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1. The Agricultural Census is conducted in the interval of how many years in India?

- A. 2                      B. 3  
C. 5 ☒                      D. 10

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- ✓ The Eleventh Agricultural Census (2021–22) was recently launched by the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar.
- ✓ Agriculture Census is conducted every 5 years in India and this is the first time the data collection will be conducted on smart phones and tablets. Agricultural Census is the main source of information on the number and area of operational holdings, their size, class-wise distribution, land use, tenancy and cropping pattern, etc.

2. Which shipyard—built India's first indigenous aircraft carrier— Vikrant?

- A. Cochin Shipyard ☒  
B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders  
C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers  
D. Hindustan Shipyard



- ✓ India's first indigenous aircraft carrier— Vikrant was built and delivered to the Indian Navy by Cochin Shipyards Limited (CSL). CSL, the public sector shipyard, under the Ministry of Shipping, has built the carrier with 76 per cent indigenisation components. Vikrant will be commissioned into the Indian Navy as Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant.

3. Tadoba Tiger Reserve, which hosted the Global Tiger Day Celebrations, is located in which Indian state?

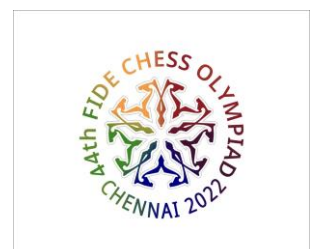
- A. Sikkim  
B. Maharashtra ☒  
C. Gujarat  
D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Tadoba Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra played host to the Global Tiger Day Celebrations in India. Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav attended the Global Tiger Day 2022 Celebrations held at Chandrapur Forest Academy, Maharashtra. The declaration to celebrate Global Tiger Day was taken on 29th July 2010 at St Petersburg, for increased thrust on tiger conservation and management globally.

4. Which state hosted the FIDE Chess Olympiad for the first time in India?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒                      B. Telangana  
C. Maharashtra                      D. Odisha





- ✓ The 44<sup>th</sup> FIDE Chess Olympiad is being hosted by the state of Tamil Nadu. This is the first time India is hosting the international event. The world's biggest team chess championship, with players from 187 countries, is organised at Mamallapuram, near Chennai.
- ✓ The international event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the presence of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

5. The Indian Navy recently received two MH-60 R multirole helicopters from which country?

- A. Russia
- B. United States ☒
- C. Israel
- D. France



- ✓ The Indian Navy recently received two MH-60 R multirole helicopters from the United States. The third helicopter is scheduled to be delivered in August this year. In 2019, the United States had approved the sale of 24 MH-60R multi-mission helicopters to India under its Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program. The MH-60R is the most advanced marine multi-mission helicopter which is in use currently.

6. Which state held the most number of sittings of the State Assembly in 2021?

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



- ✓ As per the recent study of the think tank PRS, Legislative Research (PRS), Kerala held the most number of sittings of the State Assembly in 2021 at 61 days. Between 2016 and 2019, it remained at the top with an average of 53 days. Kerala is followed by Odisha with 43 sitting days, Karnataka with 40 days and Tamil Nadu with 34 days.

7. 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme' which was recently launched, is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Power ☒
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food Distribution
- C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



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- ✓ The Prime Minister launched the Union Power Ministry's 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme'. It aims to help DISCOMs improve their operational efficiencies and financial sustainability. The

Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of various green energy projects of NTPC worth over Rs 5200 crore. He also launched the 'National Solar rooftop portal'.

8. Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary, where a new damselfly species (*Protosticta anamalaica*) was spotted, is in which state?

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



- ✓ Entomologists from the Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS) have recently identified the species, Anamalai Reed-tail (*Protosticta anamalaica*) from the Western Ghats in the Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary in Thrissur. With this, the number of odonates in Kerala has grown to 182. The insect was first spotted at Ponmudi hills in the Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary of the Munnar landscape.

9. Logistics Data Bank (LDB) Project, which was seen in the news, is associated with which Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Heavy Industries



- ✓ NLDSL–NICDC Logistics Data Bank (LDB Project) has achieved a milestone of handling 50 million EXIM containers. Union Commerce and Industry Minister lauded the NICDC Logistics Data Services for the achievement. NICDC stands for National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation.
- ✓ LDB handles 100% of India's EXIM container volume. It uses RFID technology through Internet of Things, Big Data and Cloud-based solution for real-time tracking of EXIM container movement.

10. Loktak Lake, the largest freshwater lake in India, is located in which state?

- A. Assam
- B. Manipur ☒
- C. Haryana
- D. Telangana



- ✓ Loktak lake is the largest freshwater lake in India, located in the state of Manipur. The lake covers 61 per cent of the total identified wetlands of the state. Recently, the Loktak Development Authority (LDA) issued a notice to remove all floating houses and fishing structures on Loktak lake. It has created a sharp reaction from the fishing community and home-stay operators.



