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**1. Who chairs the Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog?**

- A. NITI Aayog CEO
- B. President of India
- C. Prime Minister of India ☒
- D. Union Finance Minister



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 7th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi. The Prime Minister is the ex-officio Chairperson of the think tank. The meeting aims to create synergies towards collaboration between Centre and States and Union Territories.**
- ✓ **The Chief Ministers and LGs presented best practices from their States on four agenda items including crop diversification and achieving self-sufficiency in oilseeds, pulses and agri-commodities, implementation of the National Education Policy and urban governance.**

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**2. Which state appointed Deloitte India as its consultant?**

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



- ✓ **The Uttar Pradesh government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Deloitte India, appointing it as a consultant for achieving the target of raising the state's economy to USD 1 trillion. This decision was based on the recommendation of a high-powered committee. Deloitte India is set to present a future action plan after conducting a sector-wise study.**

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**3. 'Donyi Polo Airport', which was seen in the news, is located in which state?**

- A. Assam
- B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **The state government of Arunachal Pradesh has given the name of 'Donyi Polo Airport' to its third airport, which is under construction in Itanagar. It is the only airport in the capital city and third in the state after Pasighat and Tezu airports. In the state's tribal language, Donyi means Sun and Polo means Moon.**

4. What is the name of the common portal for recommendations and nominations of all official awards?

- A. Bharat Portal                      B. Rashtriya Portal ☒
- C. Atmanirbhar Portal              D. India Awards Portal



- ✓ A common 'Rashtriya Puruskar' Portal has been developed by the Government of India, to bring all the Awards of the various Ministries/Departments/Agencies of the Government of India under one digital platform. This Portal aims to facilitate citizens to nominate individuals or organizations for various Awards instituted by the Government of India. Recently the Government invited nominations for 'Vayoshreshtha Samman' and 'Padma' awards.

5. Who has been selected as the 14<sup>th</sup> Vice President of India?

- A. Jagdeep Dhankhar ☒
- B. Margaret Alva
- C. Kalyan Singh
- D. Shivraj Patil



- ✓ Jagdeep Dhankhar has won India's Vice-Presidential election 2022, defeating Opposition candidate Margaret Alva. Dhankhar will be India's 14<sup>th</sup> Vice President, taking over from the incumbent Vice President M Venkaiah. He has served as a Minister of state for Parliamentary Affairs in the Janata Dal government. He became the Governor of West Bengal in July 2019.

6. 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' is celebrated on which date in India?

- A. July.26 ☒
- B. January.26
- C. October.26
- D. March.26



- ✓ India celebrates the 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' on July 26 every year, to celebrate the 23-year anniversary of its victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War. The Kargil War was fought against intruders from Pakistan, who had crossed the Line of Control (LoC) into Indian Territory in 1998. On July 26, 1999, the Pakistan forces were forced to withdraw from the Indian Territory.

7. When is the 'World Drowning Prevention Day' observed?

- A. July.25 ☒
- B. August.25
- C. September.25
- D. January.25

Do one thing to prevent drowning.

#DrowningPrevention

- ✓ 'World Drowning Prevention Day' is observed annually on 25 July. The United Nations General Assembly recognised this day in April 2021. According to the UN, around 236,000 people drown annually, which makes drowning a major public health problem all around the world.
- ✓ Drowning is also one of the major causes of death for children and young people aged between 1 to 24 years around the globe.

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8. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Bal Raksha mobile app'?

- A. Ministry of Ayush ☒
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ Union Minister of AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated a Vaccination Centre for children at the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA). The Minister also launched the 'Bal Raksha' mobile app, to create awareness among parents on paediatric preventive healthcare through Ayurveda intervention. The app will also collect feedback from parents regarding the impact of the kit on their children's health and immunity.

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9. Which city hosted 'Incredible India Kargil Marathon and Tourism Festival, 2022'?

- A. Shimla
- B. Manali
- C. Kargil ☒
- D. Srinagar

Incredible! India

- ✓ The two-day 'Ladakh Tourism Festival-2022' commenced recently in Kargil district. Several cultural programs will be organized, to present the tradition and culture of Kargil district to outsiders. Incredible India Kargil Marathon was also launched on the occasion. Traditional food stalls, display of traditional sports including horse polo and Archery sports were organised. Zaskar Festival is scheduled in September.

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10. What is the Goods and Service Tax (GST) for fresh milk and pasteurised milk?

