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1. What is the rank of India in the 'WIPO Global Innovation Index 2022'?

- A. 25
- B. 40 ☒
- C. 50
- D. 75



- ✓ According to the rankings released by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), India rose to 40th among 132 countries in the Global Innovation Index 2022. The jump of six places from a year ago, was mainly due to improvement in information and communication technologies (ICT) services, exports, venture capital recipients' value as well as finance for start-ups. Switzerland, the US, Sweden, the UK and the Netherlands are the world's most innovative economies.

2. Who has been appointed as the new Attorney General for India?

- A. R Venkataramani ☒
- B. A J Sadashiva
- C. D Y Chandrachud
- D. Ranjan Gogoi



- ✓ Senior advocate R Venkataramani has been appointed as the new Attorney General for India for a period of three years. He will succeed the present Attorney General K K Venugopal, whose term will end on September 30. The 91-year-old senior advocate was appointed to the post in July 2017 and he was reappointed as the top law officer of the country for three months in June 2022.

3. Which city is the host of the 'Conference on International Day for Universal Access to Information'?

- A. Tashkent ☒
- B. Dhaka
- C. Nursultan
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ International Day for Universal Access to Information was declared to be observed annually on September 28 by UNESCO. This day aims to support the idea that everyone has the right to seek, receive, and distribute information. The theme of the Global Conference in 2022 is 'Artificial Intelligence, e-Governance and Access to Information'. The conference is set to take place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

4. Which state is the host of the National SC–ST hub conclave organised by the Union MSME Ministry?

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



- ✓ The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has organized a National SC–ST hub conclave in Gujarat. The program included participation of CPSE's like NTPC Limited Food Corporation of India (FCI), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Indian Oil Corporation Limited, financial institutions such as State Bank of India and Yes Bank.

5. 'Operation Garuda', which was seen in the news, is associated with which organisation?

- A. CVC
- B. CBI ☒
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Navy



- ✓ The Central Bureau of Investigation has launched a multi-phase 'Operation Garuda' against illicit drug trafficking network. This global operation was initiated in coordination with Interpol and Narcotics Control Bureau, to combat smuggling of illicit drugs and psychotropic substances, with focus on Indian Ocean region. CBI registered 127 new cases, arrested 175 people and seized huge quantities of narcotic drugs during this special operation.

6. After the recent Monetary Policy Committee Meeting of RBI (October 2022), what is the 2022–23 growth projection for India?

- A. 6.5%
- B. 7.0% ☒
- C. 7.5%
- D. 8.2%



- ✓ After the recent Monetary Policy Committee Meeting of RBI, the Central Bank cut the 2022–23 growth projection to 7 per cent from its previous estimate of 7.2 per cent. RBI also made the fourth-rate hike in this financial year, as the Repo rate was hiked by 50 bps to 5.9%. The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 5.65 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.15 per cent.

7. Which institution unveiled a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of India?

- A. UNESCO ☒ B. NITI Aayog
C. Union Culture Ministry D. FICCI



- ✓ UNESCO released a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of India named 'Handmade for the 21st Century: Safeguarding Traditional Indian Textile'. It describes the processes behind their making, mentions the causes for their declining popularity and provides strategies for their preservation. Toda embroidery and Sungadi from Tamil Nadu, Himroo weaves from Hyderabad and Bandha tie and dye weaving from Odisha are some of the crafts included.

8. Which country has recently signed a partnership agreement with Pacific Island nations?

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



- ✓ The United States hosted a historic summit and signed a partnership agreement with more than a dozen Pacific Island nations including Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Tonga among others. US President Joe Biden announce that the country was committed to increasing its presence in the region amidst growing concern about China's growing military and economic influence. Australia and New Zealand also participated in the summit as observers.

9. *Pangasius Icaria*, which was recently discovered in the Cauvery River, belongs to which species?

