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1. Under which act, the minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee Meeting are released?

- A. Banking Regulation Act
- B. Reserve Bank of India Act ☒
- C. Monetary Policy Act
- D. Payment and Settlement Act



- ✓ According to Section 45ZL of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Reserve Bank publishes the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting on the fourteenth day after every meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee. As per the minutes of the MPC meeting released recently, Governor Shaktikanta Das along with other members proposed a 50 basis points hike in repo rate to 5.40 per cent.

2. Which company has developed India's first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease?

- A. Biocon
- B. Bharat Biotech
- C. Transasia Bio-Medicals ☒
- D. Serum Institute of India



- ✓ India's first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease has been developed by Transasia Bio-Medicals. The kit was recently unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser to the Centre Ajay Kumar Sood. According to WHO, monkeypox is a virus transmitted to humans from animals, with symptoms similar to smallpox but clinically less severe.

3. Which institution released an article titled "Privatisation of Public Sector Banks: An Alternate Perspective"?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. State Bank of India
- D. National Council of Applied Economic Research



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published an article titled "Privatisation of Public Sector Banks: An Alternate Perspective" in the August 2022 issue of its bulletin. As per the authors of the article, instead of a big bang approach, a gradual approach as announced by the government would result in better outcomes.

4. Which country is the host of the 'Pitch Black' air combat exercise?

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



- ✓ The Indian Air Force, with its four Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter jets and two C-17 heavy-lift aircraft joined the 'Pitch Black' exercise. It is a 17-nation air combat exercise in Australia, being hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). Over 100 aircraft and 2,500 air force personnel from 17 countries namely Australia, Canada, France, Germany, India, Japan, , the UAE, the US, the UK among others participate in the exercise.

5. Artemis III is the crewed Moon landing mission of which country?

- A. Japan
- B. USA ☒
- C. England
- D. Australia



- ✓ Artemis III mission is the crewed Moon landing mission of the US Space agency NASA. Under the mission, NASA has planned to send the first woman and person of colour to the Moon. It is scheduled for launch in 2025. NASA has recently announced 13 potential landing sites for the missions, which are in proximity to the lunar South Pole. Each site is scientifically significant as the lunar South Pole is unexplored by humans and it has some regions rich in resources.

6. Which country is the chair of ASEAN association for the year 2022?

- A. India
- B. Singapore
- C. Cambodia ☒
- D. Thailand



- ✓ Cambodia chairs the ASEAN partnership this year (2022) under the theme "Asean Act: Addressing challenges together. Singapore co-chairs the annual Asean-India foreign ministers' meeting in Phnom Penh, Capital of Cambodia. India's External affairs minister S Jaishankar attended the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) – India Foreign Minister's meeting.

7. Tulika Maan and Sushila Likmabam, who clinched medals for India, play which sports?

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Badminton
- C. Judo ☒
- D. Fencing



- ✓ Tulika Maan clinched a silver medal for India in Judo at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in the 78 kg category. Earlier, Sushila Likmabam got a silver medal in the Women's 48kg category, and Vijay Kumar Yadav won a bronze medal in the Men's 60kg category in Judo.

8. Guindy National Park, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which district?

- A. Chennai ☒
B. Chengalpattu
C. Kanchipuram
D. Thiruvarur



- ✓ Guindy National Park is located in Chennai district. It is one of the very few national parks situated inside a city. A first-of its kind urban animal rescue centre has been set up recently in the national park by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department to help the injured and rescued wildlife.

9. The women crew led by Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma which completed surveillance mission, is associated with which armed force?

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



- ✓ Five women officers of the Indian Naval Air Squadron 314 based at Porbandar in Gujarat created history by completing the first all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission over the north Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft. The aircraft was captained by Mission Commander Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma, who had pilots Lt Shivangi and Lt Apurva Gite and tactical and sensor officers in her team.

10. Which country launched its first moon mission with the orbiter 'Danuri'?

- A. India
B. South Korea ☒
C. Israel
D. New Zealand



- ✓ South Korea launched its first moon mission recently. Its lunar orbiter 'Danuri' was indigenously developed by the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI). The orbiter means "enjoy the moon" successfully separating from the Falcon 9 rocket. It is expected to enter the moon's orbit in December before starting a yearlong observation mission. If it succeeds, South Korea will become the world's seventh lunar explorer, and the fourth in Asia.

