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1. Which country holds the G20 Presidency in 2022?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Indonesia ☒
- D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ Environment officials from the Group of 20 nations met at Indonesia's Bali Island for talks on climate action and the global impact of the war in Ukraine. They also discussed the implementation of each G20 nation's contribution to fight climate change and synchronise targets among developing and developed countries.

2. Which institution has released the report incidence, mortality, morbidity and socio-economic burden of snakebite in the country?

- A. AIIMS
- B. ICMR ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. IMA



- ✓ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has released a study on the incidence, mortality, morbidity and socioeconomic burden of snakebite in the country. As per the study, snakes kill more than 45,000 people in India each year, while only 30% of the victims reach hospitals to seek medical treatment. The number of deaths due to venomous snakebites in India is 46,900 per year.

3. Which regulatory body has notified a framework introducing a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) in India?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Securities and Exchange Board of India ☒
- C. Department of Financial Services
- D. Economic Advisory Council



- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has notified a framework introducing a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) in India. The new category of exchange will provide social enterprises an additional avenue to raise funds. The SSE lists non-profit organisations on stock exchanges and provides them with an alternative fund-raising avenue.

4. India recently signed a MoU with which country on biodiversity conservation?

- A. Japan
- B. Nepal ☒
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Australia



- ✓ India has recently approved an MoU with the Government of Nepal on biodiversity conservation, as proposed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The MoU aims to strengthen cooperation in the field of forests, biodiversity conservation, and climate change. It also aims at including the restoration of corridors and interlinking areas and sharing of knowledge and best practices, between the two countries.

5. As per the recent NSO Data, what was India's GDP growth rate in the first quarter (April–June) of this fiscal year 2022–23?

- A. 12.3%
B. 13.5% ☒
C. 14.7%
D. 15.2%



- ✓ As per the recent data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the Indian economy expanded at the quickest pace in a year. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the first quarter (April–June) of this fiscal year grew by 13.5%. This is lower than RBI's projections of 16.2% economic growth. GVA for the first quarter of FY23 (April–June) has come in at 12.7%.

6. World Organ Donation Day is celebrated on which date?

- A. August.11
B. August.13 ☒
C. September.13
D. September.11



- ✓ Every year, August 13 is celebrated as World Organ Donation Day to create awareness about organ donation. The day encourages people to donate organs as Organ failure is one of the major issues faced by people across the world. One can register for organ donation after attaining 18 years of age.

7. Which country hosted the 'Super Garuda Shield Defence Exercise'?

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



- ✓ Over 5000 soldiers from the US, Indonesia, Australia, Japan and Singapore participated in the joint combat exercises on Sumatra Island in Indonesia. The exercise was conducted amid growing Chinese maritime activity in the Indo–Pacific region. This is the largest edition of the exercise since it was launched in 2009.

8. What is the name of India's first Saline Water Lantern?

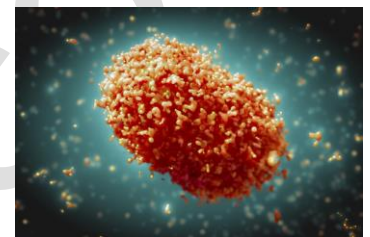
- A. Varthini
- B. Lavanya
- C. Roshni ☒
- D. Keerthy



- ✓ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched India's first Saline Water Lantern 'Roshni', during his visit to SAGAR ANVESHKA, a Coastal Research Vessel. The first-of-its kind lantern uses seawater as the electrolyte between specially designed electrodes to power the LED lamps.

9. What is the official name given to the monkeypox viruses, by the World Health Organisation (WHO)?

- A. Clade ☒
- B. Fleet
- C. Cleo
- D. Halo



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced new names for variants of the monkeypox virus to avoid causing any cultural or social offence. Experts will refer to the former Congo Basin clade (group of variants) in Central Africa as Clade I, and the former West African clade as Clade II. It consists of two sub-clades, Clade IIa and Clade IIb. The monkeypox virus was named when it was first discovered in 1958.

