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1. The Union Environment Ministry approved the New Coastal Zone Management Plan for which state?

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



- ✓ Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change recently approved the New Coastal Zone Management Plan for Karnataka. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for various works worth Rs 3,800 crore at Goldfinch city in Karnataka. Karnataka is the first State in southern India and only the second state in the country to get the Plan prepared and approved as per the new Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification.

2. As of March 2022, what is India's external debt, as per the Finance Ministry's data?

- A. USD 220 billion
- B. USD 420 billion
- C. USD 620 billion ☒
- D. USD 820 billion



- ✓ The External Debt Management Unit (EDMU) in the Department of economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, has released 28th edition of the Status Report on India's External Debt 2021–22. India's external debt, at US\$ 620.7 billion as at end–March 2022, grew by 8.2 per cent over US\$ 573.7 billion as at end–March 2021. While 53.2 per cent of it was denominated in US dollar, Indian rupee denominated debt, estimated at 31.2 per cent, was the second largest. External debt as a ratio to GDP fell marginally to 19.9 per cent as at end–March 2022 from 21.2 per cent a year ago.
- ✓ Foreign currency reserves as a ratio to external debt stood slightly lower at 97.8 per cent as at end–March 2022 than 100.6 per cent a year ago. The long–term debt estimated at US\$ 499.1 billion, constituted the largest chunk of 80.4 per cent, while the short–term debt, at US\$ 121.7 billion, accounted for 19.6 per cent of the total.

3. Which country inaugurated Maitree Super Thermal Power Project, constructed under India's concessional financing scheme?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh ☒
- C. Nepal
- D. Myanmar



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina jointly unveiled Unit–I of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Project.

- ✓ The project is being constructed under India's concessional financing scheme. It will add 1320 MW to Bangladesh's National Grid. Seven agreements, including on water resources, railways, science and technology, space technology was exchanged between the Prime Ministers.

4. Which company developed iNOVACC, India's first intranasal Corona vaccine?

- A. BioCon
- B. Dr Reddy's Lab
- C. Bharat Biotech ☒
- D. Serum Institute of India



- ✓ The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) approved the country's first intra-nasal Covid-19 vaccine for restricted emergency use in those aged above 18 years. The vaccine named 'iNOVACC' was developed by Bharat Biotech and it is the only the second such vaccine in the world after CanSino Biologics' vaccine in China, to get regulatory approval. iNOVACC is a chimpanzee adenovirus vectored recombinant nasal vaccine.

5. India conducted a Cyber Security Exercise part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative, in collaboration with which country?

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



- ✓ India's National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the UK Government in collaboration with BAE Systems successfully conducted the Cyber Security Exercise for 26 Countries. The exercise has been conducted as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group, which is being led by India under the leadership of National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC).

6. Which is the venue of 'National Conference of Women Police'?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Lucknow ☒
- C. Shimla
- D. Mysuru



- ✓ A two-day 'National Conference of Women Police' is being organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) in Shimla in collaboration with Himachal Police. The conference will showcase the achievements of women police officers and discuss challenges faced by them. It will also discuss the new roles and responsibilities of women in terms of emerging technologies and crimes.

7. India recently concluded a 'Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)' with which country, with the participation of INS Sumedha?

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



- ✓ **INS Sumedha participated with HMAS Anzac in the exercise reaffirming the strong navy-to-navy links and interoperability between Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy. INS Sumedha is an indigenously built Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel. It is part of the Indian Navy's initiative to hoist 'Tiranga' on all continents as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.**

8. Which neighbouring country is experiencing its longest ever drought?

- A. Myanmar
B. China ☒
C. Sri Lanka
D. Nepal



- ✓ **A month-long heatwave and record low rainfall have resulted in China's longest-ever drought along the Yangtze, the country's longest river. Lakes such as the Dongting Lake and tributaries have diminished as a result of the drought, exposing riverbeds. Low river levels have reduced the ability of hydro-electric power stations in the area to generate energy.**

