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1. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)–III has been launched in which state?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)–III in Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. The Prime Minister also launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)–III in Himachal Pradesh for the upgradation of around 3125 kilometres of roads in the state. More than Rs 420 crores has been sanctioned by the Central Government under this phase for the upgradation of 440 kilometres of roads in 15 border and far-flung blocks of the state.**

2. What is the name of the mascot unveiled for 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup?

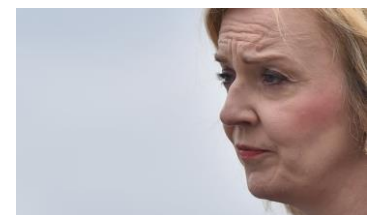
- A. Nina
- B. Pokoyo
- C. Tazuni ☒
- D. Appu



- ✓ **Penguin Tazuni has been unveiled as the official mascot of next year's FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. The design is based on the Eudyptula minor species found in both host countries, and the name combines the Tasman Sea and the word 'Unity'. Tazuni is a 15-year-old midfielder whose story involves her falling in love with football after playing with a group of children on a beach.**

3. Liz Truss recently resigned as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. United Kingdom ☒
- D. UAE



- ✓ **British Prime Minister Liz Truss has announced that she will step down from the position leader of the Conservative Party after her policies triggered economic turmoil and divided the party. Truss, who has been prime minister for just 45 days, also announced that she will remain as prime minister and party leader until a successor is chosen.**

4. Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant has been recently inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Punjab ☒
- C. Bihar
- D. Chhattisgarh



- ✓ Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in Lehragaga, Sangrur, Punjab. The CBG Plant at Sangrur was inaugurated with an FDI investment of Rs 220 crores by Verbio AG, one of the top bioenergy companies in Germany. It is spread out across around 20 acres and currently produces about 6 Tons Per Day (TPD) of CBG.

5. Which state was ranked first in the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban (PMAY–U) Awards 2021?

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



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh bagged the first position in the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana– Urban (PMAY–U) Awards 2021. It is followed by Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu at second and third place, respectively. Gujarat saw five special category awards while Jammu and Kashmir was adjudged the 'Best Performing UT' alongside Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. 1.23 crore houses were sanctioned under the scheme of which 64 lakh have already been completed and delivered while the rest were at various stages of completion.

6. When is the 'World Development Information Day' observed every year?

- A. October.24 ☒ B. October.27
C. October.31 D. November.03



WORLD
DEVELOPMENT
INFORMATION
DAY

- ✓ Every year the United Nations marks October 24 as World Development Information Day across the world. This day is observed to create awareness towards the problems surrounding development in different nations and solutions to overcome them. In 1972, the UN General Assembly established World Development Information Day.

7. India's first 'Migration Monitoring System' has been inaugurated in which city?

- A. New Delhi
B. Mumbai ☒
C. Gandhi Nagar
D. Guwahati



- ✓ India's first 'Migration Monitoring System' has been inaugurated in Mumbai. The system has been developed by the Department of Women and Child Development. It is aimed at providing updated information on migrant pregnant women, lactating mothers and children instantly on a single system. The website-based Migration Tracking System (MTS) will track the movements of vulnerable seasonal migrant beneficiaries through unique identification numbers.

8. What is the name of the new generation medium–range ballistic missile, which was recently test–fired?

- A. Akash Prime
- B. Agni Prime ☒
- C. Gagan Prime
- D. Naran Prime



- ✓ India test–fired indigenously developed new generation medium–range ballistic missile ‘Agni Prime’ (Agni–P) from the Odisha coast. As per the Defence Research and Development Organisation, Agni Prime is a new generation advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles with range capability between 1,000 and 2,000km.

9. Which institution won the ‘National Intellectual Property Awards 2021 and 2022’?

- A. IISc Bengaluru
- B. IIT Madras ☒
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. AIIMS, New Delhi



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has won the ‘National Intellectual Property Awards 2021 and 2022’. The institution has been identified as the top Indian academic institution for patents filing, grants and commercialisation. This award is presented by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

10. Who is the winner of the Dadasaheb Phalke award for the year 2020?

- A. Rajinikanth
- B. Kamal Haasan
- C. Asha Parekh ☒
- D. M K Stalin



- ✓ Veteran actor Asha Parekh has been selected for the Dadasaheb Phalke award for the year 2020 and will be presented the award at the National Film Awards ceremony, to be held in New Delhi. Tamil film superstar Rajinikanth was the recipient of the last Dadasaheb Phalke award. Asha Parekh, the 52nd awardee of the honour, worked in more than 95 films and was the chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification from 1998–2001. Established in 1954, the awards are being organised by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).