1. India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus has been inaugurated in which city?

- A. Mysuru
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Pune ☒
- D. Ahmedabad



- ✓ India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus was developed by KPIT–CSIR in Pune. It was unveiled by Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology. The hydrogen fuel cell uses hydrogen and air to generate electricity, producing only heat and water in the process. FCEVs (Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles) are the most environment–friendly mode of public transportation.

2. Which is the location of the National Seed Congress in 2022?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Mysuru
- C. Gwalior ☒
- D. Vishakhapatnam



- ✓ The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the National Seed Congress in 2022 in Gwalior. The State Academy of Agricultural and Allied Sciences (SAAS) was launched. The efforts of NAAS at the national level and SAAS at the regional level will further accelerate the activities of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry science and promotion of related research and education.

3. What is the name of the 3.5–km–long freight train, which was recently tested?

- A. Bharat Freight
- B. Super Vasuki ☒
- C. India Freight
- D. Bharat Goods



- ✓ The Indian Railways recently conducted a test run of the 3.5–km–long freight train named 'Super Vasuki'. This is the longest and heaviest freight train ever run by the Railways. It has wagons carrying over 27,000 tonnes of coal between Korba in Chhattisgarh and Rajnandgaon in Nagpur.

4. The Central government has planned to collaborate with which state to develop a 'district good governance portal'?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- B. Assam
- C. Karnataka
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Central government has planned to collaborate with the Arunachal Pradesh government to develop a 'district good governance portal'. The portal aims to monitor the performance of each district of the state on a monthly basis and help in benchmarking performance. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) under the Ministry of Personnel will develop the 'district good governance portal'.

5. Which state has inaugurated Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Advance Technology (R-CAT)?

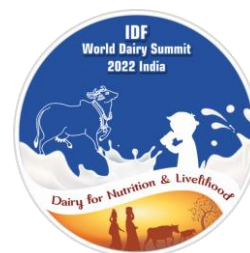
- A. Chhattisgarh
B. Rajasthan ☒
C. Sikkim
D. Punjab



- ✓ Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Advance Technology (R-CAT). R-CAT will conduct training programmes on advanced and emerging Information technologies for graduates. The centre will give industry standard certificates to successful candidates.

6. Which is the venue of the 'International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit'?

- A. Patna
B. New Delhi ☒
C. Amritsar
D. Ahmedabad



- ✓ The four-day International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS 2022), is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from September 12. India is the world's largest milk producer with largest cattle population while it lags behind in yield. From the summit, India will learn lessons to improve its per animal milk productivity from advanced nations.

7. Which country leads the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP)?

- A. China
B. Japan
C. USA ☒
D. Fencing



- ✓ A new US-led partnership initiative of 11 nations which was recently formed, aims to bolster critical mineral supply chains. The Minerals Security Partnership (MSP) focusses on the supply chains of minerals such as Cobalt, Nickel, Lithium and 17 'rare earth' minerals. The alliance is seen as primarily focused on an alternative to China.

8. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Grand Onion Challenge'?

- A. Union Agricultural Ministry
- B. Union Consumer Affairs Ministry ☒
- C. Union MSME Ministry
- D. Union Commerce and Industry Ministry



- ✓ The Department of Consumer Affairs recently launched the 'Grand Onion Challenge'. The challenge seeks ideas from young professionals, professors and scientists for designs and for improving pre-harvesting techniques, primary processing, storage, and transportation of post harvested onions in the country.

9. What is India's new target year to eliminate Kala-azar?

- A. 2023 ☒
- B. 2025
- C. 2027
- D. 2030

2023

- ✓ The Government has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar by 2023 from the country. In a written reply in Lok Sabha given by the union health minister, out of 633 Kala-azar endemic blocks, 625 blocks have achieved the elimination target last year. The World Health Organisation (WHO) Neglected Tropical Diseases Road map has set the target for Kala-azar elimination as 2030.

10. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Common Registration Facility' (My Ration-My Right) portal?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public distribution ☒
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



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- ✓ Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and public distribution launched a web portal named 'Common Registration Facility' (My Ration-My Right). The registration facility in 11 states and UTs aims to enable homeless people, destitutes, migrants and other eligible beneficiaries to apply for ration cards. All 36 states/UTs have been onboarded under the One Nation One Ration Card plan.

1. What is 'Garba', which was nominated by India to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list?

- A. Festival
- B. Dance Form ☒
- C. Art Form
- D. Monument



- ✓ India has recently nominated the dance form Garba to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list. The inclusion of 'Durga Puja' on the UNESCO intangible cultural heritage representative was made last year. India was elected by UNESCO to serve on the Intergovernmental Committee of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in July.

2. India announced the establishment of a working group on transnational education with which country?

- A. USA
- B. Australia ☒
- C. UK
- D. Germany



- ✓ India's Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and his Australian counterpart, Jason Clare announced the establishment of a working group on transnational education. The working group aims to build shared understanding of the regulatory settings in both countries and promote opportunities for a two-way mobility of institutions. The Union Minister co-chaired the sixth meeting of the Australia India Education Council (AIEC).

3. India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory is to be established in which state/UT?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttarakhand ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory is to be established in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand by Digantara, a space sector start-up. The observatory aims to track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth. This will improve the effectiveness of tracking and identifying pre-existing resident space objects.

4. India recently inaugurated the new Indian Embassy in which country (in August 2022)?

- A. Malta
- B. Paraguay ☒
- C. Iran
- D. Venezuela



- ✓ India's Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar jointly inaugurated the new Indian Embassy in Asuncion in Paraguay with his counterpart. This is the first ever visit of an Indian Foreign Minister to the Republic of Paraguay which has taken place as the two countries completed the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

5. Which state has announced to set up online monitoring system of medicines in government-run medical institutions?

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



- ✓ Kerala government has announced to introduce an online monitoring system, to keep track of medicines in government-run medical institutions. The system aims to keep track of availability and distribution of medicines. The state's health minister announced that hospital employees should use the online system of Kerala Medical Services Corporation (KMSCL) to ensure availability of medicines.

6. Which is the venue of the 'SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting' held in 2022?

- A. Beijing
- B. Tashkent ☒
- C. Shanghai
- D. Nursultan



- ✓ Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the annual meeting of Defence Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Apart from India, the Foreign Ministers of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan also participated in the meeting. The preparations for the forthcoming SCO Summit of Heads of State in Samarkand were also discussed.

7. Which leader has been honoured with the '2022 Liberty Medal'?

- A. Imran Khan
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Volodymyr Zelenskyy ☒
- D. Fumio Kishida



- ✓ Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been named for this year's 'Liberty Medal' by the National Constitution Center. He was selected for his heroic defense of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny. Volodymyr Zelensky has been serving as the nation's President since May 2019, has also been the recipient of awards such as the Ronald Reagan Freedom Award and the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award as well as honors from other governments.

8. What is the theme of the 'World Water Week 2022'?

- A. Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water ☒
- B. Transforming the global water challenges
- C. Global collaboration for water
- D. Biodiversity and climate change



- ✓ The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) organizes World Water Week every year. This year, it is celebrated from August 23 to September 1. The theme for World Water Week 2022 is 'Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water'. It is a movement aimed at transforming the global water challenges.

9. Fahmida Azim, who has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize, is from which country?

- A. India
- B. Bangladesh ☒
- C. Iran
- D. Oman



- ✓ Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim working for the Insider online magazine of United States has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize. She is among the four journalists of Insider, selected for their work on the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs. She has been selected under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary, for her illustrations in the work 'I escaped a Chinese internment Camp'.

10. Antim Panghal, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- A. Wrestling ☒
- B. Weight lifting
- C. Hockey
- D. Badminton



- ✓ Antim Panghal became the first Indian female wrestler ever to clinch gold at the Under 20 Wrestling World Championships. She topped the 53kg category in the World Championships being held in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- ✓ The only other Indians to win gold at the U20 World Championships are Deepak Punia (2019) Ramesh Kumar (2001) Palwinder Singh Cheema (2001) and Pappu Yadav (1992).

1. World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year during which month?

- A. July
- B. August ☒
- C. September
- D. October



- ✓ World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year, from August 1 to 7, to insist on regular breastfeeding for babies. This year's theme for World Breastfeeding Week is 'Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support'. In 1990, the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF created a memorandum, to support and encourage breastfeeding. The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) was established in 1991. The inaugural World Breastfeeding Week was observed in 1992 to promote the campaign.

