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# **FOURTH WEEK**

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

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



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

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

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



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

3. Who has been selected as the 15<sup>th</sup> President of India?

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

- A. 54  
B. 24  
C. 240  
D. 540 ☒



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

1. WHO has recently declared which outbreak as a “public health emergency of international concern” (PHEIC)?

- A. Tomato Flu
- B. Monkeypox ☒
- C. Bird-Flu
- D. African swine fever



- ✓ The World Health Organisation has declared the global monkeypox outbreak a ‘public health emergency of international concern’ (PHEIC). This classification is one step below that of a ‘pandemic.’ WHO says the expanding monkeypox outbreak in over 70 countries is now qualified as a global emergency.

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2. Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra won which medal in the 2022 World Athletics Championships?

- A. Gold
- B. Silver ☒
- C. Bronze
- D. None of the above



- ✓ Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra scripted another history as he became only the second Indian and to win a medal in the World Championships. He is also the first male track and field athlete as the legendary long jumper Anju Bobby George was the first Indian to win a medal. Neeraj clinched silver in the javelin throw final with his best throw of 88.13m. Defending champion Anderson Peters of Grenada won gold with a throw of 90.54m.

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3. Which actor acted in the movie ‘Soorarai Pottru’ which was declared as ‘Best Feature Film’ at the 68<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards?

- A. Rajinikanth
- B. Sivakarthikeyan
- C. Suriya ☒
- D. Kamalhassan



- ✓ The winners of the 68<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards were announced in New Delhi. The prestigious awards are administered by the Government of India’s Directorate of Film Festivals. This year, the ‘Best Feature Film’ award was given to the Tamil film Soorarai Pottru, while its actor Suriya and Aparna Balamurali won two awards. Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji also shared the Best Actor award. The Malayalam movie ‘Ayyappanum Koshiyam’ won several awards including Best Director.



4. Which Indian state police recently launched e-FIR system?

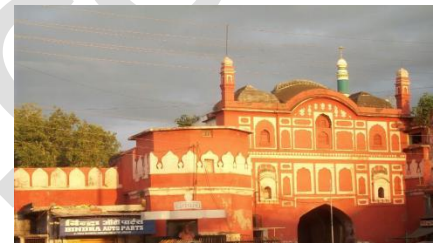
- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Union Minister Home Minister Amit Shah launched the e-FIR system of Gujarat Police in Gandhinagar. The system will enable the citizens to file an FIR online, without visiting the police stations. All important services of Gujarat Police will be made available online. Within 48 hours of registering the FIR, the police will contact the complainant directly.

5. Burhanpur, which was declared the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified district in the country, is in which state?

- A. Telangana
- B. Madhya Pradesh ☒
- C. Bihar
- D. Kolkata



- ✓ Burhanpur district in Madhya Pradesh becomes the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified district in the country. It is also called the 'Darwaza of Dakhin'. After the launch of 'Jal Jeevan Mission' in 2019, Panchayat representatives, Pani Samitis and district officials of Burhanpur took efforts to achieve functional tap water connections to all its 1,01,905 rural households within a span of 34 months.

6. Who is the first woman to be featured on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the IMF?

- A. Jayati Ghosh
- B. Arundhati Bhattacharya
- C. Gita Gopinath ☒
- D. Arunima Sinha



- ✓ The First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Gita Gopinath has become the first woman to be featured on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the IMF. She is also the only second Indian to achieve this feat after Raghuram Rajan who was named during his service as IMF's Chief Economist and Director of Research between the years 2003 and 2006. Gita Gopinath served as the first female chief economist of IMF for– the last three years.

7. The Union Road Ministry has approved the construction of Greenfield connectivity to Jewar International Airport in Uttar Pradesh and which state?

- A. Bihar  
B. Haryana ☒  
C. Gujarat  
D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced the construction of Greenfield connectivity to Jewar International Airport in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana has been approved. The budget for the project is aggregated to Rs 2,414.67 crore. The airport will be connecting Delhi Mumbai Expressway.

