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1. As per the recent NSO data, what is India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth for the July–September quarter of 2022–23?

- A. 6.1%
- B. 6.3% ☒
- C. 6.5%
- D. 7.2 %



- ✓ As per provisional estimates released by National Statistical Office (NSO), India's gross domestic product (GDP) for the July–September quarter (Q2) of the financial year 2022–23 slowed to 6.3 per cent. The GDP saw a growth of 13.5 per cent in the preceding April–June quarter of 2022–23. It was cut down mainly by the poor performance of manufacturing and mining sectors.

2. India–US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas–2022' is held in which Indian state?

- A. Goa
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand ☒
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The 18th edition of the India–US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' is being held in Uttarakhand. The military exercise is conducted annually between India and the US. As the exercise is held about 100 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC), China said it was opposed to the military exercise.

3. As per recent data, what is the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India during 2018–20?

- A. 130 per lakh live births
- B. 101 per lakh live births
- C. 97 per lakh live births ☒
- D. 85 per lakh live births



- ✓ As per the Special Bulletin released by the Registrar General of India, India has witnessed a significant decline in the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) to 97 per lakh live births in 2018–20. The figure was at 130 per lakh live births in 2014–16. With this, India accomplished the National Health Policy target for MMR of less than 100 per lakh live births. The SDG target is 70 per lakh live births by 2030.

4. As per the World Bank's Migration and Development Brief, what is the expected Remittance flows to India in 2022–23?

- A. USD 50 billion
- B. USD 100 billion ☒
- C. USD 150 billion
- D. USD 200 billion



- ✓ The World Bank recently released its flagship report titled 'Migration and Development Brief'. As per the report, Remittance flows to India will rise 12% to reach USD 100 billion this year. Remittances to low and middle-income countries grew by an estimated 5% to \$626 billion in 2022.

5. Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) between India and which country is set to enter into force from December 2022?

- A. UAE
B. Australia ☒
C. France
D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ The India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) will enter into force on 29th December, 2022. The India–Australia ECTA will enhance bilateral trade in goods and services and create new employment opportunities. Under the agreement, duties on 100 percent tariff lines are to be eliminated by Australia.

6. Which Union Ministry notified the 'e-waste (management) rules 2022'?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ☒
C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
D. Ministry of Power



- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has recently notified e-waste (management) rules 2022. The rules will come into force from 1 April next year and apply to every manufacturer, producer refurbisher and recycler. The rules mandate to reduce the use of lead, mercury, cadmium among others in the manufacturing of electronic equipment.

7. Which institution released the 'Global Vaccine Market Report 2022'?

- A. WHO ☒
B. UNEP
C. John Hopkins University
D. Oxford University



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently released the 'Global Vaccine Market Report 2022'. As per the report, approximately 16 billion vaccine doses, worth USD 141 billion, were supplied in 2021. The increase was primarily driven by COVID-19 vaccines. It also revealed that limited vaccine supply and unequal distribution drive global disparities.

8. South India's first Vande Bharat Express train connects Mysuru and which city?

- A. Chennai ☒
- B. Madurai
- C. Coimbatore
- D. Salem



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off south India's first Vande Bharat Express train, connecting Mysuru and Chennai via Bengaluru. This is the fifth Vande Bharat Express train in the country and it will enhance connectivity between Chennai, Bengaluru and Mysuru. The Prime Minister also flagged off the 'Bharat Gaurav Kashi Darshan' train, which aims to send pilgrims from Karnataka to Kashi.

9. Which country has been admitted as the 11th member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) group?

- A. Timor Leste ☒
- B. Tajikistan
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Papua New Guinea



- ✓ ASEAN bloc has announced that it has agreed in principle to admit East Timor as the group's 11th member. Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia are the 10 member countries of ASEAN. The half-island nation, officially called Timor Leste, was officially recognised by the United Nations in 2002, making it Asia's youngest democracy.

10. What is the theme of 'World Pneumonia Day 2022'?

- A. Championing the fight to stop pneumonia ☒
- B. Raising Awareness
- C. Prevention of pneumonia
- D. Early Diagnosis



- ✓ The 'World Pneumonia Day' is observed every year on November 12, to raise awareness about the disease named Pneumonia. Pneumonia is a lung-based infection caused by bacteria, viruses, and fungi. The theme for this year's World Pneumonia Day is 'Championing the fight to stop pneumonia.' The day first came into effect on November 12, 2009, under the initiative named 'Stop Pneumonia'.

