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# THIRD WEEK CURRENT AFFAIRS



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1. Which institution releases the 'Global Gender Gap Report'?

- A. UN Women
- B. World Economic Forum ☒
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. World Bank



- ✓ The Global Gender Gap Index for 2022 was recently released by the World Economic Forum (WEF). Iceland (90.8%) led the global ranking in the first place while India is ranked at 135 out of 146 countries. Last year, India was ranked 140 out of 156 countries. As per the report, it will take another 132 years to close the global gender gap.

2. Which countries are associated with the 'I2U2 Grouping'?

- A. India–Israel–UAE–USA ☒
- B. India–Israel–UK–USA
- C. India–Iran–UAE–USA
- D. India–Iran–UK–USA



- ✓ The I2U2 (India–Israel–UAE–USA) Grouping was conceptualized during the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four countries in October 2021. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the First I2U2 Leaders' Virtual Summit along with his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid, UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and US President Joe Biden.

3. In which city, Ministry of Culture hosted the 'Dhammacakka Day 2022 celebration'?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Sarnath ☒
- C. Patna
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind addressed the Dhammacakka Day 2022 celebrations at Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh. The Ministry of Culture in association with the International Buddhist Confederation is celebrating the Ashadha Purnima Divas, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

4. Ajitnath Jain Temple, one of the holy Jain Tirthankaras, at Taranga Hill, is located in which state/UT?

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



- ✓ Ajitnath Jain Temple, one of the holy Jain Tirthankaras, at Taranga Hill, is located in the state of Gujarat. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved Taranga Hill–Ambaji–Abu

Road new rail line to provide connectivity and improve mobility. The estimated cost of this project is Rs 2798.16 crores and will be completed by 2026–27.

5. 'Denial of Safe Haven initiative' and 'Workshop on Anti-Corruption and Economic Development' are associated with which bloc?

- A. G-20
- B. European Union
- C. BRICS ☒
- D. ASEAN



- ✓ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh recently addressed the BRICS Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meet and reiterated India's commitment to implement the FATF Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism financing standards. Dr Jitendra Singh expressed satisfaction over the finalization of the BRICS Denial of Safe Haven initiative and shared experiences at the BRICS Workshop on Anti-Corruption and Economic Development.

6. What is the name of the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT), which was recently tested by DRDO?

- A. Akash
- B. Abhyas ☒
- C. Akshara
- D. Apsara



- ✓ India successfully tested the indigenously-designed Abhyas – a High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT). The trial was carried out by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Odisha's Chandipur. Earlier, DRDO and the Army successfully tested an indigenously-developed anti-tank guided missile in Maharashtra.

7. When is the 'Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day' celebrated in India?

- A. February.01
- B. June.01
- C. July.01 ☒
- D. August.01



- ✓ GST Day is celebrated on July 1 to mark completion of five years of Goods & Services Tax. It was introduced in 2017, with the idea of "One Nation– One Market– One Tax". GST is a multi-stage, indirect consumption-based tax system that subsumed a set of domestic indirect taxes such as service tax, value-added tax, purchase tax, excise duty among others.

8. Which Indian wrestler won a bronze medal at the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022?

- A. Deepak Punia ☒
- B. Ravi Kumar Dahiya
- C. Bajrang Punia
- D. Anshu Malik



- ✓ Deepak Punia won a bronze medal in the 86kg freestyle weight category at the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The 23-year-old wrestler after losing to Azizbek Fayzullaev of Uzbekistan and Nurtilek Karypbaev of Kyrgyzstan, settled for the bronze. India won 25 medals in all in the U23 meet in the event, including 10 gold medals.

9. Which is the only Indian city to achieve the 'Gold' standard category in Asia Pacific Sustainability Index 2021?

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru ☒
- C. Mumbai
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ Four Indian cities namely Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad and Mumbai appeared in the list of top 20 sustainable cities, as per the Asia Pacific Sustainability Index 2021. Knight Frank's APAC Sustainably Led Cities Index rated 36 cities based on urbanisation pressure, climate risk, carbon emissions and government initiatives.
- ✓ Singapore, Sydney, Wellington, Perth, and Melbourne were the top five green-rated cities. Bengaluru at 14<sup>th</sup> rank in the region, was the only Indian city to achieve the 'Gold' standard category.

