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1. The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been extended till which year?

- A. 2023–24
- B. 2024–25
- C. 2025–26 ☒
- D. 2029–30



- ✓ The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been approved for continuation till 2025–26 with the total outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore. The extension of the scheme is over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle for five years from 2021–22 to 2025–26. The scheme will create sustainable employment opportunities for about 40 lakh persons in five financial years. It is implemented by the Ministry of micro, small and medium enterprises.

2. Which institution recently unveiled 'Param Ananta' Super Computer?

- A. IIT Guwahati
- B. NIT Tiruchirappalli
- C. IIT Gandhinagar ☒
- D. IIT Madras



- ✓ The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar have jointly unveiled a new supercomputer called Param Ananta. It was launched in phase two of the central government's National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
- ✓ The supercomputer is capable of offering peak performance of 838 teraflops. With this, India has 15 supercomputers disclosed to the public, with a combined performance capability of 24 petaflops.

3. Which institution released the report titled 'Tobacco: Poisoning Our Planet'?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. World Health Organization ☒
- C. UNICEF
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) released a report titled 'Tobacco: Poisoning Our Planet' to coincide with World No Tobacco Day. It found that the tobacco industry is responsible for the annual loss of eight million human lives, 600 million trees, 200,000 hectares of land, 22 billion tonnes of water, and releases about 84 million tonnes of CO₂ into the Earth's atmosphere. The report called for steps to make the industry more accountable for the destruction.

4. Which state is the top sugar producer of India in 2021–22?

- A. Kerala
- B. Maharashtra ☒
- C. Assam
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Maharashtra has overtaken Uttar Pradesh (UP) to regain its position as India's top sugar producer, in the year 2021–22, after five-year gap. The state's output for the 2021–22 crushing year–October–September– stood at 138 lakh tonnes (lt). That is highest ever beating the previous 107.21 lakh tonnes of 2018–19. Maharashtra is followed by Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.

5. Which country has recently signed a free trade agreement (FTA) with the United Arab Emirates?

- A. Australia
- B. Israel ☒
- C. France
- D. Italy



- ✓ Israel has signed a free trade agreement with the United Arab Emirates, its first big trade pact with an Arab state. The agreement, which aimed at boosting trade between the two Middle Eastern nations, would encourage more Israeli companies to set up offices in the UAE, particularly in Dubai. The deal with Israel is UAE's second bilateral free trade agreement after a similar accord with India in February.

6. Which Union Ministry launched the 'GatiShakti Sanchar portal'?

- A. Ministry of Railways
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- D. Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒



- ✓ Ministry of Electronics and IT launched the 'GatiShakti Sanchar' portal, which aims to accelerate approvals for laying of fibre and tower installations, ahead of the 5G roll-out in the country. The portal will enable centralised right of way (RoW) approvals for telecom infrastructure projects and can be used by industries to apply for RoW approvals, including for 5G services. The portal brings down the time taken for approvals from nearly 100 days to around 22.

7. What is the theme of the 'World Migratory Bird Day 2022'?

- A. Impact of Light Pollution on Migratory Birds ☒
- B. Impact of Air Pollution on Migratory Birds
- C. Impact of Noise Pollution on Migratory Birds
- D. Impact of Pandemic on Migratory Birds

- ✓ **World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated on May 14. It aims to highlight the issue of the well-being of migratory birds such as loss of habitat, climate change, poisoning, and illegal killing. World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated on two peak days each year– the second Saturdays of May and October, to highlight the need for international collaboration. The theme of this year is ‘Impact of Light Pollution on Migratory Birds’. At least, 229 species of birds arrive in the country every year.**

8. Who was the highest-paid athlete in the world, as per Forbes’ list of 2022?

- A. Lionel Messi ☒
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. LeBron James
- D. Cristiano Ronaldo



- ✓ **Ace football player Lionel Messi was the highest-paid athlete in the world over the last 12 months, as per the Forbes’ list of highest paid athletes 2022. Messi earns around USD 75 million a year from playing soccer, also receives USD 55 million from sponsorship deals and endorsements. He is ahead of LeBron James and rival Cristiano Ronaldo on the list. Previously in 2019, Messi topped the Forbes’ list.**

9. ‘Roy: Going for Broke’ is the autobiography of which cricketer?

- A. Shane Warne
- B. Andrew Symonds ☒
- C. Ricky Ponting
- D. Adam Gilchrist



- ✓ **Former Australia cricketer and two-time World Cup winner Andrew Symonds recently passed away in a car crash. He played all three formats of cricket as a batting all-rounder. The 46-year-old featured in 198 ODIs, scoring six centuries and 30 half-centuries. He also contributed 133 wickets. ‘Roy: Going for Broke’ was his auto-biography written with Stephen Gray.**

10. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully tested solid rocket booster HS-200, component of which mission?

- A. Gaganyaan ☒
- B. Aditya-L1
- C. Chandrayaan-3
- D. Aditya-L2



- ✓ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully tested solid rocket booster HS-200, a key component for the Gaganyaan manned mission programme. The test was conducted at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. HS-200 booster loaded with 203 tonnes of solid propellant was tested for duration of 135 seconds. The launch vehicle is indigenous developed by ISRO in participation with various industries.**

1. As per the recent NSO Update (June 2022), what is the GDP growth estimate of India in 2021–22?

- A. 8.5 per cent
- B. 8.7 per cent ☒
- C. 8.9 per cent
- D. 9.2 per cent



- ✓ National Statistical Office (NSO) marginally slashed its year-on-year gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast to 8.7 per cent, down from 8.9 per cent estimated in February. The fourth quarter (January–March period of 2021–22) GDP growth was recorded at 4.1 per cent. The economy witnessed a 6.6 per cent contraction in 2020–21. The latest GDP growth estimate is lower than the second advance estimate of 8.9 per cent (released in February) and first advance estimate of 9.2 per cent (released in January).

2. What are the new annual premium rates of PMJJBY and PMSBY respectively, with effect from June 1, 2022?

- A. Rs 520 and Rs 40
- B. Rs 436 and Rs 20 ☒
- C. Rs 400 and Rs 40
- D. Rs 350 and Rs 30



- ✓ The government raised the premium for Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), to make them economically viable. The premium rate of PMJJBY has been revised upward to Rs 1.25 per day, with an increase from Rs 330 to Rs 436 annually. The annual premium for PMSBY has been hiked from Rs 12 to Rs 20. The new premium rates are effective from June 1, 2022.

3. What is the fiscal deficit recorded in India for 2021–22 (in percentage of GDP)?

- A. 7.51 %
- B. 7.01 %
- C. 6.71 % ☒
- D. 6.21 %



- ✓ The Controller General of Accounts (CGA) released the fiscal deficit for 2021–22, which improved to 6.71 per cent of the GDP over the revised budget estimate of 6.9 per cent. The fiscal deficit in absolute terms was Rs 15,86,537 crore (provisional). The tax receipts during the fiscal stood at Rs 18.2 trillion as against the revised estimates (RE) of Rs 17.65 trillion.

4. Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of NARCL (National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd)?

- A. Urjit Patel
- B. Natarajan Sundar ☒
- C. Ashwani Bhatia
- D. Nitin Chugh



- ✓ **Former State Bank of India Deputy Managing Director Natarajan Sundar has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of NARCL (National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd) as MD & CEO. NARCL is the joint initiative of Public and Private Sector Banks, and is expected to takeover bad loans from banks and focus on resolution and recoveries. NARCL has shareholding from 15 Indian Banks and Canara Bank is the sponsor bank.**

5. What is the theme of the 'World No Tobacco Day 2022'?

- A. Tobacco: A Threat to our Humanity
- B. Tobacco: A Threat to our Environment ☒
- C. Tobacco: A Threat to Health
- D. Dangers of smoking



- ✓ **World No Tobacco Day is observed on May 31 every year to create awareness of the dangers of smoking, tobacco companies and their business practices. This year's theme for World No Tobacco Day 2022 is 'Tobacco: A Threat to our Environment.' Nearly 3.5 million hectares of land are destroyed every year to grow tobacco. As per the United Nations, consumption of tobacco kills more than 8 million people every year.**

6. What is the theme of the 'International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia' 2022?

- A. Our Bodies. Our Lives. Our Rights ☒
- B. Fundamental Rights of LGBTIQ+
- C. Bodily Autonomy
- D. Decriminalise Diversity



- ✓ **The 'International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia' is observed on 17 May every year. The Day celebrates diversity and raises awareness of the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTIQ+) people. This year's theme has been chosen to be Our Bodies. Our Lives. Our Rights.**

7. Naveen Srivastava has been appointed as the ambassador to which country?

- A. USA
- B. Nepal ☒
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Ukraine



- ✓ India announced the appointment of Naveen Srivastava, the additional secretary in the external affairs ministry, as the next ambassador to Nepal. Srivastava will succeed Vinay Kwatra, who became foreign secretary this month. India and Nepal signed six agreements during the Nepal visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, including one for the 490-MW Arun-4 hydropower project.

8. World AIDS Vaccine Day is celebrated to commemorate the speech made by which US President?

- A. George Bush
B. Bill Clinton ☒
C. Barack Obama
D. Abraham Lincoln



- ✓ 'World AIDS Vaccine Day' is observed annually on May 18 to honour the healthcare professionals, researchers, volunteers and community members for their work to find a safe and effective preventive HIV vaccine. It also commemorates the delivered by former US President Bill Clinton on May 18, 1997 in which he insisted on the need for an effective and preventive HIV vaccine that would control the spread of HIV. At the end of 2020, there were 37.7 million people living with HIV, and 0.68 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses.

9. The Supreme Court had directed which state to compensate victims who suffered effects of endosulfan?

- A. Odisha
B. Kerala ☒
C. Karnataka
D. West Bengal



- ✓ The Supreme Court slammed Kerala as it failed to comply with January 2017 order requiring them to compensate victims who suffered effects of endosulfan pesticide. The judgment had directed three steps – identification of victims, disbursement of ₹5 lakh compensation to each victim, and setting up medical facilities to deal with the long-term health effects arising from the effects of endosulfan. The Supreme Court banned the use of Endosulfan in 2012.

10. National Dengue Day is observed in India during which month?

- A. October B. January
C. April D. May ☒



- ✓ Every May 16, National Dengue Day is observed to spread awareness about the vector-borne disease. Every year, around 400 million dengue infections occur worldwide, with around 96 million resulting in severe disease. The campaign was started by the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry. Dengue fever is a mosquito-borne disease caused by any of four Aedes species. These mosquitoes carry viruses that also cause West Nile Virus illness and yellow fever.

1. What is the name of the campaign launched to ensure complete Covid–19 vaccination (in June 2022)?

- A. Har Ghar Dastak Campaign 2.0 ☒
- B. Atmanirbhar Vaccine Campaign 2.0
- C. Pradhan Mantri Vaccine Campaign
- D. Garib Kalyan Vaccine Campaign 2.0



- ✓ **The Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0 was organised across the country to ensure complete Covid–19 vaccination of all eligible beneficiaries. The special focus was on those in the 12–14 age group and precaution dose for those above 60. The two-month long door-to-door campaign will run between June 1 and July 31. The first Har Ghar Dastak campaign was conducted in 2021 November. As many as 193.6 crore doses have been administered across the country, so far.**

2. The Union Cabinet expanded the scope of Government e–Marketplace (GeM) to allow which entity to register as buyers?

- A. Post Offices
- B. Cooperative Societies ☒
- C. Small Finance Banks
- D. Common Service Centres



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet expanded the scope of the public procurement portal Government e–Marketplace (GeM) to allow cooperative societies to register as buyers. Over 8,54,000 registered cooperatives and their 270 million members will be benefitted.**

3. Who has won the ‘2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champion Award’?

- A. Cécile Ndjebet ☒
- B. David Attenborough
- C. Kimiko Hirata
- D. Sharon Lavigne



- ✓ **Activist Cécile Ndjebet of Cameroon won the 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award in recognition of her contribution to preserving forests and improving the lives of people depending on forests. The award is presented by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), which is chaired by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The award was conferred at a ceremony during the XV World Forestry Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea.**

4. As per the recent amendment in the National Policy on Biofuels, what is the target year of blending 20 percent ethanol in petrol?

- A. 2024–25
- B. 2025–26 ☒
- C. 2029–30
- D. 2039–40



- ✓ The Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the amendments to the National Policy on Biofuels. It advanced the target of blending 20 percent ethanol in petrol to 2025–26 from 2030. At present, about 10 percent of ethanol is blended in petrol. More feed stocks have been allowed for the production of bio-fuels which can be doped with auto fuels.

5. Which institution developed 'HANSA-NG', the new generation two-seater flying trainer aircraft?

- A. CSIR–NAL ☒
- B. BRO
- C. DRDO
- D. HAL



- ✓ HANSA-NG, the new generation two-seater flying trainer aircraft designed and developed by Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)–National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), successfully completed in-flight engine relight test. The test was carried out at the aeronautical test range (ATR) facility of Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), Karnataka.

6. India signed a MoU with which country for cooperation in Fertilizer Sector?

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. Japan
- D. Jordan ☒



- ✓ A high-level delegation led by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers visited Jordan for enhanced cooperation in Fertilizer Sector amid Global Fertilizers crisis. An MoU was signed with Jordan for supply of 30 LMT Rock Phosphate, 2.50 LMT DAP, 1 LMT phosphoric acid for the current year.

7. World Bee Day is observed during which month annually?

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



- ✓ World Bee Day is observed annually on 20 May, to raise awareness about the essential roles bees play in supporting people and the environment. It is organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on the birth anniversary Slovenian beekeeper Anton Janša– the pioneer of modern beekeeping. This year, World Bee Day will be celebrated under the theme – “Bee Engaged: celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems”.

8. Which city is to house the ‘Vulture Gene Bank’, for conservation of the critically–endangered species?

- A. Tenkasi
B. Mysuru ☒
C. Mukurthi
D. Kalakkad



- ✓ The University of Mysore’s Department of Studies in Genetics and Genomics signed a MoU with the Karnataka Forest Department for a study on biodiversity of vultures in Ramadevarabetta hills in Ramanagaram using DNA profiling techniques ‘Vulture Gene Bank’ is set to be established in Mysuru for conservation of the critically–endangered species. The genetics department has proposed to start vulture genome studies soon to save the species from getting extinct.

9. The ‘National Endangered Species Day’ is celebrated on which day of May?

- A. First Sunday of May
B. Last Saturday of May
C. Last Sunday of May
D. Third Friday of May ☒



- ✓ National Endangered Species Day is celebrated every year on the third Friday of May and this year it is celebrated on 20 May. The day aims to create awareness among people about endangered species and the different steps we can take to protect them. The Endangered Species Act of 1973 came into existence on 28 December. The act aims to raise the need for wildlife conservation and rehabilitation of endangered species.

10. Which date is observed as ‘International Families Day’?

- A. May.15 ☒ B. May.30
C. June.01 D. June.03



INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF FAMILIES
15 MAY 2022

- ✓ On May 15, the United Nations celebrates International Families Day worldwide. The United Nations General Assembly declared the day in 1993. For the International Day of Families 2022, the UN Secretary–General has chosen the theme of “Families and Urbanization”. The focus for this year is to increase awareness of the importance of family–friendly and sustainable urban policies.

