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1. Which country is mandated to bring out the National Security Strategy (NSS)?

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



- ✓ The United States has recently launched its National Security Strategy (NSS). All US Presidents are mandated by the 'Goldwater–Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986' to bring out their NSS. The strategy aims to communicate the executive's vision of national security to the legislative. Joe Biden's administration also released the National Defense Strategy, the Nuclear Posture Review and the Missile Defense Review.

2. Morbi Bridge on the Machchu river is located in which state?

- A. Maharashtra  
B. Gujarat ☒  
C. Assam  
D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Over 140 people including 40 women and 34 children were killed in the collapse of a 135-year-old suspension bridge on Machchhu river in Morbi. The 754-foot bridge on the Machchu river was built during British rule in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. It collapsed four days after it was reopened, after being closed for over seven months for repair and renovation work. It is a popular tourist attraction known as Julto Pul (swinging bridge).

3. 'DRDO Industry Academia–Centre of Excellence' (DIA–CoE) has been set up in which institution?

- A. IIT Madras  
B. IIT Roorkee ☒  
C. IISc Bengaluru  
D. NIT Kozhikode



- ✓ Ministry of Defence, Government of India, has approved to set up the 'DRDO Industry Academia–Centre of Excellence' (DIA–CoE) at Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee). The Facility will receive financial assistance from the DRDO, Government of India. Key research areas include, Smart Infrastructure and Hardened Structures for Defence Applications, Energy Storage Devices, Landslide, Snow, and Avalanche Studies, Pulsed Laser and Specialty Fiber, among others.

4. What is the theme of the 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2022'?

- A. Corruption free India for a developed Nation ☒  
B. Elimination of Corruption  
C. Embodiment of Honesty  
D. Ethics and Values



- ✓ Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) observes Vigilance Awareness Week during the week in which the birthday of late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls. This year, Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from 31st October to 6th November, 2022 with the theme of 'Corruption free India for a developed Nation'. Earlier, CVC carried out a three-month campaign highlighting preventive vigilance initiatives as focus areas.

5. As per the RBI Act, the central bank has to send a report to the Government, in case of failure to maintain inflation target for how many quarters?

- A. Two
- B. Three ☒
- C. Four
- D. Five

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- ✓ Under section 45ZN of the RBI Act, the central bank is required to submit a report to the government explaining the reasons and remedial actions it would take, in case of failure to maintain its inflation target for three consecutive quarters. For the first time since the implementation of the monetary policy framework in 2016, the central bank has called a special meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). It will submit a report to the government, as the retail inflation rate is above six per cent target for three consecutive quarters from January 2022.

6. Nalagarh, where a 350-crore Medical Device Park is set to be built, is located in which state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Medical Device Park at Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh (HP). The park is to be built at a cost of about Rs 350 crore. Himachal Pradesh is one of the three states that have been selected for the Bulk Drugs Park. Himachal Pradesh is also one of the four states that have been selected for Medical Devices Park and the Nalagarh Medical Device Park is part of this.

7. Which company launched its first electric scooter named 'VIDA V1'?

- A. Maruti Suzuki
- B. Hero Motocorp ☒
- C. TATA Motors
- D. TVS Motors



- ✓ The country's largest two-wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp entered into the electric vehicle segment with the launch of its first electric scooter VIDA V1. The VIDA V1 will compete with the likes of Bajaj

Chetak, TVS iQube, Ather Energy, Hero Electric, Ola Electric among others. Hero Motocorp announced to invest USD 60 million in US-based Zero Motorcycles to jointly develop electric motorcycles. It already has a stake Ather Energy.

8. 'Center for Civil Liberties', which was awarded 2022 Nobel Peace Prize, is based in which country?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Ukraine ☒
- C. Iran
- D. China



- ✓ 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. What is the theme of the 'World Cotton Day 2022'?