1. Who has been named as the new MD and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE)?

A. Ashish Chauhan ☒

B. K V Kamath

C. Urjit Patel

D. Arundhati Bhattacharya



- ✓ **Market regulator SEBI has named Ashish Chauhan as the new MD and CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE). Ashish Chauhan is currently the MD and CEO of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). BSE and its subsidiary CDSL, launched successful IPOs under his leadership.**

2. 'The Crafts Village scheme' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

A. Union Ministry of Culture

B. Union Ministry of Textiles ☒

C. Union Ministry of Home Affairs

D. Union Ministry of MSME



- ✓ **'The Crafts Village scheme' aims to develop handicrafts as a sustainable livelihood option for artisans in the clusters. It is an initiative of Union Textiles Ministry for 'Linking Textile with Tourism'. It aims to promote craft and tourism by providing infrastructure support to handicraft clusters. Eight craft villages are selected under the scheme.**
- ✓ **They are Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Vadaj (Gujarat), Naini (Uttar Pradesh), Raghurajpur (Odisha), Anegundi (Karnataka), Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Taj Ganj (Uttar Pradesh) and Amer (Rajasthan).**

3. 'Chabahar Port', which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

A. Afghanistan

B. Nepal

C. Iran ☒

D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ **The Chabahar Port is a strategic port located in Iran is the commercial transit centre for the Central Asian region. 'Chabahar Day' is celebrated to mark the beginning of International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) – an Indian vision to economise movement of cargo between India and Central Asia.**
- ✓ **On the occasion of 'Chabahar Day', Union Ports, Shipping & Waterways Ministry along with the Indian Ports Global Ltd. (IPGL) which was formed to participate in Chabahar development project, organized a conference in Mumbai.**

4. Which state is the venue of the India–Oman joint military drill 'AL NAJAH'?

- A. Maharashtra  
B. Rajasthan ☒  
C. Sikkim  
D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Indian Army and Royal Army of Oman have recently started their 13–day joint military exercise in Rajasthan, India. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of India–Oman joint military drill 'AL NAJAH' focuses on Counter Terrorism, Regional Security and Peace Keeping Operations.

5. Who is the head of the task force recently set up by the Central govt to monitor monkeypox situation in India?

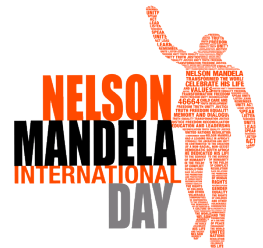
- A. Amitabh Kant  
B. V K Paul ☒  
C. Mansukh Mandaviya  
D. Bharati Pawar



- ✓ The Central Government has established a task force to monitor monkey–pox situation in India. It is headed by Dr VK Paul, member (Health), NITI Aayog. The task force also includes Secretary, Union Health Ministry, Pharma and Biotech. It will advise the government on expanding diagnostic facilities and investigating vaccination against the disease. India has reported four Monkeypox cases so far, three cases in Kerala and one in Delhi.

6. When is the 'Nelson Mandela Day' observed every year?

- A. July.14  
B. July.18 ☒  
C. July.19  
D. July.25



- ✓ 'Nelson Mandela Day' is observed on July 18 every year. The United Nations (UN) had declared July 18 as Nelson Mandela Day to honour the leader in 2009. Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid activist who served as the first President from 1994 to 1999. He was the first black head of state and the first elected President in a fully democratic election in South Africa.

7. Which Union Ministry's website has been ranked first in the National e–Governance Service Delivery Assessment?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs ☒  
B. Ministry of Culture  
C. Ministry of Defence  
D. Ministry of Finance



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- ✓ The website of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been ranked first in the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment. The Digital Police portal was ranked second in the service delivery assessment of websites of central government ministries, conducted by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in association with its knowledge partners NASSCOM and KPMG in 2021.

8. Who is the head of the high-powered panel on minimum support price (MSP), which was recently set up?

- A. Ramesh Chand
- B. Amitabh Kant
- C. M S Swaminathan
- D. Sanjay Agarwal ☒



- ✓ The Central Government has constituted a high-powered panel under the chairmanship of former agriculture secretary Sanjay Agarwal. The panel seeks to the minimum support price (MSP) mechanism more effective and transparent. It was set up eight months after the government repealed the three controversial farm Acts. The panel includes NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand, and representatives from IFFCO, ICAR, along with representatives from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, and Odisha.

9. 'JC Daniel Award' is the highest award in cinema in which language?

- A. Tamil
- B. Malayalam ☒
- C. Marathi
- D. Kannada



- ✓ Renowned filmmaker KP Kumaran was awarded the 2021 JC Daniel Award. It is Kerala's highest award in Malayalam cinema. The award is presented annually by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, a non-profit institution under the Department of Cultural Affairs.

10. Which country is the top source of India's remittances in 2021?

- A. UAE
- B. USA ☒
- C. Singapore
- D. Canada



- ✓ As per a recent survey of the Reserve Bank of India, the US surpassed the UAE as the top source country of India's remittances, accounting for 23% of total remittances. India is by far the world's largest recipient of remittances, as it received \$87 billion in 2021 with a growth of 4.6%.



1. Rakhigarhi, which was seen in the news recently, is an ancient site located in which state?

- A. Haryana ☒
- B. Gujarat
- C. Odisha
- D. Punjab



- ✓ Twenty heritage sites, including ancient mounds at Haryana's Rakhigarhi have been identified for the 'National importance' tag. The other sites include Anangtal in Delhi; rock painting at Chintakunta, Andhra Pradesh; rock art site Murgi at Rdanag, Leh; Kaleshwar Mahadev Temple, Himachal Pradesh among others.