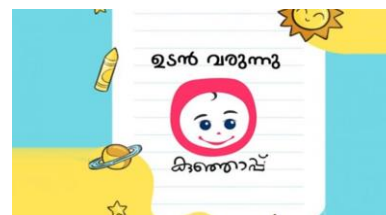
1. Which state/UT launched 'Kunjapp' mobile application to prevent cyber-crimes against children?

A. West Bengal

B. Kerala ☒

C. Maharashtra

D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the 'Kunjapp' mobile application to prevent cyber-crimes against children in the state. Child exploitation can be reported through the 'Kunjapp' application. The Chief Minister also inaugurated the training for the newly appointed Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) members.

2. The United Nations observes 'Disarmament Week' every year on which month?

A. December

B. November

C. October ☒

D. September

October

- ✓ The United Nations (UN) marks October 24 to October 30 as Disarmament Week each year. On October 24, the United Nations (UN) was established in 1945. The United Nations General Assembly had a special session on disarmament in 1978 and Disarmament Week was first observed. The United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC) was established in 1952. It was tasked with creating documents for treaties to regulate the number of armed forces and weapons of nations.

3. Which state passed an ordinance to increase the reservation for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to 17 % and 7 %?

A. Jharkhand

B. Madhya Pradesh

C. Karnataka ☒

D. Odisha



- ✓ Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot gave assent to the ordinance to increase the reservation for the Scheduled Castes from 15 per cent to 17 per cent and the Scheduled Tribes from 3 per cent to 7 per cent in the state. The Karnataka cabinet approved an ordinance for increasing the reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe communities.

4. Which country approved the commercial cultivation of Genetically modified Indian mustard species '*Brassica juncea*'?

- A. USA
- B. UAE
- C. Australia ☒
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ The regulatory authority in Australia approved the commercial cultivation of the genetically modified Indian mustard species '*Brassica juncea*'. This is the first time a genetically modified variety of Indian mustard has received commercial approval anywhere in the world. Even India awaits the clearance of genetically modified mustard. The canola (*Brassica napus*) is the only GM mustard variety that was cleared for commercial application.

5. What is the theme of 'World Polio Day 2022'?

- A. Positive Pregnancy
- B. A healthier future for mothers and children ☒
- C. Eradication of Polio
- D. Brighter and better future.



- ✓ World Polio Day is observed every year on October 24 to raise awareness about the polio vaccination and eradication of polio. The day highlights the efforts of the frontline workers who work to provide vaccines in polio-hit countries.
- ✓ This year, the overarching theme of World Polio Day is 'A healthier future for mothers and children'. World Polio Day was established in 1985 to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who was the lead researcher of the team that developed the first Polio vaccine.

6. Who has been appointed as the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) in 2022?

- A. Lt Gen Anil Chauhan (Retired) ☒
- B. Lt Gen Hari Kumar
- C. Lt Gen Manoj Pandey
- D. Lt Gen Vinod G. Khandare (Retired)



- ✓ The Government has decided to appoint Lt General Anil Chauhan (Retired) as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). He shall also function as Secretary to Government of India, Department of Military Affairs. In a career spanning over nearly 40 years, he has served in various positions. Lt General, he became the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Command in 2019 until he retired in 2021.

7. Bandhavgarh Forest Reserve, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Madhya Pradesh ☒
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has found more than 100 remains including largest Varha sculpture of 9th century to 15th century in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserves in Madhya Pradesh. Twenty-six caves of 2nd Century CE to 5th century CE, remains of Mahayana sect of Buddhism like chaitya shaped doors and cells containing stone beds were found. Other findings include stone games, water filter structure, coins and Brahmi inscriptions.

