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1. IHCI is a Hypertension Control Initiative launched by which country?

- A. USA
- B. India ☒
- C. Indonesia
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ **'India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)' is a hypertension intervention under the National Health Mission of India. It is a collaborative initiative of Union Health Ministry, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), state governments and World Health Organization–India. IHCI won the '2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award' was announced at the UN General Assembly side event.**

2. Which Union Ministry is associated with 'Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill'?

- A. Ministry of Law and Justice
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs ☒
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment



- ✓ **The Central government notified the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022, which would enable investigating Police Officers to collect the biometric details of prisoners. The law was passed by the Parliament in April 2022. The law also empowers a magistrate to order the documenting of measurements or photographs of a person during the probe of an offence.**

3. Which institution has unveiled a detailed framework for Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?

- A. RBI
- B. SEBI ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Union Finance Ministry



- ✓ **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has unveiled a detailed framework for Social Stock Exchange (SSE). It specifies minimum requirements for a Not-for-Profit Organisation (NPO) for registration and disclosure requirements. The capital markets regulator SEBI earlier notified rules for Social Stock Exchange (SSE) to provide social enterprises with an additional avenue to raise funds.**

4. SCALE App, which was launched recently, provides skill-development solutions for employees of which field?

- A. Textile
- B. Automobile
- C. Leather ☒
- D. Electronics



- ✓ Union Minister of Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan launched the SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) app. It provides a one-stop solution for skilling, learning, assessment, and employment needs of the leather industry. He launched the application during a visit to CSIR–Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai.

5. As per the recent Asian Development Outlook (ADO) update, what is the 2022–23 growth projection for India's economy?

- A. 8.2% B. 7.6%
C. 7.0% ☒ D. 6.8%



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently released a supplement to its Asian Development Outlook (ADO). As per the report, the 2022–23 growth projection for India's economy was slashed to 7% from 7.5% estimated in April. The report says that India's inflation has turned out to be more persistent than expected, and led to a sharp tightening in monetary policy, eroding consumers' purchasing power.

6. The United Nations has released a report on alleged human rights abuses in which country?

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



- ✓ China has responded to a United Nations report on alleged human rights abuses in its north-western Xinjiang region targeting Uyghurs and other mainly Muslim ethnic minorities. The report has been in the works for years and was released recently. The report claims that more than 1 million ethnic minority members were forcibly sent to re-education centers.

7. Jigyasa 2.0 program, which was seen in the news, recently is associated with which field?

- A. Finance
B. Science and Technology ☒
C. Sports
D. Music



- ✓ 'Jigyasa for Renewable Fuel program' under Jigyasa 2.0 program was successfully organized for the school students of Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior at CSIR–Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun. The main objective of the program is to give an exposure to different technologies developed for the utilization of non-edible vegetable oils, used cooking oil and waste plastic to different types of fuels.

8. Which Indian state recently allowed the sale of locally made wine?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Mizoram ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Mizoram cabinet allowed the locally grown grapes to be processed as wine and sold in the market freely. Natural grapes are mainly grown in Champhai and Hnahlan areas in eastern Mizoram. The Chief Minister announced that the Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Draft Rules, 2022 should be continued to be implemented strictly in the state.

9. RBI is set to run the pilot projects for digitalisation of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) in which states?

- A. Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- B. Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh ☒
- D. Madhya Pradesh and Kerala



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India will run the pilot projects for digitalisation of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) lending from this month in the select districts of Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The project is being developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH). It aims to make KCC-based lending more efficient by reducing costs and turn-around time for borrowers, and improving credit flow to the rural population.

10. When is the National Teachers Day celebrated in India?

- A. September.05 ☒
- B. September.10
- C. September.15
- D. September.20



- ✓ Every year the Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 across India. It commemorates the birth anniversary of our first Vice President of India and the second President of India, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was born on September 5 in the year 1888. The Teachers' Day was first observed in the year 1962. World Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is an international day held annually on 5 October.

