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1. India recently announced a contribution of USD 5 million to the Science and Technology fund of which bloc?

- A. SAARC
- B. ASEAN ☒
- C. G20
- D. ISA



- ✓ India announced an additional contribution of USD 5 million to the ASEAN–India science and technology fund. The contribution aims to enhance cooperation in sectors of public health, renewable energy and smart agriculture. ASEAN–India Science & Technology Collaboration started in 1996 with the establishment of the ASEAN India S&T working group (AIWGST).

2. When was the 'National Hydrogen Mission' launched?

- A. 2002
- B. 2007
- C. 2010
- D. 2021 ☒



- ✓ India recently submitted its Long–Term Low Emission Development Strategy to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at COP 27. The National Hydrogen Mission, which was launched in 2021, aims to make India a green hydrogen hub. India also aspires to maximize the use of electric vehicles, ethanol blending to reach 20% by 2025.

3. Which state has ordered complete ban on public display of weapons and songs glorifying violence?

- A. Kerala
- B. Punjab ☒
- C. Jharkhand
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Punjab's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government ordered a complete ban on public display of weapons and songs glorifying violence. The order also directed that a complete ban will be imposed in carrying or showing off weapons in public gatherings, religious places, functions or other events.

4. Which team won the 'Twenty20 World Cup title 2022'?

- A. England ☒
- B. Australia
- C. India
- D. Pakistan



- ✓ England claimed their second Twenty20 World Cup title with a five-wicket win over Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Ben Stokes scored an unbeaten half-century as the country won the title. Sam Curran was named the player of the match and the player of the tournament.

5. Which state is the host of the '53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India'?

- A. West Bengal
B. Goa ☒
C. Karnataka
D. Odisha



- ✓ The '53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India' will be hosted in the state of Goa in November 2022. Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award is to be given to Spanish film director Carlos Saura. France is the 'Spotlight' country of the event. The second edition of '75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow', an initiative by the Ministry of Broadcasting and Information will also be organised.

6. SIMBEX is a Maritime Bilateral Exercise held between India and which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
B. Sweden
C. Switzerland
D. Singapore ☒



- ✓ The Navies of India and Singapore are participating in the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) at Visakhapatnam. The Indian Navy is hosting the 29th edition of SIMBEX-2022 in two phases – Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam followed by the Sea Phase in Bay of Bengal. SIMBEX series of exercises began in 1994 and were initially known as Exercise Lion King.

7. Which state recently achieved 100% tap water connections in rural areas under the Jal Jeevan Mission?

- A. Tamil Nadu
B. Gujarat ☒
C. Karnataka
D. Maharashtra



- ✓ The Gujarat government has achieved 100% tap water connections in rural areas under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The Mission, which was launched by Prime Minister Modi in 2019, targets to make available 55 litres of water per person every day to each rural household through household tap connections by 2024. Haryana, Goa, Telangana, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Puducherry, Andaman, and Nicobar Island have already achieved 100 per cent tap water in households.

8. When is the 'Shaurya Diwas' celebrated in India?

- A. October.27 ☒
- B. October.28
- C. October.29
- D. October.30



- ✓ 'Shaurya Diwas' is being celebrated in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir on October 27. The day aims to commemorate the 75th year of air landed operations of Indian Army at Budgam Airport in 1947. Indian Army also celebrates the Infantry Day on October 27. On October 27, 1947, the Indian Army was inducted by the Indian Air Force at Budgam Airport to evict Pakistan's forces from Jammu and Kashmir, after the 'Instrument of Accession' was signed.

9. 'Lakshmir Bhandar scheme' is an initiative of which state government?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal ☒



- ✓ The West Bengal government's Lakshmir Bhandar scheme has bagged the SKOCH award in the women and child development category. The West Bengal government launched the scheme in August 2021 to provide financial support to a woman head of a family in the age group of 25–60 years. Under the scheme, Rs 500 is given every month to women in the general caste category and around Rs 1,000 per month to women in the SC and ST categories.

10. India recently observed 'Innovation Day 2022' with which country in October 2022?

- A. Australia
- B. Sweden ☒
- C. Switzerland
- D. France



- ✓ The 9th annual India–Sweden Innovation Day 2022 concluded successfully. The event was organised in association with the Embassy of India to Sweden and Latvia, Sweden–India Business Council (SIBC), and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The event was themed 'Accelerating India Sweden's Green Transition' and it was attended by over 1,000 participants from across the globe. India Sweden Innovation Day 2022 was hosted by India Unlimited.

1. As per the World Population Prospects 2022, what is the world population, as of November 2022?

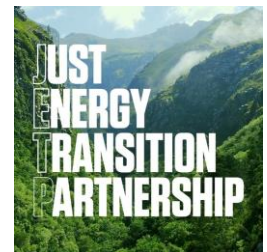
- A. 5 billion
- B. 8 billion ☒
- C. 10 billion
- D. 12 billion



- ✓ As per the 'World Population Prospects 2022' report, that the world's population will reach 8 billion on November 15, 2022. The UN also said global population growth fell below 1 per cent in 2020 for the first time since 1950. The world's population could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050 and a peak of around 10.4 billion during the 2080s. India, with a current population of 1.412 billion, will surpass China, with a current population of 1.426 billion, next year.

2. Which country signed the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) in the G-20 summit 2022?

- A. India
- B. Indonesia ☒
- C. China
- D. Japan



- ✓ Indonesia signed Just Energy Transition Partnership, or JETP, with international lenders and major nations on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Bali. The USD 20 billion agreement will provide funding to help the country increase its use of renewable energy and reduce its reliance on coal.