- A. Turtle B. Catfish ☒
C. Frog D. Snake



- ✓ A new edible catfish species has been discovered in the river Cauvery near Mettur Dam named *Pangasius icaria* (*P. icaria*). As per Indian Council of Agricultural Research, which discovered the species, it belongs to the *Pangasius* genus. For nearly two centuries *Pangasius* is represented by one species in India as well as South Asia and is called *Pangasius Pangasius*.

10. As per a recent UNICEF report, what percent of child marriages can fall down if higher education is provided to girls?

- A. 25 per cent B. 40 per cent
C. 60 per cent D. 80 percent ☒



- ✓ According to UNICEF report released recently, 80 percent of child marriages can fall down if higher education is provided to all girls. It also noted that secondary education is a much stronger and more consistent protection against child marriage than primary school education. The most progress in the past decade was seen in South Asia, where a girl's risk of marrying in childhood dropped by over a third to below 30 per cent.

1. Which city has been named the first in the 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022'?

- A. Mysuru
- B. Indore ☒
- C. Chennai
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ In the category of best performing cities in 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022', Indore was declared the cleanest city for sixth time in a row. It is followed by Surat and Navi Mumbai.
- ✓ In the state category, Madhya Pradesh secured the first position, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. The 7th edition of Swachh Survekshan was conducted to study the progress of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and rank Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) based on various cleanliness and sanitation parameters.

2. The third Vande Bharat Express train, which was recently inaugurated (in October 2022), runs between which cities?

- A. New Delhi and Gurugram
- B. Mumbai and Ahmedabad ☒
- C. Bengaluru and Mysuru
- D. Mumbai and Indore



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Gandhinagar–Mumbai Vande Bharat Express train Mumbai and Ahmedabad, the third in the Vande Bharat series. The two other Vande Bharat Express trains were introduced in the months of February and October 2019, run from New Delhi to Varanasi and Katra, respectively. The 'Vande Bharat 2.0' Gandhinagar–Mumbai Express train covers a distance of about 540 kilometres in 6 hours 30 minutes.

3. 'Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)' is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Communications ☒
- B. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



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- ✓ Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), a body under the Department of Telecommunications, (Ministry of Communication) officially launched Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme. The scheme aims to promote indigenous manufacturing and innovation in the sector. TTDF aims to fund research and development in rural-specific communication technology applications.

4. When is the 'World Alzheimer's Day' observed every year?

- A. September.20
- B. September.21 ☒
- C. September.25
- D. September.27



- ✓ Every year, 21st September is observed as World Alzheimer's Day. This day aims to raise awareness about the Alzheimer's disease, its causes, symptoms and the ways to handle it. Alzheimer's disease is a brain condition which retards memory & cognitive abilities of the affected person. It's the most frequent cause of dementia in older individuals, which may cause brain cells to weaken and die.

5. "New Technologies for Greener Shipping" is the theme of which day, celebrated on 30 September?

- A. World Seafarers Day
- B. World Maritime Day ☒
- C. World Oceanography Day
- D. World Fishery Day



- ✓ The International Maritime Organization is a specialised agency of the United Nations responsible for regulating shipping. It is headquartered at London. World Maritime Day 2021 is celebrated every year on 30 September. IMO has declared 2021 a year of action for seafarers, who are facing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The World Maritime theme for 2022 is "New Technologies for Greener Shipping".

6. 'International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction' is observed on which day?

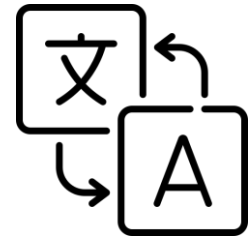
- A. September.29 ☒
- B. September.30
- C. October.01
- D. October.02



- ✓ The world marks the 3rd International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste on September 29, 2022. The theme of the day this year is "Stop Food Loss and Waste! For People and Planet." Around 14 percent of food produced is lost between harvest and retail, while 17 percent of total global food production is wasted across the world in various stages. World Heart Day is also celebrated on 29 September. The theme of this year (2022) is "Use heart for every heart".