1. What is the upper limit of the 'UPI Lite' payment transaction?

- A. Rs.1000
- B. Rs.500
- C. Rs.200 ☒
- D. Rs.100



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das recently launched three key digital payment initiatives at the Global Fintech Fest 2022. The initiatives include RuPay Credit Card on UPI, UPI LITE, Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments. Through UPI Lite on BHIM App, users will be able to make small-value transactions in near-offline mode. The upper limit of a UPI Lite payment transaction will be ₹200.

2. When is the 'International Day of Sign Languages' observed every year?

- A. 20th September
- B. 23rd September ☒
- C. 25th September
- D. 27th September



- ✓ The UN General Assembly declared 23 September as the International Day of Sign Languages to raise awareness of importance of sign language in realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. It commemorates the day on which the World Federation of the Deaf was established in Rome in 1951. The International Day of Sign Languages was first celebrated in 2018 as part of the International Week of the Deaf.

3. Kigali Amendment, which was seen in the news, is related to which action?

- A. Increase Use of Electric Vehicles
- B. Reduction of hydrofluorocarbons ☒
- C. Increase Renewable Energy Consumption
- D. Phasing out Coal plants



- ✓ US Senate recently ratified Kigali Amendment to the 1987 Montreal Protocol on ozone pollution, to limit use of refrigerants.
- ✓ The international agreement requires participating nations to phase down production and use of hydrofluorocarbons, also known as HFCs, by 85% over the next 14 years. More than 130 countries, including China, India and Russia, have formally ratified the agreement.

4. 'Moonlighting', which was seen in the news, is related to which field?

- A. Space Science
- B. Employment ☒
- C. Psychology
- D. Finance



- ✓ Indian IT major Wipro has terminated the services of 300 employees, who were found to be working for its competitors simultaneously. The act is also called as 'Moonlighting'. Companies worry that this practice might create a conflict of interests, data breaches, and mis-use of company's Intellectual Property (IP) and assets.

5. 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. Ministry of Tourism ☒
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Communications



- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism had identified 15 tourist circuits under its Swadesh Darshan scheme including Ramayana Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Coastal Circuit and Desert Circuit among others. Union Tourism and Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy announced a special tourist train to cover the 'Ambedkar Circuit'.
- ✓ The train will visit key sites associated with Dr BR Ambedkar including Mhow (his birthplace called Dr. Ambedkar Nagar in Indore), London (where he resided and studied), Nagpur (also studied here), Delhi (where he passed away) and finally Mumbai (where he was cremated.)

6. Which Indian city was ranked second in the Asia Pacific region in the top tech hubs list?

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



- ✓ According to a report by Cushman and Wakefield, Bengaluru ranked second in the Asia Pacific region in the top tech hubs list and is only behind China's Beijing. The report titled 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate', studied 115 different 'tech cities' across the globe. Three other Indian cities, Chennai, Delhi and Hyderabad were in the next three ranks. Mumbai and Pune were at eighth and ninth position in a list of 14 cities from the APAC.

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

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



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

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

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



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

9. Which state inaugurated Schools of Excellence and Model Schools Scheme, based on the schools of Delhi?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **The Tamil Nadu government inaugurated the Schools of Excellence and Model Schools Scheme, broadly based on the schools of Delhi. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the scheme in Tamil Nadu in the presence of his counterpart M K Stalin. As many as 26 Schools of Excellence and 15 Model Schools are covered under the scheme, in the initial phase. 'Thagaisal Palligal' and 'Mathiri Palligal' are the official Tamil names for the SoE and Model Schools.**

10. Which Former President won the best narrator Emmy Award for his documentary series 'Our Great National Parks'?

- A. Barack Obama ☒
- B. Emmanuel Macron
- C. Ramnath Kovind
- D. Shinzo Abe



- ✓ **Former USA President Barack Obama won the best narrator Emmy Award for his Netflix documentary series 'Our Great National Parks'. Barack Obamas' production company, Higher Ground, is behind the series on national parks around the world. The former President has already received two Grammy awards. He becomes only the second US president in history to win an Emmy.**

1. Which is the first e-commerce company to set up solar farms in India?

- A. Walmart
- B. Amazon ☒
- C. Flipkart
- D. ebay



- ✓ Amazon announced its first solar project in India with three new solar farms in Rajasthan, with a combined energy capacity of 420 megawatts (MW). Amazon aims to use 100% renewable energy across its business by 2025. The Indian project includes a 210-MW project to be developed by ReNew Power, a 100-MW project to be developed by Amp Energy India, and a 110-MW project to be developed by Brookfield Renewable Partners.

