

1. V Pranav, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Shooting
- B. Chess ☒
- C. Weightlifting
- D. Athletics



- ✓ A Chennai-based chess player V Pranav became India's 75th Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania. The 15-year-old player won the Limpede Open in Baia Mare, Romania to secure his third and final GM norm and attain the Grandmaster title. He also finished the tournament with 7 points from nine rounds. Pranav is the 27th Grandmaster from the state of Tamil Nadu.

2. The world's highest railway bridge is located in which Indian state/UT?

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



- ✓ The Chenab Bridge is the world's highest railway bridge, which is located in Jammu and Kashmir. The steel arch of the world's highest railway bridge was completed last year, while the overarch deck is set to be completed. Another milestone at the world's highest railway bridge will be achieved when the overarch deck of the Chenab Railway Bridge is completed with a golden joint.

3. Manisha Kalyan, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Football ☒
- C. Boxing
- D. Weight Lifting



- ✓ Manisha Kalyan and Sunil Chhetri were named the AIFF Women's and Men's Footballer of the year respectively. National captain Sunil Chhetri is the third highest goal scorer among active international players, was first named for the seventh time. Manisha had won the Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year for last season.

4. When is the 'World Bio-fuel Day' celebrated?

- A. August.8
- B. August.10 ☒
- C. August.12
- D. August.14



- ✓ 'World Bio-fuel Day' is celebrated annually on August 10 to highlight the importance of bio-fuels. On this date in 1893 that German inventor Sir Rudolf Diesel successfully operated his diesel engine on peanut oil. Bio-fuels are produced from animal waste, algae, industrial and agricultural waste.
- ✓ Unlike fossil fuels, they are produced in a short amount of time and are liquid or gaseous. They are environment friendly, renewable and biodegradable. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG) and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) started celebrating World Biofuel Day after 2015.

5. Which country won the gold medal in the open section of 44th Chess Olympiad?

- A. India
- B. Ukraine
- C. Uzbekistan ☒
- D. Russia



- ✓ The Uzbekistan team won the gold medal while Armenia and India-2 team won the silver and bronze respectively in the Open section of the 44th Chess Olympiad held in Chennai, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) said. In the women's section, Ukraine won the gold, Georgia the silver, while the top seed India-1 won the bronze.

6. Which company developed the '2nd generation (2G) Ethanol Plant', which was recently inaugurated?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the 2nd generation (2G) Ethanol Plant, in Panipat, Haryana. The 2G bio-fuel plant has been set up to boost the production and usage of bio-fuels in the country. The ethanol plant has been developed by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), at an estimated cost of over Rs 900 crore. The plant utilises about 2 lakh tonnes of rice straw annually to generate around 3 crore litres of Ethanol annually.

7. Which Indian institution launches the Digital Payments Index (DPI)?

- A. NPCI
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- D. Ministry of Finance



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- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launches the Digital payments index (DPI). It is released for March and September every year in the months of July and January respectively. The recent edition of the index rose to 349.30 as of March 2022, as against 304.06 in September 2021, indicating the rapid adoption of digital payments in the country. The RBI-DPI has been constructed with March 2018 as the base period.

8. Which company is set to establish first–ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024?

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



- ✓ Reliance Industries (RIL) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) are set to together establish the first–ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024. RIL announced a long–term partnership with IOA to elevate the performances of Indian athletes, support national sports federations and build credentials of India as a global sporting nation. India is also be hosting the 140th IOC Session in June 2023 at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai.

9. Martand Sun Temple, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Telangana
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Haryana
- D. Bihar



- ✓ Martand Sun Temple is located in Anantnag, Jammu and Kashmir. Earlier, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) red–flagged a religious ceremony participated by the Lieutenant–Governor Manoj Sinha. Recently, a group of Hindu pilgrims entered its premises and held an hour–long prayer session. The site is classified as a ‘non–living’ protected monument, where no ritual can be held unless permitted.

10. As per the Election Commission, youngsters attaining how many years can apply in advance for electoral cards?

- A. 15
- B. 16
- C. 17 ☒
- D. 18

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- ✓ As per the Election Commission of India (ECI), those above the age of 17 can now apply in advance for enrolment in the voters’ list. The electoral roll will be updated every quarter. Earlier, after the recommendations of ECI, the Law Ministry amended the Representation of the People Act to provide for four qualifying dates: January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 as the eligibility for youngsters to register in electoral rolls.