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1. Which institution launched a new 'SupTech initiative' named 'DAKSH'?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. RBI ☒
- C. SEBI
- D. NABARD



- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das launched a new SupTech initiative named 'DAKSH'. The Reserve Bank's Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System aims to make the Supervisory processes more robust. DAKSH is a web-based end-to-end workflow application through which RBI shall monitor compliance requirements to improve the compliance culture in Supervised Entities (SEs) like Banks, NBFCs.

2. Kuno National Park, where Cheetahs were introduced, is located in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh ☒
- B. Gujarat
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ The Centre has constituted a 9-member Task Force to monitor Cheetah introduction in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh and other designated areas. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) would facilitate the working of Cheetah Task Force. It will be in-force for a period of two years and will monitor health status of Cheetah, quarantine and soft release enclosure, protection status of the area and adaptation of Cheetahs to the habitat of Kuno National Park.

3. 'Prohibition of online gambling and regulation of online games ordinance, 2022' came into effect in which state?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi gave his assent to an ordinance to ban online gambling and regulate online gaming in the state. With this, the Tamil Nadu prohibition of online gambling and regulation of online games ordinance, 2022 came into effect. Under the regulations, local online games providers can provide service only after registration which will be valid for three years. They shall not provide any online gaming service or allow playing of any online game of chance specified in the Schedule with money or other stakes.

4. Voluntary blood donation has been launched on which application under 'Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav'?

- A. Aarogya Setu ☒ B. Digital Locker
C. MyGov D. Ayushman Bharat



Aarogya Setu

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- ✓ Registrations for the 'Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav' have begun on the Aarogya Setu app and e-Raktkosh portal as part of a mega voluntary blood donation drive planned across the country from September 17 till October 1. October 1 is observed as the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day (NVBDD). The main purpose of the drive is to create a repository of voluntary blood donors.

5. Which Ministry is associated with 'GEF Small Grants Programme'?

- A. Ministry of MSME
B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ☒
C. Ministry of Finance
D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs



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- ✓ 'Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme' is jointly implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the United Nations Development Programme and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). It provides financial and technical support to projects that restore environment while enhancing lives of local communities. The project aims to work on biodiversity, climate change and land degradation through funding of NGOs.

6. Which country is the host of multinational Defence 'Exercise Kakadu 2022'?

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



- ✓ Exercise Kakadu 2022 is being officially hosted by the Royal Australian Navy in Darwin, Australia. The Indian Navy joined the exercise with 14 navies. Indian Navy's INS Satpura and a maritime patrol aircraft reached Darwin to take part in multinational Exercise. The two week-long exercise, both in harbour and sea, involves participation of ships and maritime aircraft.

7. Which industry union has announced to adopt 100,000 TB Patients under the Tuberculosis Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan?

- A. CII B. FICCI ☒
C. NASSCOM D. ASSOCHAM



- ✓ The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (Ficci) recently committed to adopting 100,000 TB Patients under the Tuberculosis Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan. Indian President Droupadi Murmu launched the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan on September 9. The scheme aims to bring together all community stakeholders to accelerate the country's progress towards elimination of TB.

8. India celebrates National Engineer's Day on September 15 to honour which famous personality?

- A. Homi J Bhabha
B. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam
C. M Visvesvaraya ☒
D. Satish Dawan



- ✓ India celebrates 'National Engineers Day' on September 15 every year to recognise and honour the achievements of M Visvesvaraya, one of India's foremost engineers. Along with India, Sri Lanka and Tanzania also celebrate Engineers Day. Visvesvaraya was the chief engineer of the construction of the Krishna Raja Sagara dam in Mysore, as well as the chief designer of Hyderabad's flood protection framework. In 1955, he was awarded the Bharat Ratna honor. He was also knighted as a Knight Commander of the British Indian Empire (KCIE).

9. When is the 'International Day of Democracy' observed?

- A. September.10 B. September.15 ☒
C. September.20 D. September.25



- ✓ The International Day of Democracy is observed every year on September 15. This year, the theme is "the importance of media freedom to democracy, peace, and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals". The Day focuses on the importance of freedom of media to democracy, peace, and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals. It also provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world.