2. Defence Ministry signs deal for dual role Surface-to-Surface BrahMos missile with which company?

- A. Dassault Aviation
- B. Dhruv Aerospace
- C. DRDO
- D. BAPL ☒



- ✓ Defence Ministry signed deal for dual role Surface-to-Surface BrahMos missile with BAPL (BrahMos Aerospace Pvt. Ltd). The additional dual -role (land and anti-ship) capable BrahMos missiles will be acquired at Rs 1,700 crore under 'Buy-Indian' category. BrahMos Aerospace (BAPL) is a joint venture between India and Russia.

3. Which state is the host of the 'National Conference of Environment Ministers'?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Conference of Environment Ministers in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat. The two-day conference will have six thematic sessions with topics focusing on LiFE, Combating Climate Change; PARIVESH –Single Window System for Integrated Green Clearances ; Forestry Management; Prevention and Control of Pollution; Wildlife Management ; Plastics and Waste Management.

4. Which is the first Indian bank to get Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approval for rupee trade?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. UCO Bank ☒
- D. Federal Bank



- ✓ India's Public sector lender UCO Bank is the first bank to receive the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) approval for rupee trade. The Kolkata-based bank will open a special vostro account with Gazprombank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees. In July, RBI announced its decision to allow Indian banks to settle trade in Indian currency. RBI also allowed trade settlements between India and other countries, including Sri Lanka and Russia.

5. Who is the author of the book titled 'The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World'?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. S Jaishankar ☒
- C. Arun Jaitley
- D. Raghuram Rajan



- ✓ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently launched the Gujarati translation of his book, "The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World" in Gujarat. The original version of the book in English was launched in the year 2020. India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar seeks to address the question of 'what should be the direction of India's foreign policy as the global order changes?' in the book.

6. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated mechanization and industrialization projects worth Rs 3,800 crores in which city?

- A. Mysuru
- B. Mangaluru ☒
- C. Pune
- D. Kochin



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of mechanization and industrialization projects worth Rs 3,800 crores in Mangaluru. He inaugurated a project for mechanisation of containers and other cargo undertaken by the New Mangalore Port Authority, and laid foundation stone of projects worth around ₹1,000 crore undertaken by the port. He also inaugurated two projects undertaken by Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL).

7. Which country is the host of the 'World Health Summit for Pride of Homoeopathy'?

- A. India
- B. UAE ☒
- C. Singapore
- D. China



- ✓ The first edition of 'World Health Summit for Pride of Homoeopathy' was held in Dubai with the theme "Diseases caused by climate change and global warming". The summit aimed to promote homoeopathic system of medicine, drugs, and practices. The summit was virtually addressed by Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State of Environment Forest & Climate change.

8. Which Indian state/UT has successfully set up 'Bio-Villages'?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Tripura ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Tripura government has successfully set up five 'Bio-Villages' for promoting sustainable development, climate change mitigation and climate adaption. As per the Compendium of Best Practice on Climate Action from Indian states, in Tripura, over 500 households have been benefited with the successful implementation in five 'Bio-Villages'. The concept of 'Bio-Village' was introduced by the Directorate of Biotechnology, Tripura in 2018 for promoting organic farming.

9. Aravindh Chithambaram, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- A. Squash
- B. Badminton
- C. Chess ☒
- D. Table Tennis



- ✓ Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram recently became champion in the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament. Seven Indians finished in the top 10 while R Praggnanandhaa shared the second spot with five others including Abhijeet Gupta, Jaykumar Sammed Shete and S P Sethuraman.