- A. Weaving a better future for cotton ☒
- B. Cotton and Sustainability
- C. Assistance to Cotton–4 Nations
- D. Cotton by Products and its Markets



- ✓ 'World Cotton Day' is celebrated on October 7. This year marks the third-anniversary celebration of the international event. As per the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the theme of the 'World Cotton Day 2022' is 'Weaving a better future for cotton'. UNCTAD and International Trade Centre (ITC) launched initiative to offer assistance to 'Cotton–4' nations: Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali.

10. Which Union Ministry organised the 'Conference on Industry 4.0'?

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



- ✓ Union Minister for Heavy Industries Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey inaugurated 'Conference on Industry 4.0: Challenges Ahead and Way Forward', at Kevadia Gujarat. The Conference is aimed at sensitising industrial sectors in the country to adopt digital manufacturing processes and to promote automation and innovation in the industry. 'Model Smart Factory and Assessment Tools' was also inaugurated on the occasion.

1. Which city is the host of the 'India Chem 2022' Conference?

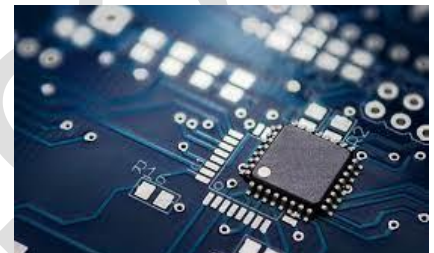
- A. Bengaluru      B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Hyderabad      D. Chennai



- ✓ **Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the India Chem 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi with the theme 'Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India'. The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of INDIA CHEM was organised in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). India's export of chemicals for 2021-22 has hit a record at USD 29,296 Million.**

2. Ranjangaon, where the greenfield Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) is to be set up, is in which state?

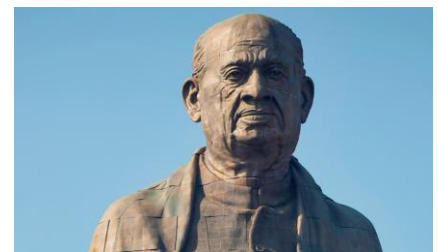
- A. Maharashtra ☒
- B. Gujarat
- C. Assam
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ **The Ministry of Electronics and IT has approved the greenfield Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) to be set up in Ranjangaon Phase III, near Pune in Maharashtra. The project cost of the Cluster is Rs 492.85 crores. There are EMCs in Noida, Tirupati, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, where multi-national companies and Indian start-ups have set up their units.**

3. 'National Unity Day' is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel ☒
- C. Subhash Chandra Bose
- D. B R Ambedkar



- ✓ **'National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Patel, who served as the first Home Minister of India after Independence, is also known as the 'The Iron Man of India' for his efforts for the unification of over 550 princely states. This year marks the 147<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.**

4. RBI has launched which type of Central Bank Digital Currency in its pilot phase?

- A. Retail
- B. Wholesale ☒
- C. Commodity
- D. Cryptocurrency





- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the pilot for a central-bank-backed digital rupee for the wholesale segment. RBI announced this in a statement on 'Operationalisation of Central Bank Digital Currency-Wholesale (e ₹-W) Pilot'. The nine banks selected for the pilot are State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank and HSBC.

5. Which country launched the lab module named 'Mengtian' for its space station?

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



- ✓ China recently launched a lab module called Mengtian to be part of its space station currently under construction. The second lab component was launched by Long March-5B Y4 and will be used for studying microgravity and carrying out experiments in fluid physics, materials science, combustion science and fundamental physics. Wentian lab which was sent earlier focused on biological and space life sciences.

6. What is the theme of the 'World Mental Health Day 2022'?

- A. Leaving None Behind  
B. Make mental health for all a global priority ☒  
C. Accessible Mental Health  
D. Sustainable Mental Health



- ✓ 'World Mental Health Day' is marked every year on October 10 to raise awareness about mental health around the world. Every year since 2013, the World Health Organization (WHO) has organized a global campaign for World Mental Health Day. The theme for World Mental Health Day 2022 is 'Make mental health for all a global priority'.