7. When is the International Translation Day celebrated every year?

- A. September.30 ☒
- B. October.01
- C. October.02
- D. October.03



- ✓ Every year, the 30th September is celebrated as the International Translation Day. This day is chosen to remember the Bible translator St. Jerome, who is considered the father of translators. A resolution in this regard was passed by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 2017, in order to recognise the role played by language professionals in connecting nations and promoting peace. The theme of this year (2022) International Translation Day is “A World without Barriers”.

8. When is the ‘National Voluntary Blood Donation Day’ observed?

- A. October.01 ☒
- B. October.02
- C. October.03
- D. October.04



- ✓ National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is celebrated on 1st October of every year across the country. It aims to raise awareness about Blood donation and promote voluntary Blood donation in the country. Our country needs around 1.45 crore units of blood every year. Collection of blood is done through 3500 licensed blood banks across the country.

9. When is World Habitat Day observed every year?

- A. First Monday of October ☒
- B. First Sunday of October
- C. Last Sunday of September
- D. Last Saturday of September



- ✓ Every year, First Monday of October is observed by the United Nations as “World Habitat Day”, to stress on the basic right of all to adequate shelter and to highlight the state of our habitats. This year, it was observed on October 4. The theme for this year’s World Habitat Day is “Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind”.

10. When is the ‘International Day of Non–Violence’ observed every year?

- A. October.01
- B. October.02 ☒
- C. October.03
- D. October.04



- ✓ The birth anniversary of India’s ‘Father of Nation’ ‘Mahatma’ Gandhi is observed as the ‘International Day of Non–Violence’ every year, on Oct.2. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), in a resolution adopted in 2007, established the day as an occasion to spread the message of non–violence through education and public awareness. In 2004, Iranian Noble Laureate Shirin Ebadi proposed the idea of the commemoration.

1. What is the name of the first indigenously developed light combat helicopters (LCH)?

- A. Pratabh
- B. Prachand ☒
- C. Prakash
- D. Vikas



- ✓ The Indian Air Force inducted the first batch of indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopters, named Prachand, which are capable of firing a range of missiles and other weapons. The Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) are developed by state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL). It has been primarily designed for deployment in high-altitude regions. It was inducted into the IAF at a ceremony in Jodhpur.

2. Which Union Ministry is associated with 'YUVA 2.0' Scheme?

- A. Ministry of Education ☒
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ The Ministry of Education's Department of Higher Education inaugurated YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) on October 2. It is the Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors. YUVA 2.0 is an author mentorship programme to train young and aspiring writers under 30 years old in order to nurture Indian literature internationally.

3. Swachh Bharat Diwas is celebrated on which date in India?

- A. October.02 ☒
- B. October.04
- C. October.06
- D. October.08



- ✓ October 2 is celebrated as Swachh Bharat Diwas across India. Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), which organises Swachh Bharat Diwas-2022, implements two programmes – Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). President of India Droupadi Murmu confers the awards for Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG) 2022, Swachhta Hi Sewa 2022, Sujlam 1.0 and 2.0, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Functionality Assessment, Har Ghar Jal certification and start-up Grand Challenge.

4. What is the minimum net worth of Regional rural banks, to be eligible to list on stock exchanges?

- A. Rs.100 crore
- B. Rs.250 crore
- C. Rs.300 crore ☒
- D. Rs.500 crore



- ✓ As per the draft guidelines issued by the Finance Ministry, Regional rural banks (RRBs) will be eligible to list on stock exchanges and raise funds if they have net worth of at least Rs 300 crore over the previous three years. Such banks must have a capital adequacy of 9 percent in each of the previous three years and recorded operating profit of at least Rs 15 crore for a minimum of three out of the preceding five years, among other norms.

5. Which state won the first prize under the Large States category under Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG) 2022?

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



- ✓ Telangana won the first prize under the Large States category under Swachh Survekshan Gramin (SSG) 2022. Indian President Droupadi Murmu presented the awards which looked into the sanitation status of rural areas. Haryana was named the second and Tamil Nadu the third best state in the SSG Awards 2022. In the second phase of Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin, the aim is to make all six lakh villages in India free of open defecation.