10. Which state won the first rank in the implementation of Poshan Abhiyan scheme, as per a recent NITI Aayog Report?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Maharashtra ☒
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Punjab



- ✓ Niti Aayog released a report titled 'Preserving Progress on Nutrition in India: Poshan Abhiyan in Pandemic Times'. As per the report, Maharashtra won the top rank among states in the implementation of the Poshan Abhiyaan scheme. Andhra Pradesh came second and Gujarat is at the third rank. Andhra Pradesh is first in 100 per cent recruitment of human resources required for implementation of Poshan during Covid. It also tops in the distribution of mobile phones to Anganwadi workers.

1. As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report 2020, what is the Under five mortality rate in 2020, in India?

- A. 25 B. 32 ☒
C. 37 D. 40

32

- ✓ As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020 released on September 22, 2022 by Registrar General of India (RGI), India has been witnessing progressive reduction in IMR, U5MR and NMR. Under-five mortality rate was recorded at 32 per 1000 live births in 2020 against 35 per 1000 live births in 2019. Infant Mortality rate (IMR) has also registered 2-point decline to 28 per 1000 live births in 2020 from 30 per 1000 live births in 2019.

2. India exported the first consignment of plant-based meat products from which state?

- A. Bihar
B. Gujarat ☒
C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Karnataka



- ✓ India has exported the first consignment of plant-based meat products from Kheda district of Gujarat to California in the United States. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Authority (APEDA) facilitated the export of the first consignment of plant-based meat products under the Vegan Food category. APEDA has planned to promote a variety of vegan food products to Australia, Israel, New Zealand, and others.

3. What is the name of the Indian Sign Language dictionary mobile application recently launched?

- A. ISL Seekho App
B. Sign Learn App ☒
C. Bharat Sign App
D. India Sign Language App



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched an Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary mobile application called 'Sign Learn'. It is based on the Indian sign language dictionary of the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) which contains 10,000 words. ISLRTC signed MoU with NCERT to convert NCERT textbooks from classes 1 to 12 into the Indian Sign Language to make the textbooks accessible to children with hearing disabilities.

4. Which country has discovered 'Lunar crystal named 'Changesite-(Y)' on the Moon?

- A. Israel B. China ☒
C. USA D. UAE



- ✓ Researchers in China have discovered a new type of crystal in the volcanic debris of the near side of the moon. They also discovered potential fuel source for production of clean and efficient energy on Earth. The small, transparent crystal has been named Changsite-(Y), after the Chinese moon goddess Chang'e.

5. 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan' programme is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ☒
C. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
D. Ministry of Renewable Energy



- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) will launch the 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan' programme under National Clean Air Programme 2019 (NCAP). Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan will rank 131 cities in the country for implementing City Action Plans prepared as part of NCAP to reduce air pollution up to 40 per cent by 2025–26.

6. Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande was conferred with the honorary rank of General of which country?

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



- ✓ Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande was conferred with the honorary rank of General of Nepal Army by President of Nepal Bidhya Devi Bhandari. The ceremony was part of the unique tradition between the Armies of both the countries. General Pande is on a four-day official visit to Nepal. He also handed over non-lethal military aids including Artillery Equipment, Mine Protected Vehicles, Medical Stores and Horses to Nepal Army.

7. Who is the head of the 'Committee for drafting of the national cooperative policy document'?

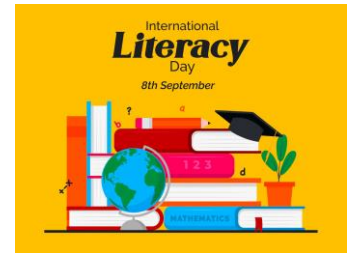
- A. Amit Shah
B. Suresh Prabhu ☒
C. L K Advani
D. Murli Manohar Joshi



- ✓ The Union Cooperative Ministry announced the constitution of a committee for drafting of the national cooperative policy document. The 47-member committee will be headed by former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu. The existing National Policy on Cooperatives was formulated in 2002. At present, India has around 8.5 lakh co-operative societies with a member base of around 29 crore.