1. Which state has hired management consultancy McKinsey to achieve the target of doubling its GSDP?

A. Karnataka

B. Uttarakhand ☒

C. Odisha

D. Telangana

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- ✓ Uttarakhand has hired McKinsey, a global management consultancy, to help in achieving the target of doubling its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) in the next five years. The State has the target of doubling GSDP from ₹2.73 lakh crore to ₹5.5 lakh crore by achieving a CAGR of 15% in the next five years. McKinsey has signed a two-year agreement with the state government under Shashakt Uttarakhand mission.

2. Which country has successfully used steam to propel Moon spacecraft?

A. USA

B. UAE

C. Japan ☒

D. China



- ✓ Japan's space agency Jaxa has announced that it has successfully used steam to propel its spacecraft, which was launched as one of the payloads aboard Nasa's Orion spacecraft. As per JAXA, this is the world's first successful orbit control beyond low-Earth orbit using a water propellant propulsion system.

3. 'Hornbill Festival' is the flagship cultural event of which state?

A. Assam

B. Nagaland ☒

C. Sikkim

D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Hornbill Festival of Nagaland, also known as the 'Festival of Festivals', showcases Nagaland's rich culture. India assumed the G20 presidency on 1st December 2022 and the 23rd Hornbill Festival 2022 also began on the same day in Nagaland. It is organized by the Government of Nagaland, to encourage inter-tribal interaction and to promote the cultural heritage of Nagaland. Hornbill, Nagaland's cultural icon, is found in the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia.

4. Agni Warrior is a bilateral defence exercise held between India and which country?

A. USA

B. France

C. Singapore ☒

D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ The 12th Edition of Exercise Agni Warrior, a bilateral exercise between the Singapore and Indian Army concluded at Devlali (Maharashtra). Exercise Agni Warrior, involved joint firepower planning, execution and use of New Generation Artillery Equipment. Indigenously manufactured Artillery guns and howitzers also participated in the final phase of the exercise.

5. India supported the proposal of which country to include digitization in International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Strategic Plan?

- A. UAE ☒
- B. Australia
- C. France
- D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ India supported UAE's proposal to include the element of digitization in the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) next Strategic Plan. UAE also proposed the adoption of a maritime single window system as a part of the digitization initiative to help in resolving the regulatory bottlenecks faced in the marine industry. This was announced by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).

6. e-KUMBH portal, which was launched recently, is associated with which field?

- A. Grievance redressal in election
- B. Technical Courses in Local Languages ☒
- C. Endowment fund for temples
- D. Agriculture and Agribusiness



- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu launched e-KUMBH (Knowledge Unleashed in Multiple Bharatiya Languages) portal. In the portal, engineering courses and books would be available in 12 scheduled Indian languages. The President also released engineering books of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in Odia language and glossary of technical terms in Odia language.

7. Which year has been declared as the ASEAN-India Friendship year?

- A. 2020
- B. 2022 ☒
- C. 2024
- D. 2026



- ✓ The year 2022 has been declared as the ASEAN-India Friendship year, as ASEAN and India commemorate 30 years of partnership. As a part of this programme, Indian media delegation is on a visit to Singapore and Cambodia under the ASEAN-INDIA Media exchange programme.

8. 'Natasa Pirc Musar' has been elected as the first female President of which country?

- A. Norway
- B. Finland
- C. Slovenia ☒
- D. Syria



- ✓ **Liberal rights advocate Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected as Slovenia's first female head of state– President. 54-year-old Pirc Musar will be the first woman to serve as president since Slovenia became independent amid the break-up of Yugoslavia in 1991.**

9. What is the theme of the 'World Diabetes Day 2022'?

- A. Access to diabetes education ☒
- B. Awareness and Education
- C. Inclusion in Medical Care
- D. Availability of Medicines



- ✓ **World Diabetes Day is observed every year on November 14 by the World Health Organisation. It aims to raise awareness of diabetes as a global public health issue and solutions for prevention, diagnosis and management of the condition. This year's theme "Access to diabetes education" follows the multi-year theme of "Access to care." As per WHO, there were about 8.4 million individuals worldwide with type-1 diabetes in 2021.**

10. Jhula Bailey Suspension Bridge, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/ UT?

- A. Assam
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **The newly constructed Jhula Bailey Suspension Bridge at Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban, was made functional for traffic. It replaced the earlier bridge which was declared unsafe. The Bailey Suspension Bridge over Chenab River connects old town Ramban with the district administrative complex.**

1. Which institution manufactures the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk-III for squadron-840 Sqn (CG)?