2. Which Ministry is associated with the Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems Amendment Bill 2022?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Defence
- C. Ministry of External Affairs ☒
- D. Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Waterways

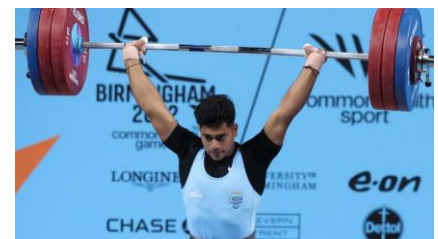


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- ✓ The Parliament has recently passed the Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill 2022. Ministry of External Affairs introduced the bill. It seeks to amend the 2005 Act and to stop persons from financing any prohibited activity related to weapons of mass destruction and their delivery.

3. Achinta Sheuli, who clinched gold medal for India in the Commonwealth Games 2022, is associated with which sport?

- A. Weight lifting ☒
- B. Boxing
- C. Table Tennis
- D. Cricket



- ✓ 20-year-old Achinta Sheuli clinched gold medal for India in the Commonwealth Games 2022 in 73-kg category of Weight lifting. He won the first place with a combined effort of 313 Kilograms (143kg in snatch and 170kg in clean & jerk). Mirabai Chanu and Jeremy Lalrinunnga have earlier claimed gold medals while Bindyarani Devi and Sanketh Sargar picked up silver medals.

4. When is the 'Muslim Women's Rights Day' observed?

- A. July.31
- B. August.1 ☒
- C. August.3
- D. August.5



- ✓ 'Muslim Women's Rights Day' is observed every year on the first of August to celebrate the enforcement of law against the 'Triple Talaq' rule. The Triple Talaq, also known as Talaq-e-Biddat was made illegal and as per the law the offenders will be jailed up to 3 years and also have to pay fine.

5. Which state signed an MoU with NITI Aayog for enhancement of the learning outcome of students?

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



**NITI Aayog**

- ✓ The Arunachal Pradesh government inked a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NITI Aayog on the enhancement of the learning outcome of students across 3,000 plus government schools in the state. The MoU is a three-year partnership (2022 – 25) focusing over two lakh children. The school education transformation project is under NITI Aayog's Development Support Services for States (DSSS) initiative.

6. Who has been appointed as the BCCI ethics officer and Ombudsman?

- A. Ranjan Gogoi  
B. Vineet Saran ☒  
C. A K Sikri  
D. V K Singh



- ✓ Former Supreme Court judge Vineet Saran has taken over as the BCCI's ethics officer and ombudsman, filling the dual posts which were lying vacant for a year. Vineet Saran has succeeded Justice (Retd) D K Jain, whose term ended in June last year. He is a former Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, and also served as a judge in Karnataka and Allahabad High Court.

7. Which Indian state recently conducted its first-ever survey of blackbucks?

- A. Kerala  
B. Karnataka  
C. Andhra Pradesh ☒  
D. Goa



- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh State Wildlife Department has commenced the first-ever survey of blackbucks along a stretch of islands in the Godavari between Dowleswaram and Yanam. The survey aims of drawing up a conservation plan to protect the endangered species.

8. Which is the first port in India to become a full Landlord Major Port of India?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Maharashtra ☒
- B. Cochi Port, Kerala
- C. Mormugao Port, Goa
- D. Kandla Port, Gujarat



- ✓ Maharashtra's Jawaharlal Nehru Port has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India with all berths being operated on PPP model. JNP is one of the leading container ports of the country and is ranked 26<sup>th</sup> among the top 100 global ports.

9. What is the rank of India in the 2022 edition of Henley Passport Index?

- A. 82
- B. 85
- C. 87 ☒
- D. 84



- ✓ In the 2022 edition of Henley Passport Index, Indian passport is ranked at 87 as it provides easy access to 57 countries. Japan is at the first place of the index with hassle-free entry to 193 countries. Singapore and South Korea have the next powerful passports in the world with access to 192 countries. Indian passports had access to just 23 destinations in 2020.

10. Which state topped the utilisation of funds under Smart City Mission?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ As per a recent government data, Tamil Nadu tops the list of states so far as utilisation of funds under Smart City Mission. Tamil Nadu has spent over Rs 3932 crore out of the Rs 4333 crore released by the Centre, Uttar Pradesh is at second position with utilisation of Rs 2699 cr out of the release of Rs 3142 crore. The Smart Cities Mission (SCM) was launched on 25 June, 2015.



1. Which Union Ministry implements the 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0' scheme?

- A. Ministry of Health
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development ☒
- C. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- D. Ministry of Tribal Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued Operational Guidelines for implementation of 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0'. The Integrated Nutrition Support scheme has been approved by the Government of India for implementation during the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission period 2021–22 to 2025–26. The programme aims to address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

2. 'Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)' which is seen in the news, is a term related to which field?