9. Which country is the host of 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' military exercise?

- A. South Korea ☒
B. Japan
C. China
D. Russia



- ✓ **South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years with a resumption of field training 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' in South Korea. The annual summertime exercise has been renamed Ulchi Freedom Shield this year by the South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol. Aim of this field training is to normalize the combined exercises.**

10. Which is the venue of 'Silk Mark Expo', which was recently inaugurated?

- A. New Delhi ☒
B. Chennai
C. Mussoorie
D. Kanchipuram



- ✓ **Union Minister of State for Textiles Darshana Jardosh inaugurated the Silk Mark Expo in New Delhi. The expo is being organised by the Silk Mark Organisation of India under Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles. Silk Mark is a quality assurance label launched by government to determine that the product is made up of pure natural silk.**

1. 'Ni-kshay 2.0 portal', which was launched recently, is associated with which disease?

- A. Cancer
- B. Tuberculosis ☒
- C. COVID-19
- D. Anaemia



- ✓ Indian President Droupadi Murmu is set to launch the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan 'Ni-kshay 2.0' portal. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has set a target for eradication of tuberculosis by 2025. Nikshay 2.0 is a digital platform for community support for the persons with TB. It provides additional patient support to improve treatment outcome of tuberculosis patients.

2. Which state launched 'Pudhumai Penn Scheme', to provide monthly financial assistance for female students to complete UG programmes?

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



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government launched the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme, also known as the 'Pudhumai Pen Scheme'. It provides a monthly grant of Rs 1,000 to female students to pursue a bachelor's degree, diploma, ITI, or any other recognised course. Those who attended government schools from Class 6 to 12 will be eligible for the financial aid.

3. As per the policy for long-term leasing of railway land for PM Gati Shakti, what is the tenure up to which land lease is provided?

- A. 10
- B. 15
- C. 25
- D. 35 ☒



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a policy for long-term leasing of railway land for the PM Gati Shakti programme. The new policy will facilitate to provide land lease for a longer period of up to 35 years as against five years at present. The new policy will enable the development of infrastructure and more cargo terminals. It has also cut down land lease fee from 6 percent to 1.5 percent.

4. Which state celebrates September 9 as 'Himalaya Diwas'?

- A. Bihar
- B. Assam
- C. Uttarakhand ☒
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ Himalaya Diwas is celebrated every year on 9th September in the state of Uttarakhand, with an aim to conserve Himalayan ecosystem and region. It was officially declared as Himalaya Day in 2015 by the state's then Chief Minister. In 2014, the then Chief Minister Harish Rawat officially declared September 9 as 'Himalaya Diwas', to be celebrated across the State to spread the message of conservation of the Himalayan ecosystems.

5. Which Indian chess player has recorded third consecutive win in his career against Magnus Carlsen?

- A. Gukesh D
- B. Praggnanandhaa R ☒
- C. Vidit Gujrathi
- D. Nihal Sarin



- ✓ 17-year-old Indian chess prodigy, R. Praggnanandhaa recorded a third consecutive win in his career against the Norwegian great Magnus Carlsen. Praggnanandhaa defeated the reigning 5-time World Chess Champion in his final match at the FTX Crypto Cup. Carlsen went on to win the FTX Crypto Cup while the Indian Grand Master finished at second place in the tournament.

6. 'Mithila Makhana', which was awarded geographical indication (GI) tag, is cultivated in which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Bihar ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ The government has recently awarded geographical indication (GI) tag to 'Mithila Makhana', to help farmers get the maximum price for their produce. Its botanical name is 'Euryale Ferox Salisb' and it is a special variety of aquatic fox nut. Mithila Makhana is cultivated in the Mithila region of Bihar and some parts of Nepal. It is the fifth product from Bihar after Bhagalpur's Jardalu Mango, Katarni Dhaan (rice), Nawada's Maghai Paan and Muzaffarpur's Shahi Litchi.