8. What is the theme of the 'World Heart Day 2022'?

- A. COVID and Heart
- B. Use Heart for Every Heart ☒
- C. Heart and Sustainability
- D. Heart and Humanity

USE ❤ FOR
EVERY ❤

- ✓ World Heart Day 2022 is celebrated every year on September 29 to raise awareness about the concerns of heart health and cardiovascular illnesses. The theme of the World Heart Day 2022 is 'Use Heart for Every Heart'. Heart disease and stroke are the world's leading causes of death, which claim 18.6 million lives each year.

9. As per the recent Supreme Court order, all women are entitled to safe and legal abortion upto how many weeks?

- A. 20
- B. 24 ☒
- C. 30
- D. 32



- ✓ The Supreme Court ruled that all women are entitled to safe and legal abortion and that the distinction between married and unmarried women in this matter is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court also said that unmarried women are also entitled to seek abortion of pregnancy in the term of 20-24 weeks arising out of a consensual relationship. A three-judge bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud ruled that under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, the definition of rape must include marital rape.

10. The World's First CNG Terminal is set to come up in which Indian state?

- A. Haryana
- B. Assam
- C. Gujarat ☒
- D. Bihar



- ✓ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the World's First CNG Terminal and a brownfield port at Bhavnagar, Gujarat. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Regional Science Centre which is spread over 20 acres and has been built at a cost of around Rs 100 crores.
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1. What is the theme of the 'National Maritime Day' 2022?

- A. Sustainable Maritime Activities
- B. Sustainable Shipping beyond COVID-19 ☒
- C. Climate Change and Shipping
- D. Ship for Global Growth



- ✓ India recently celebrated the 59th National Maritime Day which falls on April 5 every year. This year's theme is 'Sustainable Shipping beyond COVID-19'. The first anniversary of the day was held in 1964 to raise awareness about international trade and economy. An award ceremony is held to honour those who made important contributions to the Indian maritime industry.

2. Gazeta Wyborcza, which was awarded Golden Pen of Freedom award, is a Newspaper from which country?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Poland ☒
- C. Sweden
- D. Russia



- ✓ Polish newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza was awarded Golden Pen of Freedom by World Association of News Publishers. The award was announced during the 2022 World News Media Congress currently taking place in Zaragoza, Spain. The Golden Pen of Freedom is WAN-IFRA's annual award recognising individuals or organisations who contribute to the defence and promotion of press freedom.

3. Which was the most visited centrally-protected ticketed monument for foreign visitors, as per the 'India Tourism Statistics 2022'?

- A. Taj Mahal
- B. Red Fort
- C. Group of Monuments at Mamallapuram ☒
- D. Qutub Minar



- ✓ Union Ministry of Tourism released a report titled 'India Tourism Statistics 2022'. It was released by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on World Tourism Day. The Group of Monuments at Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu was the most visited centrally-protected ticketed monument for foreign visitors. In 2021-22, Taj Mahal was the most popular centrally-protected ticketed monument for domestic visitors. The Red Fort and the Qutub Minar were the second and third most visited sites.

4. The Union Cabinet approved a Plan to modernise which three Railway stations?

- A. New Delhi, Ahmedabad and CSMT Mumbai ☒
- B. New Delhi, Chennai and CSMT Mumbai
- C. New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Varanasi
- D. New Delhi, Cochi and Chennai



- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a proposal for the redevelopment of three major railway stations — New Delhi, Ahmedabad and CSMT Mumbai. With an approximate total investment of nearly Rs 10,000 crore, the stations will be redeveloped using Green Building Techniques with solar energy, water conservation, and recycling and improved tree cover. They will be integrated with other modes of transportation like metro and bus. The total cost of redevelopment of 199 stations including these three major stations is Rs 60,000 crores.

5. Which company has announced to set up its first cloud region in Greece?

- A. Amazon
- B. Microsoft
- C. Google ☒
- D. Meta



- ✓ Alphabet Inc's Google has announced to set up its first cloud region in Greece, as the country is making efforts to become a world cloud computing hub. The deal is estimated to contribute some USD 2.13 billion to the GDP of Greece and create some 20,000 jobs by 2030. A cloud region is based around a cluster of data centres. Microsoft has also decided to build a data centre hub in the country.