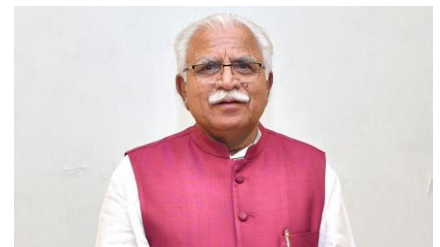
- A. Economy
- B. Climate Change ☒
- C. Defence
- D. Industry



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement. The NDCs are to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). India last submitted its NDC in the year 2015. India has committed to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030 and achieving 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

3. Which state launched the 'Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)' scheme?

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



- ✓ Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar recently launched the 'Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)' scheme. It aims to provide 'free education' to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students of government schools in budget private schools. Under the scheme, government school students whose parents have an annual verified income of less than Rs 1.8 lakh can enroll in private schools.

4. As of August 2022, how many start-ups are registered in India?

- A. 25000                      B. 50000  
C. 75000 ☒                      D. 1,00,000

75,000

- ✓ **Union Minister for Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal announced that India has achieved a landmark milestone, as there are 75000 startups in the country. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recognized more than 75,000 startups.**
- ✓ **The initial ten thousand startups were recognized in 808 days, while the latest ten thousand were achieved in only 156 days.**

5. Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary and Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary, which were declared Ramsar sites, are located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒  
B. Odisha  
C. Karnataka  
D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ **India has added 10 more wetlands designated as Ramsar sites to make the total sites in the country to 64, covering an area of 12,50,361 hectares. The 10 new sites include Six sites in Tamil Nadu including Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary and Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary and One each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.**

6. When is the 'World Chess Day' celebrated every year?

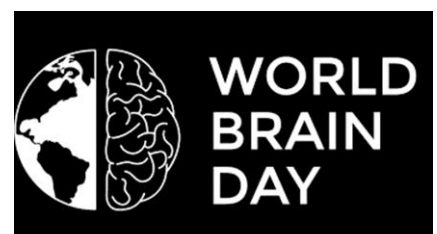
- A. July.20 ☒  
B. August.20  
C. September.20  
D. October.20



- ✓ **World Chess Day is observed on 20 July every year. It is also known as International Chess Day. On the same day in 1924, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) was founded in Paris. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) proposed the idea of celebrating the day in 1966.**

7. What is the theme of the 'World Brain Day – 2022'?

- A. Brain Health for all ☒  
B. Brain: The CPU  
C. Brain for Knowledge  
D. Knowledge is Brain



- ✓ **'World Brain Day (WBD) 2022'** is marked every year on July 22, to increase public awareness and promote advocacy related to brain health. This year, the World Brain Day is dedicated to the theme "Brain Health for all". WBD 2022 campaign will focus on five key messages globally: Awareness, Prevention, Advocacy, Education and Access.

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**8. Which is the venue of the Asian Games in 2023?**

- A. India  
B. China ☒  
C. Indonesia  
D. Nepal

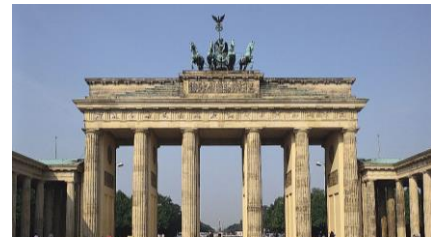


- ✓ **The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)** has confirmed that the postponed Asian Games will be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8 in 2023. The Asian Games were scheduled to be held in September 2022 but the OCA announced the postponement until 2023 due to rise in Covid-19 cases in China earlier this year.

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**9. Which is the venue of the '13<sup>th</sup> Petersberg Climate Dialogue' 2022?**

- A. Chicago  
B. Berlin ☒  
C. Netherlands  
D. Switzerland



- ✓ **The 13<sup>th</sup> Petersberg Climate Dialogue** began recently in Berlin. The two-day ministerial meet is chaired by Germany and Egypt, the hosts of annual climate meet (COP-27). The informal ministerial meet proposes to build consensus and provide political direction to resolve divergences in improving implementation of climate action, which is the core goal of COP-27.

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**10. What is the name of India's first passenger drone which was recently seen in the news?**

- A. Akash  
B. Varuna ☒  
C. Jatayu  
D. Garuda



- ✓ **Varuna**, India's first drone that can carry human pay-load has a range of 25 km. The passenger drone can carry 130 kg payload and has 25-33 minutes of flight time. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently watched the demonstration of India's first passenger drone, Varuna. 'Varuna' drone has been designed and developed by a startup 'Sagar Defence Engineering'.



1. Which state's astronomical observatory has been included in the UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage Observatories?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Bihar ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Kerala



- ✓ The astronomical observatory at the LS College, Muzaffarpur has been included in UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage Observatories of the World. It was developed in 1916 after a college professor felt the need of an astronomical observatory. After functioning for several decades, it was sealed in 1995, when some astronomical equipment were found missing.

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2. Larsen & Toubro signed a MoU with which state to set up an IT and ITeS technology park?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Larsen & Toubro signed a MoU with the Gujarat state government to set up an IT and IT-enabled service (ITeS) Technology Park in Vadodara. L&T will develop this IT Park in the next five years with an investment of Rs 7,000 crores. It will provide jobs for 2,000 engineers and other positions in a year and 10,000 direct and indirect employments in the next five years.