10. Which institution approved two loans of USD 500 million each to support India's health sector?

- A. ADB
- B. AIIB
- C. World Bank ☒
- D. HDFC Bank



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- ✓ The World Bank approved two complementary loans of USD 500 million each to support India's health sector. Through this financing of USD 1 billion, the Bank will support India's flagship Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM). One of the loans will prioritize seven states including Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh.

1. Which Union Ministry implements the 'Mission Shakti' scheme?

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development ☒
- B. Ministry of Defence
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of MSME



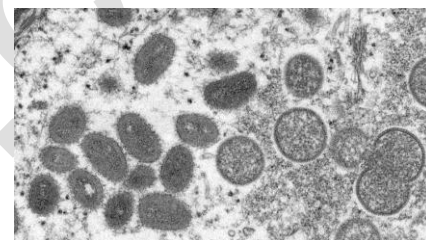
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- ✓ **Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued detailed guidelines for 'Mission Shakti' scheme. 'Mission Shakti' was launched as an integrated women empowerment programme as umbrella scheme for the safety, security and empowerment of women for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021–22 to 2025–26. 'Mission Shakti' has two sub-schemes – 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya'.**

2. India reported its first monkeypox case in which state/UT?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Punjab



- ✓ **India reported its first monkey-pox case in the state of Kerala. The sample of a 35-year-old man, which was sent to the National Virology Institute in Pune, tested positive for the disease. The man is said to have arrived in Kerala from the UAE three days ago. Monkeypox is a viral zoonotic disease with symptoms similar to smallpox.**

3. What is the rate of inflation based on All-India Wholesale Price Index in June 2022?

- A. 11.18%
- B. 13.18%
- C. 15.18% ☒
- D. 17.18%

%

- ✓ **The rate of inflation based on All-India Wholesale Price Index (WPI) number is 15.18% for the month of June, 2022 (over June, 2021). This is lower than the WPI number of 15.88% in May 2022. The high rate of inflation this month is primarily due to rise in prices of mineral oils, food articles, crude petroleum & natural gas, basic metals, chemicals & chemical products, food products etc.**

4. Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) Scheme is associated with which Union Ministry?

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



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MINISTRY OF  
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AND INDUSTRY**

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- ✓ The Ministry of Commerce and Industry authorised the continuation of the Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) with the same rates as announced by the Ministry of Textiles for exports of apparel and made-ups until March 31, 2024. This aims to increase exports and generate employment in the textile industry.

5. Which Indian state is included in the 'World's 50 Greatest Places of 2022' by Time Magazine?

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



- ✓ Kerala, also called as 'God's own country', has been included in the list of the "World's 50 Greatest Places of 2022" by Time Magazine. TIME has described Kerala as 'one of India's most beautiful states. India's first UNESCO World Heritage City, Ahmedabad has also been included in the list of the World's 50 Greatest Places of 2022.

6. Where is India's largest floating Solar Power Project operationalised recently?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana ☒
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Meghalaya



- ✓ India's largest floating Solar Power Project is made fully operational at Ramagundam, Telangana. NTPC declared Commercial Operation of the final part capacity out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project at Ramagundam, Telangana with the operationalisation the project, the total commercial operation of Floating Solar Capacity in Southern Region rose to 217 MW. Earlier, NTPC declared operation of Floating Solar at Kayamkulam (Kerala) and at Simhadri (Andhra Pradesh).

7. Who is the Attorney General of India, as of 2022?

- A. KK Venugopal ☒
- B. Mukul Rohatgi
- C. Tushar Mehta
- D. Kapil Sibal



- ✓ The Union government extended the tenure of Attorney General KK Venugopal by three months, as per the notification issued by the Union Law Ministry. Venugopal, 91, was initially appointed as Attorney General on July 1, 2017, as the 15<sup>th</sup> person to serve as Attorney General for India. Mukul Rohatgi was the Attorney General from June 2014 to June 2017.