10. Which country won the SAFF under-17 Championship title in 2022?

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



- ✓ India clinched the SAFF under-17 Championship title, defeating Nepal in the final in Colombo. With this victory, India retains the title, lifting the title for the fourth time. India captain Vanlalpeka Guite was named the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament, while 16-year-old Sahil Poonia won the Best Goalkeeper award.

1. Which institution released the 'Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022' Report?

- A. World Bank ☒ B. World Economic Forum
C. International Monetary Fund D. UNICEF



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- ✓ **World Bank recently released a new report, titled "Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2022: Correcting Course". As per the report, higher food and energy prices hindered a quick recovery after COVID-19, which has been the biggest setback to global poverty alleviation in decades. Extreme poverty is concentrated in sub-Saharan African countries, which has a poverty rate of about 35 % and accounts for 60 % of all people in extreme poverty.**

2. Who is the head of the commission recently set up to examine the Scheduled Caste (SC) status for converted Dalits?

- A. Justice K G Balakrishnan ☒
B. Justice H L Dattu
C. Justice Arun Kumar Mishra
D. Justice T S Thakur



- ✓ **The Union Government has appointed a commission to consider the possibility of granting SC status to the persons who have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes but have converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. The three-member Commission is headed by former Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan. The Commission has been asked to submit report in two years.**

3. As per UNICEF's recent report, over 1 million people has displaced in which South East Asian nation?

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



- ✓ **The United Nations children's agency (UNICEF) has announced in its recent report that more than one million people have been displaced in Myanmar since the military coup last year. The Southeast Asian nation has been in turmoil since the military ousted Aung San Suu Kyi's government last year. The report added that more than half of those forced to flee are in the country's northwest Sagaing region.**

4. Which Union Ministry is associated with the 'Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS)'?

- A. Ministry of MSME B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
C. Ministry of Finance D. Ministry of Home Affairs



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- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry has notified the establishment of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS). The scheme aims for providing credit guarantees to loans extended by Scheduled Commercial Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).

5. For the first time, a 'Weapon System branch for officers' has been approved for which Armed Force?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force ☒
- D. Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ In a historic step for the Indian Air Force (IAF), Government has approved the creation of a new branch, called the Weapon Systems (WS) branch. The creation of WS branch would entail unification of all weapon system operators under one entity dedicated to the operational employment of all ground-based and specialist airborne weapon systems.
- ✓ The branch would encompass operators in four specialised streams of Surface-to-Surface missiles, Surface-to-Air missiles, Remotely Piloted Aircraft and Weapon System Operators in twin/multi-crew aircraft. The branch will contribute immensely by enhancing the war fighting capability of the Indian Air Force.

6. PSUs of which Ministry recently signed MoUs worth Rs 215 crores with National Sports Development Fund?

- A. Finance Ministry
- B. Power Ministry ☒
- C. Coal Ministry
- D. Steel Ministry



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- ✓ National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) of the Department of Sports signed Memorandum of Understandings MoUs with NTPC and REC Ltd, two major PSUs under Ministry of Power. NTPC made a commitment for Rs 115 crores towards Archery while REC Limited made a commitment for Rs 100 Crores for 3 years towards Women's hockey, Boxing and athletics.

7. Who won the best actor and actress title in Drama Series in the Emmy Awards 2022?

- A. Lee Jung-jae and Zendaya ☒
- B. Will Smith and Zendaya
- C. Brett Goldstein and Zendaya
- D. Will Smith and Gillian Anderson



- ✓ The Emmy Awards 2022 Awarding Ceremony was held recently in Los Angeles. Lead Actor in a Drama Series title was won by Lee Jung-jae, Squid Game while the Lead actress in the same category was won by Zendaya for Euphoria. Hwang Dong-hyuk won the directing Emmy for the dystopian Korean thriller, Squid Game. Jason Sudeikis won Best Actor in Comedy Series for Apple's show Ted Lasso.

8. Which industry union is organising 'LEADS Summit', the thought Leadership initiative of India?

- A. NASSCOM
B. FICCI ☒
C. CII
D. ASSOCHAM



- ✓ FICCI is organizing the thought Leadership initiative of India, LEADS (Leadership, Excellence, Adaptability, Diversity, Sustainability) in New Delhi. It will have more than 250 participants from around 50 countries. The 3rd edition will include the discussions by 36 global thought leaders exchanging ideas on 11 themes including manufacturing; food for all; innovation; mobility etc. Indian Union Ministers and their counter-parts from Germany and New Zealand will address various thematic sessions.