1. What is the name of the new model schools proposed by the Union Education Ministry?

- A. PM Model schools
- B. PM Shri schools ☒
- C. Atmanirbhar schools
- D. Bharat Gaurav schools



- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan addressed the National Education Ministers' Conference in Gujarat's Gandhinagar with a focus on implementation of the new National Educational Policy 2020. He announced that the Education Ministry is in the process of establishing 'PM Shri schools' as the laboratory of NEP 2020. The schools will be fully equipped to prepare students for the future.

2. Which country has recently voted to join the European Union's Defence policy?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Denmark ☒
- C. Malta
- D. Vatican City



- ✓ Denmark is set to join the European Union's defence policy after it held a referendum for the decision. Denmark is the only EU member that is not part of the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). The Denmark government has succeeded in abolishing an exemption secured in a 1993 referendum on the Maastricht Treaty. Sweden and Finland also placed historic bids to join NATO, which will be taken up at the upcoming summit.

3. India signed a 'Vision statement for defence cooperation' with which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Israel ☒
- C. Italy
- D. France



- ✓ India and Israel adopted a 'Vision statement' for strengthening defence cooperation in future. The statement marked 30 years of diplomatic ties between the two countries. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Israeli counterpart held bilateral talks in New Delhi. The two leaders discussed defence cooperation and the global and regional defence scenario. Israel recently signed the instrument of ratification of the International Solar Alliance.

4. When is the 'World Bicycle Day' celebrated every year?

- A. June.1
- B. June.3 ☒
- C. June.5
- D. June.7



- ✓ **World Bicycle Day is celebrated every year on June 3, to develop a culture of cycling for basic transportation, commutation, and strengthening physical and mental health. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launched a nationwide 'Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle Rally' from Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, Delhi on the occasion of World Bicycle Day 2022.**

5. As per the RBI's recent directions, what is the charge levied for card-less cash transactions?

- A. Rs 0.50 per transaction
- B. Rs 10 per month
- C. Rs 25 per month
- D. No charges to be levied ☒



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asked all banks and ATM operators to make cardless cash withdrawal facility, known as ICCW (Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal), available at all ATMs across all banks in India. UPI would be used for customer authorisation in such transactions, settlement would be through the National Financial Switch (NFS)/ATM networks. The card-less cash transactions shall be processed without levy of any charges.**

6. 'Mujib – The Making of a Nation' movie is jointly produced by which countries?

- A. Bangladesh and Nepal
- B. Bangladesh and China
- C. Bangladesh and India ☒
- D. Bangladesh, Myanmar and India



- ✓ **The 90-second trailer of the feature film on 'Mujib – The Making of a Nation' directed by Shri Shyam Benegal was released recently.**
- ✓ **The Ministry of Information Broadcasting, Government of India and the Ministry of Information Broadcasting, Government of Bangladesh are producers of the film. National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) of India and Bangladesh's Film Development Corporation (FDC) signed the Agreement for the film on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 2020.**

7. Yagachi River, which was seen in the news, flows in which state?

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



- ✓ The Yagachi reservoir located in the Hassan district of Karnataka was full for the first time in May. Due to the heavy rains in the catchment area, the water level reached 3164.06 ft against the maximum of 3164.90 ft. Yagachi River arises in the Western Ghats near Chickmagalur, flows through Belur, Hassan District, where it becomes a tributary of the Hemavati River.

8. Which organisation announced to fund USD 30 billion to tackle global food crisis?

- A. Food and Agricultural Organisation
- B. World Bank ☒
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. International Monetary Fund



- ✓ The World Bank has announced that it has planned to implement a global response to the food security crisis, with up to USD 30 billion funding in existing and new projects. Financing in areas such as agriculture, nutrition, social protection, water and irrigation will be available for implementation to address food insecurity over the next 15 months. The World Bank is also working with countries to prepare USD 12 billion of new projects to fight food security crisis.

9. Where is the 'CSIR–Central Leather Research Institute' located in India?

- A. Pune
- B. Chennai ☒
- C. Lucknow
- D. Mysuru



- ✓ Union Minister of State Ministry of Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh addressed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of CSIR–Central Leather Research Institute in Chennai. He announced that the leather industry in India will aim at net–zero carbon footprint. In 2021, export realization from the leather sector is valued at Rs 40,000 crores. The Minister also announced about the efforts to prepare customised footwear for Indians by using 3D technology.

10. The 'International Tea Day' was celebrated on which day every year?

- A. May.21 ☒
- B. May.30
- C. June.01
- D. June.03



- ✓ The 'International Tea Day' is celebrated across the world on May 21. In 2019, the UN General Assembly had marked May 21 as the International Day for Tea to promote production and consumption of the beverage. Food and Agricultural Organization's Intergovernmental Group insisted on making more efforts to expand tea demand in tea–producing countries, where per capita consumption is relatively low.

1. Which Union Ministry launched the “Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas” (SHRESTHA) scheme?

- A. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Tribal Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched “Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas” (SHRESTHA). It aims to provide quality education and opportunities for the poorest Scheduled Caste students. Under this scheme, a certain number of meritorious SC students per year will be selected through a National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS), conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). They will be admitted in the good private residential schools, affiliated to CBSE.

2. Ministry of Tourism launched the ‘National strategy for sustainable tourism’ along with which organisation?

- A. FAO
- B. UNEP ☒
- C. World Bank
- D. World Economic Forum



- ✓ Ministry of Tourism, in association with the United Environment Program (UNEP) and Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) organised the ‘National summit on developing sustainable and responsible tourist destinations’ in New Delhi. On this occasion, the Ministry of Tourism launched the national strategy for sustainable tourism and the responsible traveller campaign.

3. What is the theme of the ‘World Environment Day 2022’?

- A. Invest in our Planet
- B. Only One Earth ☒
- C. 50th Environment Day
- D. Live with the Nature



- ✓ The World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5, to raise awareness about degrading environmental conditions and environment protection. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the nodal agency that organises and supports events across the world. The year 2022 marks the 50th World Environment Day. Sweden is the host of the event this year and the theme is ‘Only One Earth’.

4. Which state launched a special Health Care scheme called 'Anchal' for pregnant women?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Rajasthan launched a special Health Care scheme 'Anchal' in the Karauli district for pregnant women. During the campaign, over 13000 pregnant women were tested for their haemoglobin levels and are advised to take right medicines.

5. What is the new rate of interest ratified by the Government for the 'employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2021–22?

- A. 8.7%
- B. 8.5%
- C. 8.1% ☒
- D. 7.5%



- ✓ The Government has approved 8.1 per cent rate of interest on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for the year 2021–22, from 8.5 per cent provided in the previous year. The 8.1 per cent EPF rate of interest is the lowest since 1977–78, when it stood at 8 per cent. The interest rate on EPF deposits was decided by the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) and was ratified by the finance ministry 2021.

6. Nikhat Zareen, who recently won a gold medal for India in World Championship, plays which sports?

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Badminton
- C. Boxing ☒
- D. Squash



- ✓ 25-year-old boxer from Telangana Nikhat Zareen won the gold medal in the women's World Boxing Championships in the flyweight (52 kg) category. She also became only the fifth Indian woman to win the championship. Nikhat started her boxing journey in 2009, won the youth world championship in 2011 and reached till quarter finals of senior world championship in 2016.

7. India's first 'Wargame Research and Development Centre' (WARDEC) is announced to be set up in which city?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Kochi
- D. Visakhapatnam



- ✓ The Army Training Command signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), Gandhinagar to develop a 'War-game Research and Development Centre' in New Delhi. The project named 'WARDEC', will be a first-of-its-kind simulation-based training centre in India that will use artificial intelligence (AI) to design virtual reality war-games.

8. Which space company successfully conducted a static fire test of 'Kalam-100 rocket'?

- A. NSIL
B. Sky root ☒
C. Pixxel
D. Agnikul



- ✓ Hyderabad-based space technology start-up Skyroot Aerospace successfully conducted a static fire test of its Kalam-100 rocket that will power the Vikram-1 launch vehicle. The third stage, named Kalam-100 after former President APJ Abdul Kalam. The Vikram-1 vehicle has been designed to deliver 480 kilograms to 500 kilometers of cargo in the Low Inclination Orbit.

9. Anthony Albanese has won the Presidential Elections of which country?

- A. United Kingdom
B. France
C. Australia ☒
D. New Zealand



- ✓ In the recently held Australian Presidential Elections, Labor Party won at least 72 seats, compared with 52 of Scott Morrison's Liberal-National Coalition. Anthony Albanese-led Labor Party is set to come into power for the first time since 2013. Prime Minister Scott Morrison's conservative government conceded defeat.

10. What is the theme of the 'International Day for Biological Diversity 2022'?

- A. Building a shared future for all life ☒
B. Inclusive and Inspiring
C. Rights for All life
D. Co-exist and Co-operate



- ✓ International Day for Biological Diversity is observed on May 22 every year. The theme for this year is "Building a shared future for all life". The United Nations proclaimed the day, which aims to spread awareness about issues of biodiversity in the world. Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate change Bhupender Yadav inaugurated Biological Diversity Exhibition at Chennai.

1. What is the name of the new national portal launched for credit-linked government schemes?

- A. PM Atmanirbhar Portal
- B. Jan Samarth Portal ☒
- C. Jan Sandesh Portal
- D. Bharat Samarth Portal



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the national portal for credit-linked government schemes named 'Jan Samarth Portal'. Jan Samarth Portal is a one-stop digital portal linking government credit schemes, to connect beneficiaries to lenders. It provides people with the right government benefits through simple and easy digital processes.

2. Which country launched its manned mission to its Tiangong Space station?

- A. Japan
- B. Israel
- C. China ☒
- D. South Korea



- ✓ China successfully launched its third manned mission to its new space station, sending three astronauts to continue construction work for six months. China's Manned Space Agency (CMSA) announced that the Shenzhou-14 spacecraft was launched by a Long March 2F rocket. The team will live and work at the Tiangong Space Station's Tianhe core module for six months.

3. Who is the winner of the French Open 2022 Men's single title?

- A. Novak Djokovic
- B. Rafael Nadal ☒
- C. Casper Ruud
- D. Lucas Alcaraz



- ✓ Tennis player Rafael Nadal won the final match to beat Casper Ruud and claim his 14th French Open Men's single title. With this victory, Nadal claimed his 14th championship at Roland Garros and 22nd Grand Slam title overall. French Open is a Grand Slam tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France.

4. Which country launched the global initiative 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement'?

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. India ☒
- D. Japan



- ✓ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a global initiative Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement, on the occasion of World Environment Day through video conferencing. The idea of LiFE was originally introduced by the Prime Minister during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties COP-26 in Glasgow. 'LiFE Global Call for Papers' was initiated inviting ideas and suggestions to adopt an environment-conscious lifestyle.

5. 'Ex SAMPRITI-X' is a joint military training exercise between India and which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Japan
- C. Bangladesh ☒
- D. France



- ✓ 'Ex SAMPRITI-X', a joint military training exercise between India and Bangladesh commenced in Bangladesh, as part of bilateral defence cooperation. The military training exercise is aimed at strengthening the features of interoperability and cooperation between both armies. The Indian contingent is represented by a battalion of the Dogra regiment.

6. 'Shellebrate!' is the theme of which International Day?

- A. World Turtle Day ☒
- B. World Tuna Day
- C. World Water Day
- D. World Environment Day



- ✓ World Turtle Day is celebrated on 23 May globally, to raise awareness about the ways to help turtles to survive in their natural habitat. The theme for World Turtle Day 2022 is – 'Shellebrate!', to ask everyone to love and save Turtles. This special day was founded by the American Tortoise Rescue (ATR), a non-profit organisation in 1990.

7. World Red Cross Day is observed on which date?

- A. May.08 ☒
- B. May.10
- C. June.05
- D. June.07



- ✓ To commemorate the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the World Red Cross Day is celebrated every year on May 8. The day also marks the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the founder of 'International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)' and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize. The theme for 2022 is 'Be Human Kind'.

8. What is the Government's total fertiliser subsidy in the year 2022–23?

- A. Rs 1 lakh crore
B. Rs 2.15 lakh crore ☒
C. Rs 1.5 lakh crore
D. Rs 3.5 lakh crore



- ✓ The Central Government announced an additional fertiliser subsidy of ₹1.10 lakh crore, amidst the rising prices of fertiliser. This has been announced in addition to the fertiliser subsidy of ₹1.05 lakh crore in the budget. With this, the Government's total fertiliser subsidy is set to touch a record ₹2.15 lakh crore in 2022–23. The fertiliser subsidy stood at ₹1.62 lakh crore in 2021–22.

9. Which is the first country to introduce 21–day quarantine for monkeypox patients?

- A. United Kingdom
B. France
C. Belgium ☒
D. New Zealand



- ✓ Belgium has introduced a mandatory 21–day quarantine for monkey–pox patients amidst the raising cases globally. The WHO has so far confirmed 92 cases of the disease in 12 countries, with 28 more suspected cases under review. Monkeypox is a disease caused by the monke–pox virus, a part of the smallpox family. It has symptoms including rashes, fever, headaches, muscle ache, swelling and back–pain.

10. Who is the head of the RBI committee formed to evaluate the quality of customer service in banks, NBFCs, and other regulated entities?

- A. M D Patra
B. B P Kanungo ☒
C. M K Jain
D. Urjit Patel



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a committee to evaluate the efficacy, adequacy and quality of customer service in banks, NBFCs, and other entities regulated by it. The six–member committee is headed by former RBI deputy governor B P Kanungo. The committee has been asked to submit a report within three months from the date of its first meeting.

1. The 'National Tribal Research Institute' was inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A. Karnataka
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Jharkhand



- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated National Tribal Research Institute in New Delhi as part of the celebrations of the Azadi Ka Amrit festival. The National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) will provide the tribal communities with necessary resources. NTRI will also provide policy inputs to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and State Welfare Departments for programs and studies that support the socio-economic aspects of the tribes.

2. Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved the manufacture of Dornier aircraft and Su-30 MKI aero-engines by which institution?

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



- ✓ The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved the procurement of military equipment and platforms worth Rs 76,390 crore from domestic industries. The DAC approved manufacture of Dornier aircraft and Su-30 MKI aero-engines by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). DAC also approved 'Digital Coast Guard' project.

3. What is 'Agni-4', which was recently tested by India?

- A. Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile ☒
- B. Next-generation corvette
- C. Anti Submarine Missile
- D. Inter-continental Ballistic Missile



- ✓ India successfully tested the Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile Agni-4. The successful training launch was carried out from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. Agni-4 is an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile with a range of around 4,000 km. It was developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and can carry a 1,000-kg payload and can go as high as 900 km.

4. Which country hosted the multinational peacekeeping exercise 'Ex Khaan Quest 2022'?

- A. USA
- B. Mongolia ☒
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. France



- ✓ A multinational peacekeeping exercise– Ex Khaan Quest 2022 commenced recently in Mongolia. Military contingents from 16 countries including India are participating in the exercise. As per India's Defence Ministry, Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the Ladakh Scouts. The 14-day exercise will enhance the level of defence co-operation among participating countries.

5. 'Baikho festival' is predominantly celebrated in which Indian state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Punjab
- C. Assam ☒
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ People in India's north-eastern state of Assam celebrate a spring festival named 'Baikho festival'. It is predominantly observed by the people of Assam every year in June. The festival is meant to bring an auspicious harvest season with abundant crops and good health.

6. KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor/ Governor of which state/UT?

- A. Goa
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Puducherry
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Vinai Kumar Saxena, who is currently serving as the Chairperson of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi. The President of India has accepted the resignation of former L-G Anil Baijal and appointed Saxena as his successor. He was also the member of National Committee headed by Prime Minister to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence.

7. Senior IAS officer Nidhi Chibber has been appointed as the chairperson of which institution?

- A. CBSE ☒
- B. AIIMS
- C. CSIR
- D. DRDO



- ✓ Senior IAS officer Nidhi Chibber has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). Nidhi Chibber, a 1994 batch Indian Administrative Service officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, is currently Additional Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries. She succeeds the incumbent chairperson Dr Vineet Joshi IAS, as per the order issued by the Personnel Ministry.

8. What is the theme of the 75th World Health Assembly, 2022?

- A. Invest in Health Service
- B. Health for Peace, Peace for Health ☒
- C. Health Amid Pandemic
- D. Health and Global Cooperation



- ✓ The 75th World Health Assembly is being held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 22–28 May 2022. This is the first in-person Health Assembly since the start of the COVID–19 pandemic. The theme of this year's Health Assembly is: Health for peace, peace for health. The World Health Assembly is the decision-making body of WHO and it is attended by delegations from all WHO Member States.

9. Which is the first Indian company to trade domestic gas on the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX)?

- A. GAIL
- B. ONGC ☒
- C. IOCL
- D. HPCL



- ✓ ONGC has become the first exploration and production (E&P) company in India to trade domestic gas on the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX). The first online trade was made recently by ONGC on India's first automated national level Gas Exchange, IGX. The gas traded is from ONGC Krishna Godavari block.

10. Which is the venue of the 2022 Women's World Boxing Championship?

- A. Istanbul ☒
- B. Mongolia
- C. New Delhi
- D. Dhaka



- ✓ The International Boxing Association's (IBA) 2022 Women's World Boxing Championship was held in Istanbul, Turkey. Indian contingent finished the tournament with a total of three medals (one gold and two bronze). Telangana-based boxer Nikhat Zareen won gold in 52-kg category, Manisha (57kg) and Parveen (63kg) won bronze. Busenaz Sürmeneli, the Olympic and world champion was named best boxer.

1. What is the repo rate after the RBI's June 2022 Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting?

- A. 4.2%
- B. 4.5%
- C. 4.9% ☒
- D. 5.0%



- ✓ Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to hike the Policy Repo Rate by 50 basis points to 4.9 per cent in its June 2022 meeting. The MPC members voted unanimously to hike rates and to continue the withdrawal of the accommodative stance. RBI's MPC last month raised the repo rate by 40 basis points. Real GDP forecast for FY23 has been retained at 7.2% while inflation projection was revised for FY23 to 6.7%.

2. What is the new limit for auto-debit mandates done through cards and UPI (after June 2022)?

- A. Rs 5000
- B. Rs 10000
- C. Rs 15000 ☒
- D. Rs 20000



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India increased the limit for auto-debit mandates done through cards and Unified Payment Interface (UPI) to ₹15,000 from the earlier ₹5,000. It means Customers will no longer be required to authenticate recurring transactions on their subscriptions, utility bills, EMIs up to ₹15,000 with a one-time password (OTP) every time during payment.

3. What is the age limit for officers to be eligible for the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)?

- A. 60
- B. 62 ☒
- C. 65
- D. 70



- ✓ The Central Government has amended service rules of the armed forces six months after General Bipin Rawat, India's first Chief of Defence Staff, died in a helicopter crash. As per the new rules, all three-star and four-star officers from the three services under the age of 62 eligible for the post of CDS. It also includes those who retired in the last two years. The CDS is the most senior uniformed officer in rank.

4. Which organisation created a Guinness World Record for the longest continuously laid lane of 75 kms?

- A. BRO
- B. NHAI ☒
- C. Indian Army
- D. L & T Construction



- ✓ **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) created the Guinness World Record for completing the construction of 75 km continuous bituminous concrete in a single lane on NH 53 between Amravati and Akola in Maharashtra. The lane was laid in 105 hours and 33 minutes (under 5 days), breaking Qatar's record.**

5. Who is the first woman cricketer to appear in six World Cups?

- A. Jhulan Goswami
- B. Mithali Raj ☒
- C. Charlotte Edwards
- D. Clare Taylor



- ✓ **Ace woman cricketer Mithali Raj recently announced her retirement from all forms of Cricket. The 39-year-old player is the first and only woman cricketer in the world to appear in six World Cups so far. She joined the list of Sachin Tendulkar and Pakistan's Javed Miandad recently, for this feat. Her tally of 7,805 runs from 232 ODIs is the highest in the women's ODI game. She is also the long-serving India captain with a total of 10,868 runs, a women's cricket record.**

6. Which Indian state has joined the Global Network of Advanced Manufacturing Hubs (AMHUBs) of World Economic Forum (WEF)?

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



- ✓ **Andhra Pradesh has joined the Global Network of Advanced Manufacturing Hubs (AMHUBs) of the World Economic Forum (WEF). On the sidelines of the annual Davos meeting of WEF, the state government and WEF exchanged the platform partnership on "Shaping the Future of Advanced Manufacturing and Value Chains". Andhra Pradesh is the first state selected of Shaping the Future of Mobility and "Moving India" initiatives.**

7. The new restrictions on Sugar Exports is effective from which date?

- A. 2022 May 01 B. 2022 June 01 ☒
- C. 2022 August 01 D. 2023 January 01



- ✓ India has imposed restrictions on sugar exports, after curbing wheat exports. The new restrictions will come into effect from June 1. The move is primarily aimed at increasing availability of the commodity in the domestic market and curbing price rise. After an unprecedented rise in inflation fuelled by geopolitical tensions, India has been taking several measures to facilitate lowering of prices of commodities in the domestic markets.

8. What is the rank of India in the 'WEF Travel and Tourism development index' in 2022?

- A. 34 B. 45
- C. 54 ☒ D. 43

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- ✓ The World Economic Forum's latest study released the travel and tourism development index, which assessed as many as 117 countries. India was placed at the 54th spot in the overall rankings, down from 46th in 2019. As per the study, after two years of slowdown caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, India's travel and tourism sector has shown signs of recovery.

9. Indian Navy participates in Exercise Bongosagar, along with which country's Navy?

- A. France
- B. Bangladesh ☒
- C. Myanmar
- D. Nepal



- ✓ The third edition of Indian Navy – Bangladesh Navy Bilateral Exercise 'Bongosagar' commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh. The Harbour Phase of exercise will be followed by a Sea Phase in the Northern Bay of Bengal. Exercise Bongosagar is aimed at developing joint operational skills through the conduct of a wide range of maritime exercises and operations between the two navies.

10. 'International Conference on New Technologies and Innovations in Rural Roads' was organised in which city?

- A. Kanpur B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Varanasi D. Chennai



- ✓ Union Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh inaugurated the 3-day International Conference on New Technologies and Innovations in Rural Roads. During the Inaugural Session, documents including the New Technology Vision, 2022 were released. Under the Vision document, the Ministry of Rural Development seeks at least half of rural roads length to be constructed using New Technologies and Alternative Materials.

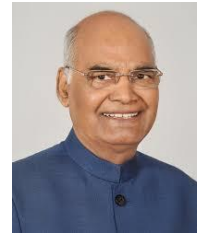
1. 'Loktantra Ke Swar' and 'Republican Ethics' are the selected speeches of which Indian personality?

A. Narendra Modi

B. Ramnath Kovind ☒

C. Venkaiah

D. S Jaishankar



- ✓ **Volume-IV of selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind named 'Loktantra Ke Swar' and 'Republican Ethics' was released by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur. The books have been published by the Publications Division under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.**

2. Union Cabinet has approved signing of MoU with which country in the field of biomedical tools and technologies?

A. Japan

B. France

C. USA ☒

D. Australia



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet approved signing of MoU among the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and International AIDS Vaccine Initiative IAVI, USA. The MoU aims to contribute towards the development of improved biomedical tools and technologies to prevent and treat HIV, TB, COVID-19 and other infectious and neglected diseases.**

3. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved which category of banks to provide doorstep banking services?

A. Local Area Banks

B. Urban Cooperative Banks ☒

C. Rural Cooperative Banks

D. Payment Banks



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India doubled the limit on housing loans from cooperative banks from Rs. 30 to Rs. 60 lakhs for Tier I cities and from Rs. 70 lakhs to Rs. 1.40 crore in case of Tier II cities.**
- ✓ **RBI also permitted Rural Cooperative Banks (RCB) to finance residential real estate projects to support affordable housing and inclusive growth. Urban cooperative banks (UCBs) were allowed to provide doorstep banking services to meet the needs of customers, especially senior citizens and differently-abled persons.**

4. Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Defence ☒
- C. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D. Ministry of MSME



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- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the enhancement of funding under Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme to 50 crore rupees per project from 10 crore rupees. In Union Budget 2022–23, 25 percent of defence R&D budget was earmarked for private industry, start-ups and academia. The TDF scheme supports indigenous development of products and technologies by MSMEs and start-ups.

5. What is the GDP Growth projection for India in FY23, as per OECD's recent report (June 2022)?

- A. 8.2%
- B. 7.5%
- C. 7.2%
- D. 6.9% ☒



- ✓ The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) sharply cut the growth for India to 6.9% growth in FY23 from 8.1% estimated earlier. The GDP growth was forecast to be 6.2 percent in 2023. This is below the Reserve Bank of India's estimate of a 7.2% growth. The World Bank also sharply slashed India's FY23 forecast to 7.5% from 8.5% in the April review.

6. Which of the following types of schools were included in the recently released National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021?

- A. Government Schools
- B. Government Aided Schools
- C. Private Unaided Schools
- D. All of the above ☒



- ✓ The Department of School Education and Literacy has released the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report which provides a comprehensive assessment of the learning ability of children in classes 3, 5, 8 and 10 in the country by conducting a comprehensive assessment survey. The last National Achievement Survey was conducted in 2017.
- ✓ Whereas NAS 2021 was conducted on November 12, 2021 at all India level which included government schools, government aided schools and private unaided schools. Around 34 lakh students from 1.18 lakh schools in 720 districts, both rural and urban, had participated in NAS 2021. The objective of NAS 2021 is to evaluate children's progress and learning ability as an

indicator of the efficiency of the education system, to take appropriate remedial actions at various levels.

7. In which metropolis, PM Narendra Modi recently laid the foundation stone of a multi-modal logistics park worth Rs 1430 crore?

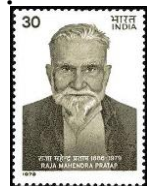
- A. Mumbai B. Delhi
C. Chennai ☒ D. Kolkata



- ✓ The Prime Minister recently laid the foundation stone of a multi-modal logistics park in Chennai with an estimated cost of Rs 1430 crore. The park is being designed to offer seamless intermodal freight movement apart from other unique multifunctionalities. PM Modi was recently in Chennai to lay the foundation stone for 11 projects worth Rs 31,530 crore.

8. In which city, PM Modi has laid foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University?

- A. Aligarh ☒ B. Pune
C. Gwalior D. Dehradun



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh. The university is being established by the Uttar Pradesh government in the memory and honour of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, freedom fighter, educationist and social reformer. The university will provide affiliation to 395 colleges of the Aligarh division.

9. Recently who has become the first woman officer to be inducted as a fighter aviator to fly a fleet of helicopters in the Army Aviation Corps (AAC)?

- A. Abhilasha Barak ☒ B. Patricia Yapp
C. Nilofer Rahmani D. Bhawana Kanth



- ✓ Captain Abhilasha Barak became the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps (AAC) as a fighter aviator to fly a fleet of helicopters. She was honored with the prestigious Wing along with 36 Army pilots by the Director General and Colonel Commandant Army Aviation during a ceremony held at Combat Army Aviation Training School in Nashik on May 25, 2022.

10. Which authority has recently launched “Abha” mobile application?

- A. Unique Identification Authority of India
B. Food Safety Authority
C. National Health Authority ☒
D. Sports Authority of India



- ✓ National Health Authority (NHA) has launched revised Ayushman Bharat Health Account (Abha) mobile application to manage health records under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. ABHA enables an individual to access their health records anytime and anywhere through the app.

1. Which social media platform launched SMBSaathi Utsav to support small businesses?

A. Facebook

B. WhatsApp ☒

C. Twitter

D. Koo



- ✓ WhatsApp India announced an initiative named SMBSaathi Utsav that aims to support small businesses by helping them adopt digital mediums such as the WhatsApp Business App. SMBSaathi Utsav commenced with a pilot in Jaipur where over 500 small businesses are being trained on running their business online. The initiative was launched in collaboration with Josh Talks.

2. Which is the world's first accreditation body to have its office space in the metaverse?

A. Medical Council of India (MCI)

B. All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) ☒

C. National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)

D. Quality Council of India (QCI)



- ✓ All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has become the first accreditation body in the world to have its office space in the metaverse. Michigan-based Information Data Systems Inc (IDS) unveiled the outlook of the AICTE in the metaverse. It is a simulated digital environment that uses augmented reality (AR) or virtual reality (VR).
- ✓ IDS launched Bharat Blockchain Network (Academic Blockchain Consortium) and Polyversity (Educational Metaverse) in the presence of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

3. Which Indian personality has been named the season ambassador of British Council's 'India/UK Together 2022, a Season of Culture'?

A. Virat Kohli

B. A R Rahman ☒

C. Deepika Padukone

D. Pa Ranjith



- ✓ Ace Music Director A R Rahman was named the season ambassador of the British Council's 'India/UK Together 2022, a Season of Culture'. The initiative was launched to celebrate India's 75th anniversary and bilateral relations between the two nations. Under the program, over 1,400 artists from India-UK will showcase collaborations in dance, music, theatre, poetry, literature, visual arts and creative technology.

4. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Green Open Access Rules 2022'?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Power ☒
- C. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D. Ministry of MSME



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Power has notified the Green Open Access Rules 2022 to accelerate India's renewable energy programmes. Under the new rules, consumers can demand green power from power distribution companies (Discoms). The green open access is allowed to all consumers and the limit of open access transaction has been reduced from 1 MW to 100 kW for green energy.**

5. Which city is the host of the 'Summit of the Americas – 2022'?

- A. New York
- B. Washington DC
- C. Los Angeles ☒
- D. Chicago



- ✓ **US President Biden and dozens of other world leaders gathered at Los Angeles for the ninth Summit of the Americas.**
- ✓ **The Summit of the Americas is organised about every three years and brings together representatives from countries in the Western region to tackle issues such as immigration, trade and poverty. Former President Bill Clinton hosted the first summit in 1994 in Miami.**

6. What is Q-CHAMP that was in discussion recently?

- A. Related to sports
- B. Related to COVID-19
- C. Related to terror attack
- D. Related to climate change ☒



- ✓ **Recognizing the urgent need to address climate change, on May 24, 2022, the leaders of the Quad (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) launched the "Quad Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Package (QAAP)" with 'mitigation' and 'adaptation' as two themes. The launch of Q-CHAMP was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese at the end of the second individual QUAD summit that was attended.**

7. When is World Thyroid Day observed every year?

- A. May 25 ☒ B. May 27
C. May 29 D. May 30



- ✓ World Thyroid Day is observed every year on 25 May. It aims to promote understanding related to thyroid disease, its symptoms and treatment. World Thyroid Day was first observed in the year 2008 by resolution of the European Thyroid Association (ETA).