6. What is the theme of the 'International Translation Day 2022'?

- A. A world without barriers ☒
- B. Accessibility and Translation
- C. Translation includes All
- D. Strengthening Peace



- ✓ Every year International Translation Day is observed on September 30 to honour the work of translators and language professionals across the world. The theme for this year's International Translation Day is "A world without barriers". September 30 was chosen as it also coincides with the feast of the Bible translator, St. Jerome.

7. Which Indian personality has won the 'Changemaker' award at the UN SDG Action Awards?

- A. Srishti Bakshi ☒
- B. Kapil Mandawewala
- C. Amit Saraogi
- D. Kaif Ali



- ✓ Srishti Bakshi, a women's rights activist from India, was honoured with the 'Changemaker' award at the UN SDG Action Awards. The activist has travelled 3,800km around the country in less than a year to raise awareness on gender-based violence and inequality. She was awarded for "confronting gender-based violence and advocating for safe access to public spaces."

8. Which state won the first prize for the best adventure tourism destination and all-around development of tourism?

- A. Tamil Nadu B. Kerala
C. Goa D. Uttarakhand ☒



- ✓ Uttarakhand received the first prize in two categories, for the best adventure tourism destination and all-around development of tourism from the Ministry of Tourism. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar presented National Tourism Awards 2018–19, on the occasion of World Tourism Day. He also launched photography and videography contest during the event.

9. 'World Rabies Day' is observed marking the death anniversary of which scientist?

- A. Louis Pasteur ☒ B. Sir Isaac Newton
C. Anton van Leeuwenhoek D. Wilhelm Rontgen



- ✓ 'World Rabies Day' is observed every year on September 28, to raise awareness about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this disease. It also marks the death anniversary of the French chemist and microbiologist Louis Pasteur, who developed the first rabies vaccine.

10. Sukapaika River, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. Odisha ☒
B. West Bengal
C. Bihar
D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Odisha state government to sanction budgetary allocation of Rs 4967 lakh towards rejuvenation of Sukapaika Drainage Channel project by March 2023. The NGT directed to rejuvenate the dead river, to mitigate the drinking water crisis of at least three blocks of Cuttack district.

1. Minicoy Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach, which were added to the list of 'Blue Flag Beaches', are located in which state/UT?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Kerala
- C. Lakshadweep ☒
- D. Andaman and Nicobar



- ✓ Two beaches from Lakshadweep Minicoy Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach were added to the list of 'Blue Flag Beaches'. It is an eco-label given to the cleanest beaches in the world by the Foundation for Environment Education (FEE). With this, India now has 12 beaches certified under the Blue Flag Certification. Spain with 729 sites tops the list of countries with Blue Flag awarded sites.

2. Which state/UT released the 'SAMRIDHI', a one-time property tax amnesty scheme?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Gujarat



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Government of the National
Capital Territory of Delhi

- ✓ Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena recently announced a one-time property tax amnesty scheme. Under the Strengthening & Augmentation of Municipal Revenue for Infrastructure Development in Delhi (SAMRIDHI) 2022-23 scheme, the NCR people will be able to pay the principal amount of the current and pending tax of past five years for residential properties.

3. Which country is the host of the 'COP27: 27th annual UN meeting on climate'?

- A. India
- B. Egypt ☒
- C. South Africa
- D. China



- ✓ The 27th annual UN meeting on climate, COP27 (Conference of Parties) will take place in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt from 6th to 18th November. This will be the fifth time a Climate Conference is being hosted in Africa. COP27 will focus on three main areas, reducing emissions, helping countries to prepare and deal with climate change and securing technical support and funding for developing countries for climate activities.

4. Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) approved genetically modified (GM) version of which product for commercial cultivation?

- A. Brinjal
- B. Mustard ☒
- C. Cotton
- D. Tomato



- ✓ The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has approved genetically modified (GM) mustard for commercial cultivation. Technically called Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11), it was developed by the Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants of Delhi University and the National Dairy Development Board and partly funded by the department of biotechnology.

5. Which institution has released the '2022 NDC Synthesis Report'?

- A. WEF
- B. UNEP
- C. UNFCCC ☒
- D. World Bank



- ✓ '2022 NDC Synthesis Report' from United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) shows countries are bending the curve of global greenhouse gas emissions downward. It also warns that these efforts remain insufficient to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century.