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3. In which state, world's largest floating solar power plant is set to be built?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Bihar



- ✓ As per the recent announcement of Renewable Energy Ministry, world's largest floating solar power plant is going to be built in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa. The plant is expected to generate 600-Megawatt power by 2022-23 and is estimated to be worth over Rs 3000 crores. At present, India's largest floating solar power project is operational at Ramagundam in Telangana, being operated by NTPC.

4. Which is the first bank in India to list its Payment Gateway platform on the income tax department's TIN 2.0 platform?

- A. State Bank of India  
B. Federal Bank ☒  
C. Punjab National Bank  
D. Axis Bank



- ✓ **Federal Bank has become India's first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the income tax department's TIN 2.0 platform. The Payment Gateway enables tax payers to make their payments using modes such as credit/ debit card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS and internet banking.**

5. Which country chairs the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022?

- A. China  
B. Russia  
C. India ☒  
D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ **India is set to host diplomats of the 15-nation UN Security Council including US, China and Russia, in October for a special meeting on counter-terrorism. India is an elected non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for a two-year term. India's tenure at the Council will end in December this year. India chairs the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022.**

6. When is the 'National Broadcasting Day 2022' observed in India?

- A. July.23 ☒  
B. August.23  
C. September.23  
D. October.23



- ✓ **National Broadcasting Day is an annual event observed on July 23 in India, to remind Indian citizens about the impact of radio on our lives. India's official broadcaster 'Prasar Bharati' includes All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan. The Indian Broadcasting Company Ltd (IBC) was taken over by the British and transformed into All India Radio (AIR) in 1936.**

7. What is India's gross expenditure on R&D (GERD), as per NITI Aayog's recent report?

- A. \$43 per capita ☒  
B. \$83 per capita  
C. \$123 per capita  
D. \$183 per capita



**NITI Aayog**

- ✓ **According to NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index 2021, India's gross expenditure on research and development (R&D) is one of the lowest in the world, with just USD 43 per capita.**

- ✓ It said that India needs to boost this expenditure and at least be on a par with its BRICS or ASEAN counterparts like Russia (USD 285) and Brazil (USD 173). In India, the government spends more than 55% on R&D and private sector is to be encouraged to take up research.

8. 'E-AMRIT mobile application', which was recently launched, is associated with which sector?

- A. Electric mobility ☒
- B. Sports
- C. Millet Cultivation
- D. Women Empowerment



- ✓ NITI Aayog launched E-AMRIT (Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation) mobile application to raise awareness on electric mobility, in collaboration with UK. It also launched a report on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling Market in India. NITI Aayog has been collaborating with the UK Government in the areas of e-vehicles, charging infrastructure and battery storage.

9. India held a 'Meeting on Transnational Crimes' with which global bloc?

- A. BIMSTEC
- B. BRICS
- C. ASEAN ☒
- D. G20



- ✓ The 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crimes was recently held in a virtual mode. Both sides discussed ways to enhance cooperation under the framework of ASEAN-India Work Plan to combat Transnational Crimes. The 10th ASEAN-India SOMTC Consultation on Transnational Crimes will be held in 2023 in Indonesia.

10. Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection (MASI), which was seen in the news, is associated with which action?

- A. Monitoring of Health Care Institutions
- B. Monitoring of Child Care Institutions ☒
- C. Inspection of Sports Institutions
- D. Inspection of Educational Institutions



- ✓ Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani replied in Lok Sabha that over 2,000 children have died in specialised adoption agencies since 2014. As many as 27,085 children have been adopted since 2014. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) developed an application namely Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection (MASI) for real-time monitoring of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs).



1. 'Yudh Abhyas' is a military exercise held between India and which country?

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



- ✓ India and the US will conduct a fortnight-long mega military exercise named 'Yudh Abhyas' in Uttarakhand's Auli in October 2022. The 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the exercise is scheduled to include number of complex drills. The last edition of the exercise took place in October 2021 in Alaska in the US. In June 2016, the US designated India a 'Major Defence Partner'.

2. Which organisation test-fired indigenously developed laser-guided ATGMs?

- A. HAL
- B. DRDO ☒
- C. BEL
- D. BHEL



- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Army test-fired the indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM). It was launched from Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun at KK Ranges with support of Armoured Corps Centre and School in Maharashtra.

3. What is the name of the satellite developed by 750 girls across 75 rural schools to be launched by ISRO?

- A. BharatSat
- B. AzaadiSAT ☒
- C. GramSAT
- D. CommuniSAT



- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch a Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. It is the smallest and lightest commercial rocket built by ISRO. The rocket will also carry the Indian tricolour, which will be unfurled in space to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> year of independence. The SSLV will carry EOS-02, an indigenously developed earth observation satellite, and Cubesat AzaadiSAT, which was developed by 750 school girls across 75 schools in rural India. The satellite will carry a special space song along with the national anthem.

4. What is the repo rate after the August 2022 Monetary policy committee (MPC) Meeting?

- A. 5.0 %
- B. 5.2 %
- C. 5.4 % ☒
- D. 5.75 %



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- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das–chaired Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) raised the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 5.40 percent. The decision was taken to tame persisting high inflation. After the decision, the repo rate is above pre–pandemic levels of 5.15 percent. The overall rate hike in three successive policy meets has gone to 140 basis points.

