

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?

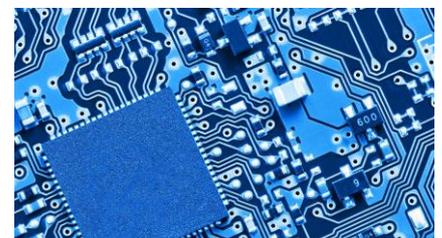
- A. Kerala
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Telangana



- ✓ **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.**