8. Which is the most expensive city in India for foreign employees as per Mercer's 2022 cost of living city ranking?

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



- ✓ The Mercer's 2022 cost of living city ranking was recently released with the list of the most expensive cities for international employees. Mumbai is the most expensive city in India for foreign employees, at rank 127 globally. It is followed by New Delhi at rank 155. Pune and Kolkata are the least expensive Indian cities in the ranking at 201 and 203 respectively.

9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Bosch India's first smart campus in which city?

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru ☒
- C. Noida
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated Bosch India's first smart campus in the city of Bengaluru built at a cost of Rs 800 crore. This campus will be used in developing futuristic products and solutions for India and for the world. The inauguration of the Spark.NXT Campus of Bosch India coincided with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indian independence.

10. Which state is the host of the National Games conducted by Indian Olympic Association in 2022?

- A. Goa
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Gujarat ☒
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced that the National Games will be held in multiple cities in Gujarat in September–October this year. The last National Games were held in Kerala in 2015 and Goa was to host the 36<sup>th</sup> edition in November 2016. After two delays in 2018 and 2019 as Goa was not able to create adequate infrastructure, the Games were further postponed to 2020. It was further postponed due to National Games.

1. 'Jerusalem Declaration' which was seen in the news, is a strategic agreement between Israel and which country?

- A. UK
- B. USA ☒
- C. Australia
- D. UAE



- ✓ A joint declaration on US–Israeli strategic cooperation has been signed by President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid. The statement has been claimed as historic in the strategic US–Israel partnership and the commitment of the United States to Israel's security. The Jerusalem Declaration also refers to the Israeli–Palestinian relations.

2. Which Indian city has been selected as the first Cultural and Tourism Capital of SCO for 2022–23?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Kochi
- C. Varanasi ☒
- D. Kolkata



- ✓ The city of Varanasi will be declared the first Cultural and Tourism Capital of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). Varanasi will become the Capital of SCO for 2022–23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation, which aims to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.

3. 'Jagriti', which was seen in the news recently, is a mascot related to which field?

- A. Income Tax
- B. Climate Change
- C. Consumer Awareness ☒
- D. Cryptocurrency



- ✓ The Department of Consumer Affairs has launched "Jagriti", a mascot for empowering consumers and generating awareness of their rights. Jagriti mascot will be shown along with tagline 'Jago Grahak Jago' in all its media campaigns. It will be used to generate consumer awareness about various themes of the Department like provisions of Consumer Protection Act, Hallmarking, and National Consumer Helpline 1915 among others.

4. Which institution was ranked first in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2022?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Madras ☒
- D. IIT Bombay



IIT Madras



- ✓ The Ministry of Education has released the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for the year 2022. Indian Institute of Technology Madras has retained its first position for the fourth consecutive year in the overall category and for the seventh consecutive year in Engineering. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi was ranked second while Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, is ranked third.

5. Which Indian state launched the 'e-FIR service and a Police app'?

- A. Tamil Nadu  
B. Karnataka  
C. Uttarakhand ☒  
D. Rajasthan



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the e-FIR facility and Uttarakhand Police App. The launch of the e-FIR facility will help people file an online FIR in cases related to the theft among others. All online services provided by the State police to the public have been integrated in the Uttarakhand police app. These include Gaura Shakti, Traffic Eye, Public Eye, Meri Yatra and Lakshya Nasha Mukht Uttarakhand.

6. When is the 'International Day of Parliamentarism' observed?

- A. June.27  
B. June.30 ☒  
C. July.15  
D. July.18



- ✓ The International Day of Parliamentarism is observed every year on 30 June, to recognise the importance of parliamentary systems of government in shaping modern societies. This year, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and its members will observe the day under the theme of 'Public engagement' as the 'Global Parliamentary Report on Public engagement in the work of parliament' was recently released.