5. Which country conducted its largest–ever military exercises around Taiwan?

A. China ☒

B. Russia

C. India

D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ China fired ballistic missiles and deployed fighter jets and warships as it began its largest–ever military exercises around Taiwan, a show of force. This was commenced as retaliation to the visit of the US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s to the island. Pelosi was the highest–profile US official to visit Taiwan in years. The Taiwanese cabinet said the drills would disrupt 18 international routes passing through its flight information region.

6. IUCN has listed which species of butterfly in the ‘Endangered species list’?

A. Monarch butterfly ☒

B. Peacock butterfly

C. Red Admiral butterfly

D. Gossamer–winged butterfly



- ✓ The migratory ‘Monarch butterfly’ has been listed in the endangered species category by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. IUCN listed the butterfly, a subspecies of monarch (*Danaus plexippus*) as endangered, which indicates that the subspecies is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild. The main threats to the butterfly are habitat loss, pesticide and herbicide use and climate change.

7. When is the Income Tax Day celebrated in India?

A. July.24 ☒

B. August.24

C. September.24

D. January.24



- ✓ The Income Tax department observes July 24 every year as Income Tax Day, to commemorate the introduction of income tax in the country. On the same day in 1860, Sir James Wilson introduced income tax for the first time in India, to compensate for the losses suffered by the British regime during the 1857 war of independence. Income Tax Day was celebrated for the first time in 2010, to mark 150 years of income tax in India.

8. Which is the venue of the '1<sup>st</sup> Khelo India Fencing Women's League'?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Gwalior
- D. Patna



- ✓ The 1<sup>st</sup> Khelo India Fencing Women's League recently commenced at the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. This is the first of its kind national fencing competition for women. Over 300 women across 20 States are participating in the event. Tokyo Olympian and Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) athlete Bhavani Devi is also a participant.

9. Which Indian state recently launched a dedicated 'Tourism Policy 2021'?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Jharkhand ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Assam



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Jharkhand Hemant Soren launched 'Jharkhand Tourism Policy 2021'. The policy aims to revive and revamp the tourism sector of the state. 'Jharkhand Tourism Policy 2021' was organized by FICCI, jointly with the Jharkhand government. It aims to develop the state as one of the most sought-after tourist destinations by 2025.

10. Which institution has launched campaign 'Create for India' to cheer the Indian contingent of the Commonwealth Games?

- A. Sports Authority of India ☒
- B. National Sports University
- C. Army Sports Institute India
- D. Board of Control for Cricket in India



- ✓ Sports Authority of India has started a new initiative to cheer for Indian contingent of the Commonwealth Games with the campaign 'Create for India'. A 215-member Indian athlete contingent across 16 disciplines is set to participate in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Participants were asked to submit entries using the hashtags #create4India and #cheer4India.

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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



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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 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 Chandrashekhar 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.

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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BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

- ✓ 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

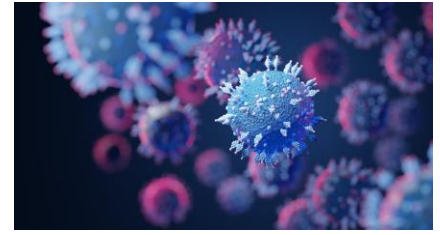


- ✓ India's table tennis team retained its men's team championship title with a win over Singapore in the final match in the Commonwealth Games 2022. The team includes Harmeet Desai Sathiyam Gnanasekaran and Sharat Kamal. The Indian mixed badminton team won a Silver Medal in the Games.



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.

1. What is the name of the national campaign launched to focus on development of children in the first two years?

- A. Matritva 1000
- B. Paalan 1000 ☒
- C. Putra 1000
- D. Sukanya 1000



- ✓ **Union Health Ministry launched a new campaign named 'Paalan 1000 National Campaign' and parenting application, focussing on development of children in the first two years. The app was launched at the Early Childhood Development Conclave. It will provide caregivers with practical advice on things to do in their everyday routine and will help solve the doubts of parents.**

2. Which state/UT launched the first flight of drone service – 'Medicine from the sky'?

- A. Punjab
- B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **Arunachal Pradesh successfully launched the first flight of drone service 'Medicine from the sky' from Seppa to Chayang Tajo. The government of Arunachal Pradesh has decided to conduct a pilot project of using drones in healthcare, agriculture and disaster management in association with the World Economic Forum (WEF).**

3. Manthan platform, which was launched recently, is associated with which field?

- A. Electronics Manufacturing
- B. Vaccination
- C. Research and Innovation ☒
- D. Goods and Services Tax



- ✓ **The Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) office to the Government of India announced the launch of the Manthan platform. The platform aims to promote collaboration between industry and the scientific research and development ecosystem. It aims to implement technology-based social impact innovations and solutions in India.**

4. What is the wholesale inflation of India in July 2022?

- A. 11.93%
- B. 13.93% ☒
- C. 15.93%
- D. 17.93%



- ✓ India's wholesale inflation in July eased to 13.93 per cent from 15.18 per cent last month and a record high inflation of 16.63 per cent in May. The July figure eased as vegetables, milk and fuel became cheaper. However, the inflation remained in double digits for the 16th month. It is contributed by rise in prices of mineral oils, food articles, crude petroleum and natural gas, basic metals, electricity, chemicals and chemical products, food products.