9. 'The Green Fins Hub', the first-ever global marine tourism industry platform, is associated with which institution?

- A. WEF
B. UNEP ☒
C. IMF
D. UNICEF



- ✓ 'The Green Fins Hub' is the first-ever global marine tourism industry platform. The tool has been developed by The Reef-World Foundation in partnership with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The tool helps to overcome sustainability challenges in the marine conservation tourism industry. It helps operators to make simple changes to their daily practices, keep track of their annual improvements and communicate with their communities and customers.

10. Which institution organised the 'ANGAN 2022' Conference?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
B. Bureau of Energy Efficiency ☒
C. NITI Aayog
D. Central Board of Indirect Taxes



- ✓ The second edition of the international conference, 'ANGAN – 2022' (Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat) was recently held on the title "Making the Zero-Carbon Transition in Buildings". ANGAN 2.0 is being organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, in collaboration with Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC) under the Indo-Swiss Building Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP). The Conference had discussions related to building energy efficiency and reducing carbon emission from buildings.

1. Modhera, which was declared as India's first 24×7 solar-powered village, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Gujarat ☒
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared Modhera, a village in Mehsana district of Gujarat, as India's first solar-powered village. Modhera, is also associated with the Sun Temple. According to the Gujarat government, over 1000 solar panels have been installed on village houses, generating electricity for the villagers. They will be provided with solar electricity at zero cost.

2. Which institution launched the 'Education 4.0 India Report'?

- A. IMF
- B. WEF ☒
- C. World Bank
- D. UNICEF

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- ✓ As part of its Education 4.0 India initiative, the World Economic Forum has launched a new 'Education 4.0 India Report'. The report deliberates on how digital and other technologies can address learning gaps and make education accessible to all. The report is the result of collaboration between the World Economic Forum, UNICEF and YuWaah.

3. Tele-MANAS Initiative, which was launched recently, is associated with which field?

- A. Child health
- B. Mental health ☒
- C. Communicable Diseases
- D. Science and Technology



- ✓ Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the mental health service called Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) initiative. Tele MANAS will be the digital arm of the National Mental Health Programme. The nodal centre for the program will be National Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscience (NIMHANS) with technological support from IIT-Bombay.

4. Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary, where leopards were spotted, is located in which state/UT?

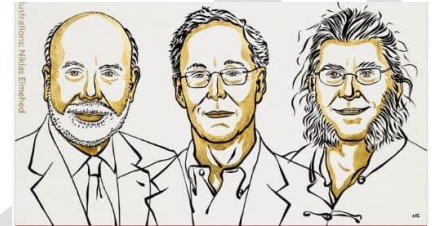
- A. Assam
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Jharkhand



- ✓ As per a year-long study, presence of eight leopards in the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary has been confirmed. This is seen as an indicator of its thriving ecosystem. The sanctuary did not record any leopard sighting for many decades after 1940.
- ✓ In 2019, the Delhi Forest department reported fresh sightings of leopard pug marks and scats in the sanctuary. The study has also shed light on the presence of mammals such as striped hyena, jungle cat, golden jackal, Indian hare, Indian boar, black buck and hog deer among others.

5. The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences 2022 was awarded to three scientists for their research in which field?

- A. Behavioural Economics
- B. Global Poverty
- C. Banks and Financial Crises ☒
- D. Quantitative Methods



- ✓ The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded to Ben S Bernanke, the former chair of the US Federal Reserve, Douglas W Diamond and Philip H Dybvig of USA for research into banks and financial crises. As per the committee, 'the laureates have provided a foundation for our modern understanding of why banks are needed, why they're vulnerable, and what to do about it'.

6. When is the 'International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer'?

- A. September.10 ☒
- B. September.20
- C. September.30
- D. October.10



- ✓ World Ozone Day or International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is celebrated every year on 16 September. The day is observed to create awareness about the harmful effects of ozone layer depletion. This year, the theme of World Ozone Day 2022 is 'Global Cooperation to Protect Life on Earth'. The first-ever Ozone Day was celebrated on 16 September 1995.