8. When is the 'World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development' celebrated?

- A. May.21 ☒
B. May.22
C. May.23
D. May.24



- ✓ In 2001, UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity. In December 2002, the UN General Assembly declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. The Day highlights not only the greatness of the world's cultures, but also the role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development. The UN General Assembly unanimously adopted the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development in 2015.

9. Which country has topped the Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021?

- A. South Korea B. Japan ☒
C. Hong Kong D. Singapore



- ✓ Japan has topped the Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021, followed by the United States, Spain, France and Germany. India is ranked 54th with a score of 4.2 which is eight less than 2019.

10. Mohinder K Midha, who was in news recently, belongs to which country?

- A. United Kingdom ☒
B. France
C. Germany
D. USA



- ✓ Councilor Mohinder K Midha, an Indian-origin politician of Britain's opposition Labor Party, has been elected mayor of Ealing Council in west London. She has become the first woman mayor of a local London council belonging to the Dalit community.

1. Which country is the host of 'Shangri-La Dialogue' (Asia Security Summit)?

- A. China
- B. Singapore ☒
- C. Malaysia
- D. UAE



- ✓ The 19th Shangri-La Dialogue, hosted by International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), commenced in Singapore, two years after the COVID-19 pandemic. The Shangri-La Annual Dialogue is one among the important Asia's Defence Summits.
- ✓ It's a unique meeting where ministers debate the region's most significant security challenges. It was launched in 2002 by the British think tank IISS with the support of the Singaporean government. The Shangri-La Dialogue is officially known as the Asia Security Summit.

2. Which Indian state launched the 'Suraksha-Mitra project' vehicle monitoring system?

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



- ✓ Kerala State Transport Ministry launched a vehicle monitoring system named 'Suraksha-Mitra project'. In case of any accident, the system sends distress messages to the owners' mobile phones. The project was launched under the Nirbhaya scheme and has become operational in the State, to make road travel safer.

3. Which country has released the most detailed Geological map of the Moon so far?

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



- ✓ China has released the most detailed Geological map of the Moon, which has details of craters and structures not charted before. The United States Geological Survey had mapped and classified the entire lunar surface in collaboration with NASA in 2020. However, this map registers finer details than the US Map. The new comprehensive geologic map of the moon has a scale of 1:2500000.

4. What is the name of mascot of 44th Chess Olympiad to be hosted by Chennai in 2022?

- A. Veera
- B. Thambi ☒
- C. Arivu
- D. Bodhi



- ✓ **Honourable Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin unveiled the mascot and the logo named 'Thambi' for 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad. 'Thambi' in Tamil means younger brother. The international event will be held at Mamallapuram near Chennai and over two thousand players from 186 countries will take part in the event.**

5. The 'National Museum of Customs and GST' was recently inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A. Haryana
- B. Goa ☒
- C. New Delhi
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the National Museum of Customs and GST 'Dharohar' in Goa. It was inaugurated as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic week of the Ministry of Finance. The finance minister removed the golden sand from single piece of rock art installed at the heritage 'Blue building', which was earlier known as Alfandega, during the period of Portuguese rule in Goa. Dharohar Museum also houses a 'GST Gallery'.**

6. Which ministry launched the Indian Business Portal in New Delhi?

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



- ✓ **Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry launched the Indian Business Portal in New Delhi on May 27, 2022. The portal will act as an international trade hub for Indian exporters and foreign buyers. The portal is a business-to-business digital marketplace to empower small-medium enterprises exporters, artisans and farmers to identify new markets for their products and increase their sales globally.**

7. R Pragyanand is associated with which of the following sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Billiards
- C. Chess ☒
- D. Tennis



- ✓ 16-year-old Indian Chess Grandmaster R Pragyananda has ended the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour Chessable Masters tournament on May 27, 2022, after losing to China's Ding Liren in the final. The Indian chess player entered the final after defeating Anish Giri in the semi-final match.

8. On which day is the 'World Milk Day' celebrated every year?

- A. June.01 ☒
B. June.05
C. June.10
D. June.15



- ✓ World Milk Day was established by the (FAO) Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations in the year 2001. It is celebrated to recognize the importance of milk as a global food and to celebrate the dairy sector. FAO organised the 'Enjoy Dairy Rally' to celebrate the World Milk Day. This year's theme for the World Milk Day is "Dairy Net Zero".

9. World Hunger Day is observed on which date?

- A. May.28 ☒ B. May.30
C. June.10 D. June.15



- ✓ World Hunger Day is an initiative by The Hunger Project, which is a New York based organisation committed to end hunger across the world, through programmes in various parts of the world. It is celebrated on May 28 every year across the world. According to the United Nations' recent data, the number of people suffering from hunger is rising continuously after 2015. This year's theme for the World Hunger Day is #YouthEndingHunger.

10. Which Indian state has been selected by WHO for World No Tobacco Day Award-2022?

- A. Tamil Nadu
B. Kerala
C. Jharkhand ☒
D. Bihar



- ✓ Recognizing its efforts to control tobacco consumption, the World Health Organization (WHO) has selected Jharkhand for the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022. Jharkhand's National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) Nodal Officer Lalit Ranjan Pathak said on May 29 that the State Tobacco Control Cell of the Health Department would receive the award on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day in New Delhi.

1. Which Union Ministry launched the new draft national policy on persons with disabilities (PwD)?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- C. Ministry of Law and Justice
- D. Ministry of Women and Child Development



- ✓ The Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry has invited public feedback on the new draft national policy on persons with disabilities. It proposes interventions in disability prevention, education, healthcare, social security and accessibility. It also focussed on other causes of disability, such as malnourishment, medical negligence and impairment caused by disasters.

2. Which state ranked the highest in national e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA), as per NeSDA report?

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



- ✓ According to the National e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA) report, Kerala had the highest overall compliance score amongst all states. Jammu and Kashmir, assessed for the first time, ranked the highest among Union Territories. Meghalaya and Nagaland are the leading state portals among the northeast and hilly states. The overall score of Tamil Nadu increased the most in 2021 compared to 2019.

3. Which state/UT is the venue of the meeting of the Western Zonal Council in 2022?

- A. Goa
- B. Gujarat
- C. Daman & Diu ☒
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a meeting of the Western Zonal Council in Diu, after a gap of two years due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Western Zonal Council comprises the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
- ✓ Five Zonal Councils were set up through Part-III of the States Re-organisation Act, 1956. Other Councils are Northern Zonal Council, Central Zonal Council, Eastern Zonal Council, and Southern Zonal Council.

4. What is the theme of the 'World Day Against Child Labour 2022'?

- A. Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour ☒
- B. Rehabilitation and Restoration
- C. Importance of Education
- D. Commitment to End Child Labour



- ✓ **World Day Against Child Labour is marked every year on 12 June across the world. The day aims to raise awareness about the exploitation of children who are engaged in child labour. The International Labour Organization (ILO) declared the World Day Against Child Labour in the year 2002. The theme for this year is "Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour".**

5. What is 'Sandhayak', which was recently launched by the Indian Navy?

- A. Survey vessel ☒
- B. Frigate
- C. Aircraft carrier
- D. Submarine



- ✓ **The Indian Navy launched 'Sandhayak', the first of the four large survey vessels, in Kolkata. The primary role of these survey ships would be to conduct full-scale coastal and deep-water hydrographic survey of ports and harbours.**
- ✓ **The ships would be deployed for collecting oceanographic and geophysical data and determination of navigational routes. The contract for building four survey ships was signed between the Defence Ministry and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) in 2018.**

6. Where is the NADI-3 Asian Sangam River Conference held?

- A. Guwahati ☒
- B. Imphal
- C. Agartala
- D. Dimapur



- ✓ **The two-day NADI-3 (Natural Allies in Development and Interdependence) Asian Sangam River Conference was held in Guwahati from May 28-29, 2022.**
- ✓ **NADI, which means river, is an initiative to clarify and activate the collective vision of the subregional. It recognizes the region south of the Himalayas as a contiguous confluence of river valleys from the Ganges and the Brahmaputra to the Mekong.**

7. Who among the following won the International Panorama Golden Award?

- A. Keshab Mahanta
- B. Shaunak Sen
- C. K V Raghupathi ☒
- D. None of these



- ✓ **Tirupati-based writer K.V. Raghupathi has been selected for the International Panorama Golden Award by White Falcon Publishing for his book, The Mountain is Calling, published in 2019. Raghupathi, an English professor who retired from the Central University of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvarur, has been writing since the 1980s.**

8. Which day is celebrated on May 28th by the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights?

- A. International Day of Action for Women's Health ☒
- B. International Day of Women's reproductive rights
- C. International Day of Population
- D. International Day of Gender Equality



- ✓ **International Day of Action for Women's Health is celebrated on May 28 every year by the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights. Several women's health advocates and their communities have been leading the celebration of the day since 1987. During the International Women's Health Meeting in Costa Rica, Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (LACWHN) proposed to celebrate May 28 as International Day of Action for Women's Health.**

9. What is the theme of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, 2022?

- A. People. Peace. Progress. The Power of Partnerships ☒
- B. Honouring Peacekeeping
- C. Women, Peace and Security
- D. Risk of COVID-19 in peacekeeping



- ✓ **The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on 29 May every year, to pay tribute to the contribution of the peacekeepers. This year the theme of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, 2022 is "People. Peace. Progress. The Power of Partnerships".**
- ✓ **This year also marks the 22nd anniversary of the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace & Security. UN honours more than 3,900 UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives during their service, since 1948.**

10. When is 'International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression' observed?

- A. June.04 ☒
- B. June.05
- C. June.06
- D. June.07



- ✓ The United General Assembly decided to commemorate 4 June of each year as the 'International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression'. The objective of the day is to acknowledge the pain of the children across the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse. UN had also ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
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1. As per the 'Innovation Policy for Indian Railways', what is the maximum limit of grant provided to innovators?

- A. Rs 10 lakh
- B. Rs 25 lakh
- C. Rs 50 lakhs
- D. Rs 1.5 Crore ☒



- ✓ Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched 'Innovation Policy for Indian Railways', to encourage participation of start-ups. Also referred as 'Start-Ups for Railways', the policy seeks to provide up to Rs. 1.5 Crore to innovators on equal sharing basis.

2. Which state has clinched the top position in the Khelo India Youth Games 2021?

- A. Telangana
- B. Haryana ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ The fourth edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concluded in Panchkula and the hosts Haryana grabbed the top position in the medal tally with 52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze medals. Maharashtra and Karnataka were at the second and third places respectively. The fourth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games saw participation of athletes from over 36 states and Union Territories competing in 25 different sports.

3. Which state/UT launched 'Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System' (FRUITS) software?

- A. Goa
- B. Gujarat
- C. Daman & Diu
- D. Karnataka ☒



- ✓ Karnataka government has launched software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the schemes, to provide easy access to farmers to benefits distributed under various government schemes. The 'Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System' (FRUITS) software facilitates single registration using an Aadhar card and Karnataka's Bhoomi digitised land record system. The state departments of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, revenue, food, civil supplies and fisheries are covered under the initiative.

4. 'Agnipath' scheme which was launched recently, is associated with reforms in which field?

- A. Police
- B. Defence ☒
- C. Civil Service
- D. Tribal Welfare



- ✓ The Ministry of Defence launched 'Agnipath' a major defence policy reform for recruitment of soldiers, sailors and airmen into the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force. The personnel recruited under the scheme on short-term contractual basis will be called Agniveers.

5. Asia's largest brackish water lagoon is located in which Indian state/UT?

- A. Odisha ☒
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Chilika Lake, located in Odisha is Asia's largest brackish water lagoon. According to a census conducted by Chilika Development Authority (CDA) in collaboration with The Fishing Cat Project (TFCP), the lake has 176 fishing cats.
- ✓ This is the world's longest-running research and conservation project on fishing cats, which began in 2010 and is currently underway in two states in India: West Bengal and Odisha. West Bengal declared fishing cats the state animal in 2012 and the fishing cat was announced as Chilika Lake's ambassador in 2020.

6. Who was selected for the 'Dr V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award' in the Mumbai International Film Festival 2022?

- A. Hema Malini
- B. Asha Parekh
- C. Sanjit Narwekar ☒
- D. Gulzar



- ✓ The 17th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction, and Animation films (MIFF-2022) was recently held in Mumbai. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal inaugurated the seven-day festival organized by Films Division of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Dr. V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred upon veteran documentary film maker and author Sanjit Narwekar, for his contribution to film history and documentary film movement.

7. Which Indian has been elected as the chair and a voting member on the Board of Directors for the International Boxing Association (IBA)?

- A. Mary Kom B. Lovlina Borgohain ☒
C. Nikhat Zareen D. Jamuna Boro



- ✓ Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain has been elected as the chair and a voting member on the Board of Directors for the Athletes' Committee, as per the the International Boxing Association (IBA) Indian boxer Shiva Thapa has also been elected as a member of the IBA Athletes Committee.

8. As per a survey by the Geological Survey of India, which state has unexplored gold reserve of around 222.88 million tonnes?

- A. Karnataka B. Bihar ☒
C. Kerala D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ As per a survey by the Geological Survey of India (GSI), gold reserves of around 222.88 million tonnes including 27.6 tonnes of mineral-rich ore are present in the state of Bihar. The state government in consultation with GSI, National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), and has decided to give permission for the exploration of the reserve, which is claimed to be India's largest gold reserve.

9. As per a recent survey conducted by the RBI, which was the most preferred denomination in bank notes?

- A. Rs.100 ☒ B. Rs.200
C. Rs.500 D. Rs.2000



- ✓ As per Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) bank note survey, Rs 100 denomination banknotes are preferred the most by the people of India, while Rs 2,000 are least preferred. The survey has been conducted to assess demand for cash and denomination preferences at the consumer level. At least 7 out of 10 respondents were satisfied with the new series of banknotes. Around 3 per cent of the respondents were not aware of any banknote security feature.

10. What is the theme of International Day of Yoga – 2022?

- A. Yoga for Humanity ☒ B. Yoga and Science
C. Yoga for Heart D. Yoga for Life



- ✓ The Ministry of Ayush has announced "Yoga for Humanity" as the theme of the eighth International Day of Yoga (IDY) to be organised in India and across the globe on June 21. The main event of the International Day of Yoga 2022 demonstration will be held at the city of Mysuru in Karnataka. A programme named "Guardian Ring", to showcase the participation of people performing Yoga along with the movement of the sun from different countries will be undertaken.

1. Who chaired India's 'First National Conference of Chief Secretaries' in 2022?

- A. Union Home Minister
- B. Prime Minister ☒
- C. Union Finance Minister
- D. Union Defence Minister



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairs the country's 'first national conference of chief secretaries' in Dharamsala in the month of June 2022. The conference will be a major step towards further strengthening partnership between Centre and the state governments.
- ✓ Three themes have been identified for deliberations including Implementation of the National Education Policy; Urban governance; crop diversification and achieving self-sufficiency in oilseeds, pulses and other agri-commodities.

2. Which country has announced to develop a 'Way Finding Application' for the United Nations (UN) buildings?

- A. USA
- B. Russia
- C. India ☒
- D. UAE



- ✓ India's Union Cabinet has approved the proposal on the agreement between the Government of India and the United Nations on a 'Way Finding Application' to be used in the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). The Office is housed at the historic Palais des Nations. In view of the complexity of buildings and huge participation, India announced to develop the 'Way Finding Application' to UN on the occasion of its 75th anniversary in 2020. The estimated outlay for development and maintenance of the App is USD 2 Million.