10. As of August 15, 2022, India has how many Ramsar sites?

- A. 75 ☒
- B. 57
- C. 100
- D. 250



- ✓ Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced that India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites, bringing the country's total count to 75. Of the 11 new sites, four are in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two Jammu and Kashmir, and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The 75 Ramsar sites cover an area of 1,326,677 ha in the country.

1. Which Indian state/UT launched the “country’s first virtual school”?

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



- ✓ **Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the ‘country’s first virtual school’ called the ‘Delhi Model Virtual School’, in which students from across India will be eligible for admission in classes 9 to 12. DMVS will be affiliated to the Delhi Board of School Education (DBSE) and no fees will be charged from students. The classes will be conducted through an exclusive platform built by SchoolNet and Google.**

2. Which institution conducted the Cyber Security Exercise ‘Synergy’?

- A. CERT-In ☒
- B. Indian Air Force
- C. Defence Research and Development Organisation
- D. Indian Space Research Organisation



- ✓ **Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under Ministry of Electronics & IT, in collaboration with Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), successfully designed and conducted the Cyber Security Exercise ‘Synergy’ for 13 Countries. It was conducted as a part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative– Resilience Working Group which is led by India under the leadership of National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS). The theme of the exercise was ‘Building Network Resiliency to counter Ransomware Attacks’.**

3. As per the latest NCRB report, the highest number of sedition cases were registered in which state?

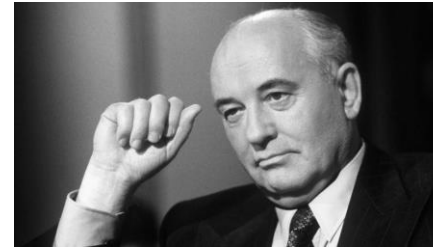
- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Andhra Pradesh ☒
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ **According to the latest NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) report, the highest number of sedition cases was recorded in Andhra Pradesh (29). 76 cases for sedition were registered in 2021 in the country under IPC Section 124A. In 2020, no sedition case was recorded in the state of Andhra Pradesh. There were 1,604 arrests under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act [UAPA].**

4. Mikhail Gorbachev, who passed away recently, was a former President of which country?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Russia ☒
- C. Belarus
- D. Bulgaria



- ✓ **Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the former Soviet Union from 1985 until 1991, has passed away at the age of 91. In 1986, Gorbachev made a historic proposal to eliminate all long-range missiles held by the United States and the Soviet Union. It was the beginning of the end of the Cold War. He was also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.**

5. Which state/UT Police is the first in the country to make collection of forensic evidence mandatory?

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



- ✓ **The Delhi Police has become the first police force in the country to make collection of forensic evidence mandatory in crimes punishable with a sentence of more than six years.**
- ✓ **This has been done to increase conviction rate and to integrate the criminal justice system with forensic science investigation. Delhi Police has integrated the Criminal Justice System (ICJS) with forensic science investigation and collaborated with National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar to train its officers.**

6. Which state/UT Police received the most number of awards on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2022?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Punjab
- C. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- D. Kerala



- ✓ **A total of 1,082 Police personnel were awarded Police Medals on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2022. 347 police personnel have been awarded Police Medal for Gallantry. Jammu and Kashmir Police were awarded 108 medals, the most among states and union territories. Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh are also among the states with highest number of Police Medals for Gallantry in 2022.**

7. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is set to establish a solar project in which country?

- A. Egypt
B. Kenya
C. Cuba ☒
D. South Africa



- ✓ The International Solar Alliance (ISA) in partnership with the Cuban government has floated a tender for setting up a 1150 MW solar project in Cuba. State-owned NTPC is the project management consultant for ISA for setting up the project. The project is part of Cuba's plan to implement 2100 MW of solar projects. It is also the first in ISA's broader solar park programme.