7. Which Indian city has been nominated as the first-ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital?

- A. Madurai
- B. Varanasi ☒
- C. Kanyakumari
- D. Athens



- ✓ Indian city Varanasi has been recently nominated as the first-ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital. It was nominated for the period 2022–2023 at the 22nd Meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of State in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

8. Pranav Anand, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

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



- ✓ 15-year-old chess player Pranav Anand from Bengaluru recently became India's 76th Grandmaster. He crossed the 2,500 Elo mark in the ongoing World Youth Chess Championship in Mamaia, Romania. To become a Grandmaster, a player has to secure three GM norms and cross the live rating of 2,500 Elo points. Pranav Anand scored the third and final GM norm at the 55th Biel Chess Festival in Switzerland in July 2022.

9. India's first lithium cell manufacturing facility is set to be inaugurated in which city?

- A. Mysuru
B. Tirupati ☒
C. Sivakasi
D. Hosur



- ✓ The Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Rajeev Chandrasekhar, is set to inaugurate India's first lithium cell manufacturing facility at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. The unit has been set up by Chennai-based Munoth Industries with an outlay of Rs 165 crore. At present, India imports 100 percent of its lithium-ion batteries primarily from China, South Korea, Vietnam and Hong Kong.

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

- A. Medication Safety ☒
B. Ask Before Googling
C. Expanding Healthcare
D. Warning in Medication



- ✓ World Patient Safety Day is observed on September 17. In 2019, World Health Organization's (WHO) declared September 17 as the World Patient Safety Day. This year, the theme of World Patient Safety Day 2022 is "Medication Safety" along with the slogan "Medication Without Harm".

1. As per the IMF's recent World Economic Outlook report (October 2022), what is India's 2022–23 GDP forecast?

- A. 5.8% B. 6.0%
C. 6.8% ☒ D. 7.0%



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund, in its latest World Economic Outlook report, cut the forecast for India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth in financial year 2022–23 (FY23) by to 6.8 per cent. IMF flagged global inflation crisis and gave a warning of a long and tough economic winter. This is a 0.6 percentage downgrade since July forecast, when IMF cut India's growth forecast to 7.4 per cent.

2. Which city is the host of the United Nations World Geospatial Congress (UNWGIC) 2022?

- A. Bengaluru
B. Hyderabad ☒
C. Dhaka
D. Male



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the United Nations World Geospatial Congress (UNWGIC) 2022 in Hyderabad. The theme of UNWGIC 2022 is 'Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind', which focuses on building a community for human data and geography.

3. Who is set to take over as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI) after Justice UU Lalit?

- A. Justice DY Chandrachud ☒
B. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul
C. Justice S. Abdul Nazeer
D. Justice K.M. Joseph



- ✓ Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud is set to take over as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI) after the present Chief Justice UU Lalit formally recommended him as his successor. As per the procedure, the senior most judge Supreme Court judge serves as the Chief Justice of India and the government seeks a recommendation from the CJI to name their successor. Justice DY Chandrachud was part of benches that decriminalised homosexuality, decriminalised adultery, and allowed women in the Sabrimala shrine.

4. Which global bloc created Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework (CARF)?

- A. World Bank B. World Economic Forum
C. International Monetary Fund D. OECD ☒



- ✓ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has created a new global tax transparency framework for automatic exchange of information related to crypto assets

between countries. The framework named Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework (CARF) will be used by the countries to track the cross-border transfer of crypto assets. CARF will be presented to G20 Finance Ministers this week in Washington DC.

5. Mahakal Lok Project, which was inaugurated recently, is located in which state/UT?

A. Maharashtra

B. Madhya Pradesh ☒

C. Uttar Pradesh

D. Gujarat



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated Phase I of the Mahakal Lok Project to the nation at Shri Mahakal Lok in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. The total cost of the entire project is around ₹850 crore. The Mahakal Path contains 108 stambhs (pillars) which depict Anand Tandav Swaroop (Dance form) of Lord Shiva.