2. Ministry of Culture launched an initiative 'India ki Udaan' along with which company?

- A. Microsoft
- B. Google ☒
- C. Meta
- D. Amazon



- ✓ Ministry of Culture and Google launched an initiative, 'India ki Udaan' to celebrate the spirit of India and its achievements in past 75 years. This celebration started in New Delhi. This joint venture was organised under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Google Arts and Culture unveiled an exhibit created to honour the achievers of India in the last 75 years.

3. Which state has announced to develop 'Modi circuit' as a part of its tourism development?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttarakhand ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ The Uttarakhand tourism department has announced to develop a 'Modi circuit' at the Corbett Tiger Reserve. It aims to cover the places visited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi while shooting for the 'Man vs Wild' television programme in 2019.

4. 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 Limpedea 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 9 rounds. Pranav is the 27th GM from the state of Tamil Nadu.

5. 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.

6. Who was appointed as the first woman chief of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research?

- A. Dr N Kalaiselvi ☒
B. Margaret Alva
C. Dr Ranjini Raghunath
D. Jayashree Sathyanarayana



- ✓ Dr N Kalaiselvi has become the first woman Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The Energy researcher will be the Secretary to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. She is the only fourth woman scientist to occupy the position of a secretary of a scientific department under the central government.

7. Who is the recipient of the '2022 dPal rNgam Duston' award, the highest civilian honour of Ladakh?

- A. Narendra Modi
B. Dalai Lama ☒
C. Draupadi Murmu
D. M Venkaiah



- ✓ Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama was honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award, the highest civilian honour of Ladakh. The sixth award was conferred by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh to Dalai Lama, for his immense contribution to humanity, especially towards the union territory.

8. Which is the location of the '12th edition of the Defence Expo'?

- A. Mysuru
- B. Gandhinagar ☒
- C. Pune
- D. Visakhapatnam



- ✓ The Ministry of Defence announced that the 12th edition of the Defence Expo, will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat between October 18 and 22, 2022. It is India's flagship exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems. The theme for this edition is 'Path to Pride'. Live demonstrations showcasing the military equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, Defence PSUs and Industry will be held at the Sabarmati River Front.

9. Rupal Chaudhary, who became the first Indian athlete to win two medals at the World U20 Athletics Championships, plays which sport?

- A. Javelin throw
- B. Shot Put
- C. Relay and Sprint ☒
- D. High Jump



- ✓ Rupal Chaudhary created history by becoming the first Indian athlete to win two medals at the World U20 Athletics Championship. She clinched silver medal in the 4x400m relay as well as a bronze medal in the women's 400m. Also known as the World Junior Championships, the event was held in Colombia.

10. 'Ex Vajra Prahar 2022' is a military exercise between India and which country?

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



- ✓ India and the US commenced a military exercise named 'Ex Vajra Prahar 2022' in Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh to improve interoperability between their Special Forces. The 13th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise 'Ex Vajra Prahar 2022' commenced at the Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh, as per the Indian Army.

1. The Anang Tal Lake, which was declared a monument of national importance, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Karnataka
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Kerala
- D. Telangana



- ✓ The Anang Tal Lake in South Delhi has been declared a monument of national importance by the Ministry of Culture. As per the website of National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, Anang Tal dates back to 1,060 AD.

2. Where is the 'International Conference on Indian Minerals and Metals Industry' held?

- A. New Delhi ☒
- B. Mumbai
- C. Mysuru
- D. Varanasi



- ✓ India's mining major NMDC in association with FICCI organised a conference on Indian minerals and metal industry on the theme 'Transition Towards 2030 & Vision 2047' in New Delhi. As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the conference was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Steel and the Ministry of Mines. The objective of the event was to discuss on the roadmap for the minerals and metal industry to achieve Vision 2047.

3. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew the restrictions on which credit card service after compliance with data storage norms?

- A. American Express ☒
- B. Discover
- C. Mastercard
- D. Visa



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew the restrictions on American Express Banking Corp and allowed the company to onboard new customers following satisfactory compliance with data storage norms. The RBI, in 2021, had restricted US-based credit card service from onboarding new domestic customers onto its card network for non-compliance with RBI's rules on storage of payment system data.