8. William Samoei Arap Ruto was sworn in as the President of which country?

- A. Kenya ☒
B. Ethiopia
C. Nigeria
D. South Africa



- ✓ William Samoei Arap Ruto, the deputy president of Kenya since 2013, has been declared winner of the Presidential election. Ruto won the election by a narrow margin as he received 50.49 percent of the votes. Legal battles are expected as a result of the tightly contested elections. In 2017, the presidential vote was nullified by the Supreme Court, citing reasons of irregularities.

9. Who is the first cricketer to play 600 matches in T20 cricket?

- A. Virat Kohli
B. Kieron Pollard ☒
C. Rohit Sharma
D. Andre Russell



- ✓ West Indies captain Kieron Pollard became the first cricketer to complete 600 matches in T20 cricket. He announced retirement from international cricket in April 2022. Recently, All-rounder Dwayne Bravo scripted history by becoming the first-ever cricketer to clinch 600 wickets in T20 cricket.

10. Durand Cup is associated with which sports?

- A. Hockey
B. Football ☒
C. Cricket
D. Badminton



- ✓ Durand Cup, the oldest football tournament in Asia, is scheduled to start from August 16, 2022. The opening match will be played between FC Goa and Mohammedan SC in Kolkata. For the first time in its history, the tournament is being held in multiple cities as West Bengal, Assam and Manipur are hosting the Durand Cup 2022. Indian Oil is the title sponsor of the tournament and the previous edition of Durand Cup 2021 was won by FC Goa.

1. The New Naval Ensign features the national emblem inside which shape?

- A. Green Hexagon
- B. Blue Octagon ☒
- C. Orange Hexagon
- D. White Octagon



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the new Naval Ensign (flag) at Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi. The Indian Flag is placed on the top left of the flag, while a blue octagonal shape that encompasses the national emblem sits atop an anchor on the right, which depicts steadfastness. The octagonal shape has been designed to represent eight directions, depicting the multi-directional reach and of the Indian Navy. The twin golden borders surrounding it are inspired from Chhatrapati Shivaji.

2. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a loan of USD 2.9 billion to which country to tackle its economic crisis?

- A. Iran
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Sri Lanka ☒
- D. Venezuela



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a loan of USD 2.9 billion to Sri Lanka. The country is battling its worst economic crisis since independence in 1948. Sri Lankan President Wickremesinghe, who is also the country's Finance Minister, presented his first budget, which aimed to boost revenue and fight inflation.

3. Which Union Ministry presents Smart Solutions Challenge and Inclusive Cities Awards?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology



Ministry of Housing
and Urban Affairs
Government of India

- ✓ The Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri presented Smart Solutions Challenge & Inclusive Cities Awards 2022. They were launched in April 2022. These awards are an initiative of the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and the United Nations (UN) in India to address city-level accessibility and inclusion challenges faced by persons with disabilities (PwD), women, girls and the elderly.

4. Which organization manufactures Tejas Mark-2 Fighter Jets?

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



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved Tejas Mark-2 Project. It has sanctioned 6,500 crore rupees for designing and developing of Tejas Mark-2 fighter jet. It is manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The advanced version of the indigenous Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA) will feature a series of additions to its flight and fight capabilities. Tejas 2.0 will be equipped with more powerful engines and indigenously developed Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar.

5. Who is the head of the Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on EV battery safety standards?

- A. Nandan Nilekani
- B. Ramesh Chand
- C. Parameswaran
- D. Tata Narsingh Rao ☒



सड़क परिवहन
एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
ROAD TRANSPORT
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सत्यमेव जयते

- ✓ Ministry of Road Transport and Highway constituted an Expert Committee, chaired by Tata Narsingh Rao. He is the Director of International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad. Based on the recommendations of the expert committee report, the Ministry has issued amendments including additional safety requirements related to battery cells, on-board charger, design of battery pack, thermal propagation due to internal cell short circuit leading to fire etc.