- A. 0% ☒
- B. 5%
- C. 12%
- D. 18%



- ✓ The Government has recently clarified that fresh milk and pasteurised milk are fully exempted from Goods and Service Tax (GST). Other milk products including curd and buttermilk are also exempted from GST if sold in forms other than those pre-packaged and labelled. GST of 5 per cent applies to the milk products when sold in pre-packaged and labelled form and Ultra High-Temperature Milk.

1. India's biggest spectrum auction for ..... of 5G airwaves worth ₹4.3 lakh crore has commenced recently.

- A. 1.2 Gigahertz
- B. 12 Gigahertz
- C. 7.2 Gigahertz
- D. 72 Gigahertz ☒



- ✓ India's biggest spectrum auction for 72 Gigahertz of 5G airwaves worth ₹4.3 lakh crore has commenced recently. Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and a unit of Gautam Adani's Adani Enterprises are bidding for 5G spectrum.
- ✓ The auction is held for spectrum in various low (600 Mhz, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz), mid (3300 MHz) and high (26 GHz) frequency bands.

2. Which Indian airport was ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the ACI List of top 20 busiest airports in the world?

- A. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi ☒
- B. Chennai International Airport
- C. Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai
- D. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru



- ✓ Airports Council International (ACI) has released the list of top 20 busiest airports in the world. The top seven ranks are held by US airports, with Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport leading the list. The top 20 airports accounted for 19% of global traffic in 2021. The Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi was ranked 13th on the list.

3. Which company delivered the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle to the Indian Army?

- A. TATA Advanced System ☒
- B. Bharat Electronics Ltd
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- D. DRDO



- ✓ Tata Advanced Systems successfully delivered the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle to the Indian Army. These protected vehicles will boost the combat potential of the protector to the Nation in all-weather and all-terrain conditions and provide protection. It is further said that the induction of this vehicle will enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Army.

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**4. What is the theme of the 'World Hepatitis Day – 2022'?**

- A. Leaving No one Behind.
- B. Hepatitis can't wait. ☒
- C. One dies every 30 seconds.
- D. Ramping up Healthcare.



- ✓ **The World Hepatitis Day (WHD) takes places every year on 28 July to raise awareness of the global burden of Hepatitis. 'Hepatitis can't wait' is the new theme of World Hepatitis Day 2022. One person dies every 30 seconds from a hepatitis related illness. 28 July was chosen because it is the birthday of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered hepatitis B virus (HBV) and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus.**
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**5. What is the theme of 'World Youth Skills Day – 2022'?**

- A. Transforming Youth Skills for the Future ☒
- B. Reimagining Youth Skills Post Pandemic
- C. Learning to Learn for Life and Work
- D. Skills Development to Improve Youth Employment



- ✓ **World Youth Skills Day 2022 is celebrated every year on July 15 after the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA) declaration in 2014. The theme for 2022 is 'Transforming youth skills for the future'. The day is celebrated to mark the importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.**
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**6. When is the 'World Nature Conservation Day' celebrated?**

- A. July.28 ☒
- B. January.28
- C. October.28
- D. March.28



- ✓ **Every year, World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated on 28 July to create awareness among people about the importance of natural resources. The theme for this year's World Conservation Day 2022 is 'Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet'. IUCN has been monitoring human activities and their impact on the environment.**
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**7. When is the 'International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem' observed?**

- A. July.26 ☒
- B. August.26
- C. September.26
- D. January.25





- ✓ **The International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem is celebrated every year on 26 July. It aims to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem. This International Day was adopted by the General Conference of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2015.**

**8. England's Leicester Cricket Ground has been named after which Indian cricketer?**

- A. Kapil Dev  
B. Sunil Gavaskar ☒  
C. Sachin Tendulkar  
D. Mahendra Singh Dhoni



- ✓ **England's the Leicester Cricket Ground has been named after Indian cricketer and former Captain, Sunil Gavaskar. He was the first cricketer to score 10,000 runs and also held the record for most number (34) of centuries once. He was also part of the Indian team that won the 1983 World Cup. There is another ground named after Sunil Gavaskar in the Kentucky area of the United States of America (USA).**

**9. Which Indian Armed Force launched the 'Him Drone-a-thon' programme?**

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



- ✓ **The Indian Army has launched the 'Him Drone-a-thon' programme in association with the Drone Federation of India. The programme is connecting all stake holders including industry, academia, software developers and drone product manufacturers. The Indian Army's support to India's drone ecosystem is based on the principle of 'good available indigenously' is better than the 'best available globally'.**

