

1. Which Union Ministry launched the 'SMILE-75 Initiative'?

- A. Ministry of Labour and Employment
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, launched "SMILE-75 Initiative", under 'SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise'. The Ministry has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging. The Ministry has allocated a total budget of Rs.100 crore for the SMILE project for up to 2025-26.

2. Which country hosted the bilateral air exercise named 'Udarashakti'?

- A. Japan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Malaysia ☒
- D. UAE



- ✓ Malaysia is the host of the bilateral air exercise named 'Udarashakti'. A contingent of the Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in the exercise. The four-day exercise includes various aerial combat drills between the two Air Forces. The first such bilateral Air Force exercise displaying the frontline Sukhoi-30 combat aircraft was conducted in 2018.

3. What is the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation recorded in July 2022?

- A. 4.71%
- B. 5.71%
- C. 6.71% ☒
- D. 7.71%



- ✓ As per the data released by the National Statistical Office, the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation eased marginally to 6.71 per cent in July from 7.01 per cent in the previous month. However, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew 12.3 per cent in June compared to 19.6 per cent in May.

4. Which Union Ministry recently organised the 'DST Startup Utsav'?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology ☒
- D. Ministry of Labour and Employment



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- ✓ Union Ministry of Science and Technology organised the DST StartUp Utsav. As per the Union Minister of State of Science and Technology, there are currently 105 unicorns, out of which 49 per cent of the start-ups are from tier-2 and tier-3 cities. The event included the release of exclusive books displaying 75 Impactful incubated StartUps, 75 Impactful StartUps supported by NIDHI-Seed and 75 Impactful Smart Startups supported by NIDHI-EIR.

5. Agasthyamalai elephant reserve, which was notified recently, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced the Central Government accepted the proposal of the Tamil Nadu Forest department to notify 1,197.48 sq km area of land in Agasthyamalai as an elephant reserve. It is the fifth elephant reserve of the state of Tamil Nadu as Nilgiris-Eastern Ghat, Nilambur Silent Valley in Coimbatore, Srivilliputhur and Anamalai are the four existing elephant reserves in the state. In total, India has 31 elephant reserves.

6. Which institution developed the 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' portal?

- A. Anthropological Survey of India
- B. Botanical Survey of India ☒
- C. Forest Survey of India
- D. Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy



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- ✓ Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated India's largest online herbarium database, the 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' web portal. The portal has been developed by the Botanical Survey of India under the framework of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Digital India'. Botanical Survey of India is a subordinate office under the Environment Ministry.

7. Who is the head of SEBI's Market data advisory committee?

- A. Ajay Tyagi
- B. KV Kamath
- C. Ashishkumar Chauhan
- D. MS Sahoo ☒



- ✓ SEBI has restructured its market data advisory committee by reducing one member to 20. It recommends policy for access to securities market data. NSE's former MD and CEO Vikram Limaye has been replaced by newly appointed Ashishkumar Chauhan. MS Sahoo former IBBI Chairperson chairs the advisory committee.

8. Casper Ruud, who recently won the Swiss Open, is from which country?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Norway ☒
- C. France
- D. Italy



- ✓ Norway's Casper Ruud defeated Italy's Matteo Berrettini in the final of the Swiss Open in Gstaad and clinched the title. This is the ninth title of the 23-year-old player's career. He recently became the highest-ranked Norwegian tennis player in history, after attaining his career-high singles ranking of world No. 5.

9. Which city is the host of Conference on Cotton Challenges Ahead 2022?

- A. Tiruppur
- B. Coimbatore ☒
- C. Karur
- D. Salem



- ✓ The Indian Cotton Federation in association with the Indian Cotton Association is organising a two-day Conference on Cotton Challenges Ahead 2022. The conference will be held in city of Coimbatore in state of Tamil Nadu. There will be various panel discussions with all stakeholders from different segments of the cotton sector.

10. Harmeet Desai and Sathiyam Gnanasekaran, who won gold for India, play which sports?

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



- ✓ India's table tennis team retained its men's team championship title with a win over Singapore in the final match in the Commonwealth Games 2022. The team includes Harmeet Desai Sathiyam Gnanasekaran and Sharat Kamal. The Indian mixed badminton team won a Silver Medal in the Games.