7. Which Indian has been appointed to the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel?

- A. Alkesh Kumar Sharma ☒
- B. Nandan Nilekani
- C. K V Kamath
- D. Kris Gopalakrishnan



- ✓ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed senior Indian bureaucrat Alkesh Kumar Sharma to the inaugural Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel. He is among 10 distinguished digital governance experts selected from across the globe. He is a 1990 batch IAS officer from Rajasthan and a former Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat. He has earlier served the UNDP as the national project director for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

8. As per the National Family Health Survey 2019–'21, what is India's sex ratio at birth?

- A. 110
- B. 108 ☒
- C. 105
- D. 101



- ✓ As per a recent study by the think tank Pew Research Center, India's sex ratio at birth, the number of girl children born for every 100 boys, has normalised slightly. The data from the National Family Health Survey 2019–'21 shows that the sex ratio at birth narrowed from 109 boys per 100 girls in 2015–'16 to 108 boys per 100 girls in 2019–'21. The average annual number of baby girls 'missing' in India also fell from about 4.8 lakh in 2010 to 4.1 lakh in 2019.

9. Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant has commenced production in which Indian state/UT?

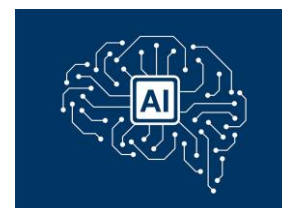
- A. Punjab ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant in the Sangrur district of Punjab has recently started commercial production. The Bio-gas is being supplied to the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) outlet. Punjab Energy Development Agency has allocated 42 additional CBG projects based on paddy straw and other agro-residue to prevent stubble burning.

10. Which country is the host of Global AI Summit?

- A. Australia
- B. Saudi Arabia ☒
- C. France
- D. Spain



- ✓ Saudi Arabia is set to organise the second edition of the Global AI Summit in September this year, under the theme 'Artificial Intelligence for the Good of Humanity'. The upcoming event will be participated by experts from government agencies and major technology companies around the world. It will discuss a number of topics, with the aim of finding solutions to the current challenges and maximizing the use of the AI technologies.

1. What is the rank of India in the UNDP's Human Development Index 2021?

- A. 121
B. 125
C. 129
D. 132 ☒

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- ✓ India ranked 132nd among 191 countries and territories in the 2021 Human Development Index (HDI). As per a report by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), decline in the country's performance from its previous level due to a fall in life expectancy. In the 2020 report, India had ranked 131st among 189 countries and territories.

2. Which sportsperson of India recently became 'Diamond League Champion'?

- A. P V Sindhu
B. Neeraj Chopra ☒
C. H S Prannoy
D. Hima Das



- ✓ Neeraj Chopra created history when he became the first Diamond Trophy winner from India, with a throw of 88.44 metre. Chopra had earlier won the Lausanne Diamond League with an 89.08-meter throw. He recorded 89.30m at Paavo Nurmi Games, while he clinched a historic silver medal at the World Championships in July.

3. Which businessperson was ranked first in the Fortune India's list of 'India's Richest' for 2022?

- A. Mukesh Ambani
B. Gautam Adani ☒
C. Cyrus Poonawala
D. Adi Godrej



- ✓ According to a Fortune India's list of 'India's Richest' for 2022, Gautam Adani was ranked first with the wealth of Rs 10.29 trillion. The wealth of 142 billionaires based in India is collectively worth USD 832 billion (Rs 66.36 trillion). Asia's richest man Gautam Adani recently overtook Amazon founder Jeff Bezos to become the third richest person in the world, according to Forbes real-time billionaires list.