3. As per recent notification, the 5G spectrum will be auctioned for how many years?

- A. 5
- B. 10
- C. 20 ☒
- D. 25



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal of the Department of Telecommunications for the auction of 72 GHz of spectrum for a 20-year-period. It will make way for providing 5G services to public and enterprises. 5G services is said to be about 10 times faster than 4G. The Cabinet also decided to enable the development of 'Private Captive Networks' to promote innovation in industry 4.0 applications.

4. Which countries are the members of the recently formed 'I2U2 Grouping'?

- A. India, Iraq, USA and UK
- B. India, Israel, USA and UK
- C. India, Israel, USA and UAE ☒
- D. India, Iraq, USA and UAE



- ✓ The leaders of the West Asian QUAD – India, Israel, the US and UAE will meet for the first ever virtual summit. The meeting has been called by the White House and will be addressed by the US President Joe Biden. US President Joe Biden is also making a visit to West Asia – Israel and Saudi Arabia. The White House has given a new acronym to identify the new grouping as I2U2: India, Israel and UAE and the US.

5. Which is the location of the BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Centre?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Dhaka
- C. Colombo ☒
- D. Jakarta



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Association (MoA) by India for establishment of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Technology Transfer Facility (TTF) was signed by the BIMSTEC member countries at the 5th BIMSTEC Summit held at Colombo, Sri Lanka on 30th March, 2022.
- ✓ The main objectives of the BIMSTEC TTF are to coordinate, facilitate and strengthen cooperation in technology transfer among the BIMSTEC Member States by promoting the transfer of technologies, sharing of experiences and capacity building.

6. The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been extended till which year?

- A. 2023–24
- B. 2024–25
- C. 2025–26 ☒
- D. 2026–27



- ✓ The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been approved for continuation till 2025–26 with the total outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore. The extension of the scheme is over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle for five years from 2021–22 to 2025–26. The scheme will create sustainable employment opportunities for about 40 lakh persons in five financial years. It is implemented by the Ministry of micro, small and medium enterprises.

7. As per the RBI Annual Report, what is the trend of total number of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) in 2021–22, compared to previous year?

- A. Increased ☒ B. Decreased
C. Remained Same D. Not Calculated



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the RBI Annual Report 2021–22. As per the report, the total number of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) of all denominations detected in the banking sector increased to 2,30,971 pieces. There was an increase of 16.4 per cent, 16.5 per cent, 11.7 per cent, 101.9 per cent and 54.6 per cent in the counterfeit notes detected in the denominations of Rs 10, Rs 20, Rs 200, Rs 500 and Rs 2,000, respectively. The total expenditure on security printing during 2021–2022 was ₹4,984.8 crore as against ₹4,012.1 crore in the previous year.

8. Etalin hydroelectric project, which was seen in the news, is proposed to be set up in which state/UT?

- A. Punjab
B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
C. Rajasthan
D. Kerala



- ✓ Etalin hydroelectric project is proposed to be set up in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The 3,097–MW project requires diversion of over 1100 hectares of forest land and felling of over 280,000 trees. Wildlife scientists and conservationists in the state have written to Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), about the threats to local biodiversity from the project.

9. Which state announced 'Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award' and 'Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics'?

- A. Chhattisgarh B. Rajasthan ☒
C. Punjab D. Manipur



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GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

- ✓ Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced that the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award will be introduced in the state for sportspersons. The Chief Minister also said the 'Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics' will start from August 2022 and over 27 lakh players of all ages will participate in it. He also inaugurated Rajasthan High Performance Sports and Rehabilitation Centre.

10. Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita, seen in the news, are associated with which sports?

- A. Wrestling B. Shooting ☒
C. Fencing D. Sailing



- ✓ Indian women's shooting team of Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita have bagged a gold medal for India in the 10m air rifle women's team event at the ISSF World Cup 2022. This was India's first medal at the ongoing ISSF World Cup being held in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan.

1. Which state has approved to set up 'Pilibhit Tiger Protection Foundation'?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved a proposal to set up Pilibhit Tiger Protection Foundation under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The cabinet decided to give incentives to set up units in the state's first proposed medical device park. It was also decided to implement the Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Kisan Samridhi Yojana in the state till 2026–27.

2. What is the rank of India in the World Competitiveness Index 2022?

- A. 97
- B. 68
- C. 54
- D. 37 ☒

37

- ✓ The annual World Competitiveness Index compiled by the Institute for Management Development was recently released. India has registered the sharpest rise among the Asian economies, with a six-place jump from 43rd to 37th rank on the index due to gains in economic performance. Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China were the top-performing Asian economies. Denmark was placed on top, while Switzerland slipped from the top to the second position.

3. Which institution offers the skill-based bachelor degree programme for 'Agniveers'?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IGNOU ☒
- C. AICTE
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru University



- ✓ The Ministry of Education (MoE) announced the launch of a special three-year skill based bachelor degree programme for 'Agniveers'. The degree programme offered by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) will be recognised both in India and abroad for employment and education. Agniveers are the defence personnel to be recruited under the newly launched 'Agnipath' scheme.

4. Which organisation developed the nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile?

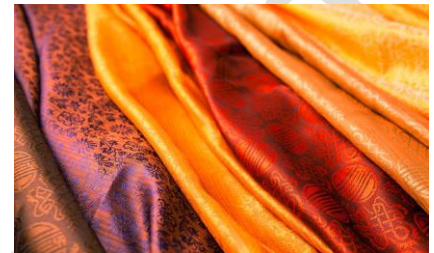
- A. Boeing
- B. DRDO ☒
- C. HAL
- D. Dassault Aviation



- ✓ India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed, nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile from a test range off the Odisha coast. The missile was developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation of India. It has a range of around 250 km and can carry a one tonne payload.
- ✓ The test comes around 10 days after India tested its Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile Agni-IV, which can travel as far as 4,000 km.

5. Which country was the top export destination for the country's textiles and apparel shipments in 2021-22?

- A. UAE
- B. USA ☒
- C. China
- D. Singapore



- ✓ India recorded its highest-ever textiles and apparel exports in the financial year 2021-22 at USD 44.4 billion. The exports including handicrafts recorded an increase of 41 per cent over corresponding figures in FY21. USA was the top export destination for the country's textiles and apparel shipments with 27 per cent share, followed by the European Union (18 %), Bangladesh (12 %) and UAE (6 %).

6. Which is the venue of the 'World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2022'?

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



- ✓ The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2022 started from 15 March in a virtual format with the final week held physically from 30 May to 3 June 2022 at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The forum was held under the theme of 'ICTs for Well-Being, Inclusion and Resilience: WSIS Cooperation for Accelerating Progress on the SDGs'. The WSIS Forum is co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD.

7. Libreville is the capital of which country, recently visited by the Vice President of India?

- A. Senegal
- B. Gabon ☒
- C. Guinea
- D. Cameroon



- ✓ Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu is on a visit to Gabon, Senegal, and Qatar, the first visit from India at the level of Vice President to the three countries. Libreville is the capital of the Central-

African country Gabon. The Vice President reiterated the commitment of the Government of India to be Gabon's reliable partner. The bilateral trade between the countries reached USD 1.12 billion in 2021–22.

8. Which state/UT hosted the India's first Lavender Festival?

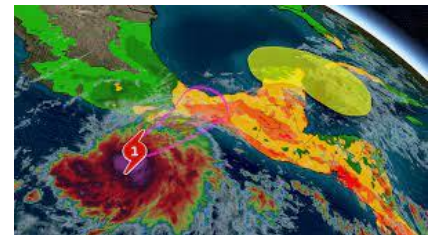
- A. Sikkim
- B. Nagaland
- C. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Lavender Festival, the first-of-its kind in India, in Baderwah, Jammu and Kashmir. Baderwah in Doda district is the birthplace of the purple revolution and it is known for lavender cultivation in terms of land and climate. CSIR–Aroma Mission, under the Ministry of Science & Technology, aims to develop aroma-related science and technology to reach farmers, industry, and society.

9. 'Hurricane Agatha', the first of the Pacific season, recently hit which country?

- A. Canada
- B. Mexico ☒
- C. Denmark
- D. Japan



- ✓ 'Hurricane Agatha', the first of the Pacific season hit Mexico and the casualties climbed to at least 10 dead and around 20 missing in southern Mexico. Heavy rains triggered landslides and flooding in the country. The storm was the strongest to make landfall along Mexico's Pacific coast in May since record keeping began in 1949. Mexico is regularly hit by tropical storms on both its Pacific and Atlantic coasts, between May and November.

10. Frontier, the world's fastest supercomputer, is developed in which country?

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



- ✓ 'Frontier' became the world's fastest supercomputer, according to the Top500 list of world's most powerful supercomputers with Linmark benchmark score of 1.1 exaflops. It is a supercomputer built using Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) architecture and equipped with Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) processors. It surpassed Fugaku, Japan's supercomputer jointly developed by RIKEN and Fujitsu Ltd., which topped the supercomputer benchmarking index in 2020.

1. Which is the venue of the Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022?

- A. New Delhi ☒
- B. Mumbai
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Dehradun



- ✓ Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 'Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022' in New Delhi. The focus is on the Road Map for Carbon Neutrality by 2070. The Minister emphasized on maintaining equilibrium between ecology, environment and development. He also spoke about the government's priority on green hydrogen, Bio-ethanol, Bio-LNG and Bio-CNG.

2. Which institution released the '2022 Global Trends Report'?

- A. UNEP
- B. UNHCR ☒
- C. WEF
- D. IMF



- ✓ The UN refugee agency, UNHCR released the '2022 Global Trends Report'. As per the report, 100 million people have now been forced to flee their homes globally. UNHCR also highlighted worldwide food insecurity, the climate crisis, war in Ukraine and other emergencies from Africa to Afghanistan as leading causes. As per the report, the number displaced by war, violence, persecution and human rights abuses stood at 89.3 million, by the end of 2021.

3. Which country is the host of SCO's Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (SCO-RATS) Meeting in 2022?

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



- ✓ India hosted the SCO's Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (SCO-RATS) Meeting in its capacity as chair of the SCO-RATS. The meeting aims to deliberate on security challenges, including threats of terrorism. Delegations from China, Pakistan and other member nations of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) attended the meeting in New Delhi. India hosted a meeting of counter-terror experts from the SCO countries in May 2022.

4. Which country has been recognized as the “country of the year” in Europe’s biggest start-up conference – Vivatech?

- A. China
- B. India ☒
- C. France
- D. USA



- ✓ Europe’s biggest start-up conference – Vivatech 2020 has recognized India as the ‘Country of the year’. Union Minister of Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the India pavilion at the Vivatech technology exhibition. Around 65 start-ups from India are participating in the conference with government support.

5. Which institution/ department notifies cost inflation index (CII) every year?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Central Board of Direct Taxes ☒
- C. National Statistical Office
- D. Department of Economic Affairs



- ✓ The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) recently notified the cost inflation index (CII) for FY 2022–23 as 331. For the previous year (FY 2021–22) CII was notified as 317. The CII is used to calculate an asset’s inflation-adjusted cost price. This notification will apply to the Assessment Year 2023–24 and future years.

6. What is the new name of Turkey from June 2022, as announced by the United Nations?

- A. Turkiye ☒
- B. Tarkey
- C. Traki
- D. Turk



- ✓ The United Nations received the official request of Turkey to rebrand itself to ‘Turkiye’ in all languages. The UN chief’s spokesperson announced that the change is immediate. Over the past few years, the country sought to change the branding on its products from “Made in Turkey” to “Made in Turkiye”.

7. Which country is the host of the ‘GLOBSEC 2022 Forum’?

- A. Slovakia ☒
- B. Czech Republic
- C. Rwanda
- D. Ghana



- ✓ **External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar is on a five-day visit to Slovakia and the Czech Republic. He is set to attend the GLOBSEC 2022 Forum in Slovakia and speak on the topic 'Taking Friendship to the Next Level: Allies in the Indo-Pacific Region'. He is scheduled to meet Minister of European and International Affairs of Austria Alexander Schallenberg on the sidelines of the GLOBSEC 2022 Forum. The Czech Republic will be taking over the EU Presidency from next month.**
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8. When is the 'World Bicycle Day' celebrated every year?

- A. June.01 B. June.02
C. June.03 ☒ D. June.04



- ✓ **World Bicycle Day is celebrated every year on June 3, to develop a culture of cycling for basic transportation, commutation, and strengthening physical and mental health. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launched a nationwide "Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle Rally" from Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, Delhi on the occasion of World Bicycle Day 2022.**
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9. 'Appreciate all parents throughout the world' is the theme of which day observed on June 1?

- A. Global Day of Parents ☒
B. World Bicycle Day
C. World Earth Day
D. World Wind Day



- ✓ **The Global Day of Parents is annually celebrated on 1 June to appreciate the commitment of parents towards their children. The UN General Assembly proclaimed 1994 as the International Year of the Family and 15 May each year as the International Day of Families. The UNGA later announced that 1 June will be observed as the Global Day of Parents. The theme for Global Day of Parents 2022 is 'Appreciate all parents throughout the world.'**
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10. India's first liquid-mirror telescope has been commissioned in which state/UT?

- A. Sikkim
B. Jammu and Kashmir
C. Uttarakhand ☒
D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ **India's first liquid-mirror telescope, the International Liquid Mirror Telescope (ILMT) has been set up on the campus of the Devasthal Observatory of the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) in Nainital, Uttarakhand. The telescope will observe asteroids, supernovae, space debris and all other celestial objects from an altitude of 2,450 metres in the Himalayas. It is the first liquid-telescope globally to be designed exclusively for astronomical purposes.**
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1. *Glischropus meghalayanus*, which was recently discovered in Meghalaya, belongs to which species?

- A. Snake
- B. Turtle
- C. Bat ☒
- D. Spider



- ✓ A team of scientists has discovered a new species of bamboo-dwelling bat from a bamboo forest in Meghalaya. It was named as 'Glischropus meghalayanus' after the state of Meghalaya, which is celebrating its 50 years of statehood. With this discovery, the total number of bat species from India stands at 131 species with Meghalaya registering the highest bat diversity with 67 species.

2. Which country proposed to organise a joint border operation named 'Solidarity-2023' for SCO member countries?

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



- ✓ India and other member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) supported an initiative of China to organise a joint border operation 'Solidarity-2023' for the border agencies of the member countries next year. India's Border Security Force (BSF) Director announced this at the conclusion of the eighth meeting of the heads of border authorities of SCO member states, which was held in Delhi, under the chairmanship of India.

3. Which institution released a report titled 'Payments Vision 2025'?

- A. NPCI
- B. RBI ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. World Bank



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently released a document titled "Payments Vision 2025", with guidelines on payments. The document also focussed on the architecture of digital finance.
- ✓ It includes regulations for BigTechs and fintechs in payments; guidelines on payments involving 'Buy Now Pay Later' (BNPL) services; introducing the central bank digital currency (CBDC); and linking credit cards and credit components of banking products to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

4. Which country recently launched its most advanced aircraft carrier named 'Fujian'?

- A. China ☒
- B. India
- C. France
- D. USA



- ✓ China recently launched its third aircraft carrier named 'Fujian'. It is also the country's most advanced and the first fully domestically built naval vessel. Fujian is the name of China's eastern coastal province of Fujian. Liaoning and Shandong are names of the two previous aircraft carriers of China.