6. Which city is the host of 'Indian Mobile Congress' in 2022?

- A. New Delhi ☒
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chennai



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially announced the launch of 5G in select cities, during the 'Indian Mobile Congress' held in 2022 in New Delhi. Leading Telecom companies like Bharti Airtel and Jio confirmed that it will roll out 5G services in select cities.

7. Ajay Kumar Srivastava is the MD & CEO of which public sector bank?

- A. Indian Bank
- B. Indian Overseas Bank ☒
- C. Canara Bank
- D. State Bank of India



- ✓ The Union Government has promoted Ajay Kumar Srivastava, the present Executive Director of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) as the bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. He will

hold the post for a period of three years with effect from January 1, 2023. Indian Overseas Bank is a public sector bank headquartered in Chennai.

8. When is the 'International Day of Older Persons' observed every year?

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



- ✓ October 1 is observed as the International Day of Older Persons across the world every year. It was introduced by the United Nations General Assembly with an aim of honouring the contribution of older persons and focussing on the problems they face. This year, the theme for the International Day of Older Persons is 'Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World'.

9. Which country is the leading exporter of Basmati Rice to the global market as of 2021–22?

- A. China B. Iran
C. India ☒ D. Israel



- ✓ India is the leading exporter of Basmati Rice to the global market, as it exported 3,948,161 MT of Basmati Rice worth Rs. 26,416 Crores during 2021–22. The Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) recently organised 'Kisan Sampark Yatra' in Haryana and Punjab to obtain feedback on the three newly released IARI Basmati varieties. Pusa Basmati 1847, Pusa Basmati 1885 and Pusa Basmati 1886 were by ICAR–IARI with inbuilt resistance to Bacterial blight and blast diseases.

10. *Anopheles stephensi*, which was seen in the news, is a species associated with which disease?

- A. Dengue
B. Malaria ☒
C. Chikungunya
D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched new initiatives to stop the spread of invasive malaria vectors in Africa. *Anopheles stephensi* is the primary mosquito vector, responsible for causing malaria in urban environments. The initiative aims to support a regional response to *Anopheles stephensi* on the African continent. The WHO had also released Global Vector Control Response 2017–2030.

1. Which institution released a 'List of Priority fungal pathogens'?

- A. UNEP
B. WHO ☒
C. UNFCCC
D. NASA



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) recently released a list of priority fungal pathogens, in response to the rising threat of invasive fungal disease. The priority list classifies 19 of the most common fungal pathogens into three priority tiers. The most dangerous is the 'critical group', which contains just four fungal pathogens: *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Candida albicans* and *Candida auris*.

2. Which country has launched the first 'Inhalable Vaccine' against COVID?

- A. India
B. China ☒
C. Japan
D. USA



- ✓ China has started dispensing an inhalable COVID-19 vaccine to its people. According to the Shanghai city administration, the free booster dose of the vaccine is being made available to those who have already had vaccinations. It comprises of a mist that is breathed in via the lips. The 'needle-free' vaccines are expected to increase vaccination rates in countries with weak health systems.

3. India recently marked 30th anniversary of relations with which regional bloc?

- A. SAARC
B. ASEAN ☒
C. G20
D. G8



- ✓ The 7th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry was held under the co-chairmanship of Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. The meeting also welcomed the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations. The progress in activities under the Medium-Term Action Plan of ASEAN-India Cooperation (Year 2021-2025) was reviewed. Agriculture Ministers of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam also participated in the meeting.

4. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Air Transport Committee (ATC) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)?

- A. Dr Shefali Juneja ☒
B. Vivek Johri
C. Zubair Riaz Kamili
D. Archana Pandey Tiwari



- ✓ Dr Shefali Juneja was named the chairperson of the Air Transport Committee (ATC) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). India will chair the committee after 28 years and India has chaired the ATC only twice so far. The ATC is a specialized agency of the United Nations and an advisory body of the Council on air transport matters.

5. Which country's scientist has been elected as the Vice President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF)?

- A. China
B. India ☒
C. Ukraine
D. Bangladesh



- ✓ Dr. A K Anil Kumar, Senior Scientist in ISRO is elected as the Vice President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), during its Annual Conference held in Paris. International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is the world's leading space advocacy body with 433 members in 72 countries. IAF encourages development of astronautics for peaceful purposes and supports dissemination of scientific information.