4. Which country marked the Ukraine's Independence Day with USD 3 billion in security assistance?

- A. UK
- B. USA ☒
- C. Australia
- D. Germany



- ✓ U.S. President Joe Biden marked Ukraine's Independence Day with USD 3 billion in security assistance. This is the country's largest aid package since Russia's invasion six months ago. It is feared that Russia appeared to be planning to launch fresh attacks in coming days. The new package would include six additional surface-to-air missile systems known as NASAMS, counter-artillery radars, Puma drones, along with counter-drone systems known as VAMPIRE.

5. NHAI, IWAI and RVNL signed a tripartite MoU for development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks under which scheme?

- A. Bharatmala Pariyojana ☒
- B. PM Gram Sadak Yojana
- C. Smart City Scheme
- D. AMRUT Scheme



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- ✓ A tripartite agreement was signed by National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP). The MoU was signed under the Bharatmala Pariyojana across the country with an objective to centralize freight consolidation and reduce logistics cost from 14% to less than 10% of GDP.

6. Which Indian leader's home is conferred the London's 'Blue plaque honour'?

- A. Dr B R Ambedkar
- B. Dadabhai Naoroji ☒
- C. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- D. Khan Abdul Kabir Khan



- ✓ The London home of the Indian leader Dadabhai Naoroji is set to get a 'Blue plaque', an honour reserved for notable personalities who have lived and worked in London. Dadabhai Naoroji is the first Asian to be elected a British Member of Parliament. The Blue Plaque scheme was established in 1866, and is run by English Heritage at present.

7. James Marape was sworn in as Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Papua New Guinea ☒
- B. Singapore
- C. Malaysia
- D. Maldives



- ✓ Papua New Guinea's Parliament has elected Prime Minister James Marape to power after elections in the South Pacific Island nation. Marape was sworn in as the Prime Minister for a second time. The contenders to lead the new government were Marape and Peter O'Neill, his predecessor who

resigned in 2019. Papua New Guinea is a diverse tribal society, which gained independence from Australia in 1975.

8. Which Union Ministry is associated with 'SMILE-75 Initiative'?

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



- ✓ Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging, under the spirit of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The initiative is called 'SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise' or SMILE-75 Initiative. The initiative will focus on rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities, counselling, awareness, education, skill development and convergence with other Government welfare programmes etc.

9. Which Indian state kick started the 'Freedom Wall mural art project' to mark the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Kerala Higher Education Ministry formally inaugurated the Freedom Wall mural art project to mark the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. The project is jointly organised in government colleges across the state by the Directorate of Collegiate Education and the State National Service Scheme (NSS) unit. The mural stretch, which will cover an area of 20,000 ft, is said to be the largest collection of murals painted in the country.

10. Which organisation released the 'Global Employment Trends for Youth – 2022' report?

- A. WEF
- B. IMF
- C. World Bank
- D. ILO ☒



International
Labour
Organization

- ✓ The 'Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022' report was recently released by the International Labour Organisation. As per the report, India experienced severe working-hour and employment losses in 2020 and 2021, and Indian youth employment deteriorated in 2021 compared to 2020. Youngsters in 15–24 age group experienced a much higher percentage loss in employment than adults since early 2020. The total global number of unemployed youths is estimated to reach 73 million in 2022.

1. Which Indian state/UT launched the Parivar Kalyan Card (PKC) Scheme?

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



- ✓ **Parivar Kalyan Card scheme is the Uttar Pradesh government's Family ID plan. It was announced to establish a comprehensive database of the state's family units and identify beneficiaries for its various schemes. The PKC will provide a unique 12-digit ID number for each family. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has allowed the state government to link Aadhaar data with the PKC.**

2. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in 2022?