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL ☒
- C. Mazagon Dock
- D. BHEL



- ✓ An Indian Coast Guard Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk-III squadron- 840 Sqn (CG), was commissioned by DG VS Pathania at ICG Air Station, Chennai. The ALH Mk-III helicopters are indigenously manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). They feature advanced RADAR, Shakti engines, advanced communication systems, search-and-rescue homer among other equipment for reconnaissance. A total of 16 ALH Mk-III aircraft have been inducted in the Indian Coast Guard in a phased manner.

2. India signed 'Economic Development Cooperation Fund loan' agreement for Intelligent Transport System, with which country?

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. South Korea ☒
- D. Sweden



- ✓ India and South Korea signed the arrangement regarding Economic Development Cooperation Fund loan of over 245 billion Korean won. The agreement is for the establishment of Intelligent Transport System on Nagpur-Mumbai Super Communication Expressway Project in Delhi. South Korea was designated as India's Official Development Assistance partner for development cooperation in, 2016.

3. What is the gross GST revenue collected in the month of November 2022?

- A. Rs 1.46 lakh crore ☒
- B. Rs 1.26 lakh crore
- C. Rs 1.06 lakh crore
- D. Rs 0.96 lakh crore



- ✓ The gross GST revenue collected in the month of November 2022 is ₹1,45,867 crore. The revenues for the month of November are 11% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. Out of the total revenue, CGST is ₹25,681 crore, SGST is ₹32,651 crore, IGST is ₹77,103 crore and Cess is ₹10,433 crore.

4. Wassenaar Arrangement, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Conventional weapons ☒
- B. Climate Change
- C. Cryptocurrency
- D. Nuclear Weapons



- ✓ India will assume chairmanship of the plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement for a year on January 1, 2023. Five years ago, India joined the 42-member voluntary export control regime, which monitors transfers of conventional weapons and dual-use goods.

5. India supported the proposal of which country to include digitization in International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Strategic Plan?

- A. FAO
- B. WMO ☒
- C. UNEP
- D. UNFCCC



- ✓ World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) released a report titled 'State of Global Water Resources 2021'. As per the report, the volume of water available in the Ganga and the groundwater in the river-basin reduced significantly between 2002 and 2021. The report has also identified several other global hot spots that show the same trend.

6. Which country is the frontrunner in climate mitigation, as per the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)?

- A. Norway
- B. Germany
- C. Denmark ☒
- D. Sweden



- ✓ As per the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI), the current frontrunner in climate mitigation continues to be Denmark. Denmark is the only country with a 'high' national and even 'very high' rated international climate policy. No country is ranked first to third while Denmark is ranked fourth followed by Sweden. India is ranked eighth.

7. The Indian Navy began the nationwide Defense Exercise 'Sea Vigil-22' from which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Odisha ☒
- C. Goa
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ The Indian Navy began the largest nationwide Coastal Defense Exercise Sea Vigil–22 from the Paradip port of Odisha. This is the third edition of the 'Pan–India' Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil–22' and will be conducted over two days. This national level coastal defence exercise was conceptualized in 2018 towards enhancing maritime security. The exercise is being conducted by the Indian Navy in coordination with the Coast Guard and other related ministries.

8. YUDH ABHYAS 22' is a defence exercise conducted between India and which country?

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



- ✓ The 18th edition of the India–US joint training exercise "Yudh Abhyas 22" is scheduled to be conducted in Uttarakhand this month. The previous edition of the exercise was conducted in Alaska in October 2021. The annual exercise aims of exchanging best practices and tactics between the armies of the two countries. The joint exercise will also focus on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.

9. When is the 'National Press Day' observed in India?

- A. November.12
- B. November.16 ☒
- C. November.17
- D. November.19



- ✓ The Press Council of India celebrated the National Press Day on November 16 on the theme 'The Media's Role in Nation Building'. The Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting released the 'Norms of Journalistic Conduct, 2022'. This was the day on which the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure the press is not affected by influence or threats.

10. 'National Newborn Week' is observed in which month every year?