6. Mission Swavalamban is a flagship initiative of which institution?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. NABARD
- C. SIDBI ☒
- D. PFRDA



- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched the fifth phase of setting up of 300 Swavalamban Silai Schools across 10 districts of 6 States. This was launched under its flagship initiative Mission Swavalamban. It will cover Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Goa, Puducherry, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to empower women making them independent while pursuing entrepreneurship culture (Udyam Se Azadi).

7. Which institution launched its hackathon– Bima Manthan 2022?

- A. PFRDA
B. IRDAI ☒
C. GIC
D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has invited individuals and institutions to develop technology-driven innovative solutions for automated death claim settlement, curtail miss-selling and other fields related to insurance. This was launched as a part of its first hackathon named 'Bima Manthan 2022' with the theme 'Innovation in Insurance'.

8. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of NaBFID?

- A. Viral Acharya
B. K V Kamath
C. Urjit Patel
D. Rajkiran Rai G ☒



- ✓ Rajkiran Rai G has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) has appointed Rajkiran Rai G as its managing director (MD) for nearly five years. In 2021, the Government of India had appointed K V Kamath as chairperson of the development finance institution (DFI). The government has infused Rs 20,000 crore into NaBFID to start its operations to mobilise investment in infrastructure sector.

9. UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) is a flagship scheme of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of External Affairs
B. Ministry of Civil Aviation ☒
C. Ministry of Electronics and IT
D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Civil Aviation's flagship program Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN (Ude Deshka Aam Nagrik) has completed 5 years of success since the launch of its first flight by Prime Minister on 27th April 2017. The scheme was initiated on 21st October 2016. It provides an enhanced aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in tier II and tier III cities. In the last five years, UDAN has significantly increased the regional air-connectivity in the country. There were 74 operational airports in 2014. Because of the UDAN scheme this number has increased to 141 by now.

10. Which state is the host of the 2nd edition of the North East Olympics in 2022?

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



- ✓ Meghalaya is set to host the 2nd edition of the North East Olympics from Oct. the 30th to Nov. 6th in Shillong. The first edition of Games was held in Manipur in 2018, with 12 disciplines. The Games coincides when Meghalaya is celebrating the 50th year of its Statehood. In this edition, as many as 4,000 participants from eight North Eastern States will compete in 18 disciplines.

1. As per the latest figures from the IMF (September 2022), which country is the fifth largest economy in the world?

- A. UK
- B. India ☒
- C. France
- D. Australia



- ✓ According to figures from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India passed the United Kingdom (UK) to become the fifth-largest economy in the world in the last quarter of 2021. The United States, China, Japan, and Germany are the only nations ahead of India. However, in terms of per capita income, which is a measure of how much money is made per person in a country, India is ranked 122 out of 190 countries.

2. India's first-ever 'Night Sky Sanctuary' is set to come up in which state/UT?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. New Delhi
- C. Ladakh ☒
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ The Department of Science & Technology (DST) has undertaken to set up India's first-ever 'Night Sky Sanctuary' in Ladakh which will be completed within next three months. The Dark Sky Reserve will be located at Hanle, Ladakh as a part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. It will boost Astro-tourism in India. An MoU was signed among the UT administration, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA).

3. National Green Tribunal (NGT) smashed a Rs 3500 crore fine on which state government for violating waste management rules?

- A. New Delhi
- B. West Bengal ☒
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Assam



National Green Tribunal

- ✓ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked the West Bengal government to pay Rs 3,500 crore as 'compensation' for violating the norms for the management of solid and liquid waste. The Bengal government has the option to seek a review by the tribunal or move the Supreme Court. The bench has asked the state to deposit the amount within two months dedicated to solid waste management in the state and it will be operated according to the directions of the Chief Secretary.

4. Which is the venue of the 30th Southern Zonal Council meeting held recently?

- A. Thiruvananthapuram ☒
- B. Chennai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 30th Southern Zonal Council meeting in Thiruvananthapuram. In the meeting, 26 issues were discussed, 9 issues were resolved and 17 issues were reserved for further consideration. The main objectives of the Zonal Council meeting are settlement Centre– State disputes and inter–state disputes through mutual agreement, promotion of regional cooperation between States, among others.