5. Which institution announced performance-based fund allocation to States and UTs to strengthen health facilities?

- A. NITI Aayog  
B. National Health Authority ☒  
C. AIIMS  
D. Indian Council of Medical Research



- ✓ National Health Authority (NHA) has announced performance-based fund allocation to States and UTs for strengthening the registries of healthcare professionals and health facilities. This performance-based fund allocation will help in structured implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Rs 500 crores was allocated for setting up of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission's offices at State and UTs by the financial year 2025-26.

6. Which city has the highest average level of fine PM 2.5 among the world's most populated cities, as per HEI's recent report?

- A. Dhaka  
B. Varanasi  
C. New Delhi ☒  
D. Colombo



- ✓ The 'Air Quality and Health in Cities' report was released by US-based Health Effects Institute (HEI). It provides analysis of air pollution and global health effects for over 7,000 cities around the world, focusing on fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and nitrogen dioxide (NO2).
- ✓ As per the report, India is home to 18 of the 20 cities with the most severe increase in fine particle pollutants (PM2.5) from 2010 to 2019. Delhi has the highest average level of fine PM 2.5 among the world's most populated cities.

7. Which state launched 'Vidya Rath-School on Wheels' project?

- A. Madhya Pradesh  
B. Bihar  
C. Assam ☒  
D. Arunachal Pradesh





- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched Vidya Rath–School on Wheels project. It aims to provide access to underprivileged children to elementary education for 10 months. After 10 months, the children will be integrated into the usual system of education. Students will be offered free mid–day meals, uniforms, and textbooks under the project.

8. An interest subvention of 1.5 per cent per annum has been approved for agriculture loan up to which limit?

- A. Rs 1 lakh  
B. Rs 2 lakh  
C. Rs 3 lakh ☒  
D. Rs 5 lakh



- ✓ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved an interest subvention of 1.5 per cent per annum on short–term agriculture loan up to Rs 3 lakh. This was approved to ensure adequate credit flow in the agriculture sector.
- ✓ The Interest Subvention of 1.5 per cent will be provided to Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Bank, Small Finance Banks, Regional Rural Banks, Cooperative Banks and Computerized PACS for 2022–23 to 2024–25, for lending short term agri–loans to the farmers.

9. Which is the venue of the 'National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022'?

- A. Pune  
B. Vishakhapatnam  
C. New Delhi ☒  
D. Mysuru



- ✓ Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a two–day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022 in New Delhi. He also inaugurated the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System, which will help in quick and easy disposal of cases with the help of centralized finger print database.

10. How many cities have recently declared themselves as 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar' (as of August 2022)?

- A. 100  
B. 250  
C. 500 ☒  
D. 750

500

- ✓ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announce that 500 cities across India have declared themselves as 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar'. These cities achieved adequacy institutional capacity, manpower and equipment norms as stipulated by the Ministry and provide safe working conditions for sanitation workers. Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban promotes sustainable sanitation practices.

1. Which is the first 'Har Ghar Jal certified' state in India?

- A. Kerala
- B. Goa ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Goa has become the first state in the country, which has been 'Har Ghar Jal' certified. Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu also became Har Ghar Jal certified Union Territory.
- ✓ Jal Jeevan Mission was announced in 2019, which aims to provide potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on regular and long-term basis to every rural household of the country by 2024. 10 crore rural households of the country have been connected to the facility of clean water through pipes.

2. Where was India's first Double Decker AC electric bus unveiled?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai ☒
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari launched India's first Double Decker AC electric bus in Mumbai. Switch, a subsidiary of Ashok Leyland unveiled India's first electric double-decker air-conditioned bus – Switch EiV 22. It is the first electric bus with semi low floor, air conditioned, electric double decker with wider door on rear overhang and a rear staircase.

3. What is the name of the Online Market Place feature of the 'Matsya Setu' mobile app, which was recently launched?

- A. Aqua Bazaar ☒
- B. Matsya Bazaar
- C. Fisheries India
- D. Matsya Bharat



- ✓ Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, launched the Online Market Place feature "Aqua Bazar" in the "MatsyaSetu" mobile app. The app was developed by the ICAR–Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR–CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with the funding support of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB). The online marketplace will help the fish farmers and stakeholders to source the inputs such as fish seeds, feed, medicines, etc., and services required for fish culture as well as farmers can also list their table-size fish for sale. The marketplace aims to connect all stakeholders in the aquaculture sector.

4. Which state government has announced to set up gram in aajeevika parks (rural industrial parks)?

- A. Odisha                      B. Chhattisgarh ☒
- C. West Bengal                D. Karnataka



- ✓ Chhattisgarh government announced to set up rural industrial parks in the state. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced that the project will be launched on Gandhi Jayanti. It aims to strengthen the rural economy and make the 'gau-than' (cattle shed) a centre of livelihood. Under the programme, in the first year there will be 300 rural industrial parks. The first such park in Chhattisgarh came up in Kanker district, which has been named Gandhi Gram.

5. When is the 'World Photography Day' celebrated?

- A. August 15
- B. August 19 ☒
- C. August 20
- D. August 22



- ✓ The 'World Photography Day' is celebrated on August 19 every year. Ancient Chinese and Greeks were known the earliest methods to project an image on a screen with a pin-hole setup. The world's first photograph was captured by French scientist Joseph Nicéphore Niépce. It was titled 'View from the Window at Le Gras'.