- A. November ☒
- B. December
- C. January
- D. February



- ✓ National Health Mission (NHM) observes the National Newborn Week, 2022 from November 15 to 21, every year. It is observed with an objective to spread awareness on child survival and care for the newborn for a healthy nation. For this year, the week is being observed on the theme 'Ensuring quality health care for every newborn'.

1. When is the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' observed annually?

A. 1 December

B. 3 December ☒

C. 5 December

D. 7 December



International
Day of
Persons with
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- ✓ 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' is observed on 3 December every year. The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly. More than one billion people, or approximately 15 per cent of the world's population, live with some form of disability. 80 per cent of the total disabled people live in developing countries.

2. Researchers from which institution have developed a energy-efficient computing platform to build next-generation electronic devices?

A. IIT Madras

B. IIT Delhi

C. Indian Institute of Science ☒

D. IIT Bombay



- ✓ Researchers at the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE), IISc, have developed a highly energy-efficient computing platform that offers promise in building next-generation electronic devices. Instead of using complementary metal-oxide semiconductors (CMOS), the team used components called 'Memristors' that can both store data and perform computation.

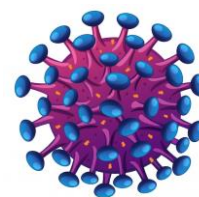
3. As per recent data, what is the trend of India's annual rate of HIV infection between 2010 and 2021?

A. Declining ☒

B. Raising

C. No change

D. No data available



HIV

- ✓ As per recent data, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) announced that the country's annual rate of HIV infection has declined by 46 per cent between 2010 and 2021. The decline is against the global average of 32 per cent. According to NACO, AIDS-related mortalities have also declined by 76 per cent against the global average of 52 per cent during the period.

4. Which state has passed bill to raise Reservations in the state to 76%?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Chhattisgarh ☒
- D. Kerala



- ✓ The Chhattisgarh Assembly unanimously passed two amendment bills to raise Reservations in government jobs and admission in educational institutions to 76%. According to the bills, Scheduled Tribes will now get a quota of 32%, Other Backward Classes 27%, and Scheduled Caste 13%, while the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) will get 4% reservation in public employment and admissions in educational institutions.

5. Which High Court has banned use of mobile phones inside temples?

- A. Madras High Court ☒
- B. Delhi High Court
- C. Bombay High Court
- D. Calcutta High Court



- ✓ The Madras High Court has banned mobile phones in temples across Tamil Nadu. As per the Court, the move to ban use of mobile phone is to maintain purity and sanctity of the places of worship. The High Court also said that phone deposit lockers should be set up at temples, to avoid inconvenience to people and Security personnel will be appointed to ensure compliance of this order.

6. As per the corporate affairs ministry, which state added the most number of new companies?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra ☒
- D. Uttar Pradesh



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- ✓ As per the data from the corporate affairs ministry, Maharashtra has added the most number of new companies since the outbreak of COVID-19, followed by Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh added around 30,000 new companies in the last three years and it ranks third state in terms of number of active companies behind only Maharashtra and Delhi.

7. When is the 'International Day for Tolerance' observed every year?

- A. 12 November
- B. 14 November
- C. 16 November ☒
- D. 18 November



- ✓ In 1996, the UN General Assembly declared the International Day for Tolerance on 16 November, every year. International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013–2022) is being led forward by UNESCO across the world. UNESCO created a prize for the promotion of tolerance and non-violence called the UNESCO–Madanjeet Singh Prize.

8. PSMA Agreement, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Anti-terrorism
B. Unregulated fishing ☒
C. Climate Change
D. International Trade



- ✓ Food and Agricultural Organization's (FAO) Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) is the first internationally binding instrument designed to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. Angola, Eritrea, Morocco and Nigeria recently signed the agreement, taking the number of signatories of the instrument to 100 countries.

9. Which sportsperson has been elected as the Chairperson of Athletes Commission of Indian Olympic Association (IOA)?

- A. P V Sindhu
B. Mary Kom ☒
C. Sreejesh
D. Joshna Chinappa



- ✓ Six-time World women's boxing champion and Olympic medallist Mary Kom was elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). The vice Chairperson position went to Sharath Kamal, ace table tennis player. 10 Olympians, including Olympic medallists PV Sindhu, Gagan Narang, Mary Kom and Mirabai Chanu were elected unopposed as members of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

10. Which is the first proposed bilateral fund of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)?

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



- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired 5th Meeting of Governing Council of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF). NIIF's first bilateral fund – an 'India Japan Fund' with contribution from Government of India has been proposed through an MoU between National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) and Japan Bank for International Development (JBIC).

