

1. What was introduced in the 103rd Constitutional Amendment, which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)
- B. Constitutional status to the National Commission for Women (NCW)
- C. 10 percent quota for Economically weaker sections (EWS)
- D. Goods and Services Tax



- ✓ **The Central Government introduced the provision for EWS reservation in admissions and public services, through the 103rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019. The Supreme Court pronounced the judgement on a batch of pleas challenging the validity of the amendment. A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit upheld the 10 percent quota for EWS in a 3:2 split verdict. Though the Chief Justice had struck down the amendment, the majority bench upheld the act.**

2. Which is the only Indian company in the top-100 rank of 'Forbes' World's Best Employers rankings 2022'?

- A. Tata Consultancy Services
- B. Reliance Industries
- C. Aditya Birla Group
- D. HDFC Bank



- ✓ **As per the 'Forbes' World's Best Employers rankings 2022', Reliance Industries is India's best employer and the world's 20th best firm to work with. It is the country's largest company by revenues, profits and market value. Reliance is the only country in the top-100 rank from India. The global ranking was topped by South Korean giant Samsung Electronics, followed by US giants Microsoft, IBM, Alphabet and Apple.**

3. Which country is the host of the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC?

- A. UAE
- B. Egypt
- C. Australia
- D. Brazil



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change

- ✓ **The 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, is being held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt in November 2022. After several years of discussion, the 'Issue of loss and damage' was included in the formal main agenda of the climate conference for the first time ever. It will pave way to discuss creation of an international mechanism for compensating poor countries that suffer due to climate disasters.**

4. 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' is observed on the birth anniversary of which leader?

- A. B R Ambedkar
B. Birsa Munda
C. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
D. Ayyan Kaali



- ✓ In 2021, the Union government had declared 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas dedicated to the memory of brave tribal freedom fighters. November 15 is the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, an iconic freedom fighter, social reformer and revered tribal leader of the country. Education Ministry will celebrate Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in schools and higher educational institutions across the country.

5. Which organisation released the 'State of the Global Climate in 2022' report?

- A. UNEP
B. WMO
C. FAO
D. UNFCCC



- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization released the provisional State of the Global Climate in 2022 report. As per the report, the past eight years are on track to be the eight warmest on record, fuelled by rising greenhouse gas concentrations and accumulated heat. It also cited that extreme heat-waves, drought and devastating flooding have affected millions and cost billions this year.

6. Which country is host to the 2023 AFC Asian Cup?

- A. Ukraine
B. Syria
C. Iran
D. Qatar



- ✓ 2023 AFC Asian Cup will be the 18th edition of the AFC Asian Cup, the quadrennial international men's football championship of Asia organised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). It will be held in Qatar from 16 June to 16 July 2023. The tournament will involve 24 national teams after expansion in 2019. Hosts Qatar are the defending champions.

7. Which city was host to the first ever National Coal Conclave & Exhibition – 2022 held recently?

- A. Jaipur
B. New Delhi
C. Jaisalmer
D. Udaipur



- ✓ Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi urged the public sector undertakings (PSUs) to compete with the private sector in coal mine auction and early production. Addressing the National Coal Conclave & Exhibition–2022, the minister pointed out that despite unprecedented increase in international prices, Coal India Ltd (CIL) did not increase domestic coal price and stepped-up coal production substantially in the recent past and managed to overcome coal shortage faced by thermal power plants.

8. What name has been given to the recently developed microbial consortium of fungal species for rapid decomposition of paddy straw?

- A. Pusa Decomposer
- B. Pusa Decom
- C. Pusa Cleanstraw
- D. Pusa DPS



- ✓ Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed Pusa Decomposer, a microbial consortium of fungal species for rapid decomposition of paddy straw. Use of this consortium accelerates process of paddy straw decomposition in the field itself. In the year 2021, the decomposer has been used by the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi in an around 5.7 lakh hectare area and through satellite imaging and monitoring, it was observed that 92% area of the decomposer spread plots was not burnt.

9. 'Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene' is the theme of which international day?

- A. Global Handwashing Day
- B. Global Hygiene Day
- C. Global COVID Outbreak Day
- D. Global Menstrual Health Day



- ✓ October 15 is marked as Global Handwashing Day across the world. It aims to increase awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases. This year's theme is 'Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene'. The day was founded by the Global Handwashing Partnership, a coalition of international stakeholders who work to promote handwashing with soap.

10. Which state/UT is the host of 'Agri Startup Conference'?

- A. Karnataka
- B. New Delhi
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar announced number of initiatives at Agri Startup Conference in New Delhi. He announced creating fund of Rs 500 crore as accelerator program for Startups working in agriculture sector, for commercialisation and democratisation of innovations. He also announced that a network will be set up under the Agriculture Ministry to support the Agri Startups and a steering committee will be set under the Chairmanship of Agriculture Minister for overall planning.
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