7. Which state has the highest number of girls who got married before attaining the age of 21?

- A. Bihar  
B. West Bengal ☒  
C. Rajasthan  
D. Haryana



- ✓ According to the latest demographic sample survey by the Union Home Ministry, 54.9% of girls are married in West Bengal before attaining the age of 21 years. In Jharkhand, the figure is 54.6% as against the national average of 29.5%. As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report, the percentage of girls getting married before attaining majority is as high as 5.8 in Jharkhand. While the percentage is 1.9 at the national level and it is at 0.0 in Kerala.

8. Which country detected the Interstellar meteors IM1 and IM2?

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



- ✓ According to new research by Harvard University astrophysicists, both the first and second interstellar meteors, IM1 and IM2, are outliers in material strength and may have originated in supernova explosions. IM1 was detected by U.S. government sensors in 2014, identified as interstellar object candidate in 2019, and was confirmed in 2022. The second interstellar meteor, IM2 was identified in data from the NASA's Center for NEO Studies (CNEOS) fireball catalog.

9. 'Our time is now—our rights, our future' is the theme of which special day celebrated on October 11?

- A. International Day of the Girl Child ☒
- B. International Day of Minorities
- C. International Day of Refugees
- D. International Day of Trans-persons



- ✓ International Day of the Girl Child is observed on October 11 every year across the world since 2012, when it was declared by the United Nations. This year commemorates the 10th anniversary of the International Day of the Girl. The theme of International Day of the Girl Child this year is 'Our time is now—our rights, our future'.

10. What is India's rank in Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII) 2022?

- A. 113
- B. 123 ☒
- C. 133
- D. 143

123

- ✓ India has moved up six places in the Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII) 2022. India has been ranked 123 out of 161 countries in the Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII) 2022. It has been prepared by Oxfam International and Development Finance International. It measures government policies and actions in three areas: public services (health, education, and social protection), taxation, and workers' rights.

1. Seven states including Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh celebrate their foundation day on which day?

- A. November.01 ☒      B. November.03  
C. November.05      D. November.07



- ✓ Seven states – including Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh and Union territories of Chandigarh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry are marking their anniversaries on November 1. Chhattisgarh, which was carved out of Madhya Pradesh hosted a National Tribal Dance festival to celebrate its 22<sup>nd</sup> state anniversary.

2. Which state hosted the 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha' programme?

- A. Rajasthan ☒  
B. Gujarat  
C. Assam  
D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha' programme at Mangarh Dham in Rajasthan. He paid homage to the sacrifices of unsung tribal heroes and martyrs of the freedom struggle. Mangarh is considered as a shared heritage of the people of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. On 15<sup>th</sup> November, the country is going to celebrate Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda.

3. The 'Citizenship Act' under which citizenship is to be granted to minorities from three countries, was enacted in which year?

- A. 1947  
B. 1955 ☒  
C. 1962  
D. 1972

# 1955

- ✓ The Indian Government has decided to grant Indian citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians coming from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan and currently living in two districts of Gujarat under the Citizenship Act, 1955. The move to grant citizenship comes under the Citizenship Act, 1955 and not the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 (CAA).

4. India signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement with which country?

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





- ✓ **Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal had a virtual meeting with his Australian counterpart. The Meeting was held to discuss the status of ratification of IndAus ECTA (India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement), which was signed in April 2022. The pact's early implementation was also deliberated upon.**

5. 'Operation Vigilant Storm' is a Defence exercise conducted between USA and which country?

- A. India  
B. France  
C. South Korea ☒  
D. Pakistan



- ✓ **'Operation Vigilant Storm' is a Defence exercise conducted between USA and Republic of Korea (South Korea). The four-day training exercise involves hundreds of aircraft and designed to enhance combat readiness and interoperability. The exercise has sparked opposition from North Korea's Foreign Ministry.**

6. Shrikrishna of India who became the new 'World 6-red' Champion, plays which sports?

- A. Chess  
B. Snooker ☒  
C. Badminton  
D. Tennis



- ✓ **S Shrikrishna of India became the new World 6-red snooker champion when he defeated Habib Sabah of Bahrain in the final. The 22-year-old Shrikrishna is the reigning National 6-Reds Snooker Champion and he has won the National Billiards Championship in 2019.**