8. "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces" is the theme of which special day celebrated on September 8?

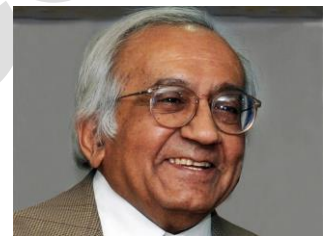
- A. International Education Day
- B. International Literacy Day ☒
- C. International Culture Day
- D. International Community Learning Day



- ✓ **International Literacy Day is observed every year on September 8 to highlight the importance of literacy and to focus on issues that exist and affect local communities around us. September 8 was proclaimed as International Literacy Day (ILD) by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1966. The theme for International Literacy Day this year is 'Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces'.**

9. Who is the head of the Committee recently set up to review the current gas pricing formula?

- A. Suresh Prabhu
- B. Kirit Parikh ☒
- C. Jitendra Singh
- D. Hardeep Singh Puri



- ✓ **The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has set up a committee under noted energy expert Kirit Parikh to review the current gas pricing formula. There have been concerns over rising global natural gas prices increasing energy and industrial costs. The committee has been asked to submit the report by the end of this month.**

10. Nilivurallu and Chaya Someshwaralayam, which were proposed for UNESCO Heritage tag, are located in which state?

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



- ✓ **Telangana has proposed two monuments with architectural magnificence for UNESCO World Heritage tag. The Nilivurallu megalithic burial site and Chaya Someshwaralayam were proposed for the recognition. The state has already achieved the World Heritage tag for the Kakatiya Rudreshwara temple (Ramappa temple).**

1. As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report, which state had the lowest sex ratio in India in 2018–20?

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Haryana
- D. Uttarakhand ☒



- ✓ According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020, released by the Registrar General of India (RGI), Uttarakhand's sex ratio at birth was found to be the worst in the country at 844. Sex Ratio is the number of females per 1,000 males. Kerala's ratio was the best, at 974. The report stated that India's overall sex ratio at birth had gone up by 3 points to 907 in 2018–20 from 904 in 2017–19. It was 907 in rural areas and 910 in urban areas.

2. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Swachh Toycathon' programme?

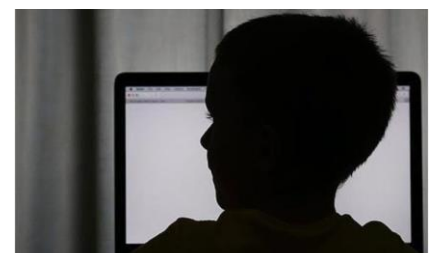
- A. Ministry of Housing And Urban Affairs ☒
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D. Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has recently launched the Swachh Toycathon under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav. The competition is a convergence between the National Action Plan for Toys (NAPT) and Swachh Bharat Mission phase two (SBM 2.0). It aims to explore solutions for the use of waste in manufacturing toys. The Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar is the knowledge partner for the programme.

3. Operation 'Megha Chakra', which was seen in the news, is associated with which institution?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Central Bureau of Investigation ☒
- C. Indian Coast Guard
- D. Central Vigilance Commission



- ✓ As part of Operation 'Megha Chakra', the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) carried out searches at 56 locations in 19 states and a UT in connection with two cases of circulation of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) online. The recent searches were based on inputs from Interpol Singapore and intelligence obtained during Operation Carbon, conducted last year against peddlers of CSAM on Internet.