6. Svante Pääbo, won the 2022 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine, is a geneticist from which country?

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



- ✓ Swedish geneticist Svante Pääbo won the 2022 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for discoveries related to genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution. Pääbo sequenced the genome of the Neanderthal, an extinct relative of present-day humans. He also made the discovery of a previously unknown hominin named Denisova. The prestigious award comes with a gold medal and 10 million Swedish kronor (over USD 1.14 million).

7. What is India's GDP growth projection for 2022–23, as per UNCTAD Annual Trade and Development Report?

- A. 6.2% B. 6.0%
C. 5.7% ☒ D. 5.5%



- ✓ The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) estimates India's economy to grow 5.7% in 2022 and 4.7% in 2023. In its annual Trade and Development Report 2022, it said that world economy is expected to grow 2.6% in 2022. As per the report, the world is headed towards a global recession and stagnation unless we quickly change the current policy course of monetary and fiscal tightening in advanced economies.

8. Which state/UT is the host of the 'Digital India Conference of State IT Ministers'?

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



- ✓ The 'Digital India Conference of State IT Ministers' was recently held in New Delhi. It was held under chairmanship of the Minister for Communications, Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw. Union Minister announced that Rs 26,000 crore had been approved to install new 25,000 towers in the next 500 days.

9. Indian Army and Indian Air Force conducted a Joint Exercise named 'Gagan Strike' in which state?

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



- ✓ Indian Army's Kharga Corps and Indian Air Force conducted a Joint Exercise named 'Gagan Strike' over a period of four days in several areas of Punjab. The army announced that the operation validated the Apache 64E and Advanced Light Helicopter WSI as potent weapon delivery platforms. Attack helicopters were employed as the aerial arm of manoeuvre in support of ground forces, during the exercise.

10. Aaron Finch, who announced retirement from international cricket, is a famous player from which country?

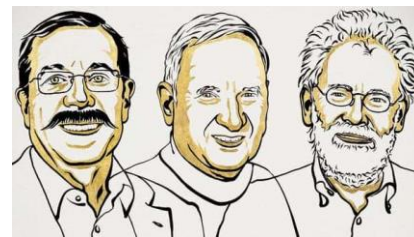
- A. England
B. Australia ☒
C. South Africa
D. New Zealand



- ✓ Australia Captain Aaron Finch announced his retirement from one-day international cricket. Finch has represented Australia in the 145 ODIs. Finch will continue to captain the Australian team in this year's ICC T20 World Cup. His career includes over 5400 runs with 17 centuries. He made his debut against Sri Lanka in 2013 and smashed his maiden hundred against Scotland.

1. The Nobel Prize for Physics 2022 is being shared by three scientists, for their work in which field?

- A. Nuclear Physics
- B. Quantum mechanics ☒
- C. Atomic science
- D. Space Science



- ✓ The Nobel Prize for Physics 2022 is being shared by three scientists, Alain Aspect, John F Clauser and Anton Zeilinger, for their work on quantum mechanics. The three scientists conducted a series of experiments on entangled quantum states, where two separate particles behave like a single unit. Their results will have implications in the fields of quantum computers, quantum networks and secure quantum encrypted communication.

2. President Droupadi Murmu launched 'herSTART', a startup platform for women entrepreneurs in which city?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Ahmedabad ☒
- C. Varanasi
- D. Lucknow

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- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu launched 'herSTART', a startup platform for women entrepreneurs created by Gujarat University in Ahmedabad. The platform dedicated to women entrepreneurs, will boost innovation and startup efforts of women entrepreneurs and connect women entrepreneurs with various government and private enterprises.

3. Who is the recipient of 2022 Nansen Award given by UN High Commissioner for Refugees?

- A. Xi Jinping
- B. Angela Merkel ☒
- C. Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- D. Anthony Albanese



- ✓ Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel was named as the recipient of Nansen Award given by UN High Commissioner for Refugees. The former scientist, who led her country for 16 years, was awarded for offering haven to over 1.2 million refugees and asylum seekers fleeing violence during Syrian conflict, when other countries were turning their backs on them.

