planning Day
- B. National Statistics Day ☒
- C. National Mathematics Day
- D. National Public Policy Day



- ✓ **National Statistics Day is observed in India on June 29 each year, on the birth day of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis. The aim is to raise public awareness of the role statistics play in formulating and affecting public policy. The veteran statistician, PC Mahalanobis, is recognised**

for his contributions to economic planning and statistics. He is the founder of Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) and member of India's first Planning Commission.

8. Which country has started the transfer of Russian goods to India, using a new trade corridor?

- A. UAE
- B. Iran ☒
- C. Iraq
- D. Israel



- ✓ Iran's state-run shipping company has started its first transfer of Russian goods to India, using a new trade corridor. The route grants India easy access to a region stretching from North Europe, Caucasus to mineral rich Central Asia, bypassing Pakistan. This 7,200 km long-pending multi-modal transportation corridor via Iran is also expected to boost Russia-India bilateral trade.

9. Eoin Morgan, who announced retirement from international cricket, was from which team?

- A. South Africa
- B. England ☒
- C. Australia
- D. New Zealand



- ✓ The England cricketer Eoin Morgan has retired from international cricket after his 13-year career with England. The 35-year-old won the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup as Captain in 2019, the first time England Men had won the world title. He was also a part of the England team that won the 2010 ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup.

10. Which country leads the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) maritime military exercise?

- A. USA ☒
- B. India
- C. Australia
- D. Canada



- ✓ Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) maritime military exercise is a biennial exercise led by the USA. Twenty-six nations are expected to participate in the operations, which began recently. The 28th biennial exercise aims to promote an open and free Indo-Pacific region as maritime tensions escalate with China. The event will feature the latest US weapons systems, including unmanned surface vessels.