4. Which state has created a memorial for rhinos using ashes named as 'Abode of the Unicorns'?

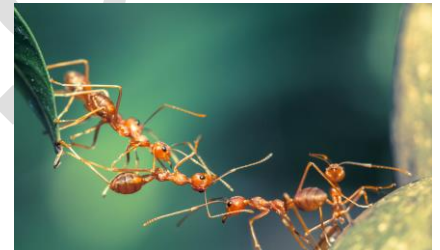
- A. West Bengal
- B. Assam ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Statues of three rhinos created using ashes collected from rhino horns burnt by the Assam Government were launched at Kaziranga National Park in Assam. A year ago, on World Rhino Day, Assam Government burnt around 2500 rhino horns that were collected by the conservation authorities from poachers and illegal traders. The memorial, which consists of three rhino sculptures— an adult male, an adult female and a calf, is named as 'Abode of the Unicorns'.

5. As per a recent study, which species across the world collectively constitute about 12 million tonnes of dry carbon?

- A. Mosquitoes
- B. Ants ☒
- C. Bees
- D. Butterflies



- ✓ As per a recent study, ants present across the world collectively constitute about 12 million tonnes of dry carbon. The number of ants across the world is estimated about 20 quadrillion or 20 thousand million million. They collectively weigh more than wild birds and mammals combined.

6. Subroto Cup, which was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

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



- ✓ The 61st edition of the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament began after a gap of two years. It is regarded as the most prestigious football tournament for schools all over the country. The tournament is organised by the Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society along with the Indian Air Force. A total of 92 schools representing 25 States and UTs of India along with the Air Force School, Bangladesh are competing in the tournament.

7. Which state/UT announced a ban on production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers till January 1, 2023?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Himachal Pradesh

- ✓ Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai announced that the ban on production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers will be extended till January 1, 2023. The decision has been taken to contain the pollution during the festival season. The ban has been also been extended to online sale of firecrackers. An action plan is set to be drawn to ensure strict enforcement of the ban. The AAP also launched the 'patakhe nahi diye jalao' campaign to create awareness against bursting of firecrackers.

8. Which state bagged the International Tourism award for 'best destination for culture'?

- A. Tamil Nadu
B. Kerala
C. West Bengal ☒
D. Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association, an affiliate of the UN World Tourism Organization, will confer West Bengal with the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'. The award will be presented in Berlin at the World Tourism and Aviation Leaders' Summit. The UNESCO heritage status was earlier conferred to West Bengal's Durga Puja. .

9. Which Indian bank launched a 'Rainbow Savings Account' exclusively for the transgender community?

- A. ESAF Small Finance Bank ☒
B. AU Small Finance Bank
C. YES Bank
D. Kotak Mahindra Bank



- ✓ ESAF Small Finance Bank launched a 'Rainbow Savings Account' exclusively for the transgender community. The account hosts a lot of features, including high savings rate and advanced debit card facilities. The Kerala-based institution was founded as a small finance bank in 2017.

10. Mohenjo Daro, the UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located in which country?

- A. India
B. Afghanistan
C. Pakistan ☒
D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruins of Mohenjo Daro is located in southern Sindh province of Pakistan near the Indus River. An unprecedented monsoon season has killed hundreds of people in Pakistan and this condition has posed a threat to the archeological site of Mohenjo Daro dating back 4,500 years, which were discovered in 1922.

1. What is the new target for reduction in particulate matter concentration in cities under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) by 2026?

- A. 25%
- B. 30%
- C. 40% ☒
- D. 50%

40%

- ✓ Union Environment Ministry has set a new target of 40 percent reduction in particulate matter concentration in cities covered under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) by 2026. The earlier target of 20 to 30 percent reduction by 2024 has been updated. Twenty cities have met the national standards for annual average PM10 concentration (60 microgram per cubic metre). Under NCAP, city-specific action plans are prepared.

2. What is 'InvenTiv', an event which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Employment Fair
- B. Research and Development Fair ☒
- C. Skill Development Fair
- D. Start-Up Fair



- ✓ Twenty-three Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) will organise a mega research and development fair called "InvenTiv". The event is aimed at creating holistic awareness around research and innovation projects being done in the institution. It will also seek collaborations with universities and institutes, industry and the IITs for better development of the innovations.

