

1. Who is the head of the panel set up to strengthen the assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions?

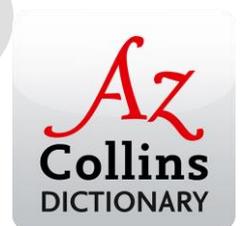
- A. K Radhakrishnan
- B. Kasturi Rangan
- C. Amitabh Kant
- D. V K Paul



- ✓ The Central Government has set up a high-level panel to strengthen the assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions. The committee has been formed under the chairmanship of K Radhakrishnan, chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur. He is also the chairperson of IIT Council Standing Committee.

2. Which word has been selected as the 'Word of the Year 2022 by Collins dictionary'?

- A. Lock Down
- B. Permacrisis
- C. Pandemic
- D. Non-Fungible Token



- ✓ 'Permacrisis', a term that describes 'an extended period of instability and insecurity', has been named Word of the Year 2022 by Collins dictionary. The word relates to the challenges posed by climate change, the war in Europe, a cost-of-living crisis and political chaos. It was first used in academic contexts in the 1970s. In 2020, Collins picked "lockdown" as its word of the year and last year, it opted for "NFT- Non-fungible token".

3. Which country launched the 'Beidou' satellite navigation system?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. Israel



- ✓ China has released plans to further expand the global reach of its home-grown Beidou satellite navigation system. It is named as the country's alternative to America's Global Positioning System (GPS). Beidou set up a first of three Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) for its network in Thailand in the year 2013.

4. Which country has launched the world's longest passenger train, as of November 2022?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Switzerland
- D. Sweden



- ✓ Switzerland has launched the world's longest passenger train with 100 coaches, 4,550 seats, measuring 1910 metres. Rhaetian Railway, a Swiss transport company, has set a world record for the longest passenger train, to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Switzerland's first railway. The record-breaking train was formed of 25 new 'Capricorn' electric trains, which passed through the landscape in the Swiss Alps.

5. Which is the most powerful rocket ever launched from the Earth, as of November 2022?

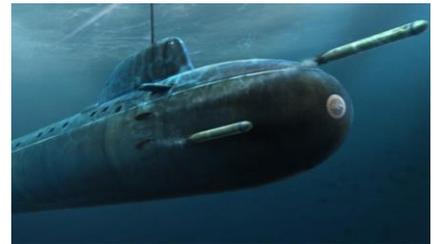
- A. Minuteman Heavy
- B. Falcon Heavy
- C. Long March 5b
- D. PSLV 52



- ✓ SpaceX launched its Falcon Heavy rocket, sending several US military satellites into orbit. This is the most powerful launched ever from the Earth. This was SpaceX's 50th launch of 2022 as SpaceX's workhorse Falcon 9 rocket has launched 49 missions so far this year. The present pace of the space company is a launch every 6.10 days.

6. Which class of vessel is the first nuclear submarines designed and built by India?

- A. Shishumar
- B. Arihant
- C. Sindhughosh
- D. Kalvari



- ✓ India's nuclear-powered submarine INS Arihant on October 14, 2022 carried out a successful launch of a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) in the Bay of Bengal with a "very high accuracy". The Arihant-class submarines are nuclear powered ballistic missile submarines built under the Advanced Technology Vessel (ATV) project. They will be the first nuclear submarines designed and built by India.

7. Where are the headquarters of SCO-RATS that was making news recently?

- A. Shanghai
- B. Beijing
- C. Tashkent
- D. Astana



- ✓ The Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is the permanent body of the SCO RATS based in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. It was in news because meeting of the Council of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (RATS SCO) was held in New Delhi on October 14, 2022.

8. Abdul Latif Rashid was recently elected new President of which country / territory?

- A. Palestine
- B. Iraq
- C. Egypt
- D. Yemen



- ✓ Iraqi lawmakers have elected Abdul Latif Rashid as the new President of Iraq, marking a crucial step toward forming a new government for the country. Rashid received 162 votes in the second round of voting, defeating Barham Salih who gained 99 votes, while eight votes were considered invalid. The newly-elected Rashid was later sworn in as the President of Iraq, the fifth President of the country since 2003.

9. The name of Joseph Wresinski is related to which of the following activism?

- A. Elimination of AIDS
- B. Eradication of Child Labour
- C. Eradication of Poverty
- D. Eradication of Human Trafficking



- ✓ Joseph Wresinski was a French priest and humanitarian activist. In 1987, Fr. Wresinski launched the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October), later recognised by the United Nations General Assembly. This year – 2022 theme was “Dignity for all in practice”.

10. As per the Public Affairs Index–2022, which is the best-governed small state in India?

- A. Goa
- B. Sikkim
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Manipur



- ✓ Haryana has been on top position in the category of big states in the Public Affairs Index–2022. The state has emerged at the forefront in social, economic and political justice themes. It has topped among the major states with a score of 0.6948, followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka among many other states. On the other hand, Sikkim has retained its position as the best-governed small state in India. The index is released by Bengaluru-based non-profit think tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC).