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1. When is the 'International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists' observed?

A. November.01

B. November.03

C. November.05 ☑

D. November.07

✓ The United Nations General Assembly observes 2 November as the 'International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists' (IDEI), since 2013. The date for IDEI was chosen to commemorate the assassination of two journalists in Mali on November 2, 2013. The day draws attention to impunity, which means culprits going unpunished, to crimes against journalists.

2. As per the Education Ministry's Performance Grading Index (PGI), how many states attained Level –2 grading in 2020–21?

A. None

B. Two

C. Four

D. Seven 

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- ✓ The Ministry of Education has released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) for States and Union Territories for 2020–21. The index has evidence–based comprehensive analysis of school education systems across States and UTs. A total of seven States and UTs namely Kerala, Punjab, Chandigarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh have attained Level −2 grading in 2020–21. PGI 2020–21 classified the States and UTs into ten grades of which the highest achievable Grade is Level 1.
  - 3. Which Union Ministry is associated with the Nutrient Based Subsidy scheme?
  - A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

  - C. Ministry of Rural Development
  - D. Ministry of Urban and Housing Affairs



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved nutrient—based subsidy (NBS) rates
  for P&K fertilisers for the 2022–23 rabi season. The government approved a subsidy of Rs 51,875
  crore for phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilisers for the second half of 2022–23. The scheme is
  implemented by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers. The government makes available
  fertilisers to farmers at subsidised prices through fertiliser manufacturers/importers.
  - 4. Which institution observes the 'Vigilance Awareness Week' every year in India?
  - A. Reserve Bank of India

  - C. Securities Exchange Board of India
  - D. Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority



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✓ The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) observes Vigilance Awareness Week every year to spread the message of integrity in all spheres of life. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched the new Complaint Management System portal of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). He also released the booklets on 'Ethics and Good Practices'; Compilation of best practices on 'Preventive Vigilance' and a Special issue 'VIGEYE−VANI' on public procurement.

5. Which institution tested the Phase–II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor AD–1 missile?

A. ISRO

B. DRDO ☑

C. BEL

D. HAL



✓ The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful maiden flight—test of Phase–II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor AD−1 missile. The missile was tested with large kill altitude bracket from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. The AD−1 is a long–range interceptor missile designed for both low exo–atmospheric and endo–atmospheric interception of long–range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft.

6. HIMCAD scheme, which is implemented in Himachal Pradesh, is associated with which field?

A. Nutrition

B. Irrigation

C. Skill Development

D. Employment



✓ The Himachal Pradesh State government has started a new scheme named HIMCAD to bridge the gap between the irrigation potential created and the irrigation potential to be utilized. This will provide end–to–end connectivity of farmers' fields for better water conservation, crop diversification and integrated farming. Under the scheme, an area of 15,242 hectares has been brought under Command Area Development (CAD) activities.

7. Who is the head of the 'Parliamentary committee on official languages'?

A. Rajnath Singh

B. Amit Shah 2

C. Nitin Gadkari

D. Piyush Goyal



✓ The Report of the Official Language Committee headed by Home Minister Amit Shah was recently submitted to President Droupadi Murmu. The report has recommended that India's scheduled languages, including Hindi, get priority in public offices, higher education institutions such as IITs

and IIMs, and in local courts. It is flagged by southern states as an attempt by Union government to impose Hindi on non–Hindi–speaking states.

- 8. Sendai Framework, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?
- A. Plastic Elimination
- B. Disaster Risk Reduction ☑
- C. e-waste handling
- D. Anti-Terrorism



- ✓ The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is observed each year on October 13. The day is aimed to raise awareness about and acknowledge the progress in preventing the loss of lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure during various disasters. The theme of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 is 'Early Warning for All', which is Target G of the Sendai Framework. The 'Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030' includes concrete actions to protect development gains from the risk of disaster.
  - 9. Who wrote the biography 'Ambedkar: A Life'?
  - A. Shashi Tharoor
  - B. Amitava Kumar
  - C. Abhay K
  - D. Sanjaya Baru



- ✓ 'Ambedkar: A Life' is biography of Bhim Rao Ramji Ambedkar written by Shashi Tharoor. The book gives the insights of Ambedkar's life journey, the hurdles he had to overcome in the society that stigmatized Dalits, his fight to make untouchability illegal. In so doing, writes Tharoor, 'he transformed the lives of millions yet unborn, heaving an ancient civilization into the modern era through the force of his intellect and the power of his pen.'
  - 10. Sajan Prakash who recently won 8 medals at the 36th national games 2022 is related to which sport?
  - A. Shooting
  - B. Wrestling
  - C. Swimming
  - D. Tennis
- ✓ Sajan Prakash an Indian swimmer hailing from Kerala won 8 medals including 5 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze in the 36<sup>th</sup> National games 2022. He also received the 'best male athlete' award by Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel at Sardar Patel Aquatic Complex, Rajkot.