4. Which state launched a multi-purpose online portal called 'Residents Safety and Security Act'?

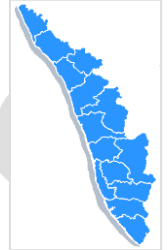
- A. West Bengal
B. Meghalaya ☒
C. Sikkim
D. Odisha



- ✓ The Meghalaya Government launched a multi-purpose online portal 'Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA)'. The digitisation process would connect more than 6,000 villages and localities across Meghalaya to the online system. This aims to ensure the safety and security of the residents, gathering intelligence inputs for better delivery of numerous government services.

5. Which state/UT is set to build the country's first 'Education Township'?

- A. Kerala ☒
- B. Karnataka
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government has announced that it is set to build an education township in the state. The move will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place. It will also provide accommodation and other facilities to students and teachers.

6. Prime Minister inaugurated Asia's biggest private hospital in which state/UT?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Haryana ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Amrita hospital in Haryana's Faridabad. It has been constructed over a period of six years with funding from the Mata Amritanandmayi Math. The hospital with 81 specialities is claimed to be the largest private hospital in the country and Asia, when completed. It has a dedicated seven-storey research block and eight centres of excellence.

7. Which institution has developed a fermentation method to produce a sugar substitute called 'Xylitol'?

- A. IISc Bengaluru
- B. IIT Guwahati ☒
- C. IIT Madras
- D. NIT Warangal



- ✓ IIT Guwahati researchers have developed an ultrasound-assisted fermentation method to produce a sugar substitute called 'Xylitol'. It is developed from sugarcane bagasse, the residue left after crushing of sugar cane. The product also overcomes the limitations of chemical methods of synthesis and the time delays associated with traditional method of fermentation. It also has potential anti-diabetic and anti-obesogenic effects.

8. Which state has launched its 'Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022'?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. West Bengal
- C. Odisha
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu has launched its Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022 at the Footwear & Leather Sector Conclave. The state accounts for 26 per cent of national leather manufacturing output and 48 per cent of exports. The policy will offer a special package for footwear and leather products (FLP) manufacture and incentives for FLP Design Studios. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin also laid the foundation stone for a 400–crore Mega Footwear Manufacturing Park at Ranipet.**

9. 'New India: Selected Writings 2014–19', which was released recently, is a book of compiled writings of which leader?

- A. Sushma Swaraj
- B. Arun Jaitley ☒
- C. Manohar Parrikar
- D. Atal Bihari Vajpayee



- ✓ **Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu launched a book titled 'New India: Selected Writings 2014–19. It has articles penned by Arun Jaitley, who served as the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs of the Government of India from 2014 to 2019. The book was launched on the BJP leader's third death anniversary.**

10. Who received the 2022 UNESCO Peace Prize in recognition of efforts to welcome refugees?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Angela Merkel ☒
- D. Volodymyr Zelensky



- ✓ **German Chancellor Angela Merkel received the 2022 UNESCO Peace Prize 'in recognition of her efforts to welcome refugees'. Merkel received the Félix Houphout-Boigny–UNESCO Peace Prize for her 'courageous' decision to welcome more than 1.2 million migrants in 2015, particularly those from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Eritrea.**

1. Which Union Ministry organised the 'EU–India Green Hydrogen Forum'?

- A. Ministry of Power
- B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ☒
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



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नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय
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- ✓ The first EU–India Green Hydrogen Forum was organized jointly by the Delegation of the European Union and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. It was launched in cooperation with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Hydrogen Europe. The event brought together EU–India businesses to discuss joint projects on hydrogen and international hydrogen trade.

2. Which state has set up a Committee on Uniform Civil Code headed by judge Ranjana Prakash Desai?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand ☒
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ A committee headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai was set up by the Uttarakhand government to prepare a draft of Uniform Civil Code. The Committee has recently launched a web portal to invite feedback and suggestions from people. People of the state can log into the portal and share their suggestions, grievances and complaints.

3. Qimingxing–50 is the name of first fully solar–powered unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) of which country?