8. 'Stree Nidhi' is a scheme associated with which state/UT?

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



- ✓ The Telangana state government has allotted about Rs 3700 crore credit flow to women self-help groups (SHGs) through 'Stree Nidhi'. This is about 600 crore rupees more than the allocation of the last year. According to an official release, the government has spent about 14 thousand 750 crore rupees during the past 8 years to the SHGs for setting up businesses.

9. When is the 'National Fish Farmers Day' celebrated?

- A. July.06  
B. July.08  
C. July.10 ☒  
D. July.25



- ✓ National Fish Farmers Day is celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> July every year to display solidarity with fisher folk and fish farmers throughout the country. It is the 65<sup>th</sup> National Fish Farmers Day being celebrated across the country. Every year, this annual event is celebrated to commemorate Professor Dr. Hiralal Chaudhury and his colleague for their contribution in achieving the induced breeding of major carps on 10th July, 1957, for the first time in the country.

10. 'Sea Guardians-2' is a joint maritime exercise conducted by which countries?

- A. USA-Pakistan  
B. China-Pakistan ☒  
C. India-Pakistan  
D. Sri Lanka-Pakistan



- ✓ The Navies of China and Pakistan commenced a live-fire drill off the Shanghai coast as part of joint maritime exercise code named Sea Guardians-2. The Navies are set to deploy their new high-tech naval ships and fighter jets to jointly deal with maritime security threats.

1. Which Union Ministry released the 'India's Bioeconomy Report 2022'?

- A. Ministry of Science & Technology ☒
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change
- C. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare
- D. Ministry of Power



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- ✓ Union Minister for Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh released the 'India's Bioeconomy Report 2022' recently. India's Bio-economy has reached over USD 80 billion in 2021 with 14.1% growth over 2020. It is likely to touch 150 billion dollars by 2025 and over 300 billion dollars by 2030.

2. What is the name of the new application launched by UIDAI to authenticate Aadhar number with face?

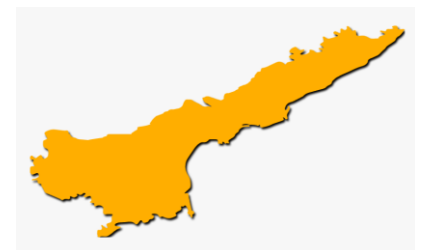
- A. Aadhaar Face RD ☒
- B. UIDAI Facetime
- C. Aadhar Authenticate
- D. Digi-Aadhar



- ✓ The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched 'Aadhaar Face RD' app to enable Aadhaar card holders to authenticate their unique 12-digit identity number using face. UIDAI enabled Aadhaar Authentication User Agencies (AUAs) to capture Aadhaar card holders face for authentication purpose. The App captures live person's face for authentication using Face Authentication Technology.

3. Which state is associated with the 'Family Doctor' pilot project?

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



- ✓ Andhra Pradesh has selected Padmanabham mandal in Visakhapatnam district to implement the 'Family Doctor' project on a pilot basis. Under the scheme, Medical and health personnel should visit the Aarogyasri beneficiaries a week after being discharged from hospital to enquire about their health condition and get feedback.

4. Which country successfully launched its space station module called 'Wentian'?

- A. Russia
- B. Israel
- C. China ☒
- D. UAE



- ✓ China successfully launched its second module, called Wentian, to the Tiangong space station recently. Wentian was launched aboard a Long March 5B rocket from Hainan, China docking at the Tiangong space station about 13 hours later. The module contains equipment that allows the Chinese astronauts, also known as taikonauts, to perform various scientific experiments.

5. Which Indian state has instituted district climate change missions (DCCM)?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Assam
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government recently instituted of district climate change missions (DCCM) across 38 districts in the state. The DCCMs will be administered by District Collectors as 'Mission Directors' while District Forest Officers (DFOs) will function as 'climate officers'. The collectors will prepare district-level climate change mitigation and adaptation plans and provide inputs for low-carbon, climate-resilient development plans.

6. When is the 'World Population Day' observed every year?

- A. July.11 ☒
- B. July.09
- C. July.10
- D. July.12



- ✓ 'World Population Day' is observed every year on July 11. This year the theme is 'A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all – Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all'. The day was first marked on 11 July 1990 in more than 90 countries, to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues.

7. What is the tenure and financial outlay of Jute Mark India (JMI) scheme?

- A. FY 2021–25; Rs 485.58 crore
- B. FY 2022–26; Rs 485.58 crore ☒
- C. FY 2021–25; Rs 48.58 crore
- D. FY 2022–26; Rs 48.58 crore



- ✓ The government introduced certification of authenticity for jute products with the launch of "Jute Mark India" logo. It is an initiative to promote Indian jute products.
- ✓ JMI was implemented under an umbrella scheme for development and promotion of the jute sector between FY 2022 and FY 2026 with a total financial outlay of Rs 485.58 crore. Each Jute Mark label will contain a unique QR code with information on producer. National Jute Board is the nodal agency of the Union textiles ministry, responsible for the promotion of jute and jute products.

8. Who has been named the captain of the Indian women's cricket team in the 2022 Commonwealth Games?

- A. Harmanpreet Kaur ☒                      B. Smriti Mandhana  
C. Mithali Raj                      D. Jhulan Goswami



- ✓ Harmanpreet Kaur has been named captain of the Indian women's team, which is set to play at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham. Opener Smriti Mandhana was named as the deputy captain. This is the first time Women's T20 cricket is participating in the Commonwealth Games after a men's ODI tournament was played at the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games.

9. Asian U–20 Wrestling Championships was held in which country?

- A. Kazakhstan  
B. Bahrain ☒  
C. Mongolia  
D. China



- ✓ India's U–20 wrestling team bagged 22 medals, including four gold in the Asian U–20 Wrestling Championship, held in Manama, Bahrain. India also claimed nine silver and nine bronze medals in the event. Among the 22 medals, the women's team won 10 medals including three gold medals. Indian wrestlers clinched 8 medals in U–15 Asian Wrestling Championship.

10. When is the 'International Malala Day' observed?

- A. July.12 ☒  
B. July.15  
C. July.25  
D. July.26



- ✓ The 'International Malala Day' is observed on July 12 every year, to honour the Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who works for women's right to education across the globe. In 2012, Malala was shot by the Taliban for her campaign for the education of girls.
- ✓ Malala and her father co-founded the Malala Fund, a platform to support girls' education. In 2014, Malala was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and became the youngest ever recipient. She was designated as United Nations Messenger of Peace in 2017.



1. Which state has signed MoU with Telangana to set up all women-run cooperative bank?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Punjab



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GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

- ✓ Rajasthan signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Telangana government's Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation. The aim is to set up the first all women-run cooperative bank in Rajasthan, on the lines of the Stree Nidhi model of Telangana. 'Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi' fund would be operated by the women Self Help Groups for the women of SHG only.

2. Which animal features in the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games 2022, to be held in Gujarat?

- A. Rhino
- B. Lion ☒
- C. Tiger
- D. Elephant



- ✓ Gujarat has been approved to host the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games between September 27 and October 10, in 2022. The last edition of the National Games was organised in Kerala in 2015. Gir Lion and Statue of Unity with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel are seen in the logo of the Games. IOA (Indian Olympic Association) accepted the proposal of Gujarat for hosting the event after 7 years.

3. Which is the headquarters of the 'United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)'?

- A. Geneva
- B. Paris
- C. Amman and Gaza ☒
- D. Jerusalem



- ✓ 'United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)' is headquartered at Amman, Jordan and Gaza, Palestinian Authority. It was founded in 1949. India recently contributed USD 2.5 million to this UN agency that supports the relief and human development of Palestinian refugees. Since 2018, the Government of India has contributed 20 million US dollars to UNRWA.