5. Who has been nominated as executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority?

- A. Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- B. Justice D Y Chandrachud ☒
- C. Justice N V Ramana
- D. Justice U U Lalit



- ✓ Justice D Y Chandrachud, the second senior–most judge in the Supreme Court, has been nominated as executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority. President Droupadi Murmu nominated Justice Chandrachud to head the NALSA as executive chairman under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. The Chief Justice of India is the patron–in–chief of the NALSA.

6. Who has been recommended as the Chairman of NABARD by FSIB?

- A. Sarada Kumar Hota
- B. Mohammad Mustafa ☒
- C. K V Kamath
- D. Sivasubramanian Ramann



- ✓ The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommended Mohammad Mustafa as the Chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The final decision on the recommendation would be taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. NABARD is the apex regulatory body for overall regulation of regional rural banks and apex cooperative banks in India.

7. Which is the first country in the world to make menstrual period products free for all?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Scotland ☒
- C. Germany
- D. Finland



- ✓ Scotland has become the first country in the world to make menstrual period products free for all. Products will be distributed through councils and education providers as per the Period Products Act. There is now a legal duty on local authorities to provide free items such as tampons and sanitary pads to anyone who needs them.

8. Which Union Ministry implements 'NAMASTE' central sector scheme?

- A. Ministry of External Affairs
B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
C. Ministry of Rural Development
D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ 'NAMASTE' is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) as a joint initiative with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). It seeks to ensure safety and dignity of sanitation workers in urban India by enhancing their occupational safety through capacity building and access to safety gear and machines.

9. Mandla, which became the fully 'functionally literate' district in the country, is located in which state?

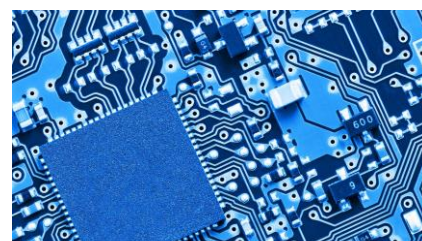
- A. Kerala
B. Gujarat
C. Madhya Pradesh ☒
D. Telangana



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Mandla region has become the first fully 'functionally literate' district in the country. A person is called functionally literate when they are able to write their own name, to count and read and write in Hindi. The region rolled out a major campaign in 2020 to educate the people in the region.

10. Which countries are included in the 'Chip 4' meeting along with USA?

- A. Taiwan, South Korea and Japan ☒
B. China, Taiwan and South Korea
C. Thailand, Taiwan and South Korea
D. Australia, China and Taiwan



- ✓ 'Chip 4' meeting is a meeting of the four chip manufacturing nations including the United States, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan. However, Taiwan announced that it has not been informed about the 'Chip 4' meeting. Taiwan is a major semiconductor producer and home to the world's largest contract chip maker. The group is described as the gathering as U.S.-led group of major microchip manufacturers.

1. Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- A. France
- B. Australia
- C. United Kingdom ☒
- D. Germany



- ✓ **Leader of the Conservative Party Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. The 47-year-old leader beat her rival, former finance minister Rishi Sunak in an internal leadership contest of the ruling Conservative party, after Boris Johnson's resignation in July. Liz Truss will be only the UK's third female Prime Minister following Theresa May and Margaret Thatcher.**

2. What is the name of the mascot for the 36th National Games Ahmedabad?

- A. Sher
- B. Savaj ☒
- C. Vikas
- D. Leo



- ✓ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the mascot and the anthem for the 36th National Games in Ahmedabad. The mascot is named as 'Savaj' which means cub in Gujarati. The theme of the anthem is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. The National Games will be organised from September 29 to October 12, across six cities in the state.**