6. Who has been appointed as the CEO of MyGov, Ministry of Electronics and IT?

- A. Irai Anbu, IAS
B. Akash Tripathi, IAS ☒
C. Udhaya Chandran, IAS
D. Amir Subhani, IAS



- ✓ Akash Tripathi, a 1998 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), MyGov, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. Senior bureaucrat Ajay Bhadoo has been appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner. As many as 35 civil servants from different services have been appointed as joint secretaries in various union government departments.

7. 'Mind the Gap. Leave No One and No Place Behind' is the theme of which special day celebrated in October?

- A. World Habitat Day ☒
B. World Brotherhood Day
C. World Migrants Day
D. World Children Day



- ✓ World Habitat Day is observed on the first Monday of October, which marks the beginning of Urban October. This year it falls on October 3 and World Habitat Day 2022 is observed under the

theme 'Mind the Gap. Leave No One and No Place Behind'. World Habitat Day was first celebrated in 1986 in Nairobi, Kenya, with the theme 'Shelter is my right'.

8. When is the 'International Day of Non-Violence' observed across the world?

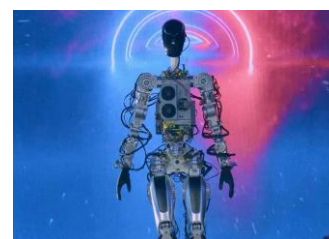
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- C. October.03
- D. October.04



- ✓ Every year, on 2 October, the International Day of Non-Violence is observed across the world. This special day marks the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The main objective of this day is to spread awareness about the idea of non-violence. In 2007, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed the resolution to commemorate the International Day of Non-Violence. This year, the UN has selected the slogan of 'Say No to Violence'.

9. 'Optimus' is the prototype humanoid robot, launched by which company?

- A. Google
- B. Apple
- C. Tesla ☒
- D. Meta



- ✓ Tesla CEO Elon Musk presented a prototype humanoid robot named 'Optimus' that shares artificial intelligence software and sensors with its cars' Autopilot driver assistance features. The Optimus robot is designed for mass production in millions of units. It carries a 2.3kWh battery pack, runs on a Tesla SoC, and contains Wi-Fi and LTE connectivity.

10. Bharatskills Forum was launched under which Union Ministry?

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



- ✓ The Directorate General of Training (DGT) has launched Bharatskills Forum, a new feature allows sharing of books, notes, videos, question bank for skill learners. It has been added to the Bharatskills learning platform developed by DGT. It is the apex organisation under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for coordination at national level for vocational training programmes.

1. Which institution releases the 'Employment Outlook of India' Report?

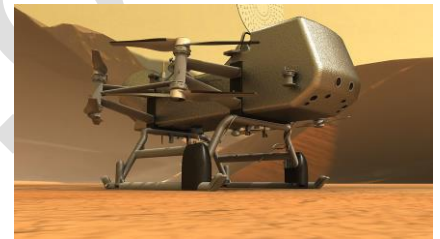
- A. NITI Aayog
- B. National Statistical Office ☒
- C. Labour Bureau
- D. Employees Provident Fund Organisation



- ✓ The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the press note on Employment Outlook of India. The report covers the period from September 2017 to August 2022. It uses information on number of subscribers of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme, the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Scheme and the National Pension Scheme (NPS). As per the report, 5,81,56,630 new subscribers joined the EPF Scheme.

2. 'Dragonfly', the recent project of NASA, was launched to explore which planet?

- A. Mars
- B. Jupiter
- C. Saturn ☒
- D. Venus



- ✓ NASA's Dragonfly rotorcraft is scheduled to reach the Selk Crater region on Saturn's moon Titan in the year 2034. Cassini spacecraft has sent some radar images of the area during its 13 years of exploring the Saturn system. Dragonfly is also the first flying machine for a world in the outer solar system.

3. SIMBEX is a Maritime Bilateral Exercise held between India and which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Sweden
- C. Switzerland
- D. Singapore ☒



- ✓ The Navies of India and Singapore are participating in the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) at Visakhapatnam. The Indian Navy is hosting the 29th edition of SIMBEX-2022 in two phases – Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam followed by the Sea Phase in Bay of Bengal. SIMBEX series of exercises began in 1994 and were initially known as Exercise Lion King.