**10. What is the new name of the 'New Delhi International Arbitration Centre'?**

- A. Bharat International Arbitration Centre  
B. India International Arbitration Centre ☒  
C. Pradhan Mantri Arbitration Centre  
D. Atmanirbhar Arbitration Centre



- ✓ **The Central government moved the 'The New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022' in the Lok Sabha. Law Minister Kiren Rijuu moved the Bill to amend the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Act, 2019. It seeks to rename the centre to 'India International Arbitration Centre', to give it a wider country-level scope instead of a city-level scope.**

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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 44<sup>th</sup> 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 '2<sup>nd</sup> generation (2G) Ethanol Plant', which was recently inaugurated?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक  
RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

- ✓ 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 140<sup>th</sup> 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.

1. Issey Miyake, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?

- A. Agriculture
- B. Design ☒
- C. Economics
- D. Science



- ✓ Veteran Japanese designer Issey Miyake passed away recently at the age of 84. He was known for his innovative technology-driven clothing designs, exhibitions and fragrances. The Japanese designer was known for his pleated style of clothing without wrinkles. His flagship product was a black turtleneck for Apple Inc founder Steve Jobs. He was a recipient of many other awards and accolades, along with Kyoto prize in 2006.

2. Which Indian state launched 'Nethanna Bima' scheme for benefitting weavers?

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



- ✓ Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao launched the Nethanna Bima scheme for the weavers on the occasion of National Handloom Day. This scheme will provide ₹5 lakh insurance cover to the weavers' families in case of the unfortunate demise of an eligible beneficiary. Telangana government has partnered with Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India for the 'Nethanna Beema' scheme.

3. Which Indian politician was conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Rahul Gandhi
- C. Shashi Tharoor ☒
- D. Ramnath Govind



- ✓ Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor is set to be conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. The French government is honouring the politician for his writings and speeches. The award is also called as the National Order of the Legion of Honour. It was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte.

4. ONDC has signed MoU with which regulatory body for coordination of functions of institutions?

- A. NABARD      B. SIDBI ☒  
C. EXIM Bank      D. NHB



- ✓ **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SIDBI for coordination of functions of related institutions. Under the partnership, sessions to educate MSMEs about ONDC master-class sessions on ONDC protocol and Minimum Viable Product (MVP) will be held for MSMEs.**

5. The Union Cabinet (in August 2022) approved to continue Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) till which year?

- A. 2023      B. 2024 ☒  
C. 2027      D. 2030



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet recently approved continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) till December, 2024. The 'Housing for All' Mission was launched in June 2015. The original deadline for the scheme, which aimed at providing pucca houses to all eligible urban beneficiaries, was March 2022.**

6. Which institution launched 'Face recognition facility' for pensioners to submit their life certificate?

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



- ✓ **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) introduced a new facility for pensioners to submit their digital life certificate.**
- ✓ **Under the new 'Face recognition facility', pensioners can now submit their digital life certificate on the EPFO portal from anywhere in the country. Union Minister of Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav launched the face authentication technology.**

7. What is the theme of the 'World Day Against Trafficking in Persons' in 2022?

- A. Use and abuse of technology ☒  
B. Leaving no one trafficked  
C. Rehabilitation of the trafficked  
D. Fellow Human Beings



- ✓ 'World Day Against Trafficking in Persons' is observed every year on 30 July. This year the theme of the event is "Use and abuse of technology". The Blue Heart Campaign was also launched where the blue heart represents the sadness of those who are trafficked, as well as the cold-heartedness of those who buy and sell fellow human beings.

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

- A. July.22 ☒
- B. August.15
- C. January.26
- D. October.02



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

9. 'Ex VINBAX 2022' is a bilateral army exercise conducted between India and which country?

- A. France
- B. Japan
- C. Vietnam ☒
- D. Oman



- ✓ India and Vietnam have commenced the 3rd edition of Vietnam-India bilateral army exercise 'Ex VINBAX 2022'. The 20-day military exercise is scheduled to be conducted at Chandimandir in Haryana. The theme of the exercise is deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peacekeeping Operations.