- A. Japan
- B. Israel
- C. China ☒
- D. South Korea



- ✓ China has successfully tested its first fully solar–powered unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). Named 'Qimingxing–50', the UAV can fly for months and can function even as a satellite if required. It is the first large–sized UAV powered only by solar energy. This technology will promote China's Defence prowess. It can also be used in the field of renewable energy and aeronautical engineering.

4. Which state is the host of first 'National Conference on Sustainable Coastal Management in India'?

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



- ✓ Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the first National Conference on Sustainable Coastal Management in India in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The Conference was focused on enhancing climate resilience of India's coastal communities. It was attended by officials from all 13 coastal states of India with focus on the three interrelated themes of coastal and marine biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation and coastal pollution.

5. India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' was inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Odisha
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Bihar ☒



- ✓ Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' on the Falgu River. It is a vast stretch of sand dunes. He also inaugurated the steel foot over bridge for the convenience of visitors who visit during Pitripaksha Mela. "The dam has been built at an estimated cost of Rs 324crore with the guidance from IIT (Roorkee).

6. Which country launched the world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains?

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



- ✓ Germany launched the world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains, replacing 15 diesel trains that previously operated on non-electrified tracks. The 14 trains use hydrogen fuel cells to generate electricity under the USD 92 million project. The trains manufactured by French company Alstom are operated by a regional rail company.

7. India's first 3D-printed post office is set to come up in which city?

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



- ✓ IIT Guwahati researchers have developed an ultrasound-assisted fermentation method to produce a sugar substitute called 'Xylitol'. It is developed from sugarcane bagasse, the residue left after crushing of sugar cane. The product also overcomes the limitations of chemical methods of synthesis and the time delays associated with traditional method of fermentation. It also has potential anti-diabetic and anti-obesogenic effects.

8. Which is the venue of the fourth edition of the India Clean Air Summit (ICAS)?

- A. New Delhi
B. Gandhi Nagar
C. Bengaluru ☒
D. Jaipur



- ✓ The fourth edition of the India Clean Air Summit (ICAS) began in Bengaluru. The summit has been organised by think-tanks Centre for Air Pollution Studies (CAPS) and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP). Several experts from different parts of the world are set to discuss an integrated approach to resolve air pollution and climate change.

9. Which subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) has been amalgamated with BPCL?

- A. Bharat Gas Resources Limited ☒
B. Bharat Petroresources Limited
C. Petronet LNG Limited
D. Indraprastha Gas Limited



- ✓ Bharat Gas Resources Ltd (BGRL), a 100 per cent subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), has been amalgamated with the parent. The order approving the amalgamation was issued by the Corporate Affairs Ministry. The scheme of amalgamation has become effective on August 16.

10. Arjun Erigaisi, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Kabaddi
B. Tennis
C. Chess ☒
D. Basketball



- ✓ India's Grand Master Arjun Erigaisi won the Abu Dhabi Masters chess title by scoring two back-to-back victories. As per the live ranking, Arjun is placed at a career-best 24th and third among Indians behind Viswanathan Anand (12th) and D Gukesh (20th).

1. Which Indian city is the host of 'National Defence MSME Conclave and Exhibition'?

- A. Gandhi Nagar
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Kota ☒
- D. Visakhapatnam



- ✓ The two-day National Defence MSME Conclave and Exhibition was recently inaugurated in Kota, Rajasthan. The Conclave is being organized for the first time in the state. Several defence equipment including T-90 and BMP-2 tanks, artillery guns, sniper and machine guns and military bridges are displayed in the exhibition. Many start-ups and MSMEs are displaying their products.

2. Who is the winner of the US Open Tennis Tournament 2022?

- A. Casper Ruud
- B. Carlos Alcaraz ☒
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Rafael Nadal



- ✓ Spanish teenage Tennis player Carlos Alcaraz beat Norway's Casper Ruud in the US Open final to claim his maiden Grand Slam title. After his first ever appearance at major final, the young player rose to the top of the world rankings. The 19-year-old player has won six ATP Tour singles titles and two Masters 1000 titles.