1. Semeru Volcano, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

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



- ✓ **Semeru Volcano has started erupting in Java Island, Indonesia. The eruption caused huge volcanic ash and over 2,000 residents in East Java province were evacuated. As per the Indonesia's disaster management agency (BNPB), no injuries or deaths have so far been reported. Mount Semeru lies around 640 kilometers southeast of the capital Jakarta.**

2. Which city is the host of the First G20 Sherpa meeting held in India?

- A. Udaipur ☒
- B. Jodhpur
- C. Varanasi
- D. Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ **The Sherpa Meeting of India's G20 Presidency is being organised in the city of Udaipur, Rajasthan. It is being attended by international Sherpas, their delegations, and heads of invited International Organizations (IOs) from G20 Members, 9 Guest countries among others. Discussions of the 1st Sherpa Meeting were initiated by India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant.**

3. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of National Statistical Commission?

- A. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar ☒
- B. Amitabh Kant
- C. Rajiv Kumar
- D. Parameswaran



- ✓ **Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar, professor emeritus at Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI), has been appointed as part-time chairperson of National Statistical Commission of India (NSCI) for three years. The National Statistical Commission of India is an autonomous body which was formed in June 2005 under the recommendation of Rangarajan commission.**

4. Which country launched its latest nuclear stealth bomber named 'B-21'?

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



- ✓ The US Air Force has unveiled its latest nuclear stealth bomber named 'B-21', which will gradually replace aircraft first flown in the Cold War. The country's first new bomber in 30 years could cost about USD 700m each and can carry nuclear and conventional weapons.

5. Which is the only authorised institution for sale and encashment of electoral bonds in India?

- A. State Bank of India ☒
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. Securities Exchange Board of India



- ✓ The Government authorised sale and encashment of electoral bonds through 29 branches of State Bank of India (SBI) across the country. The electoral bonds can be purchased by a person who is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India. A person (individual) can buy electoral bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals.

6. What is the theme of the UNESCO's 'World Philosophy Day' 2022?

- A. The Human of the Future ☒
- B. Philosophy and Humanity
- C. Growth and Humanity
- D. Development of Thoughts



- ✓ 'World Philosophy Day' 2022 is celebrated on the third Thursday of November by UNESCO across the world. It highlights the value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and for each individual. To celebrate World Philosophy Day 2022, UNESCO and Le Fresnoy – National Studio of Contemporary Arts organised a symposium and exhibition on the theme 'The Human of the Future' at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.

7. Kangra miniature painting, which was seen in the news, is made in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Assam
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented US president Joe Biden with a Kangra miniature painting from Himachal Pradesh on the concluding day of the 17th G20 summit in Indonesia's Bali. The Prime Minister gave Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez a Kanak brass set from Himachal's Mandi and Kullu districts and Italy's prime minister, Giorgia Meloni– a Patan Patola dupatta – handwoven from northern Gujarat. The scarf was made with a technique called 'double ikat' technique.

8. What is the theme of the 'World Toilet Day' 2022?

- A. Hygiene and Growth
- B. Making the Invisible Visible ☒
- C. Leaving No one Behind
- D. Access to Toilet Services



- ✓ **World Toilet Day is observed every year on November 19 to mark the invention of toilets and raise awareness of the sanitation crisis. World Toilet Day is celebrated in partnership between the UN-Water and governments around the world. This year the theme for World Toilet Day is 'Making the Invisible Visible'.**

9. What is the theme of the 'World Children's Day 2022'?

- A. Inclusion, For Every Child ☒
- B. Children's Rights
- C. International Togetherness
- D. Digital Access for All



- ✓ **The 'World Children's Day' is celebrated on 20 November to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. It was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day. It also marks the anniversary of the date that the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration and the Convention on children's rights. This year, the theme is 'Inclusion, For Every Child.'**