- A. Samir V Kamat ☒
- B. K Sivan
- C. Mayilsamy Annadurai
- D. Tessy Thomas



- ✓ **Veteran Scientist Dr. Samir V Kamat has been appointed as the new Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). He succeeds Dr. G Satheesh Reddy who will take charge as Scientific Advisor to the union defence minister. Earlier, Dr. Samir V Kamat was the Director General of Naval Systems & Materials at DRDO since 2017.**

3. Which country has been hit by the Tropical cyclone Ma-On?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. Philippines ☒
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ **The Philippines has been hit by the tropical cyclone Ma-on that has damaged the main Luzon Island in the country. The cyclone has killed at least three people and injured four others, as per the country's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. Ma-on was the sixth tropical cyclone to hit this Southeast Asian country this year.**

4. Which Indian economist has been appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- A. Urjit Patel
- B. K Subramanian ☒
- C. Viral Acharya
- D. Anantha Nageswaran



- ✓ **Former Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian has been appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Subramanian's term will continue for a period of three years or until further orders. The tenure of economist Surjit S Bhalla as ED (India), IMF has been curtailed up to 31 October, 2022.**

5. Which Union Ministry has published 'Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022'?

- A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ☒
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs



- ✓ **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change recently published the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022. New rules will replace Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001, to ensure environmentally sound management of waste batteries. The rules cover all types of batteries including Electric Vehicle batteries, portable batteries, automotive batteries and industrial batteries.**

6. Which University has been ranked first in the 'Nature Index 2022' ranking?

- A. Delhi University
- B. University of Hyderabad ☒
- C. Punjab University
- D. Madras University



- ✓ **The University of Hyderabad (UoH) continues to be in the top position in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking. The Nature Index is an indicator of high-quality research in natural and physical sciences. The UoH has been ranked first among Indian Universities and 16th among all institutions in the academic sector. The rankings are based on the data from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.**

7. 'Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages' is the theme of which international day celebrated in August?

A. International Youth Day ☒

B. International Senior Citizens Day



C. International Adolescent Children Day

D. International Youth Gen-Z Day

- ✓ Every year, International Youth Day is celebrated on August 12 to mark the contribution of the youth to the development of society and to raise awareness against the injustice faced by the youth worldwide. This year's theme for International Youth Day 2022 is 'Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages. Ageism, a practice of discrimination based on an individual's age, is the topic of International Youth Day in 2022.

8. North East India Festival 2022 celebrates the 75 years of relations of India and which country?

A. Japan

B. Thailand ☒

C. Myanmar

D. Singapore



- ✓ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma announced that the North East India Festival will celebrate 75 years of India–Thailand relations. The North East Festival 'Connecting People celebrating Culture' is the largest initiative of North East India. It will be held in Bangkok, to showcase the uniqueness of North East and promote unexplored avenues in terms of tourism and investment.

9. Which state/UT hosts the first khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16)?

A. New Delhi ☒

B. Odisha

C. Karnataka

D. Haryana



- ✓ The first 'Khelo India Women's Hockey League for U-16 girls' is scheduled to start on August 16 at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi. The Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-21) was held over three phases in New Delhi and Lucknow earlier this year. A total of 16 teams across the country are participating and over 300 players will compete in the league.

10. What percent of the taxes collected by the Centre is devolved among states?

A. 40

B. 41 ☒

C. 42

D. 45



- ✓ At present, 41 per cent of taxes collected by the Centre is devolved in 14 instalments among states during a fiscal year. The Centre recently released two instalments of tax devolution to state governments amounting to Rs 1.16 lakh crore to states.

1. What is the name of the new model of sustainable development of rivers proposed by Indian Government?

- A. Namami Bharat
- B. Arth Ganga ☒
- C. River SDG
- D. Namami Nadhi



- ✓ The Chief of National Mission for Clean Ganga recently mentioned about the 'Arth Ganga model' during his address to the Stockholm World Water Week 2022. It is the new model of sustainable development of rivers, which aims to connect people with the river through economy. The Arth Ganga initiative 'strives to contribute at least 3% of the GDP from the Ganga Basin'.

2. Which tech company has released the 'Child safety toolkit' and 'Cyber-security up-skilling program'?

- A. Microsoft
- B. Google ☒
- C. Apple
- D. Amazon



- ✓ Google has made some several major announcements at its second edition of Safer with Google initiative event. Some of them are 'Child safety toolkit' and 'Cyber-security up-skilling program' for approximately 100,000 developers, IT, and start-up professionals across the country.