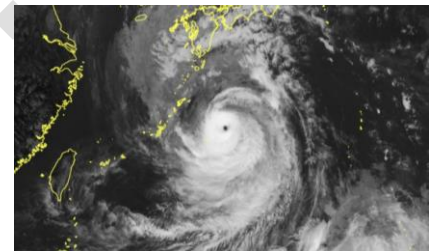
6. Typhoon Nanmadol, which was seen in the news, made landfall in which country?

A. Indonesia

B. Japan ☒

C. Philippines

D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ 'Typhoon Nanmadol' is expected to make landfall in Japan. The country's weather agency issued a rare warning about the powerful storm. Nearly two million people in Japan have been asked to seek shelter before Typhoon Nanmadol. It is the first typhoon-linked special warning issued outside of the Okinawa region since the present system began in 2013.

7. Which country is the host of the Governing Body session of 'International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture' (ITPGRFA)?

A. India ☒

B. UAE

C. United States of America

D. Australia



- ✓ India is set to host of the Governing Body session of 'International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture' (ITPGRFA).
- ✓ The pact, which came in force in 2004, has been ratified by 149 countries. Member countries at the New Delhi summit of ITPGRFA are likely to reach a consensus on benefit-sharing of germ plasm which will provide access to better quality seeds.

8. Which country has signed a formal MoU to join Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2023?

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



- ✓ Iran signed a formal MoU to become a permanent member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2023. Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi became the first Iranian president in 20 years to visit Uzbekistan, by attending the SCO Summit. Iran acquired observer status in the organisation in June 2005. Its bid for full membership was approved in September 2021 after a wait of 15 years.

9. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Annual report on Environment Sustainability 2020–21'?

- A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B. Ministry of Railways ☒
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the Swachhta Pakhwara 2022 and released the Annual report on Environment Sustainability 2020–21. The report is a comprehensive document highlighting the steps taken by Railways to promote green and clean energy. This report brings out the efforts of Railways Ministry towards net zero emission.

10. Climate activist Vanessa Nakate, who was appointed as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, is from which country?

- A. USA
- B. Uganda ☒
- C. Venezuela
- D. Afghanistan



- ✓ 25-year-old Ugandan climate activist Vanessa Nakate has been appointed as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. She created a platform called Rise Up Movement to support African climate activists. She led an initiative to stop the deforestation of African rainforests and launched 'Vash Greens Schools Project', which aims to install solar panels in remote areas of her home country, Uganda.

1. 'Skilling of girls in non-traditional livelihood (NTL)' has been included in which flagship scheme?

- A. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao ☒
- B. Rashtriya Mahila Kosh
- C. POSHAN Abhiyaan
- D. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana



- ✓ The Union government announced the inclusion of skilling of girls in non-traditional livelihood (NTL) options in its flagship programme of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'. Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani emphasised the importance of convergence between various departments for providing quality education to empower girls.

2. Which Union Ministry is associated with 'One Nation, One Grid, One Frequency and One National Load Dispatch Centre (NLDC)'?

- A. Ministry of Communications
- B. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- C. Ministry of Power ☒
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology



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- ✓ The Union Power Ministry has started the process setting up transmission systems for renewable energy zones (REZ) with 66.5 GW capacity by the current year to integrate non-fossil fuel energy sources with the national grid. It will also establish 13 RE management centres (REMC) to address the variability of generation. A transmission system to integrate an additional 52 GW potential REZ by 2026-27 is also being planned. The Power Minister briefed the steps being taken towards creating a 'One Nation, One Grid, One Frequency and One National Load Dispatch Centre (NLDC)'.

3. 'PM-DevINE' Scheme, which was seen in the news, aimed at development of which region?

- A. Coastal regions
- B. Hilly regions
- C. North-Eastern region ☒
- D. Border areas



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved projects worth over ₹13,000 crore, including a Rs 6,600 crore-scheme for developing physical and social infrastructure in the North-East. The 'Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE)' will be implemented during the remaining four years of the 15th Finance Commission from 2022-23 to 2025-26. It is a Central sector scheme and will be administered by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).

4. As per the recent data, what is the CPI-based retail inflation recorded in India?

- A. 6.25%
- B. 7.2%
- C. 7.41% ☒
- D. 7.91%



- ✓ Official data released by National Statistical Office (NSO) showed that the retail inflation based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) was at 7.41 per cent in September. The figure was at 7 per cent in August. Retail inflation rose to a five-month high of 7.41 per cent in September due to costlier food items. It is for the ninth month in a row that retail inflation remained above the Reserve Bank of India's upper band of 6 per cent.