3. 'National Anti-Corruption Commission bill' is associated with which country?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Australia ☒
- D. Pakistan



- ✓ Australia's attorney general recently introduced the National Anti-Corruption Commission bill. The National Anti-Corruption Commission is a body to investigate and report on serious or systemic corruption in the public sector. It will be led by a commissioner, who will serve one fixed term of five years. NACC has a broad jurisdiction to investigate commonwealth ministers, parliamentarians, staff, the heads and employees of commonwealth agencies, government contractors and their employees, defence force members, statutory office holders among others.

4. Which are the districts where Tamiraparani river mainly flows?

- A. Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi ☒
- B. Madurai and Sivagangai
- C. Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari
- D. Salem and Erode



- ✓ The Tamiraparani River originates from the Pothigai hills of the Western Ghats in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research and the Environment (ATREE) researchers initiated the restoration of the Tamiraparani River under the 'TamiraSES' project. It aims to enable conditions for native biodiversity to flourish and enhance multiple ecosystem services.

5. Which Union Ministry/ Ministries developed the 'JALDOOT' app?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj ☒
- C. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ JALDOOT app has been jointly developed by Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj. This app will be used across the country to capture the water level of selected wells in a village. Manual monitoring of water levels in open wells will be measured twice by Jaldoots, (officers assigned to measure the water levels). They will upload geo-tagged photographs through the app.

6. Jhabua power plant, which was recently acquired by NTPC, is located in which state?

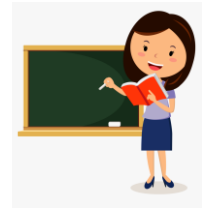
- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. Chhattisgarh



- ✓ India's largest integrated power producer NTPC has successfully acquired Jhabua Power Limited (JPL) through Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process for Rs 925 crore. The process initiated by National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata, (NCLT). This is the first acquisition of a power asset by NTPC through NCLT route. JPL has an operational thermal power capacity of 600 MW located in Madhya Pradesh.

7. Which city hosted the inaugural 'Shikshak Parv Conclave'?

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



- ✓ **Shikshak Parv is being to felicitate the Teachers and to take National Education Policy 2020 forward. The beginning of Shikshak Parv was marked with an inaugural conclave organised by Ministry of Education, CBSE, AICTE and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in New Delhi. During the occasion, 'Report on National Mental Health Survey', 'National Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Study report' and 'Screening Tools Mobile App for Specific Learning Disabilities – Prashast' were launched.**

8. Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away recently, was the monarch of Britain for how many years?

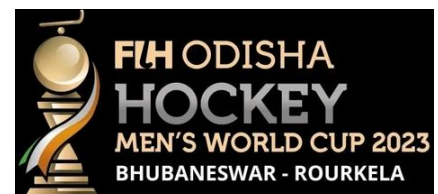
- A. 30
- B. 45
- C. 60
- D. 70 ☒



- ✓ **Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away recently at the age of 96, ascended the royal Britain throne in the year 1952. As of now, she is the longest serving monarch, who reigned for 70 years. The Queen became the UK's longest-serving monarch in 2015, when she surpassed the record of Queen Victoria, who had ruled from 1837 to 1901. Her eldest son, Charles, succeeds her on the throne as King Charles III.**

9. Which Indian state/UT hosts the Hockey Men's World Cup 2023?

- A. Tamil Nadu B. New Delhi
- C. Odisha ☒ D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **The Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 will take place at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar and at the Bisra Munda Stadium in Rourkela in January, 2023. The draw of the tournament was held recently in Bhubaneswar. Belgium is the reigning champion of the world cup, as it defeated Netherlands in 2018 to win its first ever title. The 16 participating teams, including India, Japan, England and Australia, will be divided among four pools.**

10. Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Kalam no Carnival' Book Fair in which city?

