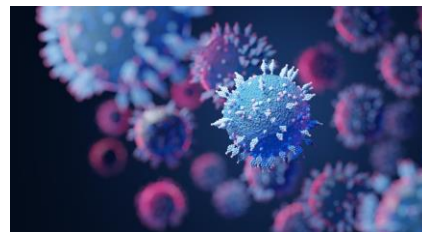


1. Which is the first country to approve a vaccine for COVID Omicron variant?

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



- ✓ The UK has become the first country to authorise a Covid-19 vaccine to treat the Omicron variant. UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Authority was also the first in the world to approve an original COVID-19 jab. The vaccine is authorised for use in people aged 18 and over. It targets both the original strain of the virus and Omicron BA.1.

2. Which Indian state/UT implements the 'Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana'?

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



- ✓ The Rajasthan government introduced the 'Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana' in 2021-22. Under the scheme, such students are provided free coaching from reputed coaching institutes. For the current financial year, the state government has allotted Rs 17.15 crore and the number of seats under the scheme has increased to 15,000. It covers students from scheduled caste, scheduled tribe, other backward classes, minority, economically-backward classes and specially-abled.

3. Which pharma company has completed trials for its intranasal COVID vaccine candidate?

- A. Bharat Biotech ☒
- B. Biocon
- C. Dr Reddy's
- D. Serum Institute



- ✓ Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech has submitted data from Phase 3 clinical trials of BBV154, its intranasal Covid vaccine candidate, to the drug regulator. It has sought approval both as a primary two-dose vaccine, and a heterologous booster shot. A heterologous booster means the third or subsequent dose of the vaccine is different from its primary dose.

4. What is the name of the Centre's passenger processing system based on facial recognition technology?

- A. DigiYatra ☒
- B. Bharat Yatra
- C. PM Digital Yatra Abhiyan
- D. Bharat Face RT



- ✓ The Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) announced the launch of the Centre's DigiYatra initiative. It also rolled out the beta version of its app for Android platforms. DigiYatra is the passenger processing system based on facial recognition technology. With this technology, all checkpoints would automatically process the entries of the passengers based on the facial recognition system.

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5. Which is the venue of the 'India International Seafood Show (IISS)'?

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



- ✓ The 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) is set to be held in Kolkata in February next year. The seafood show will be organised by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in collaboration with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI).

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6. India won its first ever medal in which sport in the Commonwealth Games 2022?

- A. Netball
- B. Squash
- C. Lawn bowls ☒
- D. Rugby Sevens



- ✓ Indian women lawn bowls team created history at 2022 Commonwealth Games by winning the first-ever gold in the sport. It was also the first ever medal for India in the sport. Lovely Choubey, Pinki Singh, Nayanmoni Saikia and Rupa Rani Tirkey clinched gold, beating South Africa 17–10.

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7. Which major e-commerce company partnered with the Indian Railways to boost its delivery services?

- A. Flipkart
- B. Amazon ☒
- C. Bigbasket
- D. Jiomart



- ✓ Amazon India has partnered with Indian Railways to boost its delivery services in the country. It was also the first online delivery company to engage with the Indian Railways to build an express transportation product through rail networks in 2019. Through this partnership, Amazon will be able to transport packages on more than 110 inter-city routes.

8. Which is the only Indian bank to be listed in the Fortune 500 list in 2022?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. State Bank of India ☒
- D. Canara Bank



- ✓ In the recently released Fortune 500 list, State Bank of India is the only bank to be featured from India in 236<sup>th</sup> rank. US retailer Walmart topped the 2022 list. The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has been named for the first time in the Fortune Global 500 list at rank 98.
- ✓ Reliance Industries jumped 51 places to rank 104 while oil and power PSUs including IOC, ONGC, BPCL were also featured in the list. The list has nine Indian companies – five state-owned, and four from the private sector.

9. Tejaswin Shankar became the first Indian to win a medal in Commonwealth Games in which sports?

- A. Shot Put
- B. High Jump ☒
- C. Triple Jump
- D. Pole Vault



- ✓ Tejaswin Shankar became the first Indian to win men's high jump medal in the Commonwealth Games. The national record holder cleared 2.22m to finish third on the event winning bronze medal. He holds the high jump national record of 2.29 metre.

10. Which country has recently declared a water shortage, following an unusually dry summer?

- A. Egypt
- B. The Netherlands ☒
- C. Namibia
- D. Somalia



- ✓ The Dutch government (Netherlands) has recently declared a water shortage following an unusually dry summer with no rain forecast in the near future. Intense heat-waves hit large parts of Europe and the United States last month, rising calls for more efforts to tackle global warming. As two-thirds of the Dutch population living below sea level, droughts can become an acute problem in the Netherlands. This may lead to silting up of rivers and hampering of water traffic.