3. The 'National Sports Day' is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of which sportsperson?

- A. Major Dhyan Chand ☒
- B. Milkha Singh
- C. P T Usha
- D. Balbir Singh



- ✓ 'National Sports Day' or Rashtriya Khel Divas is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, the hockey wizard of India. It is an annual observance that falls on August 29 and it aims to create awareness about the need and benefits of incorporating sports and physical activities into our day to life. Major Dhyan Chand played a key role in India's gold medal victory at the Olympics in 1928, 1932, and 1936.

4. The 300-metre long 'Atal Bridge' for pedestrians and cyclists has been inaugurated in which city?

- A. Uttar Pradesh B. Bihar
- C. Gujarat ☒ D. Karnataka



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 300-metre long 'Atal Bridge' for pedestrians and cyclists across the Sabarmati River in Ahmedabad. Atal Bridge connects the two banks of Sabarmati River with the design inspired by the famous kite festival. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the bridge from the Khadi Utsav event.

5. Linthoi Chanambam, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Tennis
B. Badminton
C. Judo ☒
D. Fencing



- ✓ Linthoi Chanambam scripted history by winning India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships with gold in the Women's 57kg category. The 15-year-old Manipur-based judoka clinched gold at the World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships. She is the first Indian judoka to win a medal at any age-group category of the World Championships. She is also part of the Indian government's TOPS programme.

6. Who has become first Indian player to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game?

- A. M S Dhoni
B. Virat Kohli ☒
C. Rohit Sharma
D. Shikhar Dhawan



- ✓ Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game. Kohli has now 100 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since he made his international debut in August 2008. The first player with the record was New Zealand batter Ross Taylor who retired recently.

7. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Union Health Ministry
B. Union Chemicals and Fertilisers Ministry ☒
C. Union Women and Child Development Ministry
D. Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry



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- ✓ Union Minister of Chemical and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). NPPA is an attached office of the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. It acts as an independent Regulator for pricing of drugs and to ensure availability and accessibility of medicines at affordable prices.

8. Which sportsperson has won the BWF World Championship title in 2022?

- A. P V Sindhu
- B. K Srikanth
- C. Viktor Axelsen ☒
- D. Carolina Marin



- ✓ Denmark's Viktor Axelsen won his second badminton world title, beating Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the final in Tokyo. World number-one Axelsen, who won Olympic gold last year, also claimed the world title in Glasgow in 2017. The 28-year-old has reached the final without losing a single game. This is also his sixth title of the season.

9. When is the 'International Day against Nuclear Tests' observed?

- A. August.26
- B. August.28
- C. August.29 ☒
- D. August.31



- ✓ The United Nations observes 'the International Day against Nuclear Tests' on August 29. It aims to raise awareness about the devastating effects of testing nuclear weapons. The event urges world governments to end nuclear proliferation and stop such tests. The first nuclear test called Trinity was conducted by the United States on July 16, 1945.

10. Shumang Leela is a traditional festival held in which state/UT?

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



- ✓ The 50th All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022 kicked off at Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen in Imphal. Manipur Governor La Ganesan and Chief Minister N. Biren Singh attended the inaugural function. Shumang Leela is a traditional form of theatre in Manipur and the roles of female artists are all played by male actors and male characters are played by female artists.

1. Which Indian business person recently became the third–richest person in the world, as per the Bloomberg Billionaire Index?

- A. Mukesh Ambani
- B. Gautam Adani ☒
- C. Cyrus Poonawalla
- D. Radhakishan Damani



- ✓ **Indian Business tycoon Gautam Adani recently became the third–richest person in the world. He is also the only one among the world’s 10 wealthiest people to have seen his net worth increase this year. With a net worth of USD 137.4 billion, Adani has gained USD 60.9 billion this year, more than any other billionaire on the top 500 list. India had 18 billionaires in the top 500 list.**

2. Which institution/ council released the ‘Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100’ Report?

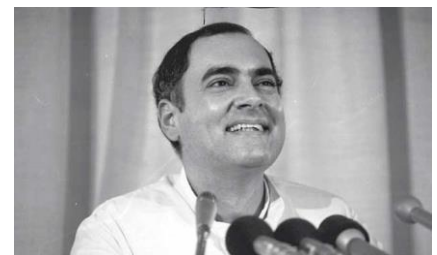
- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Economic Advisory Council ☒
- C. National Council of Applied Economic Research
- D. Centre for Policy Research