3. Which state hosted the 'Conclave of State Science & Technology (S&T) Ministers'?

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



- ✓ **The Gujarat Science Conclave of State Science & Technology (S&T) Ministers is set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Science City, Ahmedabad. The conclave will include discussions on the theme of 'Doubling Private Sector investment in R&D by 2030'. All States and UTs will be asked to have individual STI policy on the lines of National STI policy.**

4. Which is the first country to approve needle-free, inhaled version of COVID-19 vaccine?

- A. USA
- B. China ☒
- C. Russia
- D. Israel



- ✓ China became the first country to approve a needle-free, inhaled version of a Covid-19 vaccine made by Tianjin-based CanSino Biologics. China approved CanSino's Ad5-nCoV for emergency use as a booster vaccine. The inhaled version can stimulate cellular immunity and induce mucosal immunity to boost protection without intramuscular injection.

5. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed a former president of which country as his new special envoy for Afghanistan?

- A. Kyrgyzstan ☒
B. Pakistan
C. Kazakhstan
D. Thailand



- ✓ U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed a former president of Kyrgyzstan as his new special envoy for Afghanistan. Roza Otunbayeva, who also served as foreign minister of Kyrgyzstan, replaces Deborah Lyons, who stepped down in June this year.

6. 'Dahi-Handi' has been announced as the official sport of which state?

- A. Gujarat
B. Uttar Pradesh
C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Maharashtra ☒



- ✓ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced that 'Dahi-Handi' will be recognised as an official sport in the state. The 'Govindas' who participate will get jobs under the sports category and the state will provide life insurance cover of ₹10 lakhs for all participants and insurance ₹5 lakhs if they end up being partially handicapped. 'Dahi-Handi' also known as 'Gopalakala' is a ritual held during Janmashtami festival.

7. Which financial services company has appointed 4 Indian badminton stars as its ambassadors?

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



- ✓ Mastercard has partnered with Indian badminton stars Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and appointed them as brand ambassadors in India. The winners of the Thomas Cup 2022 and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will spread awareness about the safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India.

8. Who is the author of the autobiography titled 'Madam Sir'?

- A. Manjari Jaruhar ☒
- B. Kiran Bedi
- C. Kanchan Chaudhary
- D. R Sreelekha



- ✓ **'Madam Sir' is the auto-biography of Manjari Jaruhar, one of the first five women police officers in India. She is the recipient of the government of India's Police Medal for meritorious service. She was also the first women police officer from the state of Bihar, when she was selected for the IPS in 1976. She retired as Special Director General of the CISF, and is presently an advisor to Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).**

9. Which is the venue of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023?

- A. Madurai
- B. Chennai
- C. Mumbai
- D. Indore ☒



- ✓ **The External Affairs Ministry of India announced that the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9th January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community in the development of India. It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on the same day in the year 1915.**

10. When is the 'Akshay Urja Diwas' celebrated in India?

- A. August.15
- B. August.20 ☒
- C. September.15
- D. October.15



- ✓ **Every year, August 20 is observed as the Akshay Urja Diwas to raise awareness on development and efficient use of renewable energy in India. The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The day was first organised by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in 2004.**

1. Which cities have joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities?

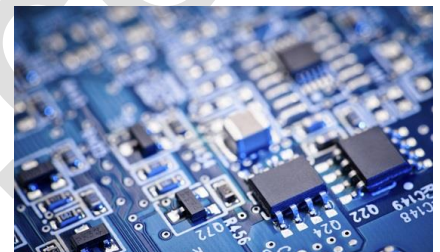
- A. Warangal, Thrissur and Nilambur ☒
- B. Mysuru, Varanasi and Jaipur
- C. Kochi, Mysuru and Varanasi
- D. Kanchipuram, Dolavira and Mysuru



- ✓ **Warangal from Telangana and Thrissur and Nilambur from Kerala have joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC). 77 cities from 44 countries joined the list recently, which includes 294 cities from all around the world. The cities have been included in recognition of their outstanding efforts to promote lifelong learning across their communities at local level.**