5. What is the rank of India in the 'Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022'?

- A. Second B. Fourth ☒
C. Sixth D. Eighth

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- ✓ As per the Chainalysis 2022 Global Crypto Adoption report, India stands fourth in Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022. For the second consecutive year, Vietnam is ranked first in cryptocurrency adoption and India stood at 4th place with an index score of 0.663. United States (US) has moved up to fifth while China re-entered the top ten of the index despite its ban on all crypto currency trading.

6. Which institution has released a report titled 'India Discrimination Report 2022'?

- A. UNICEF B. WEF
C. NITI Aayog D. Oxfam International ☒



- ✓ The Oxfam India has released a new report titled 'India Discrimination Report 2022'. As per the report, Gender discrimination is the reason for 98 percent of employment gap between males and females in India. It also shows that discrimination causes 100 percent of employment inequality faced by women in rural areas in labour market and 98 percent in urban areas. Self-employed males earn 2.5 times more than females, 83 percent of which is attributed to gender-based discrimination.

7. What is 'SOVA Virus' which was seen in the news recently?

- A. COVID-19 Variant
B. Influenza Virus Variant
C. Malware ☒
D. Cryptocurrency



- ✓ SOVA Virus is the new mobile banking Trojan virus, which can encrypt an Android phone for ransom. India's federal cyber security agency issued an advisory saying that the virus has upgraded to its fifth version after it was first detected in the India in July. In July 2022 it added several countries, including India, to its list of targets. It has the ability to harvest user names and passwords by key logging, stealing cookies and adding false overlays to many apps.

8. When is the 'UN International Equal Pay Day' observed?

- A. September.12
- B. September.14
- C. September.18 ☒
- D. September.20



- ✓ The International Equal Pay Day is observed annually to highlight gender pay gap. It is a United Nations-recognized event that falls on September 18. International Equal Pay Day was first observed back in 1996 by the National Committee on Pay Equity. The main aim of the event is to end the history of gender discrimination that women are facing across the world.

9. Ramkumar Ramanathan and Prajnesh Gunneswaran, who were seen in the news, are associated with which sports?

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



- ✓ In the Davis Cup World Group-I tie, India was defeated 0-3 by Norway at Lillehammer, Norway. Indian Tennis player Ramkumar Ramanathan was defeated by his lower-ranked opponent Durasovic. In another singles, Prajnesh Gunneswaran went down to world no. 2 Casper Ruud. In the doubles match, the Norwegian pair comprising world No.2 Casper Ruud and Viktor Durasovic defeated Indian pair of Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni.

10. Who is the director of the movie 'The Fabelmans', which was seen in the news?

- A. Steven Spielberg ☒
- B. George Lucas
- C. Martin Scorsese
- D. Quentin Tarantino



- ✓ Steven Spielberg's film The Fabelmans won the prestigious People's Choice Award at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2022. It is one of the most celebrated and semi-autobiographical film. TIFF People's Choice Documentary Award was won by 'Black Ice' directed by Hubert Davis. TIFF People's Choice Midnight Madness Award was won by 'Weird: The Al Yankovic Story', directed by Eric Appel.

1. Which state topped the Logistics Index in LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2022 report?

A. Tamil Nadu

B. Andhra Pradesh ☒

C. Maharashtra

D. Gujarat



- ✓ The Union Commerce and Industry Ministry launched the LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2022 report. Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Gujarat are among the 15 States and UTs categorised as achievers in the logistics index chart 2022. The index is an indicator of efficiency of logistical services necessary for promoting exports and economic growth.

2. Which institution released the 'Living Planet Report 2022'?

A. World Wide Fund for Nature ☒

B. UNEP

C. UNESCO

D. FAO



- ✓ According to the latest Living Planet Report by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), there has been a 69 per cent decline in the wildlife populations of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish, across the globe in the last 50 years.
- ✓ The highest decline (94 per cent) was in the Latin America and the Caribbean region. The report also emphasised that Biodiversity loss and climate crisis are intertwined. Africa recorded a 66 per cent fall in its wildlife populations from 1970–2018 and the Asia Pacific 55 per cent.