10. What is the theme of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit 2023?

- A. SECURE SCO ☒
- B. SAFE SCO
- C. SUSTAINABLE SCO
- D. SOVEREIGN SCO



- ✓ **India has launched the official website of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) as it will host the next SCO summit as a chairman of organisation in 2023. The theme of the SCO Summit 2023 is 'SECURE SCO'. India received the SCO rotating presidency in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. The leaders of SCO Member States signed the Samarkand Declaration in the meeting of the Council of Heads of State in the city of Samarkand, Uzbekistan.**

1. World Bank recently approved USD 250 million financing to which country to strengthen environment management?

- A. Philippines
- B. Bangladesh ☒
- C. Japan
- D. Australia



- ✓ World Bank approved USD 250 million financing to help Bangladesh strengthen environment management and promote private sector participation in green investment. The Bangladesh Environmental Sustainability and Transformation (BEST) Project will help the country tackle key pollution issues. An E-waste management facility will be set up to process 3,500 metric tons of e-waste annually.

2. Which country is the largest trading partner of India after China and US, as of 2022?

- A. Australia
- B. UAE ☒
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Russia



- ✓ The India–UAE trade is valued at USD 72.8 billion in 2021–22, making the UAE India's third largest trading partner after China and US. Abu Dhabi, UAE's capital city is seeking more investments from India. Abu Dhabi has identified priority sectors including agri-tech, tourism, healthcare, pharma and financial services, where Indian enterprises can invest.

3. Which country abolished morality police known as the Gasht-e Ershad or 'Guidance Patrol'?

- A. UAE
- B. Iran ☒
- C. Iraq
- D. Qatar



- ✓ Iran has abolished 'morality police' known as the Gasht-e Ershad or 'Guidance Patrol'. The unit was established in 2006 and their patrols were feared among women. The custodial death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who was picked up by the vice squads in Tehran and declared dead created public outcry and led to protestors.

4. Olivier Giroud, who was seen in the news, is a famous football player from which country?

- A. France ☒
- B. Australia
- C. England
- D. Brazil



- ✓ In the FIFA World Cup 2022, France defeats Poland and qualifies for quarter-finals of the tournament. Olivier Giroud becomes all-time top scorer of France with 52 goals. Kylian Mbappé the first player to score nine World Cup goals before 24 years.

5. Which country is the host of the Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)?

- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Thailand
- D. Singapore ☒



- ✓ The 17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) began in Singapore. "Integrated policy agenda for a human-centred recovery that is inclusive, sustainable and resilient" is the theme of the meeting.

6. Which city is the host of the 'ASEAN India Music Festival'?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Chennai



- ✓ The second edition of ASEAN India Music Festival was organised in collaboration between the Ministry of External Affairs and Seher India. It is a three-day festival held at Purana Qila, Delhi. It is aimed to celebrate the musical diversity of Southeast Asia. 10 bands from ASEAN countries and five acts from India are participating in the festival.

7. The 'Women Entrepreneurship Day' is celebrated on which day?

- A. November.01
- B. November.15
- C. November.19 ☒
- D. November.25



- ✓ The 'Women Entrepreneurship Day' is observed every year on November 19 by the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization. The first-ever Women Entrepreneurship Day has observed in around 144 nations in the year 2014. It commemorates women on the front lines doing their part to break the outdated stereotypes.

8. Which is the first state to launch the 'Elephant Death Audit Framework'?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Tamil Nadu has launched the 'Tamil Nadu Elephant Death Audit Framework' to document reasons for elephant deaths for better accountability. According to media reports, out of the 131 elephant deaths recorded in Tamil Nadu's Forest divisions between January 2021 and March 2022, only 13 were human-induced. The framework will improve transparency and facilitate more credible comparisons of cause of mortality.

9. When is the 'World Fisheries Day' celebrated?

- A. November.15
- B. November.21 ☒
- C. November.25
- D. November.28



- ✓ 'World Fisheries Day' is celebrated on November 21 every year to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and stakeholders. It started in 1997 where 'World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers' met at New Delhi leading to formation of the 'World Fisheries Forum' with representatives from 18 countries.

10. Which country hosts the 'FIFA World Cup 2022'?

- A. India
- B. Qatar ☒
- C. Australia
- D. Argentina



- ✓ Qatar is the host of the FIFA World Cup 2022. The opening ceremony of the World Cup has kicked off at the Al Bayt Stadium, Qatar. Earlier, France legend Marcel Desailly presented the World Cup trophy in front of the fans ahead of the opening ceremony. Thirty-two top countries from five regions will compete for the championship title.