4. A transport aircraft manufacturing facility for the Indian Air Force is set to come up in which city?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Vadodara ☒
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ The government announced that a transport aircraft manufacturing facility for the Indian Air Force will come up in Vadodara. 40 of the 56 C-295MW transport aircraft being procured from Airbus Defence and Space SA will be manufactured at the new facility in Vadodara.
- ✓ This is for the first time, the C-295 aircraft will be manufactured outside of Europe. They will be manufactured in India by Tata consortium of Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) led by TASL.

5. Which is the busiest airport in the world (as of October 2022), as per the Aviation analytics company 'Official Airline Guide (OAG)'?

- A. Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport ☒
- B. Dubai International Airport
- C. Tokyo International Airport
- D. Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi



- ✓ As per the report of the Aviation analytics company Official Airline Guide (OAG), Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi is the 10th busiest airport in the world in terms of seat capacity and frequency of domestic and international flights as of October 2022. Delhi airport improved from its 14th position in October 2019. The busiest airport in the world as of October 2022 is Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport which serviced 47,47,367 seats. Dubai International is second, followed by Tokyo International Airport.

6. Which public sector bank launched 'Gram Seva' program for development of remote villages?

- A. Canara Bank
- B. State Bank of India ☒
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. Bank of Baroda



- ✓ On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the State Bank of India launched the 4th phase of the 'SBI Gram Seva' program. The bank announced that it will adopt 30 remote villages across Aspirational Districts in Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. The bank would take active intervention in areas like education, healthcare, livelihoods, and infrastructure.

7. Which state launched the 'Satya Nishtha' application for the state police?

- A. Tamil Nadu B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Assam D. Karnataka



- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched the 'Satya Nishtha' application for the state police. The application will help police prepare a database of criminals and study various offences that take place under different police stations in the district. It is a database of information on migrant labourers, foreigners and suspicious persons.

8. What is the theme of the 'World Teachers Day 2022'?

- A. Teaching Importance of Sustainability
- B. Teaching Equality
- C. The change of education begins with teachers ☒
- D. Leaving No one Behind



- ✓ October 5 is celebrated as 'World Teachers Day' around the world. It is observed to express gratitude for the contributions of teachers. The theme for World Teachers' Day 2022 is "The change of education begins with teachers". In 1994, UNESCO proclaimed October 5 as World Teachers' Day. On this day in 1966, the intergovernmental meeting accepted the UNESCO Recommendation on the Status of Teachers.

9. Which country is the host of the Commonwealth Games 2026?

- A. India B. Sri Lanka
- C. Australia ☒ D. UAE



- ✓ The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and the Commonwealth Games Australia unveiled the sport programme for the Victoria 2026 CWG. It features 20 sports and 26 disciplines, including nine fully integrated para sports. Shooting, which was controversially dropped from the Birmingham CWG, is included in the 2026 edition in Victoria, Australia. Shooting has been the strongest sport of India recently.

10. Which country is the world's largest producer and consumer of sugar in 2021–22?

- A. India ☒ B. China
- C. Iran D. Israel



- ✓ In 2021–22, India is the world's largest producer and consumer of sugar as well as the world's second largest exporter of sugar. India's sugar exports rose 57 per cent to 109.8 lakh tonnes during 2021–22 marketing year which ended September. This resulted in foreign currency inflow worth about Rs 40,000 crore into the country.

1. Which country is the highest contributor of per capita greenhouse gas emissions?

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



- ✓ The “Emissions Gap Report 2022: The Closing Window” was released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). India’s per capita greenhouse gas emissions were at 2.4 tCO₂e (tonne carbon dioxide equivalent), which is far below the world average of 6.3 tCO₂e in 2020. The US contributed the highest emissions of 14 tCO₂e, followed by 13 tCO₂e in Russia and 9.7 tCO₂e in China.

2. Which institution released the ‘Commodity Markets Outlook report for October 2022’?

- A. International Monetary Fund B. World Bank ☒
- C. World Economic Forum D. Reserve Bank of India



- ✓ The World Bank has recently released the ‘Commodity Markets Outlook report for October 2022’. As per the report, Global energy prices will ease in the next couple of years but remain higher than the historic average. The report also noted that Energy prices are expected to fall by 11 per cent in 2023 and 12 per cent in 2024.

