

1. Which country has recently passed its Free trade Agreement (FTA) with India?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Australia
- C. France
- D. Germany



- ✓ Australian Parliament has passed the country's Free trade Agreement (FTA) with India, announced Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Once implemented, the trade agreement will provide duty-free access to the Australian market for over 6,000 sectors of India, including textiles, leather, furniture, jewellery and machinery. Australia offers zero-duty access to India for about 96.4% of exports from day one.

2. 'Arittapatti' has been notified as the first Biodiversity Heritage Site of which state?

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



- ✓ Arittapatti village in Madurai district has been notified as the first Biodiversity Heritage Site in Tamil Nadu. It has a rich biological and historical significance with the presence of around 250 bird species including 3 Raptor species – Laggar Falcon, Shaheen Falcon, Bonelli's Eagle. It also has wild-life like Pangolin, Python, and Slender Loris. The notification comes under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

3. Article 324 of the Constitution, which was seen in the news, is related to the appointment of which position?

- A. President
- B. Governor
- C. Election commissioner
- D. Supreme Court Judge



- ✓ The Supreme Court noted the absence of a law governing the appointments of election commissioners and chief election commissioners a disturbing trend. The court flagged Article 324 of the Constitution, which talks about the appointment of election commissioners, and said it does not provide the procedure for such appointments. Since 2004, no chief election commissioner has completed the six-year tenure.

4. As per the recent OECD report, what is the GDP forecast for India for FY23?

- A. 6.1%
- B. 6.6%
- C. 7.2%
- D. 7.5%



- ✓ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) cut its gross domestic growth forecast for India for FY23 to 6.6 per cent from 6.9 per cent. The reasons are higher medium-term global uncertainty and slowing domestic economic activity. India is set to be the second-fastest growing economy in the G-20 in FY23, despite decelerating global demand and the tightening of monetary policy.

5. Which institution issued a working paper on decline of India's rankings on global indices?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
- C. Department of Economic Affairs
- D. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances



- ✓ The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, EAC-PM has issued a working paper titled 'Why India does poorly on global perception indices: Case study of three opinion-based indices'. It says that the decline in India's rankings on a number of global indices is due to the problems with the methodology used in these opinion-based indices. The Paper has analysed – Freedom in the World Index, V-DEM indices, and EIU Democracy Index.

6. As per a recent global study on snake bites, the number of deaths due to snakebite was the highest in which country?

- A. Ghana
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. India
- D. Egypt



- ✓ A new global study has found that over 63,000 people died across the world due to snakebites in 2019, and out of this the number of deaths was the highest in India at more than 51,000. In the study authored by the 'Global Burden of Disease (GBD),' snakebite envenoming is the deadliest neglected tropical disease (NTD).

7. Which state is the host of the 'National Tribal Dance Festival' in 2022?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Jharkhand



- ✓ The 'National Tribal Dance Festival' has been recently hosted by Chhattisgarh's Raipur. The festival is attended by nearly 1 lakh people. As many as 1,500 dancers from across India and countries like Mozambique, Mongolia, Tonga, Russia, Indonesia, Maldives, Serbia, New Zealand and Egypt participated in the festival.

8. Which institution releases the State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA)?

- A. UNEP
- B. UNFCCC
- C. FAO
- D. World Economic Forum



- ✓ The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) is one of the flagship reports produced each year by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The 2022 edition of the report looks at how automation in our agrifood systems can contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. It also offers recommendations to policy makers on how to maximize the benefits and minimize the risks.

9. 'Pushkar Mela' is the flagship cultural fair held in which Indian state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Punjab
- C. Assam
- D. Goa



- ✓ 'Pushkar Mela' is one of the greatest tourist attractions of the state of Rajasthan. It includes cultural performances, nature walks, a sand art festival, kite festival, annual five-day camel and livestock fair held in the town of Pushkar between the months of October and November. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the 'Pushkar Mela' fair in Jaipur. This year, the eight-day event will not include the famous cattle fair, owing to the spread of lumpy skin disease.

10. What is the name of the new chatbot launched by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

- A. UIDAI Bharat
- B. Aadhaar Mitra
- C. Aadhaar Disha
- D. Aadhaar Prashna



- ✓ The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has topped the 'Grievance Redressal Index' published by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG). This is the third month in a row when UIDAI has topped the rankings. The UIDAI also launched a new AI/ML based chatbot named 'Aadhaar Mitra'. The new Chatbot comes with enhanced features like – checking Aadhaar enrollment status, information on enrollment centre location among others.
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