7. Which country hosts the 'IBSAMAR multinational maritime exercise' in 2022?

- A. India  
B. South Africa ☒  
C. Brazil  
D. Japan



- ✓ **The seventh edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise is to be conducted among Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies in South Africa. The Indian Navy is represented by the Teg class guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak helicopter and the personnel from the Marine Commando Force (MARCOS). The previous edition of IBSAMAR (IBSAMAR VI) was conducted off Simons Town, South Africa in 2018.**

8. Which institution hosted the 'PowerEX' Security Exercise?

- A. Indian Coast Guard
- B. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) ☒
- C. NASSCOM
- D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police



- ✓ Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) in collaboration with Power-CSIRTs (Computer Security Incident Response Teams in Power sector), conducted the Cyber Security Exercise 'PowerEX' for Power Sector Utilities. The Objective of the exercise was to 'Recognize, Analyse & Respond to Cyber Incident in IT & OT Systems' while the theme of the exercise was 'Defending Cyber induced disruption in IT & OT infrastructure'.

9. What is the theme of the 'World Standards Day 2022'?

- A. Value of Standardization
- B. Build Back Better ☒
- C. Standards and Sustainability
- D. Businesses and Standards



- ✓ Every year on October 14, the World Standards Day is observed. This day, also known as International Standards Day, aims to educate consumers, policymakers, and businesses about the value of standardisation. This year's World Standards Day is centred on the concept of 'Build Back Better'. October 14 was decided as the World Standards Day to commemorate the first gathering of representatives in London in 1956, which marked the launch of an international body to facilitate standardisation.

10. Which institution topped the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023 in India?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IISc Bengaluru ☒
- C. IIT Kharagpur
- D. IIT Bombay



- ✓ The Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023 has been recently released. University of Oxford, UK has topped the rankings list for the 7<sup>th</sup> time consecutively. It is followed by University of Harvard (US) and University of Cambridge (UK) at second and third places. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has retained the top position among Indian institutes and it is placed in the 251–300 band.

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 ☒



- ✓ 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  
B. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers ☒  
C. Ministry of Rural Development  
D. Ministry of Urban and Housing Affairs



रसायन एवं  
उर्वरक मंत्रालय  
MINISTRY OF  
CHEMICALS  
AND FERTILIZERS

सत्यमेव जयते

- ✓ 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  
B. Central Vigilance Commission ☒  
C. Securities Exchange Board of India  
D. Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority



- ✓ 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 ☒  
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 36<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

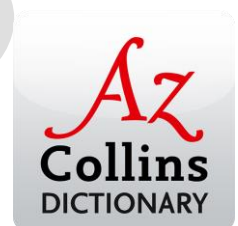
- A. K Radhakrishnan ☒
- B. Kasturi Rangan
- C. Amitabh Kant
- D. V K Paul



- ✓ 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'?

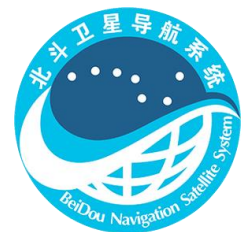
- A. Lock Down
- B. Permacrisis ☒
- C. Pandemic
- D. Non-Fungible Token



- ✓ '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).

1. Which institution released the Adaptation Gap Report 2022?

- A. WEF
- B. UNEP ☒
- C. UNFCCC
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) launched a report titled 'Adaptation Gap Report 2022: Too Little, Too Slow – Climate adaptation failure puts world at risk'. The report finds that the world must urgently increase efforts to adapt to these impacts of climate change. The report also lists the progress in planning, financing, and implementing adaptation actions.

2. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2023 Toolkit'?