7. When is the 'World Asteroid Day' observed?

- A. June.30 ☒  
B. July.05  
C. July.18  
D. August.25



- ✓ World Asteroid Day 2022 is marked and celebrated globally on June 30 every year, in order to raise public awareness about asteroid's hazardous effect. In December 2016, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution that declared 30 June as International Asteroid Day. It observes the anniversary of the Tunguska impact over Siberia, Russian Federation on the same day in 1908.

8. Which is the top ranked city in the 'QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023'?

- A. Dubai
- B. Singapore
- C. London ☒
- D. New York



- ✓ In the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023, London has been ranked as the best city for students looking to study abroad. Seoul and Munich are at the second place. The report ranks 140 cities in terms of affordability, student facilities, and university standard among other factors. India's highest-ranked student city is Mumbai at 103<sup>rd</sup> spot. It is followed by Bengaluru at 114<sup>th</sup> rank.

9. Which Indian has been awarded the Ayurveda Ratna Award by the UK Parliament?

- A. Tanuja Nesari ☒
- B. Abhimanyu Kumar
- C. Rajesh Bushan
- D. Sanjay Jain



- ✓ Tanuja Nesari, Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) was awarded with the Ayurveda Ratna Award by the UK Parliament. The UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences (ITSappg) conferred the award recognising her contribution to promoting the growth of Ayurveda in India and abroad.

10. Which institution released the report titled 'Benchmarking India's Payment Systems'?

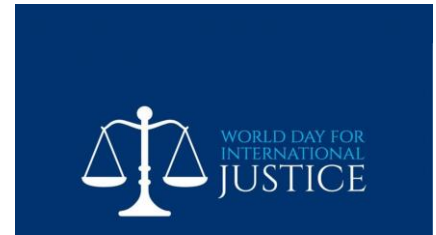
- A. World Bank
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. National Payment Corporation of India
- D. International Monetary Fund



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the report titled 'Benchmarking India's Payment Systems'. It provides a position of the payment's ecosystem in India relative to other major countries. As per the report, India has made significant progress and moved to a leadership position in large-value digital payment systems. But India is still weak in certain parameters relating to ATMs and card payments.

1. When is the 'World Day for International Justice' observed?

- A. July.15
- B. July.17 ☒
- C. July.19
- D. July.21



- ✓ The World Day for International Justice is observed on July 17 every year to sensitise on international justice and to promote the rights of the victims. It is also known as the Day of International Criminal Justice, and celebrates the approval of the Rome Statute and the formation of the new international criminal justice system in 1998. Over 139 countries have signed the International Criminal Court's Treaty.

2. Which Indian sportsperson won the 'Singapore Open 2022' championship title?

- A. Srikanth Kidambi
- B. P V Sindhu ☒
- C. Saina Nehwal
- D. Lakshya Sen



- ✓ India Ace shuttler PV Sindhu defeated China's Wang Zhi Yi in the final match of women's singles at the Singapore Open 2022. The two-time Olympic medallist clinched her maiden Super 500 title of the year 2022. The Singapore Open 2022 is Sindhu's third title of the 2022 season after winning the Syed Modi International and Swiss Open BWF Super 300 titles.

3. Which institution organises the 'Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022'?

- A. National School of Drama ☒
- B. Lalit Kala Akademi
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Sahitya Akademi



- ✓ National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi is organizing a festival "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – 22nd Bharat Rang Mahotsav, 2022. NSD is an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture. The festival aims to remember and pay tribute to our freedom fighters, under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 2022'. The festival will be inaugurated in New Delhi and it will be organized in 5 other cities of Bhubaneswar, Varanasi, Amritsar, Bengaluru and Mumbai.

4. What is the name of the submarine which was recently decommissioned from the Indian Navy?

- A. INS Sindhuvaj ☒
- B. INS Rajput
- C. INS Ranjit
- D. INS Nishank



- ✓ The submarine named 'INS Sindhudhvaj' was recently decommissioned from the Indian Navy after serving for 35 years. The submarine crest depicts a grey colour nurse shark and the name 'Sindhudhvaj' means flag-bearer at sea. The submarine was known for indigenised sonar USHUS, indigenised satellite communication systems Rukmani and inertial navigation system and indigenised torpedo fire control system.