- ✓ **Economic Advisory Council (EAC) to Prime Minister released the Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100. The document is a roadmap for India towards the centennial year and to guide India to become a higher–income country by 2047. The Competitiveness Roadmap is a collaborative endeavor between EAC–PM, the Institute for Competitiveness and Dr. Christian Ketels from Harvard Business School.**

3. Which Indian state/UT has inaugurated the ‘Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games’?

- A. Assam
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Telangana



- ✓ **Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated a month–long Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games in Jodhpur. The Village Olympics is expected to see the participation of 44,000 villages across Rajasthan and 30 lakh people. Out of the 30 lakh participants, 9 lakhs are women. The Games include volleyball, hockey, tennis ball cricket and Kho Kho.**

4. Which city hosted the ‘UN session to save Biodiversity’?

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



- ✓ The 'UN session to save Biodiversity' was held at the United Nations headquarters in New York. However, the UN member states ended two weeks of negotiations without a treaty to protect biodiversity in the high seas. It is an agreement that would have addressed growing environmental and economic challenges.

5. Which state/UT got its second railway station after a gap of 100 years?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
B. Nagaland ☒
C. Assam
D. Mizoram



- ✓ Nagaland got its second railway station, after a gap of 100 years. The Donyi Polo Express from Shokhuvi Railway Station was flagged off by the state's Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio. The train will run between Guwahati in Assam and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh on a daily basis. The first railway station was set up at Dimapur Railway Station in 1903.

6. Langya Henipa virus or the LayV, a new virus, has been discovered in which country?

- A. Italy
B. Israel
C. China ☒
D. India



- ✓ Langya Henipa virus, a new zoonotic virus has been discovered in China's two eastern provinces. This new type of Henipavirus is also being called Langya Henipavirus or the LayV. According to scientists, the virus can be transmitted from animals to humans while human-to-human transmission of the virus has not been reported.

7. Which institution has developed an indigenous vaccine for Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle?

- A. NIV
B. ICAR ☒
C. IISc
D. NABARD



- ✓ Two institutes of agricultural research body, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), have developed an indigenous vaccine for Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle. The disease has recently spread across many states in the last few months. The Centre has planned to commercialise this homologous live-attenuated LSD vaccine 'Lumpi-ProVacInd'. Rajasthan has reported over 2000 deaths of cattle, followed by Gujarat and Punjab.

8. 'Rice Fortification' in India is implemented through which Ministry?

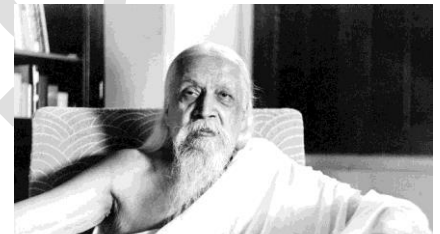
- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food Distribution ☒
- C. Ministry of Law and Justice
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ As per the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food Distribution, as many as 151 districts in 24 states have already lifted fortified rice under the Public Distribution System (PDS). The government said nearly 6.83 lakh tonnes of fortified rice has been distributed under the Public Distribution System (PDS) in the second phase from April 2022. The first phase began in October 2021, to distribute fortified rice through Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN).

9. Which Indian leader is associated with the 'Purna Swaraj' idea and 'Bande Mataram' newspaper?

- A. Subhash Chandra Bose
- B. Aurobindo Ghosh ☒
- C. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- D. Dadabhai Naoroji



- ✓ Aurobindo Ghosh was the first proponent of 'Purna Swaraj' more than 20 years before the Indian National Congress' declaration in 1930. The 150th year of his birth anniversary was celebrated recently. Sri Aurobindo was born as Aurobindo Ghosh on August 15, 1872. He was a philosopher, poet, journalist and revolutionary. He wrote about the idea of complete independence in his newspaper Bande Mataram, and developed an approach to achieve that goal that included non-cooperation, passive resistance and use of swadeshi goods.

10. Padang, which was announced as a national monument, is located in which country?

- A. Japan
- B. India
- C. Singapore ☒
- D. Nepal



- ✓ Singapore declared its 200-year-old green and open space Padang, as its 75th national monument, as the city-state celebrates its 57th National Day. Padang is the site from where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose gave his 'Delhi Chalo' slogan in 1943. Padang is also the first green and open space on Singapore's list of national monuments, the highest form of recognition for a site's significance.