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



- ✓ **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inauguration ceremony of 'Kalam no Carnival' Book Fair organised by Navbharat Sahitya Mandir in Ahmedabad. The traditional exhibition helps in expanding the literature and knowledge of Gujarat.**

1. Which state has been awarded 'Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022'?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has been awarded Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022 for adding various health facilities to health facility register. It is the best performing state in the country with 28728 Health facilities added to National health facility register. It is also the second-best State in creating Ayushman Bharat health account (ABHA) with almost 2 crores ABH Accounts.

2. The Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) was inaugurated in which city?

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



- ✓ President of India Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru. The facility houses over 70 hi-tech equipment and testing facilities for manufacturing cryogenic (CE20) and semi-cryogenic (SE2000) engines of Indian rockets. In 2013, HAL signed an MoU with ISRO for setting up the facility for manufacturing cryogenic engine modules at HAL.

3. Which state has released the 'Encyclopedia of Tribes' of the state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Odisha ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released the 'Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha'. The five volumes of the encyclopedia were published by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI) and Odisha State Tribal Museum. The edited volumes contain 3800 pages and 418 research articles covering all 62 tribal communities and 13 particularly vulnerable tribal groups. The book will be a repository for academicians, researchers and policy makers.

4. What is PMGKAY, which was recently extended till December 2022?

- A. Health Insurance Scheme
- B. Free foodgrains Scheme ☒
- C. MSME Subsidy Scheme
- D. Free LPG Cylinder Scheme



- ✓ The Central Government has decided to extend the free food-grain scheme for those below the poverty line (BPL), for another three months till December 31, 2022. This will be the seventh phase of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) which will cost the Centre an additional Rs 44,762 crore.

5. Pullampara, India's is the first digitally literate panchayat, is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Telangana
- D. Punjab



- ✓ Pullampara in Thiruvananthapuram has become the first digitally literate gram panchayat in Kerala. Pullampara became the first panchayat in the country to attain full digital literacy among its residents. The 'Digi Pullampara' project was launched on August 15, 2021 to impart digital education to the most underprivileged sections of society in the panchayat. It was run with the assistance of volunteers from colleges, Kudumbashree units and other self-help groups.

6. What is the theme of the 'World Suicide Prevention Day' 2022?

- A. September.05
- B. September.10 ☒
- C. September.15
- D. September.20



- ✓ World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on September 10. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 703,000 people a year take their life around the world. 'Creating Hope through Action' has been the triennial theme for World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021 to 2023. It aims to raise awareness on preventing suicides among organisations, the government and the public.

7. Which city is the host of second India–Japan 2+2 Dialogue in 2022?

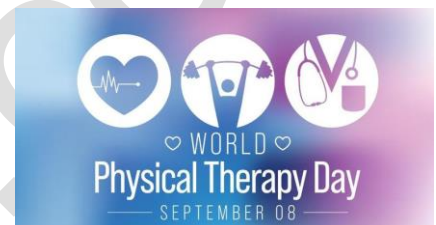
- A. New Delhi
- B. Tokyo ☒
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Osaka



- ✓ The second India–Japan 2+2 Dialogue was recently in Tokyo. It was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar along with their counterparts. Both sides re-affirmed their resolve to make India–Japan ties more robust and complementary, while respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

8. 'Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis' is the theme of which day observed on September 8?

- A. World Ayush Day
- B. World Physiotherapy Day ☒
- C. World Bone Health Day
- D. World Orthopaedic Day



- ✓ September 8 is observed as World Physiotherapy Day in 1996. World Physiotherapy was established on this day in 1951. The day honours the togetherness and unity of the physiotherapy communities. This was celebrated on the theme of 'Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis'.

9. Volker Turk, who was appointed as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, is from which country?

- A. Turkey
- B. Austria ☒
- C. USA
- D. UK



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has approved the appointment of Austrian diplomat Volker Turk as the new UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. He replaces former Commissioner Michelle Bachelet. Volker Turk had previously served with the UN refugee agency in various countries including Malaysia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kuwait.

10. Which country tested the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile?

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



- ✓ The US Air Force launched an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile test at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. The purpose of the ICBM test launch program is to demonstrate the readiness of US nuclear forces.