5. Who has been recently appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of the National Stock Exchange?

- A. Urjit Patel  
B. Ashishkumar Chauhan ☒  
C. K V Kamath  
D. Arundhati Bhattacharya



- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the appointment of Ashishkumar Chauhan as the next Managing Director and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE). Chauhan is currently the MD and CEO of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and his tenure will end in November 2022. Ashishkumar is one of the founders of the NSE and he worked in the NSE from 1992 to 2000.

6. Which Indian cricketer created a world record for scoring the most runs in an over in Test cricket?

- A. Virat Kohli  
B. Jasprit Bumrah ☒  
C. Rohit Sharma  
D. Ravindra Jadeja



- ✓ Jasprit Bumrah created a world record for scoring the most runs in an over in Test cricket. He smashed two sixes and four fours to score 35 runs in an over. He achieved the feat during the 5<sup>th</sup> Test between India and England in the over bowled by England speedster Stuart Broad.

7. International Coastal Clean-up Day is celebrated in which month?

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



- ✓ 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 is aims to remove one thousand 500 tonnes of garbage from the sea coasts.

8. NTPC signed a MoU with which state to develop a 10 GW Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ NTPC signed a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Government of Rajasthan to develop 10 GW Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park in Rajasthan. It aims to achieve the target of 60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032. NTPC REL is also developing one UMREPP of 4.75 GW capacity in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.

9. Which is India's major seafood item exported from India in terms of quantity and value?

- A. Frozen shrimps ☒
- B. Frozen squids
- C. Frozen fishes
- D. Frozen cuttlefishes



- ✓ India shipped 13, 69,264 MT of seafood worth Rs 57,586.48 crore (USD 7.76 billion) during 2021–22, despite heavy odds. During the FY 2021–22, the export improved in rupee term by 31.71%. Frozen shrimp remained the major export item in terms of quantity and value. USA is the largest market of frozen shrimp, followed by China and European Union.

10. Ashadhi Bij is predominantly celebrated in which state?

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



- ✓ Ashadhi Bij is the second day of Aashaadha month, of the Hindu calendar, which is associated with the beginning of rains in the Kutch region. The Kutchi people of Gujarat celebrate their new year on this day.



1. Some public sector banks have recently connected to the AA ecosystem. What is the expansion of AA?

- A. Amount Aggregator
- B. Account Aggregator ☒
- C. Affiliate Aggregator
- D. Account Administrator



- ✓ Public sector bank Punjab National Bank (PNB) has gone live on the account aggregator ecosystem as financial information user (FIU) as well as financial information provider (FIP). Union Bank of India, Canara Bank and Indian Bank have also connected to the account aggregator system. Other banks including SBI, BOB and UCO Bank are in the testing phase and some others are in the development phase.

2. The 2022 Presidential Election is conducted to choose the ..... President of India.

- A. 12<sup>th</sup>
- B. 14<sup>th</sup>
- C. 15<sup>th</sup> ☒
- D. 17<sup>th</sup>



- ✓ The 2022 Presidential Election is conducted to choose the 15th President of India are being held in India. NDA candidate Droupadi Murmu and the opposition's Yashwant Sinha are participating in the election. The President is elected by the members of the Electoral College comprising elected members of both houses of Parliament and legislative assemblies of all states as well as the NCT of Delhi and the UT of Puducherry.

3. Who has been recommended as the MD of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)?

- A. G Rajkiran Rai ☒
- B. K V Kamath
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. V K Singh



- ✓ The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended G Rajkiran Rai for the position of Managing Director at the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID). This is the first ever recommendation by FSIB, after it was recently set up.

4. Mairaj Ahmad Khan, who was seen in the news recently, is associated with which sports?

- A. Weight lifting
- B. Shooting ☒
- C. Wrestling
- D. Tennis





- ✓ Two-time Olympian and India's ace Skeet shooter Mairaj Ahmad Khan won the country's first ever individual gold in the ISSF World Cup at Changwon, Korea. India stays on top of the medal standings with five gold, five silver and three bronze medals with two more days of competitions left. India also won a bronze with the 50m Rifle women's team of Anjum Moudgil, Sift Kaur Samra and Ashi Chouksey.