4. Which Indian economist has been appointed the chief economist of World Bank?

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. Indermit Gill ☒
- D. Viral Acharya



- ✓ **The World Bank has appointed Indermit Gill as the chief economist and senior vice president for development economics. Indermit Gill will be the second Indian, after Kaushik Basu, to become the chief economist of the World Bank. It is an international financial institution that grants loan to middle and lower-income countries.**

5. Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest and Pichavaram Mangrove, which were designated as 'Ramsar sites' are located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Assam
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **India has designated five new wetlands of international importance, as the Ramsar sites in the country have been increased from 49 to 54. The new sites include three wetlands (Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest and Pichavaram Mangrove) in Tamil Nadu, one (Pala wetland) in Mizoram and one wetland (Sakhya Sagar) in Madhya Pradesh.**

6. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) introduced PIMS recently. What is the expansion of PIMS?

- A. Product Import Monitoring System
- B. Paper Import Monitoring System ☒
- C. Prior Information Monitoring System
- D. Prohibited Goods Import Monitoring System



- ✓ **The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), has introduced Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS). DGFT has amended the import policy of major paper products from 'Free' to 'Free subject to compulsory registration under PIMS'. The system shall come into effect from 1st October, 2022. As per PIMS, an importer will be required to obtain an automatic registration number through online system.**

7. Who heads the 'Board of Trade', the advisory body on foreign trade policy?

- A. Prime Minister  
B. External Affairs Minister  
C. Commerce and Industry Minister ☒  
D. Finance Minister



- ✓ **Board of Trade, the advisory body on foreign trade policy, is headed by the Commerce and Industry Minister. It includes participants from states, Union Territories, and senior officials from public and private sectors. The Government has nominated 29 non-official members from different sectors, including large and small enterprises, to the Board of Trade.**

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the centenary memorial pillar of which state assembly recently (July 2022)?

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



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the centenary memorial pillar of Bihar Assembly recently, to mark the conclusion of the one-year centennial celebration of the state legislature building. The foundation stone for the centenary pillar was laid by President Ram Nath Kovind on October 21 last year. The PM will also officially christen the garden located near the pillar as 'Shatabdi Smriti Udyan'.**

9. Arjun Babuta, Mehuli Ghosh and Tushar Mane, who recently won gold medals for India, play which sports?

- A. Weight Lifting  
B. Shooting ☒  
C. Boxing  
D. Fencing



- ✓ **India's Arjun Babuta won his first International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage gold, by beating Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Lucas Kozeniesky of the USA. The championship is being held in Changwon, Korea. Mehuli Ghosh and Tushar Mane have won the 10m Air Rifle Mixed team gold at the World Cup.**

10. Which is the first non-English language series to be nominated for the best drama at the Emmy Awards?

- A. Squid Game ☒  
B. Forbrydelsen  
C. Spiral  
D. L'Imposteur



- ✓ **The nominations for the 74<sup>th</sup> Primetime Emmy Awards were announced recently. It is a major American award for performing arts and entertainment. 'Succession' got the highest nominations at 25. The South Korean survival drama Squid Game bagged 14 nominations and also became the first non-English language series to be nominated for the best drama at the Emmy Awards.**

1. As per the recent update from the IMF (July 2022), what is India's growth forecast for 2022–23?

- A. 6.8%
- B. 7.0%
- C. 7.4% ☒
- D. 8.0%



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has cut India's growth forecast for 2022–23 (FY23) to 7.4 per cent, citing less favourable external conditions and fast policy tightening by RBI. Asian Development Bank recently slashed its growth projection for India to 7.2 per cent for FY23, from 7.5 percent.

2. Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award was recently presented to which leader?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Volodymyr Zelenskyy ☒
- D. Jacinda Ardern



- ✓ British Prime Minister Boris Johnson presented Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with the Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award. Zelenskyy accepted the award by video link during a ceremony at the London office. Boris Johnson was the first Western leader to visit Ukraine after Russia's invasion. The Churchill leadership award was first presented in the year 2006.