5. 'Gaia Mission', which was found in the news recently, is associated with which space agency?

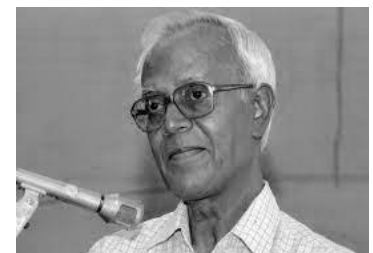
- A. NASA
- B. CNA
- C. ESA ☒
- D. SpaceX



- ✓ European Space Agency's Gaia mission has released a set of new data, which has revealed the phenomena of 'starquakes'. Starquakes are massive movements on the surface of stars similar to earthquake. The star-mapping Gaia probe has covered almost 1.8 billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy.

6. Which Indian personality was honoured by the Geneva-based Martin Ennals Foundation?

- A. Father Stan Swamy ☒
- B. Varavara Rao
- C. Sudha Bharadwaj
- D. Anand Teltumbde



- ✓ The Martin Ennals Foundation has decided to posthumously pay homage to Father Stan Swamy. He was a Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist from Jharkhand who had been arrested in the Bhima Koregaon case. He worked closely with Adivasi communities to safeguard their land, forest and labour rights. The Geneva-based foundation presents the award regarded as the Nobel Prize for human rights defenders every year. The recipients of this year's awards include Daouda Diallo from Burkina Faso, Pham Doan Trang from Vietnam and Abdul-Hadi Al-Khawaja of Bahrain.

7. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami won the bypoll from which constituency?

- A. Champawat ☒
- B. Khatima
- C. Gangotri
- D. Yamunotri



- ✓ **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami won from the Champawat bypoll by a margin of over 55,000 votes. He had earlier lost from Khatima assembly constituency in the Uttarakhand Assembly Polls 2022 even though BJP won a clear majority in the state. This was a crucial victory for the Chief Minister to win the bypoll to retain the Chief Minister post.**

8. Which state has decided to conduct a caste-based census named 'Jaati Aadharit Ganana'?

- A. Bihar ☒ B. Uttar Pradesh
C. Madhya Pradesh D. Jharkhand



- ✓ **Bihar state government is set to conduct a caste-based census in the state. The decision was taken at an all-party meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The exercise would be called Jaati Aadharit Ganana and the state government will publish the data related to the census through advertisements in newspapers. The aim of this exercise is to carry out developmental work for people who are deprived.**

9. Who has topped the 2021 Fortune 500 list of the most highly compensated CEOs?

- A. Jack Ma
B. Elon Musk ☒
C. Tim Cook
D. Jensen Huang



- ✓ **Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla, has topped the 2021 Fortune 500 list of the most highly compensated CEOs. In 2021 Musk received compensation worth almost USD 23.5 billion while Tesla ranked 65 on this year's Fortune 500 list. Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook received USD 770.5 million in 2021 and Jensen Huang, the NVIDIA chief, received USD 561 million in 2021.**

10. In which month of 2022, did the GST revenue crossed the Rs 1.40 lakh crore mark for the first time since inception?

- A. February 2022
B. March 2022 ☒
C. April 2022
D. May 2022



- ✓ **GST revenue for May was recorded at nearly Rs 1.41 lakh crore, a 44 per cent increase over the same month last year, as per the Finance Ministry. This is the fourth time that the monthly GST collection has crossed Rs 1.40 lakh crore mark since the inception of GST and the third straight month since March 2022. In March GST revenues were at Rs 1.42 lakh crore, while in February it was at Rs 1.33 lakh crore.**

1. Which Indian airport was named the 'best regional airport in India and South Asia' in Skytrax World Airport awards?

- A. Chennai International Airport
- B. Delhi International Airport
- C. Bengaluru International Airport ☒
- D. Cochin International Airport



- ✓ The Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru was named the best regional airport in India and South Asia title in the 2022 Skytrax World Airport awards.
- ✓ The award is based on the feedback from the customers in a globally conducted survey about experience from check-in to arrivals, transfers, shopping, security, immigration and arrangements in the departure's gates. The Bengaluru airport had also won the Best Airport and Aviation Innovation Award at Wings India Awards earlier.

2. Shinde Sambhaji Shiwaji, Ujjal Bhuyan, Amjad Ahtesham Sayed, who were seen in the news recently, are associated with which profession?

- A. Scientists
- B. Judges ☒
- C. Politicians
- D. Bureaucrats



- ✓ The Government has cleared the appointment of new chief justices in five high courts, as per the Law and Justice Ministry. Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan will be appointed as the Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court and Telangana High Court. Justice Amjad Ahtesham Sayed and Justice Shinde Sambhaji Shiwaji will take over as the Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court and Rajasthan High Court. Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Rashmin M Chhaya were appointed as the Chief Justice of the Delhi and Guwahati High Courts respectively.

3. Which institution has won UNESCO's recognition for use of Information and Communication Technology in Education?

- A. Central Institute of Educational Technology ☒
- B. Central Board of Secondary Education
- C. University Grants Commission
- D. All India Council for Technical Education



- ✓ The Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), a unit of the NCERT has been awarded with the UNESCO's King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the use of ICT (Information And Communication Technology) in Education for the year 2021. The institution has used ICT under the 'PM eVidya' scheme during the Covid pandemic.

- ✓ The PM eVIDYA programme was launched as part of the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan' in May 2020 to unify all efforts related to digital, online, on-air education. Each prize-winner receives USD 25,000, a medal and a diploma.

4. Which state has announced to conduct a 'Migration Survey' to expand the data bank of expatriates?

- A. Maharashtra
B. Kerala ☒
C. Punjab
D. Gujarat



- ✓ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced that the data bank of Expatriate Malayalees will be expanded by conducting the Kerala Migration Survey. A 'Pravasi data portal' will be prepared for the survey while the state will conduct an extensive global registration campaign.

5. 'Operation Sankalp', which was seen in the news, is associated with which armed force?

- A. Indian Army
B. Indian Navy ☒
C. Indian Air Force
D. Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ Indian Navy's stealth Frigate, INS Talwar is deployed for Operation Sankalp commemorating the 3rd continuous year of Indian Navy's presence in the Gulf for protection of India's Maritime Interests. After attacks on merchant ships in the Gulf of Oman in June 2019, and the deteriorating security situation in the Gulf region, Indian Navy had commenced Maritime Security Operations, code named 'Op SANKALP', in the Gulf Region to ensure safe passage of Indian Flag Vessels transiting through the Strait of Hormuz.

6. What is the position of India in the Asia Cup hockey tournament 2022?

- A. First
B. Second
C. Third ☒
D. None of the above



- ✓ India beat Japan for the second time in the eight-team tournament to win bronze in the Asia Cup hockey in Jakarta. South Korea beat Malaysia 2-1 in the final match to clinch the gold medal. South Korea won the Asia Cup for the fifth time, the most in the list. India and Pakistan have won the Asia cup title thrice.

7. 'Operation Mahila Suraksha' is an initiative of which institution?

- A. National Commission for Women
B. Railway Protection Force ☒
C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ **Railway Protection Force (RPF) launched a pan India drive "Operation Mahila Suraksha" was launched from May 3 to May 31, 2022. During this drive, RPF has arrested more than 7,000 persons who were travelling in the coaches reserved for women without being authorised. RPF also rescued 150 women from becoming victims of human trafficking. Another pan India initiative "Meri Saheli" is also operational to provide safety and security to lady passengers.**

8. Which Chief Minister from India has been invited to attend the World Cities Summit in Singapore?

- A. Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin
B. Pinarayi Vijayan
C. Arvind Kejriwal ☒
D. Ashok Gehlot



- ✓ **Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has been invited to attend the World Cities Summit (WCS) in Singapore to present the 'Delhi Model' and to discuss urban solutions with other leaders. It is jointly organised by Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities and the Urban Redevelopment Authority.**

9. Which Indian film-maker has been selected for the 'Locarno Kids Award la Mobiliare' at Locarno Film Festival?

- A. Gitanjali Rao ☒
B. Lokesh Kanagaraj
C. Sriram Raghavan
D. K S Ravikumar



- ✓ **Indian Film-maker Gitanjali Rao is set to be honoured with an award during the 75th edition of the Locarno Film Festival. The filmmaker will receive the Locarno Kids Award la Mobiliare, the award dedicated to personalities for conveying the love of cinema to younger viewers. The award will be presented at the film gala, held every year in Locarno, Switzerland.**

10. Which is the 20th European country to adopt the euro currency from 2023?

- A. Monaco
B. Malta
C. Croatia ☒
D. Luxembourg



- ✓ **Croatia is set to adopt the euro currency from the start of 2023 after meeting all the criteria to join the European Commission. This move will make Croatia the 20th European country to use the single currency. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said in a statement that Croatia has made a step towards adopting the Euro common currency.**

1. National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers 'NIPUN' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs ☒
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Women and Child Development



- ✓ Union Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri recently launched a project for skill training of construction workers called 'NIPUN' i.e., National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers. It is an initiative of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY–NULM). It aims to train over 1 lakh construction workers, through skilling and upskilling programmes and provides them with work opportunities also in foreign countries.

2. Which is the main venue of the eighth International Day of Yoga celebrations in India?

- A. Tenkasi
- B. Mysuru ☒
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the eighth International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations in Karnataka's Mysuru. The theme of this year's Yoga Day celebrations is 'Yoga for Humanity'. Over 25 crore people across the world took part in various events and doing yoga in unison.

3. The Multinational Peacekeeping Exercise "Ex Khaan Quest –2022" was organised in which country?

- A. France
- B. Oman
- C. Mongolia ☒
- D. Iran



- ✓ The Multinational Peacekeeping Exercise "Ex Khaan Quest –2022" was conducted at Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia. The exercise provided a platform for mutual learning and sharing best practices amongst the armies from 16 Nations. The Indian contingent consisting of personnel from the Ladakh Scouts participated in the exercise. Mock tactical operations as per United Nations (UN) mandate among other exercise were held.

4. In which country, world's largest ever freshwater fish has been found recently?

- A. Australia
- B. China
- C. Cambodia ☒
- D. Chile



- ✓ A 300kg stingray caught in the Mekong River in Cambodia is the biggest freshwater fish ever documented in the world. Though there is no official database of the world's biggest freshwater fish, the previous largest recorded fish was a 293 kg Mekong giant catfish caught in Thailand in 2005. The Mekong River flows from the Tibetan Plateau through China, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

5. Which Union Ministry has declared certain resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and NPCI as 'critical information infrastructure'?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



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- ✓ The Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) as 'critical information infrastructure'. The Information Technology Act of 2000 defines 'Critical Information Infrastructure' as a "computer resource". The government has the power to declare any data, database, IT network or communications infrastructure as CII.

6. What is the theme of the 'World Environment Day 2022'?

- A. Invest in our Planet
- B. Only One Earth ☒
- C. 50th Environment Day
- D. Live with the Nature



- ✓ The World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5, to raise awareness about degrading environmental conditions and environment protection. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the nodal agency that organises and supports events across the world. The year 2022 marks the 50th World Environment Day. Sweden is the host of the event this year and the theme is 'Only One Earth'. It was the motto for the 1972 Stockholm Conference.

7. The Indian Air Force (IAF) signed an MoU with which state/UT to set up Indian Air Force Heritage Centre?

- A. Sikkim B. Kerala
C. Chandigarh ☒ D. Telangana



- ✓ The Chandigarh UT Administration and the Indian Air Force (IAF) signed an MoU on the Indian Air Force Heritage Centre. The centre will have simulators, decommissioned aircraft, aero engines and other IAF artefacts. The centre will also include virtual reality and AI technology. The Heritage Centre will be informative and motivate the country's youth to join the armed forces.

8. Supreme Court directed a mandatory eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of a minimum of how many kilometers for protected forest, wildlife sanctuary?

- A. 0.5 Km B. 1 Km ☒
C. 2 Km D. 3 Km



- ✓ The Supreme Court directed that every protected forest, national park and wildlife sanctuary across the country should have a mandatory eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of a minimum one km starting from their demarcated boundaries. As per the Environment Ministry guidelines, the eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) would act as a transition zone from areas of high protection to those involving lesser protection.

9. Who is the winner of the French Open tennis Women's Singles 2022 Title?

- A. Ashleigh Barty
B. Iga Swiatek ☒
C. Maria Sakkari
D. Naomi Osaka



- ✓ World Number One Iga Swiatek of Poland won the French Open 2022 Women's Singles Title by beating US teenager Coco Gauff. The 21-year-old clinched her second title in three years in straight sets 6–1, 6–3 over Gauff. She is the youngest player ranked in the top ten. Iga was the 2020 French Open champion and is the first player representing Poland to win a Grand Slam singles title.

10. Which bank has been declared the 'Celent Model' 2022 winner?

- A. IndusInd Bank ☒ B. HDFC Bank
C. ICICI Bank D. Axis Bank



- ✓ IndusInd Bank has been awarded the global 'Celent Model Bank' award under the category of 'Payments System Transformation' for building a best-in-class Enterprise Payments Hub (EPH). The award recognizes the Bank's outstanding journey in creating a cloud-based central payments hub. The award is given by Celent, leading research and advisory firm focused on technology for financial institutions globally.

1. Which government agency is responsible for protecting India's critical information infrastructure?

- A. National Cyber Coordination Centre
- B. National Informatics Centre
- C. ICERT
- D. NCIIPC ☒



- ✓ The National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) is the nodal agency responsible for protecting India's critical information infrastructure. It was established in 2014 under Section 70A of the IT Act, 2000. It is part of the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO), an intelligence agency under the NSA.

2. Emancipation Proclamation, which was mentioned in news, is related to ___?

- A. Black Lives Matter Movement
- B. Right to Abortion
- C. Voting Rights
- D. End of Slavery ☒



- ✓ Former US President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863 to free African Americans in secessionist Confederate states from slavery. It remained ineffective for more than two years as the slave owners withheld this information from their slaves. The last of the enslaved African Americans were freed on June 19, 1865.

3. Inter-State Council was established under which article of Indian Constitution?

- A. Article 246
- B. Article 257
- C. Article 263 ☒
- D. Article 267



- ✓ Article 263 of the Indian Constitution allows the President to establish the Inter-State Council, which brings together government entities on a common platform for discussing various governance issues. The Inter-State Council was established in 1990. Its chairman is the Prime Minister and its members include chief ministers and administrators of states and union territories.

4. UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize gives recognition to works done in which of the following fields?

- A. Literature
- B. Biological Sciences
- C. Environment Protection
- D. Information & Communication Technology ☒



- ✓ **UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize or the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Education** was established in 2005 with the help of the Kingdom of Bahrain. It gives recognition to the innovative use of ICT in the education sector.