4. Which Union Ministry implements the 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)' ?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship ☒
- C. Ministry of Education
- D. Ministry of MSME



- ✓ The Standing Committee on Labour, Textiles and Skill Development chaired by Bhartruhari Mahtab submitted its report on 'Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)'. It is implemented by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. As per the report, Under PMKVY 3.0, in 2021–22, only 72 % was utilised. Under PMKVY 3.0, out of about four lakh candidates, only 8% have been placed. During PMKVY 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0, about 20% of the total enrolled candidates dropped out of the training programme.

5. As per recent government data, which state has the highest gap in infant mortality rate between boys and girls in 2020?

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



- ✓ According to Sample Registration System Statistical Report 2020, Chhattisgarh had the highest gap in 2020, with a male infant mortality rate of 35 compared to female infant mortality rate of 41. The male and female infant mortality rate (IMR) equalised in 2020 in India. Infant mortality rate is the number of infant deaths for every 1,000 live births. In rural India, female IMR remained marginally higher than male IMR though the gap had reduced. In urban India, the female IMR fell below that of males by 2020.

6. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of the Common Service Centre (CSC) SPV?

- A. K Subramanian
- B. Sanjay Kumar Rakesh ☒
- C. K V Kamath
- D. Sarada Kumar Hota



- ✓ Sanjay Kumar Rakesh, CEO of Common Service Centres (CSC) Special Purpose Vehicle, has been appointed as the Managing Director of the company. The decision to this effect was taken at the Board Meeting of CSC held at the Ministry of Electronics & IT. Sanjay Kumar Rakesh took over as the CEO of CSC SPV in 2020 after taking voluntary retirement from IAS. He served as the Additional Chief Secretary of Tripura and Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Electronics & IT.

7. Kibithu military garrison, which was named after General Bipin Rawat, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Uttarakhand B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
C. Ladakh D. Punjab



- ✓ The strategically important Kibithu military garrison on the banks of Lohit Valley, Arunachal Pradesh was named after India's first Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat. It is located along the Line of Actual Control. General Rawat commanded his Battalion Gorkha Rifles at Kibithu from 1999–2000 and contributed in strengthening the security structure in the area.

8. Which month is observed as 'International PCOS Awareness Month'?

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



- ✓ The month of September is recognized as International PCOS Awareness Month. Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is a common hormonal disorder in women, which is also a cause of female infertility. PCOS is caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Globally, three to four women out of 10 women suffer from the disorder.

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

- A. Leaving No one Behind
B. Lifelong First Aid ☒
C. Learning First Aid
D. First Aid; Second Life



- ✓ 'World First Aid Day 2022' is celebrated every year on the second Saturday of September. This year, World First Aid Day 2022 falls on 10 September 2022 and is celebrated under the theme 'Lifelong First Aid'. The day is observed to promote the significance of first aid and create awareness on a global level about how it can save precious lives.

10. Which Indian state famous for its 'King Chilli', organised a 'Mirchi Festival' (Chilli Festival)?

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



- ✓ Nagaland is famous for its King Chilli also called as 'Naga Mircha'. It is considered as one of the hottest chilli varieties in the world. The first ever Naga Mircha Festival was recently hosted by Seiyhama Village Council sponsored by the Department of Horticulture. Seiyhama village has become the dominant cultivator with a variety of species including the Naga King chilli.

1. Telecom Giant Optus, which was recently hit by a cyber-attack, is based in which country?

- A. Canada
- B. USA
- C. Australia ☒
- D. Russia



- ✓ Australian telecom giant Optus said personal information and form of identification of 1.2 million customers was compromised in the recent cyber attack. It is considered as one of the biggest cyber breaches the country has faced. The breach affected 10 million customers, equivalent to around 40% of Australia's population. The federal government has released changes to telecommunications laws, after the breach.