3. Which country has announced to quit the International Space Station after 2024?

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



- ✓ Russia has decided to quit the International Space Station after 2024, as per the newly-appointed chief of Moscow's space agency. Russia and the United States have worked on the ISS, which has been in orbit since the year 1998. Some of the key accomplishments of the Soviet space programme are sending the first man into space in 1961 and launching the first satellite four years earlier.

4. India has been elected as the host of ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in which year?

- A. 2023
- B. 2025 ☒
- C. 2027
- D. 2030

2025

- ✓ The International Cricket Council (ICC) Board approved Bangladesh, India, England and Sri Lanka as the four host countries of the ICC women's cricket events. While the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 will be hosted by Bangladesh for the second time, the 2026 edition goes to England. The next ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in 2025 will be hosted by India and Sri Lanka will host the Women's T20 Champions Trophy 2027.

5. As per recent government data, how many tigers died in the last three years in India?

- A. 29  
B. 129  
C. 229  
D. 329 ☒



- ✓ According to data presented by Union Minister of State for Environment in the Lok Sabha, India lost 329 tigers in the last three years due to poaching, natural and unnatural causes. It also added that 125 people have been killed in tiger attacks in this period. Around 307 elephants have died in this period due to poaching, electrocution, poisoning and train accidents. Out of them, 222 elephants died due to electrocution in the last three years.

6. 'Kharchi' is a traditional festival is celebrated in which state/UT?

- A. Assam  
B. Tripura ☒  
C. Madhya Pradesh  
D. Gujarat



- ✓ 'Kharchi' is a week-long traditional festival, in which prayer to 14 Gods and Goddess is offered with religious fervour. The festival began in presence of thousands of devotees from across the country at Khayerpur, Tripura. It started with the bathing procession of the deities at River Haora.

7. What is the proportion of unmarried persons in the range of 15–29 years in 2019, as per a recent NSO Survey?

- A. 9%  
B. 15%  
C. 23% ☒  
D. 32%



- ✓ The National Statistical Office report said that from 2011–2019, the proportion of unmarried persons within the age bracket of 15–29 years has increased from 17.2 per cent to 23 per cent. Among males the percentage of unmarried population raised from 20.8 per cent in 2011 to 26.1 per cent in 2019 while in female, increased from 13.5 per cent in 2011 to 19.9 per cent in 2019.



8. Which Indian Film makers were awarded the Icon Award at the 2022 London Indian Film Festival?

- A. Aparna Sen and Nandita Das ☒
- B. Leena Manimekalai and Nandita Das
- C. Shankar and Lokesh Kanagaraj
- D. Nandita Das and Sudha Kongara



- ✓ **Filmmakers Aparna Sen and Nandita Das have been awarded the Icon Award at the 2022 London Indian Film Festival for their contribution to Indian and global cinema. The London Indian Film Festival (LIFF) was held across four cities of London, Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds.**

9. Which authority recently issued an advisory to e-commerce platforms on the sale of AYUSH Drugs?

- A. Central Consumer Protection Authority ☒
- B. Ministry of AYUSH
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ **The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued an advisory to e-commerce platforms on the sale of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani (AYUSH) drugs. As per the advisory, e-commerce platforms should sell Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs only after customers upload valid medical prescriptions from the registered practitioners on the platforms.**

10. Brijendra Kumar Syngal, who passed away recently, was also called as?

- A. Father of Green Revolution
- B. Father of Internet in India ☒
- C. Father of White Revolution
- D. Father of PSUs in India



- ✓ **Brijendra Kumar Syngal, who is also referred to as father of Internet in India, passed away recently at the age of 82. He was the former chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited. Under his leadership, the company rolled out India's internet service. He was earlier associated with satellite communications company Inmarsat.**

1. UN-backed agencies issued first-ever global policy framework to protect which category of people displaced due to climate change?