3. Which Indian Armed Force conducted the 'Parvat Prahar' Exercise?

- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Army ☒
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police



- ✓ The Indian Army is conducting a 20-day long exercise named Parvat Prahar. It is conducted amid the disengagement process between India and China in the Gogra-Hot Springs area on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande reviewed exercise Parvat Prahar. The disengagement process follows the talks between the corps commanders of India and China.

4. Where was the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 held?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Greater Noida ☒
- C. Amritsar
- D. Nainital



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 in Greater Noida. Indian dairy industry accounts for about 23% of global milk, producing around 210 million tonnes annually. Various schemes have led to an increase of milk production by more than 44% in the last eight years.

5. India recently pulled out of which pillar of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)?

- A. Fair Economy Pillar
B. Trade Pillar ☒
C. Clean Economy Pillar
D. Supply Chains Pillar



- ✓ India pulled out of the trade-related negotiations of the United States-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal confirmed India's decision of not joining the trade pillar of IPEF. The IPEF Ministerial Meet was recently hosted by the United States.

6. Which states top the country in terms of food-grain production, as per recent data?

- A. Punjab and Uttar Pradesh
B. Punjab and Haryana ☒
C. Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal
D. Punjab and West Bengal



- ✓ As per recent data, Punjab and Haryana are among the top States in terms of food-grain production and yield. Uttar Pradesh and some western and southern States have the highest production of non-food grains. Foodgrain includes rice, wheat, pulses and coarse cereals while non-foodgrains include oilseeds, cotton, sugarcane and jute. The net sown area has reduced in Odisha, Maharashtra and Bihar, while it has gone up in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh.

7. Which Indian company has partnered with UNESCO to promote the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India?

- A. Tata Consultancy Services
B. Royal Enfield ☒
C. Reliance Industries
D. Mahindra and Mahindra



- ✓ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and India's leading Motorcycle brand Royal Enfield have partnered to promote and safeguard the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, starting with the Himalayas. India is one of the 178 countries to have adopted the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre' in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Punjab ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Telangana



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre' in Punjab's Mohali district. Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to treat all types of cancers. The hospital has been built at a cost of over ₹660 crore by Tata Memorial Centre.

9. What is the name of India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-1)?

- A. Vikram
- B. Vikrant ☒
- C. Karikalan
- D. Rajendran



- ✓ The Indian Navy has announced that India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-1) will be commissioned on September 2. As per the Navy, the warship will be christened 'Vikrant' and it will mark a milestone of realisation of Nation's commitment towards self-reliance. The ship was first launched in August 2013 while the sea trials began in August 2021.

10. How many tribal districts have been selected for focused interventions to eradicate TB?

- A. 25
- B. 50
- C. 75 ☒
- D. 100



- ✓ The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Central TB Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have now selected 75 tribal districts, for focused interventions to eradicate Tuberculosis. This decision has been taken after door-to-door TB screening of over 68,000 villages in tribal districts held over the past six months.

1. What is the retail inflation in August in India, as per the official data?

- A. 6.5%
- B. 7.0% ☒
- C. 7.5%
- D. 8.0%



- ✓ India's retail inflation rose to 7% in August from 6.71% in July due to higher food prices. The consumer price index-based inflation is above the RBI's target level of 6% for the eighth month in a row. As per the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), India's industrial production rose 2.4% in July, while the IIP had grown 11.5% in July 2021. Food inflation soared as prices of essential crops like wheat, rice and pulses were driven higher.

2. FAO and World Food Program warned recently about acute food insecurity in which neighbouring country of India?

- A. Myanmar
- B. Sri Lanka ☒
- C. Nepal
- D. Afghanistan



- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) warned in a new report that around 6.3 million people in Sri Lanka are facing moderate to severe acute food insecurity. Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM) report also warned that their situation is expected to worsen if adequate life-saving assistance and livelihood support is not provided.