10. As per NHA's recent announcement, CoWIN app is repurposed for which program?

- A. PM Matru Vandana Yojana
- B. PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
- C. PM Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan
- D. Universal Immunisation Program ☒



- ✓ CoWIN is being repurposed for the universal immunisation program (UIP), at present. CoWIN head and CEO of the National Health Authority Dr RS Sharma announced that the app will help in discovery of vaccination centres and reminders for subsequent vaccinations for preventable diseases for mothers and the newly born.



1. Which institution regulates the 'Digital lending activities' in India?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. National Payments Corporation of India
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released guidelines to strengthen the regulatory framework for digital lending activities. RBI also specified that the lending business can only be carried out by entities regulated by the central bank or those permitted under the law. This has been released in an effort to mitigate the concerns from credit delivery through digital lending methods.

2. Which countries are associated with 'Trans-Himalayan multi-dimensional connectivity network'?

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



- ✓ China has agreed to finance a feasibility study for a cross-border railway with Nepal under the trans-Himalayan multi-dimensional connectivity network. This is a part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). China also pledged USD 118 million for China-assisted projects in the country. China will carry out the feasibility study of Keyrung–Kathmandu Railway under the grant assistance.

3. Which institution launched 'SPARK', virtual space tech park?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. DRDO
- C. ISRO ☒
- D. BEL



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently unveiled 'SPARK', a virtual space tech park, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. It was launched by ISRO Chairman S Somanath and the virtual space museum hosts several documents, images and videos related to launch vehicles, satellites, scientific missions as well as pioneers of India's space sector.

4. As per recent changes in Atal Pension Yojana (APY) rules, which category of beneficiaries are excluded?

- A. Central Government Employees
- B. State Government Employees
- C. Income Taxpayers ☒
- D. Non-Resident Indians



- ✓ The government has made changes to the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) rules to be made effective from Oct.1, 2022. According to a notification from the finance ministry, any citizen who is or has been an income taxpayer will not be eligible to join the pension scheme. If an income tax-paying investor joins the APY scheme on or after October 1, the APY account will be liable to be closed.

5. 'NIPAM', which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Electronics Manufacturing  
B. Intellectual Property ☒  
C. Climate Change  
D. Food distribution



- ✓ National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) is a programme to spread Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and provide basic training. The program has met its goal of providing the training to one million students on July 31, 2022, before its deadline of August 15, 2022.

6. What is the official slogan of the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- A. Inclusive and Impressive  
B. Games Wide Open ☒  
C. Global Partnership  
D. Brotherly and Beautiful



- ✓ The organisers of the 2024 Paris Olympics unveiled 'Games Wide Open' as they announced prices for tickets for the fans. In French, the slogan is 'Ouvrons grand les Jeux'. The 2024 Summer Olympics or the 33<sup>rd</sup> Olympiad is scheduled to take place in July–August 2024.

7. Which country is the host of 'Pitch Black', an international Air Combat Exercise?

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



- ✓ Australia is the host of 'Pitch Black', an international Air Combat Exercise. India is set to participate in the 17–Nation Exercise. It includes the participation of around 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel from 17 countries. Other participants include Australia, Canada, India, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the UAE, the UK and the US.

8. 'Lockdown Lyrics', which was released recently, is a book written by which author?

- A. Sanjukta Dash ☒
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Vikram Seth



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released a book titled 'Lockdown Lyrics', a collection of poems written by poet Sanjukta Dash. Dash, an Odia poet has three anthologies of poetries in Odia language. 'Lockdown Lyrics' is her debut book in English. It was written based on the experiences during the pandemic.

9. Which is the first Indian city to publish the transportation emissions data in collaboration with Google?

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. Aurangabad ☒
- D. Guwahati



- ✓ Aurangabad has become the first in the country to release the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google. Under the EIE feature, cities measure the carbon emission sources, conduct analysis and identify strategies to reduce emissions. The EIE feature in India is only available for Aurangabad, Bengaluru, Chennai and Pune and Aurangabad is the first city to make the transportation emissions data public.

10. Which body maintains the 'Depositor Education and Awareness' (DEA) Fund?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. National Payment Corporation of India
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ Unclaimed deposits are defined as balance in savings, current accounts, or term deposits which are not claimed for within ten years from date of maturity. These amounts are transferred by banks to 'Depositor Education and Awareness' (DEA) Fund maintained by the Reserve Bank of India. RBI has been encouraging people to claim such deposits from the respective banks. However, the amount of unclaimed deposits is on the rise.