5. Which wildlife sanctuary is location of India's first-ever Dark Sky Reserve?

- A. Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary ☒
- B. Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary
- C. Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary



- ✓ **A part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary in Ladakh is going to become a Dark Sky Reserve, which will help promote astronomy-tourism. Once this region is declared as the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve, efforts will be undertaken to protect the night sky from superfluous illumination and light pollution.**

6. Which association holds the annual BALTOPS naval exercise?

- A. European Union
- B. NATO ☒
- C. SCO
- D. ASEAN



- ✓ **NATO launched the two-week United States-led naval exercise on the Baltic Sea with more than 7,000 sailors, airmen and marines from 16 nations. Finland and Sweden, who have applied to join the military alliance, also participated in the event. The annual BALTOPS naval exercise was initiated in the year 1972.**

7. What is the expansion of 'D2M broadcasting', which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Digital-to-Mobile
- B. Direct-to-Mobile ☒
- C. Device-to-Mobile
- D. Direct-to-Movie



- ✓ **The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and India's public service broadcaster Prasar Bharati are exploring the feasibility of a technology called 'direct-to-mobile' (D2M) broadcasting. It allows broadcasting video and other forms of multimedia content directly to mobile phones, without the need of an active internet connection. The technology is also expected to improve consumption of broadband and utilisation of spectrum.**

8. What is the theme of the 'World Food Safety Day 2022'?

- A. Prevent foodborne risks.
- B. Safer Food, Better Health. ☒
- C. Manage foodborne infections.
- D. Safe food to children.



- ✓ **Every year, June 7 is observed as World Food Safety Day across the world. The objective behind the day is to promote awareness to prevent, detect and manage food-borne risks. The day was declared by the United Nations in 2018 to raise awareness of food safety. This year, the theme of World Food Safety Day is, "Safer Food, Better Health". As per a report by WHO, the world records over 600 million cases of food-borne diseases annually.**

9. India recently signed an MoU with which country to increase cooperation on climate action and environmental protection?

- A. France
- B. Canada ☒
- C. Australia
- D. Chile



- ✓ **India and Canada have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to increase cooperation on climate action, environmental protection and conservation through various initiatives in areas such as renewable energy and plastic pollution. The two countries will collaborate, exchange information and support each other's climate and environmental goals.**

10. Luxury cruise liner "Empress" has been flagged off from which state/UT?

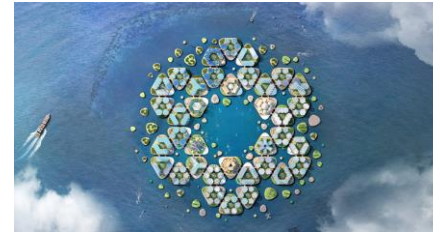
- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin recently flagged off the luxury cruise liner "Empress" from Chennai port. This is regarded as the first luxury cruise liner to be operated from the state. The eleven-storey tourist vessel can accommodate up to 2000 passengers and 800 crew members. The package also includes an anchor at Puducherry and Visakhapatnam harbours.**

1. A floating city named Oceanix City is going to be set up in which country?

- A. Maldives
- B. Malaysia
- C. South Korea ☒
- D. Singapore



- ✓ The UN announced world's first-ever floating city named Oceanix City in April this year. It is going to be set up off the coast of South Korea's second-largest city, Busan. The construction process is going to commence next year.

2. Bashi Channel, which was making news recently, is part of which strait in the Pacific Ocean?

- A. Taiwan Strait
- B. Luzon Strait ☒
- C. Karimata Strait
- D. Malacca Strait



- ✓ The Bashi Channel, which connects the South China Sea with the western Pacific Ocean, is a waterway between the Philippines' northern island of Luzon and the Taiwanese island of Orchid. It is part of the Luzon Strait, which connects the Philippine Sea to the South China Sea.

3. Russian enclave Kaliningrad, that was in news recently, is located in which sea?

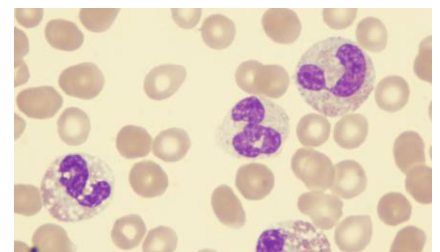
- A. North Sea
- B. Labrador Sea
- C. Baltic Sea ☒
- D. Beaufort Sea



- ✓ The Russian enclave Kaliningrad is located on the Baltic Sea. It is sandwiched between Lithuania and Poland. It was captured by the USSR from Nazi Germany in April 1945. It became part of the USSR territory as the result of the Potsdam Agreement. It was recently in news because of a row after Lithuania decided to ban goods part of EU sanctions from moving through its territory to reach Kaliningrad.

4. Which tissue / organ of human body is affected by myelodysplastic syndrome?

- A. Blood cells ☒
- B. Thymus gland
- C. Lymphatic vessels
- D. Pancreas



- ✓ **Myelodysplastic syndrome is a rare type of blood cancer that affects the body's ability to make healthy blood cells in the bone marrow. It obstructs the body's ability to produce blood cells. Its treatments range from blood transfusion to chemotherapy or stem cell transplantation.**

5. Which body is responsible for the implementation of the NIPUN project of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs?

- A. National Skill Training Institute
B. National Skill Development Fund
C. National Skill Development Corporation ☒
D. National Council for Vocational Education and Training



- ✓ **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which comes under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, is responsible for the implementation of the NIPUN project of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. It will train potential candidates under this initiative.**

6. Which Indian personality has been signed on as brand ambassador of 'Garuda Aerospace'?

- A. Sivakarthikeyan
B. Mahendra Singh Dhoni ☒
C. Rajinikanth
D. Kamal Haasan



- ✓ **Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been signed on as brand ambassador and a minority shareholder of Garuda Aerospace. It is a Chennai-based aviation and aerospace component manufacturing firm that deals with designing and building of unmanned aerial vehicles. The company is known for developing low-cost drone solutions.**

7. Which Indian state/UT declared 'Blue Duke' as the state butterfly?

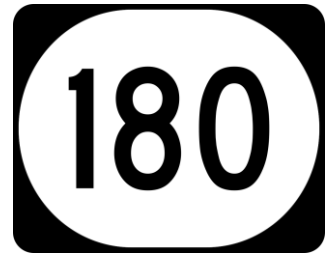
- A. Arunachal Pradesh
B. Sikkim ☒
C. Nagaland
D. Punjab



- ✓ **Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang declared Blue Duke the state butterfly, on the occasion of World Environment Day. Blue Duke whose scientific name is 'Bassarona durga', is endemic to Sikkim and the eastern Himalayas. Blue Duke falls in Schedule 2 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and is a protected species in the Himalayas. As many as 720 species of butterflies are found in Sikkim.**

8. What is the rank of India in the '2022 Environmental Performance Index'?

- A. 120
- B. 140
- C. 160
- D. 180 ☒



- ✓ India's rank is 180 in the 2022 Environmental Performance Index (EPI) and has scored the lowest among 180 countries. The report ranks the countries on 40 performance indicators across 11 issue categories on climate change performance, environmental health, and ecosystem vitality. India's performance on these parameters in terms of policy action is considered to be poor.

9. Joe Root, who recently scored 17,000 runs in international cricket, plays for which country?

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



- ✓ England batter Joe Root became the first English player to complete 17,000 runs in international cricket. Earlier, Joe Root completed 10,000 runs in Test cricket, becoming the second English player and 14th overall player to reach the feat. This list is led by Sachin Tendulkar (15,921), Ricky Ponting (13,378), Jacques Kallis (13,289).

10. Which state topped the FSSAI's 4th State Food Safety Index (SFSI) in 2022?

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



- ✓ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya released the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) 4th State Food Safety Index (SFSI). It measures the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.
- ✓ Among the larger states, Tamil Nadu was the top-ranking state, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra. Among the smaller states, Goa was first followed by Manipur and Sikkim. Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi and Chandigarh were at first, second and third ranks among UTs.

1. Tenth Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with which of the following aspects?

- A. Official languages
- B. Land Reforms
- C. Anti-defection law ☒
- D. Panchayati Raj



- ✓ The Tenth Schedule, which is popularly known as the Anti-Defection Act, became part of the Indian Constitution as the result of the 52nd Amendment Act, 1985. It sets grounds for the disqualification of legislators on the grounds of defection to another political party. It was recently making news due to Maharashtra Political Crisis.

2. Varada River, which was mentioned in news recently, is the tributary of which river?

- A. Krishna River
- B. Cauvery River
- C. Kali River
- D. Tungabhadra River ☒



- ✓ The Varada River in central Karnataka is a tributary of Tungabhadra River. The state government of Karnataka is currently facing criticism from environmentalists for the proposed Bedti-Varada River linking project. The Bedti-Varada river-linking project seeks to pump about 524 million cubic metres (mcm) of water from Sirsi in Uttara Kannada to arid regions of Raichur and Koppal districts. It has met with strong opposition from local activists, who say that project will destroy 2,125 acres of forests in the ecologically sensitive parts of Western Ghats.

3. NDA Presidential election candidate Droupadi Murmu belongs to which tribe?

- A. Gond
- B. Santhal ☒
- C. Bhil
- D. Munda



- ✓ Santhal or Santal are India's third largest scheduled tribe community after Gonds and Bhils. The Santhali population is mainly distributed in Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal. NDA Presidential election candidate Droupadi Murmu's home district, Mayurbhanj, is one of the districts having dense concentration of the Santhali people. Droupadi Murmu belongs to Santhal tribe.

4. Raghurajpur, that was recently in news, is famous for which of the following types of paintings?

- A. Madhubani
- B. Pattachitra ☒
- C. Kalighat
- D. Pahadi



- ✓ **Pattachitra painting is the traditional painting of Odisha and West Bengal. These scroll paintings trace their origin to 12th century. They mainly depict Hindu mythology and are closely related to Jagannath and Vaishnava sect. It was recently in news as Odisha Chief Minister Naveen gave a Pattachitra to Pope Francis in Vatican City as a gift. This pattachitra was created by artist Apindra Swain and his family who belong to craft village of Raghurajpur in Puri district. Raghurajpur is world famous for Pattachitra paintings.**

5. Central Bureau of Communication was earlier known as __?

- A. Department of Telecommunication
- B. C-DOT
- C. Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity
- D. Bureau of Outreach and Communication ☒



- ✓ **The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has renamed the Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC) as the Central Bureau of Communication. The BOC was set up in 2017 following the merger of the ministry's erstwhile media units.**

6. The 'Ayurveda Aahar' logo, which was released recently, has been designed in which colour tone?

- A. Red
- B. Green ☒
- C. Blue
- D. Brown



- ✓ **Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launched the 'Ayurveda Aahar' logo on the occasion of World Food Safety Day on June 7. 'Ayurveda Aahar' is food prepared in accordance with the recipes, ingredients and processes as described in the books of Ayurveda listed under 'Schedule A' of FSSAI regulations. The design of the green-coloured logo contains initial letters of the words Ayurveda and Aahar in Devnagari and English.**

7. 'Kheer Bhawani Mela' is a festival celebrated in which Indian state/UT?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Jammu & Kashmir ☒
- C. Nagaland
- D. Punjab



- ✓ The annual Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela started at the famous Ragnya Devi temple in Ganderbal, Jammu and Kashmir. The Tullmulla shrine is also the symbol of centuries-old culture and brotherhood among different communities of Kashmir. The Mela is being celebrated after two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. 'Revitalisation: Collective Action for the Ocean' is the theme of which international day celebrated on June 8?

- A. World Sea Animals Day
- B. World Ocean Day ☒
- C. World Beach Day
- D. World Mother Earth Day



- ✓ The United Nations designated June 8 as World Ocean Day to raise awareness about how to save the oceans and sustainably use them in the future. The theme for World Ocean Day 2022 is 'Revitalisation: Collective Action for the Ocean'.
- ✓ This year's theme focuses on how to not only stop harming the ocean but on actions to be taken in order to restore the oceans through collective efforts.

9. What is the target year set by India for first Human Space Mission Gaganyaan and first Human Ocean Mission?

- A. 2022
- B. 2023 ☒
- C. 2024
- D. 2025



- ✓ Earth Science Minister Dr Jitendra Singh announced that India will launch the first Human Space Mission 'Gaganyaan' as well as the first Human Ocean Mission in the second half of 2023. Addressing the World Oceans Day celebrations in New Delhi, The Minister also said that the government will soon unveil the Blue Economic Policy and around 40 million people will be employed by ocean-based industries by 2030.

10. 'EASE 5.0 Reforms', which was seen in the news, is associated with which units?

- A. Universities
- B. Public Sector Banks ☒
- C. Airports
- D. Police Stations



- ✓ Enhanced Access and Service Excellence-EASE 5.0 'Common reforms agenda' of EASE Next program was recently launched by the Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman. They have been developed for reforms in Public Sector Banks. PSB Manthan, 2022 unveiled the EASENext program, which would comprise 2 major initiatives namely EASE 5.0 reforms agenda and Bank specific strategic 3-year roadmap, based on individual bank's business priorities.

1. When is the 'United Nations Public Service Day' observed?

- A. June.18
- B. June.21
- C. June.23 ☒
- D. June.25



- ✓ Observed on June 23, UN Public Service Day aims to recognize the importance of public institutions and public servants in ensuring the development of all sectors across the globe. The 2022 theme is "Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goals".

2. Which state/UT launched 'Mo Bus service', which was recently recognized by the UN's Public Service Awards?

- A. Telangana
- B. New Delhi
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha ☒



- ✓ Odisha's Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) authority introduced the 'Mo Bus Service' in November 2018 to promote smart technologies and safe transportation for women riders. It was recently recognised by the UN's Public Service Awards for 2022.

3. India recently announced 'Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy programme' with which country?

- A. Australia
- B. UK ☒
- C. Italy
- D. France



- ✓ A joint India-UK 'Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy' programme was recently announced by the foreign ministers of the UK and India. It aims to equip diplomats from all Commonwealth member states with expertise and skills required for addressing emerging challenges that have global-level impact. This academy programme will be hosted in New Delhi. This was announced during the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), which was held in Rwanda, East Africa from June 24 to 25.

4. Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 comes under the jurisdiction of which union ministry (as of June 2022)?

- A. Ministry of Finance ☒
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Law and Justice



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- ✓ The Revenue Department under the Finance Ministry governs the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (NDPS) Act of 1985. The Central Government is planning the transfer of the administration of this Act from finance ministry to Home Ministry to bring all issues related to narcotics under one department.

5. Which state is set to roll out the comprehensive health insurance scheme, 'MEDISEP'?

- A. Kerala ☒
- B. Bihar
- C. Gujarat
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Kerala government is set to launch MEDISEP scheme from July 1, 2022. It is a medical insurance scheme for state government employees, pensioners and their eligible family members. It will provide cashless medical assistance with a comprehensive coverage of up to Rs.3 lakhs per year.

6. 'World Investment Report' is the flagship report of which institution?

- A. IMF
- B. World Bank
- C. UNCTAD ☒
- D. WTO



- ✓ In its latest World Investment Report, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said FDI inflows to India declined to USD 45 billion in 2021 from USD 64 billion in the previous year. India's rank jumped one place to 7th position among top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the 2021 calendar year even though the FDI inflows into the country is declining. The United States (USD 367 billion) remained the top recipient of FDI.

7. Which Indian has been selected as Global SDG Pioneer by the UN Global Compact Network in 2022?

- A. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli ☒
- B. P V Sindhu
- C. Yash Dhul
- D. Sumant Sinha



- ✓ Ramkrishna Mukkavilli, the head of Hyderabad-based startup Maithri Aquatech, has been selected as Global SDG Pioneer by the UN Global Compact Network (UNGC). He is the first Indian to be recognised by the UNGC as one of the 10 new SDG Pioneers for 2022. He was previously selected as India's SDG Pioneer by the UN Global Compact Network India. Using 'atmospheric water generation', his company generated 100 million litres of fresh water from air.