2. What is the charge levied for RuPay credit card use on UPI for transactions up to ₹2,000?

- A. 0.5%
- B. 2%
- C. 5%
- D. No charge ☒



- ✓ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has clarified that there will be no charge for RuPay credit card use on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for transactions up to ₹2,000. Nil Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) would apply for this category up to the transaction amount less than and equal to ₹2,000. In September, RBI Governor launched the Rupay credit card on UPI network.

3. As per the recent World Bank report, what is India's GDP projection in the current fiscal year (2022-'23)?

- A. 6.2%
- B. 6.5% ☒
- C. 7.0%
- D. 7.2%



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- ✓ The World Bank downgraded India's economic growth forecast to 6.5% for the current fiscal year (2022-'23) from its earlier estimate of 7.5% announced in June. The Reserve Bank of India had also cut its growth forecast to 7% from an earlier estimate of 7.2% after increasing the repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.9% to fight inflation. UNCTAD also projected that India's economic growth will decline to 5.7% this year from 8.2% in 2021.

4. Annie Ernaux, the winner of 2022 Nobel Prize in literature, is an author from which country?

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



- ✓ **French author Annie Ernaux has been announced as the winner of the 2022 Nobel Prize in literature. The 82-year-old writer is known for her novels drawing on personal experience of class and gender. Over 20 books authored by Annie Ernaux have been school texts in France for decades. One of the contenders for the literature prize this year was the India-born writer and free-speech advocate Salman Rushdie.**

5. Which tennis player won the Tel Aviv Open title in 2022?

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Stefanos Tsitsipas
- C. Roger Federer
- D. Novak Djokovic ☒



- ✓ **Ace tennis player Novak Djokovic won the Tel Aviv Open title in 2022 held in Israel. It is regarded as the biggest prize in tennis. The 35-year-old Serbian beat Croatia's Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-4 in the final to win his first title since Wimbledon in July. He was handed a large three-foot-tall trophy.**

6. Which country is the Champion of the sixth Asia Cup tournament held in 2022?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Sri Lanka ☒
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ **Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by 23 runs in the Asia Cup final to secure its sixth title in Dubai. Sri Lanka scored 170-6 off their 20 overs, with Bhanuka Rajapaksa's unbeaten 71 from 45 balls. The Sri Lankan cricket team is being coached by former England coach Chris Silverwood.**

7. Which is the first institution in India to join IBM Quantum Network?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIM Ahmedabad
- C. IIM Bengaluru
- D. IIT Madras ☒



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT–Madras) has become the first Indian educational institute to join the New York–based IBM Quantum Network. This collaboration between IIT–M and IBM will benefit researchers from IIT Madras in research in the field of applied quantum computing with industry support from IBM Research India.

8. Which country launched 'ARPA–H (Advanced Research Projects Agencies for Health)' to reduce Cancer deaths?

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



- ✓ US President Joe Biden has announced an ambitious plan to reduce cancer deaths in the United States. A new agency named 'ARPA–H, Advanced Research Projects Agencies for Health' regarding the plan. Cancer is the second most cause of death in the country after heart disease. ARPA–H aims to prevent, detect, and treat diseases including Cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, and other diseases.

9. When is the 'Hindi Diwas or National Hindi Day' celebrated in India?

- A. September.14
B. September.12
C. September.14 ☒
D. September.18



- ✓ 'Hindi Diwas or National Hindi Day' is celebrated every year on September 14 to mark the adaptation of Hindi (written in Devanagari script) as the official language by the Constituent Assembly on Sep.14, 1949. World Hindi Day 2020 is observed on Jan.10. The day commemorates the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference held in Nagpur of January 10, 1975.

10. What is the name of the typhoon which has hit Japan and China recently?

- A. Muifa ☒
B. Rita
C. Banga
D. Tiffany



- ✓ According to Japan Meteorological Agency, Typhoon Muifa hit Ishigaki Island, near Taiwan. The typhoon approached Japan's southern islands. Typhoon Muifa has also brought heavy downpours and winds to islands in Japan's Okinawa. China has also launched emergency response as the typhoon approaches.