3. ‘Garuda VII’ is a bilateral exercise conducted by the Air Force of India and which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. France ☒
- C. Japan
- D. Australia



- ✓ Indian Air Force (IAF) and French Air and Space Force (FASF) are participating in a bilateral exercise, named ‘Garuda VII’ at Air Force Station Jodhpur. In this exercise, the IAF is participating with Su-30 MKI, Rafale, LCA Tejas and Jaguar fighter aircraft, as well as the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) and Mi-17 helicopters. This is the seventh edition of the bilateral exercise.

4. Which city is the host of the ‘India Space Congress – 2022’?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Mumbai
- C. New Delhi ☒
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ The SatCom Industry Association (SIAIndia) has organised a three-day India Space Congress, ISC 2022, in New Delhi. The theme of ISC 2022 is ‘Leveraging Space to Power Next-Gen Communication & Businesses’. Speakers from 30 countries participated in the event, which is supported by the

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Ministry of Defence, Niti Aayog, In-Space, New Space India Ltd (NSIL) and the Department of Telecommunication.

5. Which country co-chaired the High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility (HLDMM), with the European Union?

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



- ✓ India and the European Union co-chaired the 6th High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility (HLDMM) in Brussels. Talks were held on issues related to the promotion of safe, orderly, and regular migration. The HLDMM was attended by representatives of the Diplomatic Missions of EU Member States in Brussels who were invited as Observers. India and EU celebrate 60 years of diplomatic ties.

6. Who is the head of the 'Committee of Experts on Sustainable Finance', set up by IFSCA?

- A. Ajay Tyagi
- B. Viral Acharya
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. CK Mishra ☒



- ✓ International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) constituted the 'Committee of Experts on Sustainable Finance'. Headed by C.K. Mishra, Former Secretary to Government of India, submitted its final report to Chairperson, IFSCA. Some important recommendations include developing a voluntary carbon market, framework for transition bonds, enabling de-risking mechanisms and promoting regulatory sandbox for green Fintech. The committee also proposes to set up a dedicated MSME platform for sustainable lending.

7. Which Bollywood actor has been declared as the 'National Icon' of Election Commission of India (ECI) in 2022?

- A. Pankaj Tripathi ☒
- B. 'Jayam' Ravi
- C. Manoj Bajpayee
- D. Harish Kalyan



- ✓ Actor Pankaj Tripathi has been declared as the 'National Icon' of the Election Commission of India (ECI) for creating awareness amongst voters along with ECI. In the 2017 film Newton, for which he won the National Award, he played a role of CRPF officer, who was tasked with conducting elections in the jungles of Chhattisgarh, faced by conflicts.

8. Which country is the host of the International Solar Alliance's Fifth Assembly in October 2022?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. India ☒
- C. Nepal
- D. Thailand



- ✓ International Solar Alliance's Fifth Assembly is to be hosted by India in New Delhi on October 17–20, 2022. Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy RK Singh unveiled the curtain raiser to the Fifth Assembly of ISA. India holds the office of the President of the ISA Assembly. The Fifth Assembly will deliberate on key initiatives of ISA on three critical issues: energy access, energy security, and energy transition.

9. Who is the recipient of the 'SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for 2022'?

- A. K Sivan
- B. Satheesh Reddy
- C. Yunqing Tang ☒
- D. Tessy Thomas



- ✓ The SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for 2022 will be awarded to Yunqing Tang, Assistant Professor with the University of California, Berkeley, USA. As per the prize committee, the awardee's works display a remarkable combination of sophisticated techniques. The USD 10,000 –award was instituted by the Shanmugha Arts, Science, and Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA) in 2005. It is presented annually to individuals aged 32 and below, who contribute in the field of mathematics, influenced by Srinivasa Ramanujan.

10. Which Union Ministry implements the 'SFURTI' scheme?

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



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- ✓ SFURTI (Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries) was launched by the Union Ministry of MSME in the year 2005. It aims to promote Cluster development across the country. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is the nodal Agency for promotion of Cluster development for Khadi as well as for Village Industry products. The SFURTI Mela was recently celebrated in Dilli Haat, for the first time, commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.