- A. Elderly people
- B. Children ☒
- C. Physically and mentally challenged
- D. LGBTQ people



- ✓ International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), Georgetown University and the UN University issued first-ever global policy framework to protect children displaced due to climate change. 'The Guiding Principles for Children on the Move in the Context of Climate Change' comprises a set of nine principles to address the vulnerabilities of children who were forced for internal as well cross-border migrations.

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2. When is the 'International Tiger Day' observed every year?

- A. July.27
- B. July.29 ☒
- C. July.31
- D. August.1



- ✓ 'International Tiger Day' is observed every year across the world on July 29. The objective is to raise awareness among individuals, organisations, and governments about the importance of the conservation of tigers. International Tiger Day was introduced in 2010 after it was discovered that 97 percent of tigers disappeared in the past century. According to the WWF, the current population of tigers is 3,900. India is home to around 70% of the world's tiger population.

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3. Who has been selected as the Team India Flagbearer at the 2022 Commonwealth Games?

- A. Mary Kom
- B. P V Sindhu ☒
- C. Neeraj Chopra
- D. Mirabai Chanu



- ✓ The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced two-time Olympic medal winning player PV Sindhu as the Team India Flagbearer at the 2022 Commonwealth Games opening ceremony in Birmingham. The 2022 edition of the Commonwealth Games also has the largest contingent of female athletes in the history of the Games. As many as 205 participants are set to take part in the games in 20 sports. Top Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra had to withdraw due to an injury.

4. Which telecom provider executes the recent project which aims to provide 4G mobile services in all uncovered villages?

- A. Bharti Airtel      B. BSNL ☒  
C. Jio      D. VI



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a project for providing 4G mobile services in all uncovered (24,680) villages in remote and difficult areas of the country. The project will be executed by BSNL using Atmanirbhar Bharat's 4G technology stack and will be funded through Universal Service Obligation Fund. The total project cost is Rs 26,316 crore.

5. Which institution introduced a new scheme to provide enhanced export credit risk insurance cover to support small exporters?

- A. LIC  
B. ECGC ☒  
C. PFRDA  
D. IRDAI



- ✓ Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) has introduced a new scheme to provide enhanced export credit risk insurance cover up to 90% to support small exporters. This cover is provided under the Export Credit Insurance for Banks Whole Turnover Packaging Credit and Post Shipment (ECIB- WTPC & PS). The scheme would benefit small-scale exporters availing of export credit with banks.

6. 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.

7. Which is the headquarters of 'International Rice Research Institute' (IRRI)?

- A. Aduthurai, Tamil Nadu, India      B. Manila, Philippines  
C. Los Baños, Philippines ☒      D. Rome, Italy



- ✓ The International Rice Research Institute is an international agricultural research and training organization with its headquarters in Los Baños, Laguna in the Philippines. It was founded in 1960.

India's Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare (DA&FW) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) for Phase -2 activities of IRRI South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC).

8. Mes Aynak, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Afghanistan ☒



- ✓ The ancient Buddhist city, Mes Aynak was a vast city organised around the extraction and trade of copper. It was carved out of peaks near Kabul in Afghanistan. It was believed to be between 1,000 and 2,000 years old. In 2007, the Chinese mining giant Metallurgical Group Corporation (MCC) signed a \$3 billion contract to mine ore over 30 years. The project is once again a priority for Talibans and China.

9. Which Indian player won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 in Serbia?

- A. Gukesh
- B. Praggnanandhaa ☒
- C. Viswanathan Anand
- D. Soumya Swaminathan



- ✓ Young Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa has won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 in Serbia. The 16-year-old remained unbeaten and scored 8 points from nine rounds. He will be part of a strong India 'B' team in the 44<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad to be held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

10. Which bank was named as 'World's Best SME Bank' by Euromoney?

- A. RBS Bank
- B. DBS Bank ☒
- C. State Bank of India
- D. Standard Chartered Bank



- ✓ DBS Bank was named as the 'World's Best SME Bank' by Euromoney for second time. The bank also clinched three more awards. They include World's Best 'Financial Innovation of the year', 'Asia's Best Bank for Wealth Management' and 'Best Bank in Hong Kong'.