3. Pitt Island, where hundreds of pilot whales were stranded dead, is located in which country?

A. USA

B. New Zealand ☒

C. Japan

D. Indonesia



- ✓ A pod of 240 pilot whales has lost their lives after being stranded on New Zealand's Pitt Island in the Pacific Ocean. The pod of whales has been found on the Chatham Islands archipelago, which consists of Pitt Island and Chatham Island with minimal human presence. Earlier, 215 whales died following a mysterious beaching event in the country.

4. India's first sanctuary for endangered 'Slender Loris' is to be set up in which state/UT?

A. Tamil Nadu ☒

B. Assam

C. Goa

D. Karnataka



- ✓ India's first ever sanctuary for the endangered Slender Loris will be set up in Tamil Nadu. The Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary will be formed by merging 11,806 hectares in the forest areas of Karur and Dindigul districts.
- ✓ Slender Loris is listed as an endangered species according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). It is a small nocturnal mammal that spends most of its life on trees. They help farmers by acting as biological predators of pests that harm agricultural crops.

5. As per the CSIR–NITI Aayog Report, which country bears the highest health and economic burden due to lead poisoning?

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



- ✓ As per the report prepared jointly by Niti Aayog and the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), India bears the world's highest health and economic burden due to lead poisoning. Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh had the highest average blood lead levels (BLL). A 2020 report by UNICEF and non-profit Pure Earth had found India had major number of the 800 million children poisoned by lead globally. It meant that half of India's children were poisoned by lead.

6. Which football team won the Durand Cup in 2022?

- A. Mumbai City FC B. Bengaluru FC ☒
C. Chennaiyin FC D. Kerala Blasters



- ✓ Bengaluru FC and their captain Sunil Chhetri won their maiden Durand Cup football tournament title after beating Mumbai City FC in the final clash. The 38-year-old Sunil Chhetri clinched his first Durand Cup. Bengaluru FC has achieved first Durand Cup victory since coming into existence in 2013.

7. 'João Lourenço' has sworn in as the President of which country?

- A. Turkey
B. Hungary
C. Angola ☒
D. Maldives



- ✓ 'João Lourenço' has sworn in as the President of Angolan for a second term in the Central African country's capital– Luanda. The results of the Elections were heavily disputed by the opposition. The Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), which was in power since independence from Portugal in 1975, won the elections.

8. Which Naval ship has been decommissioned recently after 32 years of its service?

- A. INS Amrit
- B. INS Ajay ☒
- C. INS Akshay
- D. INS Abhaya



- ✓ Indian Naval Ship Ajay (P34) was decommissioned recently after 32 years of distinguished services to the nation. The decommissioning ceremony was held at Mumbai's Naval Dockyard. INS Ajay was an Abhay class anti-submarine warfare corvette of Western Naval Command. The ship was commissioned on January 24, 1990. It was posted on various deployments including Operation Talwar during the Kargil War in 1999 and Operation Parakram in 2001.

9. 'A watershed moment: transformative solutions to interlocking challenges' is the theme of which summit held in 2022?

- A. SCO Summit – 2022
- B. WHO World Health Assembly
- C. G20 Summit
- D. UN General Assembly Session ☒



- ✓ The 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA-77) was inaugurated recently in New York followed by the High-Level Week. The UN General Assembly (UNGA) is the main policy-making organ of the United Nations. This year's theme is 'A watershed moment: transformative solutions to interlocking challenges' with focus on crises such as COVID-19, climate change and conflict and need for solutions to build global sustainability and resilience.

10. The Indian Army has collaborated with which institution for activating satellite broadband-based internet service on the Siachen Glacier?

- A. Airtel
- B. Jio
- C. BBNL ☒
- D. Vi



- ✓ The Indian Army, in collaboration with Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), has activated satellite broadband-based internet service on the Siachen Glacier. The glacier is located in the eastern Karakoram range of the Himalayas at a height of 19,061 feet. The BBNL is a wholly government-owned broadband infrastructure provider company. It is working under Bharat Net scheme to provide internet connectivity through satellites to rural remote areas.