6. When was the International Day of Indigenous Peoples celebrated every year?

- A. August.09 ☒
- B. August.10
- C. August.11
- D. August.12



- ✓ The International Day of Indigenous Peoples was celebrated on August 9, 2021 with its theme: "The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge". There are over 476 million indigenous peoples living in 90 countries across the world, accounting for 6.2% of the global population. Indigenous peoples are the holders of a vast diversity of unique cultures, traditions, languages and knowledge systems.

7. Which date is celebrated as World Lion Day?

- A. August.09
- B. August.10 ☒
- C. August.11
- D. August.12



- ✓ World Lion Day is celebrated on August 10 every year in a bid to raise awareness on lions. The day also seeks to mobilise support for protection and conservation of Lion. As per World Wide Fund for animals (WWF), it only lives in grasslands and plains. India is home to majestic Asiatic Lion, who inhabit protected territory of Sasan–Gir National Park.
- ✓ According to WWF, lions were once found throughout Africa, Asia and Europe. But over the years, their numbers have reduced across these continents. Initiative to protect lion started in 2013 so the first World Lion Day was observed in 2013 itself.

8. On which date of August is International Youth Day celebrated?

- A. August.07      B. August.10  
C. August.11      D. August.12 ☒



- ✓ International Youth Day is marked on August 12. The theme of the day this year has been decided as “Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages”. The first International Youth Day was celebrated in 1999.

9. Which date is observed as World Elephant Day?

- A. August.07  
B. August.10  
C. August.12 ☒  
D. August.20



- ✓ 12<sup>th</sup> August is observed as World Elephant Day to draw focus towards protection and conservation of elephants. World Elephant Day aims to accelerate efforts to offer better protection to elephants, prevent the trade of ivory, improving enforcement policies, conserve elephant habitat, illegal poaching, better captive environments for elephants, and reintroduce the captive elephants back in their natural sanctuaries.

10. Which date in August is celebrated as the International Left–Handers' Day?

- A. August.12  
B. August.13 ☒  
C. August.14  
D. August.15



- ✓ The International Left–Handers' Day 2021 is celebrated every year on August 13. It is a way to acknowledge those who, unlike the majority of the population, are born left–handed. A considerable part of the population, almost 10–12% of the global population, consists of left–handers. There are people who are afraid of the left–side or left–handed people. This condition can take the form of a phobia and is known as Sinistrophobia.

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)?

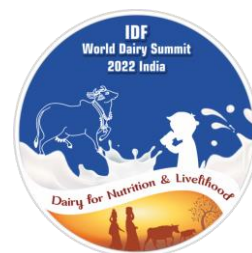
- A. Chhattisgarh  
B. Rajasthan ☒  
C. Sikkim  
D. Punjab



- ✓ 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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?

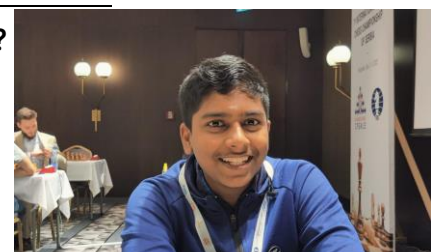
- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttarakhand ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ 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 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 9 rounds. Pranav is the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 '12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Defence Expo'?

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



- ✓ The Ministry of Defence announced that the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 ☒



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- ✓ 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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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**CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS**

- ✓ 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

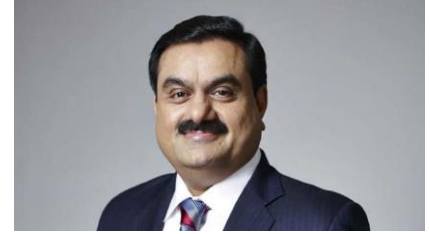


- ✓ The 50<sup>th</sup> All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021–2022 kicked off at Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen in Imphal. Manipur Governor La Ganesan and Chief Minister N. Biren Singh attended the inaugural function. Shumang Leela is a traditional form of theatre in Manipur and the roles of female 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?

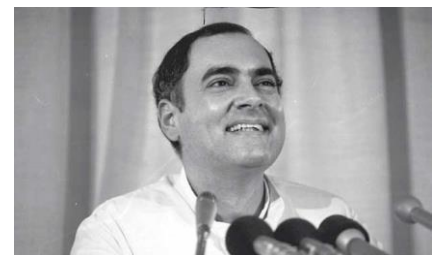
- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Economic Advisory Council ☒
- C. National Council of Applied Economic Research
- D. Centre for Policy Research



- ✓ 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?

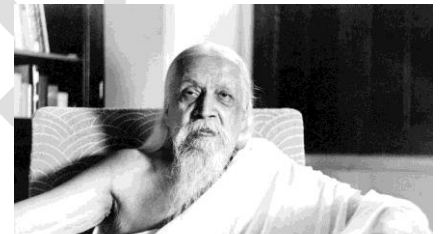
- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food Distribution ☒
- C. Ministry of Law and Justice
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> national monument, as the city-state celebrates its 57<sup>th</sup> 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.