8. Which Indian author was named as 'Companion of Honour' by the United Kingdom?

- A. Ruskin Bond
B. Salman Rushdie ☒
C. Arundhati Roy
D. Vikram Seth



- ✓ Indian Author Salman Rushdie was appointed a Companion of Honour by the United Kingdom for services to literature. The 74-year-old author of 'Midnight's Children' was named on the occasion of the four days of celebrations to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee. He had earlier received a knighthood in 2007. Companion of Honour is an exclusive club with membership limited to just 65 people at any given time, for services to literature.

9. Which Indian has been appointed as the head of International Monetary Fund's Asia and Pacific Department?

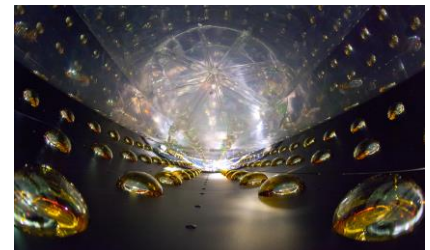
- A. Urjit Patel
B. Nirmala Sitharaman
C. Krishna Srinivasan ☒
D. Viral Acharya



- ✓ India's Krishna Srinivasan has been appointed as the director of the Asia and Pacific Department of the International Monetary Fund. With over 27 years of working at IMF, he oversees the department's surveillance work on smaller Pacific states such as Fiji and Vanuatu, and systemically important nations such as China and Korea.

10. The 'Daya Bay Reactor Neutrino Experiment' is functional in which country?

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



- ✓ The Daya Bay Reactor Neutrino Experiment is functional in Guangdong, China. It is situated at Daya Bay, approximately 52 kilometers northeast of Hong Kong. The multinational collaboration includes researchers from China, Chile, the United States, Taiwan, Russia, and the Czech Republic. The detectors pick up light signals generated by antineutrinos streaming from nearby nuclear power plants.

1. Which global bloc launched a USD 600 billion – Global Infrastructure Plan?

- A. BRICS
- B. G7 ☒
- C. G20
- D. European Union



- ✓ US President Joe Biden and other G7 leaders re-launched the “Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment” at their annual gathering at Schloss Elmau in Germany. It aims to raise USD 600 billion in private and public funds over five years, to finance infrastructure in developing countries and counter China’s Belt and Road project.
- ✓ The United States would mobilise USD 200bn in grants, federal funds and private investment over five years, while Europe will mobilise 300 billion euros.

2. Which is the most liveable city in the world, as per the ‘EIU Global Liveability Index’?

- A. London
- B. Vienna ☒
- C. Nagercoil
- D. Geneva



- ✓ The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) launched its annual ranking of the world’s most liveable cities– Global Liveability Index for 2022. 173 cities were ranked based on a range of criteria, including infrastructure, availability to green space, political stability, crime rates, and health care. Vienna (Austria), Copenhagen (Denmark) and Zurich (Switzerland) were the top three cities in the index.

3. When is the ‘Micro–Small and Medium–sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day’ celebrated?

- A. June.18
- B. June.21
- C. June.27 ☒
- D. June.30



- ✓ June 27 is celebrated as the Micro–Small and Medium–sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day. The day is aimed at raising public awareness of the contribution of MSMEs to global economic growth and sustainable development. The United Nations General Assembly declared the day in the year 2017.

4. Which country has launched a solid-fueled rocket named 'Zuljanah'?

- A. Israel
- B. Iran ☒
- C. Russia
- D. North Korea



- ✓ Iran has launched a solid-fueled rocket into space named 'Zuljanah'. It is a 25.5-meter-long rocket, capable of carrying a satellite of 220 kgs. The satellites will gather data in low-earth orbit. Zuljanah is named after the horse of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

5. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog (after Amitabh Kant)?

- A. Urjit Patel
- B. Subash Chandra Garg
- C. Parameswaran ☒
- D. Rajesh Bansal



- ✓ Parameswaran, a 1981-batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog. He is also the former Secretary of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, who led the government's Swachh Bharat Mission. The new CEO succeeds Amitabh Kant, who retires on June 30 this year.

6. Which country has supplied nuclear fuel to the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP)?

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



- ✓ Rosatom State Corporation of Russia has supplied the first batches of reliable and cost-efficient nuclear fuel over the existing one, to India for the Units 1 & 2 of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP). The existing fuel is 'TVS-2M nuclear fuel' and after the refuelling, the power unit 1 will start operations in 18-month fuel cycle.

7. Which is the venue of the 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) of the World Trade Organization (WTO)?

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



- ✓ Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal represented India in the 12th Ministerial conference (MC12) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) at Geneva.

- ✓ The Minister while speaking at the plenary session of MC12, said that finding a permanent solution to the issue of public stockholding for food security should be the top-most priority. India co-sponsored a G-33 proposal for solution to permanent stock holding at WTO in 2021.

8. Which country has announced plans to launch a solar power plant in space?

- A. India
B. UAE
C. China ☒
D. South Korea



- ✓ China has announced that it is planning to launch a solar power plant in space for producing inexhaustible power in 2028, as part of the updated plan. Earlier, China aimed to establish a 1-megawatt solar power station in space by 2030. China will launch a satellite in 2028 to test wireless power transmission technology from space to the ground from an altitude of 400km. It would convert solar energy to microwaves or lasers.

9. Which indigenous missile corvette of the Indian Navy was converted to a ship museum?

- A. INS Vikrant
B. INS Khukri ☒
C. INS Kattabomman
D. INS Shivalik



- ✓ INS Khukri (P49), the first indigenous missile corvette of the Indian Navy, was transferred to the Diu Administration after 32 years of glorious service to the nation and Navy, to be converted to a ship museum. Recently the Khukri Museum was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The newly inaugurated ship museum and the existing Khukri Memorial are housed in Diu.

10. "United in making our voice heard" is the theme of which international day in June 2022?

- A. International Albinism Awareness Day ☒
B. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
C. World Day Against Child Labour
D. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day



- ✓ UN's General Assembly proclaimed 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day with effect from 2015. The day is marked every year to bring about awareness among the people about albinism and the rights of people with albinism. It is a congenital disorder that occurs due to absolute or partial absence of a pigment in the skin, eyes and hair. The theme for the year 2022 is "United in making our voice heard".

1. Which institution recently released a report titled 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy'?

- A. World Bank
- B. International Labour Organisation
- C. NITI Aayog ☒
- D. International Monetary Fund



NITI Aayog

- ✓ **NITI Aayog released a report titled 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy' recently. The Indian gig workforce is expected to expand to 23.5 million workers by 2029–30, a 200 percent jump from 7.7 million now. The report estimates that gig workers will form 4.1 per cent of the total workforce in India by 2029–2030, from 1.5 per cent now.**

2. Which Union Ministry released the 'Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D)'?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- C. Ministry of Education ☒
- D. Ministry of Jal Shakti



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- ✓ **Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) for 2019–20, and noted that schools across India performed poorly under the category of digital learning. The top performing districts were Jaipur, Sikar and Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan. The PGI-D structure has 600 points, under six categories.**

3. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is set to launch 'One Health' Pilot project in which city?

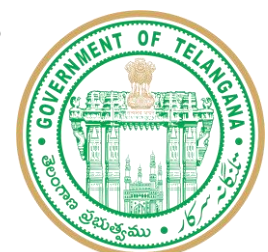
- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru ☒
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Mysuru

Bengaluru

- ✓ **The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is set to launch the One Health Pilot project in Bengaluru. It will help develop a roadmap for a national project to prevent future outbreaks of zoonotic diseases by using better response mechanism and management and incorporating global best practices. DAHD in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and CII as partner is implementing the One-Health Framework project in Karnataka and Uttarakhand.**

4. T-Hub, which was seen in the news, is a start-up incubator based in which state?

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



- ✓ **Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao recently inaugurated the new facility of business incubator T-Hub in Hyderabad. The new building, called T-Hub 2.0 is claimed to be world's largest innovation campus. The facility will support over 2,000 startups under one roof. Established in 2015, T-Hub (Technology Hub) is an innovation hub and ecosystem enabler based in the city of Hyderabad.**

5. Which Indian state/ UT is the host of G-20 summit in 2023?

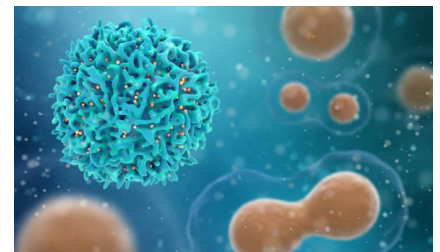
- A. Kerala
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ **Jammu and Kashmir has been selected by the Ministry for External Affairs (MEA) for meetings during the G-20 summit, to be hosted by India in 2023. The Jammu and Kashmir government has constituted a five-member high-powered panel for overall coordination of G20 meetings to be held in the union territory. This will be the first major international summit to be held in Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of its special status.**

6. Which state inaugurated the country's first oncology laboratory for comprehensive cancer diagnostic services?

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



- ✓ **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated a cancer diagnostics and research centre, which is the country's first oncology laboratory for comprehensive cancer diagnostic services.**
- ✓ **Karkinos Healthcare's advanced centre for cancer diagnostics and research will serve as a central lab. The focus is on early diagnostic tools, molecular assays for precision medicine. The Tata Group is investing Rs 110 crore in Karkinos while other stake holders are Rakuten Medical, Mayo Clinic and Reliance Digital Health.**

7. As per the 'Innovation Policy for Indian Railways', what is the maximum limit of grant provided to innovators?

- A. Rs 10 lakh
- B. Rs 25 lakh
- C. Rs 50 lakh
- D. Rs 1.5 Crore ☒



- ✓ **Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched 'Innovation Policy for Indian Railways', to encourage participation of start-ups. Also referred as 'Start-Ups for Railways', the policy seeks to provide up to Rs. 1.5 Crore to innovators on equal sharing basis.**

8. Which country was the top buyer of Indian rice during the pandemic?

- A. Maldives
- B. UAE
- C. China ☒
- D. South Korea



- ✓ China emerged as the top buyer of Indian rice during the pandemic, importing 16.34 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) or 7.7 per cent of India's total rice export in financial year 2021–22. In 2021–22, India's total rice export (both basmati and non-basmati) was 212.10 LMT. Out of China's total rice import from India, nearly 97 percent was broken rice, which has seen a rise in demand from that country. India used to export broken rice mostly to African countries, earlier.

9. India recently conducted a Coordinated Patrol exercise with which country on the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Indonesia ☒
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. France



- ✓ The 38th India–Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND–INDO CORPAT) between the Indian and Indonesian Navy is being conducted in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca. The Navy Units of Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) represent India. This is the first post pandemic Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two countries. The two Navies have been carrying out CORPAT along their International Maritime Boundary Line since 2002.

10. 'Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela' is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship ☒
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Education



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- ✓ The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will organise the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela every month. At the end of a candidate's training period, they will be awarded an Apprenticeship certificate, acknowledged by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET). The primary objective of the Mela is to encourage the hiring of apprentices from the cities.

1. What is the objective of 'Dak Karmayogi' portal, which was launched recently?

- A. Grievance Redressal
- B. Training Employees ☒
- C. Awarding Best Performers
- D. Participation of Public



- ✓ The 'Dak Karmayogi' e-learning portal of the Department of Posts was launched by Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Communications. This portal has been developed in-house under vision of 'Mission Karmayogi', conceptualized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promote efficiency of Government employees.

2. What is 'Hermit', which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Missile
- B. Satellite
- C. Spyware ☒
- D. Vaccine



- ✓ 'Hermit' is the name of the latest sophisticated spyware seen in the news. It is believed to have targeted iPhones and Android devices in Italy and Kazakhstan. The spyware has been developed by an Italian vendor called RCS Lab. Google's Threat Analysis Group (TAG) put out a detailed blog post recently, explaining how they believed Hermit was used to target devices.

3. National Highways Excellence Awards (NHEA) were instituted to felicitate which category?

- A. Companies ☒
- B. Public
- C. Bureaucrats
- D. Employees



- ✓ With a view to strengthen and augment the road infrastructure in the country, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) initiated "National Highways Excellence Awards" (NHEA) in 2018 in order to incentivize stakeholders in the highway construction and maintenance process and to create a spirit of healthy competitiveness amongst them.

4. RAMP scheme, which was seen in the news, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of MSME ☒
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 'Udyami Bharat' programme in New Delhi to launch the 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP) scheme. He also launched the 'Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters' (CBFTE) scheme and new features of the 'Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme' (PMEGP). The results of MSME Idea Hackathon, 2022 were announced and National MSME Awards were distributed.

5. When is the 'National Insurance Awareness Day' observed?

- A. June.25
B. June.27
C. June.28 ☒
D. June.30



- ✓ The National Insurance Awareness Day is observed on 28 June annually to make people aware about the benefits of investing in an insurance plan. After a huge fire in London, Nicholas Barbon set up the first fire insurance company in 1666 AD. Since then, the insurance market has expanded to several new sectors.

6. 'Kihoto Hollohan' Judgement, which was seen in the news, is associated with which state?

- A. Sikkim
B. Maharashtra ☒
C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Gujarat



- ✓ Amid the political crisis in Maharashtra, the role and powers of the Deputy Speaker are being discussed. In the landmark judgment of 'Kihoto Hollohan vs Zachillhu And Others' (1992), the Supreme Court upheld the sweeping discretion available to the Speaker in deciding cases of disqualification of MLAs.

7. When is the 'Elimination of Child Labour Week' observed in India?

- A. June 01–07 B. June 12–20 ☒
C. June 20–27 D. July 01–07



- ✓ National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, NCPCR is observing 'Elimination of Child Labour Week' in honour of World Day Against Child Labour (12 June) in 75 places from June 12 to June 20. The NCPCR has developed a draft SOP on the rescue and post-rescue of child labour. Rescue operations in 75 places where children are involved in labour work across the country shall be conducted during this week, with the help of authorities like State Commission, District authorities, Child Welfare Committees etc.

8. Neeraj Chopra bettered his national record in Javelin throw, in the Paavo Nurmi Games held in which country?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Mongolia
- C. Finland ☒
- D. Turkey



- ✓ Neeraj Chopra bettered his national record in Javelin throw, in the Paavo Nurmi Games held in Turku, Finland. With a throw of 89.30 metres, he created a new national record, better than his Tokyo Olympics performance of 87.58m. It made him India's first track and field gold medallist. His recent throw, which fetched him a silver medal.

9. The first train under the Indian Railways' 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme was flagged off between which cities?

- A. Mumbai–Ahmedabad
- B. Coimbatore–Shirdi ☒
- C. Rameswaram–Ayodhya
- D. Puri–Hyderabad



- ✓ The first train under the Indian Railways' 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme was flagged off between Coimbatore North railway station in Tamil Nadu for Sainagar Shirdi in Maharashtra. This particular train will be operated by a private operator 'South Star Rail'. It will depart from Coimbatore every Tuesday reach Shirdi on Thursdays. The objective of the theme is to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and historical places, to the people of India and the world.

10. Which country hosted the 'Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians'?

- A. USA
- B. Japan
- C. Egypt ☒
- D. France



- ✓ Egypt has hosted the Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Sharm El Sheikh. The conference is jointly organized by the House of Representatives and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). Around 200 young MPs, from 60 countries are participating to discuss strategies to mitigate the impact of climate change. Nagaland's first woman elected as Member of Parliament to Rajya Sabha S. Phangon Konyak is representing India at the Conference.