5. Which Indian state/UT has launched first AI-powered digital Lok Adalat?

- A. Kerala  
B. Telangana  
C. Rajasthan ☒  
D. Odisha



- ✓ National Legal Services Authority Chairman Uday Umesh Lalit launched the country's first AI-powered digital Lok Adalat during the 18<sup>th</sup> All India Legal Services Authorities' meet in Rajasthan. The Digital Lok Adalat of Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA) was launched amid the recent headlines of India's growing case pendency.

6. 'Nanjarayan Tank' has been declared as a bird sanctuary of which state?

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



- ✓ 'Nanjarayan Tank' has been declared as the 17<sup>th</sup> Bird sanctuary of Tamil Nadu. It is a protected birding hotspot in Tiruppur district of the state. The Nanjarayan Tank also known as Sarkar Periyapalayam Reservoir, has 220 cormorants and 165 pelicans. It has over hundreds of painted storks, and coots. The tank is over 800 years old and birds have been visiting here for centuries. 181 species of birds, 16 species of reptiles, over 40 varieties of butterflies, 11 species of mammals and as many as 76 types of flora have been recorded.

7. As per 'Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022', which city is the start-up capital of India?

- A. Chennai  
B. Bengaluru ☒  
C. Hyderabad  
D. Mumbai



- ✓ According to the 'Hurun India Future Unicorn Index – 2022', Bengaluru continues to be the start-up capital of India, with 46 probable Unicorns. It is followed by Delhi NCR (25) and Mumbai (16). As per the index, India will have 122 new unicorns in the next two to four years.

8. Yair Lapid, who was seen in the news, is the new Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Pakistan
- C. Israel ☒
- D. Iran



- ✓ The 58-year-old Yair Lapid recently took over as Israel's 14<sup>th</sup> prime minister after the country's parliament dissolved. The journalist-turned politician, has taken over as Israel's caretaker prime minister as the country preparing to go for polls for the fifth time in four years in November. He built a coalition that ended Benjamin Netanyahu's record 12 consecutive years in power.

9. Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) was handed over to which Indian conglomerate group?

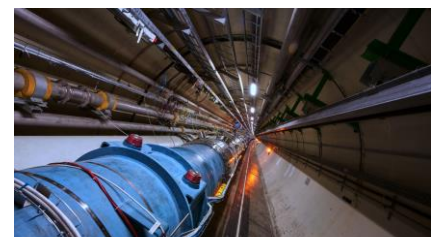
- A. Reliance Group
- B. TATA Group ☒
- C. Adani Industries
- D. Vedanta



- ✓ The privatisation of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) was completed as it has been handed over to Tata Steel Long Products (TSLP). NINL is the second successful privatisation by the government, after Air India which was also bought by Tata Group. NINL, which is a joint venture of 4 CPSEs named MMTC, NMDC, BHEL, MECON and 2 Odisha government PSUs– OMC and IPICOL.

10. Where is the 'Large Hadron Collider', the world's most powerful particle collider located?

- A. New York
- B. Geneva ☒
- C. Siberia
- D. Paris



- ✓ The world's most powerful particle collider, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), is set to function from July this year. It was built by the European Organization for Nuclear Research located in Geneva. The Large Hadron Collider is a giant, complex machine built to study particles, the smallest known building blocks of all things. Three years after it was shut down for maintenance and upgrades, the collider was switched back recently.

1. Which country was the top choice of Indian nationals, who renounced their Indian citizenship in 2021?

- A. UK
- B. USA ☒
- C. UAE
- D. Germany



- ✓ As per the data provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs, over 1.63 lakh Indian nationals renounced their Indian citizenship during 2021. This is the highest during the last three years. The US was the top choice with almost half of Indians preferring to become US citizens. After the US, Indians preferred to get citizenship in Australia, Canada and the UK.