3. India is set to reintroduce Cheetahs from Namibia in which National Park?

- A. Kuno Palpur National Park ☒
- B. Jim Corbett National Park
- C. Ranthambore National Park
- D. Kaziranga National Park



- ✓ India is set to re-introduce Cheetahs from South Africa's Namibia in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno Palpur National Park. After the Cheetahs arrive in the National Park, they will stay in smaller enclosures during the quarantine phase before being shifted to the bigger ones. Cheetahs went extinct in India in 1952 and the 'African Cheetah Introduction Project in India' was started in 2009.

4. Which organisation in its report stated that 50 million people worldwide are stuck in 'modern slavery'?

- A. FAO B. IMF
C. ILO ☒ D. WEF



International
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- ✓ The United Nations' International Labour Organization (ILO) released a report, in which it stated that 50 million people worldwide are stuck in 'modern slavery'. The number of people trapped in forced labour or forced marriage and other crises has rose by one fifth in recent years to about 50 million on a single day. The study was conducted along with the Walk Free Foundation.

5. What is the share of government health expenditure in GDP in 2018–19?

- A. 0.85 %
B. 1.01 %
C. 1.28 % ☒
D. 2.0 %



- ✓ As per the findings of the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India for 2018–19, there has been an increase in the share of government health expenditure in the total GDP of the country. The share has increased from 1.15% in 2013–14 to 1.28% in 2018–19. In 2017–18, it was at 1.35 %. The share of Government Health Expenditure in Total Health Expenditure has also increased in 2018–19 at 40.6%.

6. India signed a MoU with which country on interim water of the Kushiya River?

- A. Bangladesh ☒
B. Nepal
C. Myanmar
D. Pakistan



- ✓ India and Bangladesh held the meeting of the Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) in New Delhi where the countries finalised MoU on interim water of the Kushiya River. The meeting was held after 12 years of long gap, according to a statement released by Ministry of Jal Shakti. Both sides welcomed the finalization of the design and location of water intake point on the Feni River to meet the drinking water needs of Tripura's Sabroom town.

7. Which country has spotted Carbon di oxide in the atmosphere of an exo-planet?

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



- ✓ The James Webb Space Telescope has spotted carbon dioxide in the atmosphere of a planet in another solar system. The finding marks the first detailed scientific result published from the new telescope. It also shows new possibilities of finding the same greenhouse gas in the atmospheres of smaller, rockier planets that are similar to the Earth.

8. Who is the first Indian sportsperson to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title?

- A. P V Sindhu
B. Dhanalakshmi
C. Neeraj Chopra ☒
D. Hima Das



- ✓ Tokyo Olympics Gold medallist Neeraj Chopra has won the javelin throw competition at the Lausanne Diamond League. With the best throw of 89.08 metre, Neeraj became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title. The League is an annual series of elite track and field athletic competitions. Neeraj has been qualified for the Diamond League Finals at Switzerland and also qualified for the 2023 World Championships.

9. Dr. Asghar Wajahat, who was conferred with the Vyas Samman Award, is a writer of which language?

- A. Urdu
B. Hindi ☒
C. Kannada
D. Gujarati



- ✓ The 31st Vyas Samman Award was conferred to Hindi writer Dr. Asghar Wajahat in New Delhi. He has been chosen for the prestigious award for his play Mahabali focused on Mughal emperor Akbar and poet Tulsidas. The Vyas Samman is given by K K Birla Foundation for outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.

10. 'Vajra Prahar 2022' is a Defence Exercise held between India and which country?

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



- ✓ The 13th edition of the India–US Joint Special Forces Exercise Vajra Prahar 2022 was carried out at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh. The exercise includes training in Air Borne Operations, Special Operations and Counter Terrorism operations. This annual exercise is hosted alternatively between India and the United States. The 12th edition was conducted at Washington (US) in 2021.