- A. Ministry of Jal Shakti ☒
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



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- ✓ The Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti held Technical Session on 'Rural WASH Partnerships – the way forward' on the second day of the 7th India Water Week. 'WASH' stands for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). Union Jal Shakti Minister also launched the toolkit for Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG) 2023 and the web portal for the 'Twinpit to Retrofit Abhiyan'

3. Which city is the host of the 'World Travel Market' 2022?

- A. London ☒
- B. Paris
- C. New York
- D. Lausanne



- ✓ India's Union Ministry of Tourism is set to participate in World Travel Market (WTM) 2022, to be held in London. WTM is one of the largest international travel exhibitions. The theme of this year's exhibition is 'The Future of Travel Starts Now'. During 2019, the contribution of travel and tourism to India's GDP was 5.19% and it accounted for 79.86 million direct and indirect jobs.

4. Which country first suggested the observance of 'World Tsunami Awareness Day'?

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



- ✓ World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on November 5 to raise awareness about the natural disaster. World Tsunami Awareness Day was first suggested by Japan and in December 2015, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) declared November 5 as World Tsunami Awareness Day. Three weeks after the tsunami in the Indian Ocean in 2004, the international community gathered in Kobe, Japan, and adopted the 10-year Hyogo Framework for Action. In the past 100 years, about 58 tsunamis have claimed over 260,000 lives.

5. What was India's rank in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Shotgun held in Osijek, Croatia recently?

- A. First  
B. Fourth  
C. Third  
D. Fifth ☒

- ✓ Recently, India finished fifth with one gold, one silver and two bronze medals at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Shotgun in Osijek, Croatia.

6. Which supercomputer recently has replaced Param-Ishan as the northeast region's fastest and most powerful supercomputer?

- A. Param Megha  
B. Parama Kamarupa ☒  
C. Param Deka  
D. Param Porul



- ✓ Recently, President Draupadi Murmu launched India's latest super computer Param-Kamrupa, a high-performance computing cluster named after Assam's historic kingdom of Kamrupa. This supercomputer facility has replaced Param-Ishan as the northeast region's fastest and most powerful supercomputer. Param-Ishan was inaugurated in IIT Guwahati in 2016.
- ✓ Param-Kamrupa was set up at IIT Guwahati under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) – a joint initiative of the ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY) and the department of Science and Technology (DST). There were 15 such super computers that were deployed across the country.

7. Which is the key initiatives presented in 6<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit Education Minister's Meeting in Vietnam?

- A. Research and Development Policy, 2022  
B. Knowledge and Employment Act Policy, 2022  
C. National Educational Policy, 2020 ☒  
D. All of the Above





- ✓ India participated in the 6th East Asia Summit Education Minister's Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam. Ms Neeta Prasad, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) Ministry of Education virtually addressed the meeting. She also informed about the key initiatives of National Education Policy 2020 and the efforts of India and East Asia Summit countries in the field of education and research.

8. Which of these states has been kept in the 'achievers' category of the logistics index chart 2022?

- A. Kerala  
B. Gujarat ☒  
C. Karnataka  
D. Haryana



- ✓ The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has released the fourth LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2022 report. Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Gujarat have been kept in the 'achievers' category of the logistics index chart 2022.

9. 3<sup>rd</sup> World Kuchipudi Natyotsavam is held to celebrate the birth anniversary of:

- A. Birju Maharaj  
B. Maithili Sandelkhar  
C. Gajanendra Mahapati  
D. Vempati Chinna Satyam ☒



- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> World Kuchipudi Natyotsavam started from October 14 in Vijayawada. It is a three-day dance festival that is being organized to commemorate the 93rd birth anniversary of renowned Kuchipudi dance artist Vempati Chinna Satyam.

10. Who received Dr Sobha Naidu Lifetime Achievement Award in Andhra Pradesh?

- A. Menaka Panigrahi  
B. Venkatesh Giri  
C. Mahatur Reddy  
D. Padmaja Reddy ☒



- ✓ During the festival of 3<sup>rd</sup> World Kuchipudi Natyotsavam, Dr Vempati China Satyam Lifetime Achievement Award would be presented to Bala Kondala Rao, and Kumari Lanka Annapooma Devi Lifetime Achievement Award would be given to Vanaja Uday. Padmaja Reddy will receive the Dr. Sobha Naidu Lifetime Achievement Award, while Vempati Venkat Seva Puraskar will be presented to Srikant Raghupatruni.