2. When is the 'International Moon Day' celebrated annually?

- A. July.18
- B. July.20 ☒
- C. July.22
- D. July.23



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly had officially declared International Moon Day to be marked every year on 20 July. It celebrates the day humans first walked on the moon in 1969. This was the day when Apollo 11 landed on the Moon, Earth's only satellite on 20 July 1969. Lunar module pilot Edwin Aldrin followed Neil Armstrong 19 minutes later and they spent about two and a quarter hour outside the spacecraft while collecting 21.5 kg of lunar material.

3. Capacity Building Commission (CBC) recently developed a set of National standards (NSCSTI) for which institutions?

- A. Banking and Finance Institutions
- B. Civil Service Training Institutions ☒
- C. Higher Education Institutions
- D. MSMEs



- ✓ Union Personnel Minister Jitendra Singh launched the "National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions" (NSCSTI). The standards are developed by the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), to create standards for civil service training institutions at national level.

4. The Reserve Bank has adopted a four-tiered regulatory framework for which institutions?

- A. Primary Agriculture Societies
- B. Urban Co-operative Banks ☒
- C. Rural Cooperative Banks
- D. Nidhi Companies



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- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to adopt a simple four-tiered regulatory framework for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs). The framework will be based on size of deposits, with an aim to strengthen their financial soundness. An expert committee, headed by former RBI deputy governor N S Vishwanathan, made a host of recommendations for strengthening the UCBs.

5. Which is the first Indian state to connect all commercial vehicles equipped with Tracking Device with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. New Delhi
- D. Haryana



- ✓ Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS).
- ✓ Now these vehicles can be tracked anywhere in the country through VLTD by both the police and the transport department. When the panic button is pressed, a signal will be received through satellite to 112 and the person in distress would be connected and alert the police.

6. What is India's position on the 'Under-15 Asian Wrestling Championship'?

- A. First
- B. Third ☒
- C. Fifth
- D. Tenth



- ✓ Iran clinched Asia Title in the Under-15 Asian Wrestling Championship while Kazakhstan was runner-up. India secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 172 Points.
- ✓ The Indian Under-15 Greco Roman Wrestling Team clinched two gold, two silver and four bronze medals in the Championship being held at Bahrain. Sachin in the 68 kg and Abhay in the 72 kg bagged gold medals in their respective categories.

7. What is 'ARYABHAT-1' which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Ballistic Missile
- B. Earth Observation Satellite
- C. Prototype of Analog chipset ☒
- D. Super Computer



- ✓ Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a design framework to build next-generation analog computing chipsets. The prototype is named ARYABHAT-1 (Analog Reconfigurable Technology and Bias-scalable Hardware for AI Tasks). Its chipset can be reconfigured and programmed so that the same analog modules can be ported across different generations of design and across different applications.

8. When is the 'World Zoonosis Day' observed every year?

- A. July.02
- B. July.04
- C. July.06 ☒
- D. July.08



- ✓ World Zoonosis Day is observed annually on July 6 across the world to raise awareness about the infectious diseases called zoonotic diseases. The day is celebrated in memory of Louis Pasteur, a French biologist who successfully administered the first-ever Rabies vaccine to a patient on July 6, 1885. Zoonotic diseases originate in animals and can spread to humans.

9. 'Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life' is the memoir of which personality?

- A. Magnus Carlsen
- B. Viswanathan Anand ☒
- C. Raghuram Rajan
- D. Rajinikanth



- ✓ 'Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life' is the memoir of chess legend and five-time world chess champion Viswanathan Anand. Recently, Hachette India announced the expanded paperback edition of the book, ahead of the 44<sup>th</sup> FIDE Chess Olympiad.
- ✓ The book features a bonus chapter on how to navigate uncertainty and rapidly changing realities in the wake of the pandemic.

10. Ons Jabeur, who was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Sports ☒
- B. Business
- C. Science
- D. Politics



- ✓ Tunisia's world No:2 tennis player Ons Jabeur became the first Arab or North African woman to reach a Grand Slam singles semifinal. She achieved this record after defeating Marie Bouzkova of the Czech Republic at Wimbledon. The 27-year-old tennis player is ranked No. 2 in the world.