2. The Government has approved an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in which city?

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune ☒
- C. New Delhi
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ **The government has approved an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in Pune at a cost of Rs 500 crore. The proposal, approved by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, is expected to attract investments of up to Rs 2,000 crore. The cluster will be set up over an area of 297 acres.**

3. 'Indira Gandhi Shehari Rojgar Guarantee Yojana' is an initiative of which state/UT?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ **Rajasthan is set to launch the country's first employment guarantee scheme for the urban poor named Indira Gandhi Shehari Rojgar Guarantee Yojana. It will start on September 9th with a budget of Rs 800 crore. The scheme aims to provide 100 days of guaranteed employment to the urban poor, especially those who lost their jobs during the CO VID-19 pandemic.**

4. ISRO partnered with which country's space agency in space technology during Bengaluru Space Expo?

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



- ✓ Six MoUs signed between Indian and Australian space start-ups at Bengaluru Space Expo. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Australian Space Agency (ASA), have decided to partner to develop space technology markets for both India and Australia. ASA is an entity responsible for the development of Australia's commercial space sector.

5. PM SHRI Yojana, which was launched recently, is associated with which field?

- A. Electronics
B. Export
C. Education ☒
D. Research and Development



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana. Under the scheme, 14,500 schools from across the country will be upgraded as PM-SHRI schools. They will have a modern and transformational method of imparting education. The PM SHRI Schools will showcase all components of the National Education Policy 2020.

6. Kukrail forest area, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state/UT?

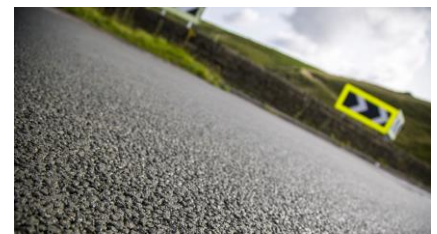
- A. Kerala
B. Uttar Pradesh ☒
C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Maharashtra



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved a night safari park in Lucknow district's Kukrail forest area. Under the project, the government will establish a zoological park and night safari in the 2,027-hectare forest in the forest area. The Uttar Pradesh government has identified 56 ecotourism sites in the state's 56 districts under its One District, One Destination scheme, to boost ecotourism and increase employment opportunities.

7. The Border Road Organization (BRO) pilot steel slag road is to be built in which state?

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



- ✓ The Border Road Organization (BRO) has planned to build steel slag road in Arunachal Pradesh on a pilot project basis. The Steel Slag Road, which can survive heavy rain and difficult weather conditions, is the first of its kind project of the BRO. This Road project will help to connect the strategic locations in the Northeast India.

8. Which company has commissioned a new green hydrogen plant at Hazira, Gujarat?

- A. ONGC
- B. BHEL
- C. L&T ☒
- D. BPCL



- ✓ Engineering major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) commissioned a new green hydrogen plant at Hazira in Gujarat. The company signed a joint venture with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and ReNew Power for the production of green hydrogen. The plant will produce 45 kg of green hydrogen daily, which will be used for consumption in the company's Hazira manufacturing complex.

9. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in which country?

- A. Paraguay ☒
- B. Iran
- C. Oman
- D. Qatar



- ✓ India's Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay. He also visited a place called 'Casa de la Independencia' from where the South American country's Independence movement started more than two centuries ago.

10. Which Indian airport is set to be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh?

- A. Chandigarh International Airport ☒
- B. New Delhi International Airport
- C. Cochin International Airport
- D. Mumbai International Airport



- ✓ Punjab and Haryana have agreed to name Chandigarh International Airport after Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh. Both the states had a decade-old tussle for renaming the international airport. Earlier Punjab Vidhan Sabha had passed a resolution to name the airport as 'Shaheed-E-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali'. The Haryana Vidhan Sabha passed a resolution on renaming the terminal, with the use of 'Chandigarh'.