3. Which global group announced the 'Global Shield' insurance initiative?

- A. G-7 and V20 ☒
- B. WEF
- C. UNEP
- D. G-20 and V20



- ✓ The 'Global Shield' insurance initiative was officially launched by the G7 and the V20 group of 58 climate vulnerable nations at the COP27 climate summit in Egypt. Germany will provide USD 172 million to the initiative to help low-income and vulnerable countries to rebound in the event of climate calamities. Countries like Canada, Ireland and Denmark have so far pledged a further €40 million to the initiative. The US President also announced to support the initiative.

4. Which country is the frontrunner in climate mitigation, as per the Climate Change Performance Index?

- A. Norway
- B. Germany
- C. Denmark ☒
- D. Australia



- ✓ As per the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI), the current frontrunner in climate mitigation continues to be Denmark. Denmark is the only country with a 'high' national and even 'very high' rated international climate policy. No country is ranked first to third while Denmark is ranked fourth followed by Sweden. India is ranked eighth.

5. Which Indian Armed Force conducts the 'Prasthan' structured exercise?

- A. Indian Army
B. Indian Navy ☒
C. Indian Air Force
D. Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ Indian Navy conducted 'Prasthan', structured exercise to evaluate organisational effectiveness in protecting offshore assets off Mumbai on an Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) platform. 'Prasthan' is conducted twice a year under the aegis of Western Naval Command. The Indian Navy is the lead agency and is entrusted with the responsibility of protecting the oil production platforms off the coasts of India.

6. Which country is the host of the first edition of India–Mozambique–Tanzania Trilateral Exercise?

- A. India
B. Mozambique
C. Tanzania ☒
D. Maldives



- ✓ The first edition of the India–Mozambique–Tanzania Trilateral Exercise has recently commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. Indian Navy is represented by the guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak helicopter and MARCOS (Special Forces). The exercise has three objectives: capability development to address common threats through training and sharing of best practices, enhancing interoperability, and strengthening maritime cooperation.

7. Which Union Ministry organises the 'SARAS Food festival'?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development ☒
B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
C. Ministry of Culture
D. Ministry of Home Affairs



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

- ✓ Union Rural Development Ministry organises the 'SARAS Food festival'. Recently the Rural Development Minister inaugurated the 'Saras Food Festival, 2022 in New Delhi. The Minister also launched the e-commerce portal www.esaras.in for better marketing of Saras products prepared by women of self-help groups. Ministry of Rural Development is establishing Saras stalls by women SHGs in all State capitals, major cities and metros, airports and railway stations.

8. The Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Maze Garden and Miyawaki Forest' in which state?

- A. Gujarat ☒
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently dedicated Maze Garden and Miyawaki Forest in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat. The Miyawaki Forest is named after the technique developed by a Japanese botanist and ecologist Dr Akira Miyawaki to plant saplings of various species close to each other which develops into a dense urban forest.

9. The Ratle hydro–electric project is being constructed in which state/UT?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Jammu and Kashmir ☒



- ✓ The Ratle hydro–electric project is a project under construction on Chenab River in Kisthwar district in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. After landslides hit the hydropower plant, 4 people died and over 15 people were injured. In 2021, the Union Cabinet gave its approval for the investment of Rs.5281.94 crore for 850 MW Ratle Hydro Electric Project.

10. Which Indian city hosts the 'Fourth Bangladesh Film Festival' in 2022?

- A. Guwahati
- B. Kolkata ☒
- C. Kohima
- D. Imphal



- ✓ The fourth edition of the Bangladesh Film Festival is being hosted in Kolkata. 37 films and documentaries from Bangladesh will be screened at the five–day event. This will be the fourth year, that the Bangladesh Film Festival is being organised in Kolkata. The Cultural Events like book fairs and film festivals strengthen the bond between India and Bangladesh as well as West Bengal and Bangladesh.

1. India hosted the 'LeadIT Summit' on the side-lines of COP27, along with which country?

- A. Sweden ☒
- B. Japan
- C. Australia
- D. Denmark



- ✓ India and Sweden hosted the LeadIT Summit, on the side-lines of COP27. The LeadIT (Leadership for Industry Transition) initiative was launched by the governments of Sweden and India at the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019 and is supported by the World Economic Forum. It focuses on low carbon transition of the hard to abate industrial sector. The summit was followed by the public launch of the LeadIT Summit Statement 2022 in the India Pavilion at COP27.

2. 'Artemis' is the name of the Moon Rocket launched by which country?

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



- ✓ American space agency NASA has launched its most powerful rocket 'Artemis' to the Moon. The 100m-tall Artemis vehicle has an objective to send an astronaut capsule in the direction of the Moon. The spacecraft, comprises the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion capsule.

3. What is the theme of India's G20 Presidency in 2022?

- A. One Earth, One Family, One Future ☒
- B. Data Privacy
- C. Atmanirbhar G-20
- D. International Trade



- ✓ India will assume G20 Presidency for one year, beginning December 1, 2022, taking over from Indonesia. 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' has been selected as India's theme of G-20 Presidency. The Indian Prime Minister announced that principle of 'Data for development' will be an integral part of overall theme of our Presidency.

4. Which country is the host of the 19th Conference of the Parties to CITES?

- A. Norway
- B. Germany
- C. Panama ☒
- D. Australia



- ✓ The 19th Conference of the Parties to CITES is being held in Panama, a Central American country. CITES is an agreement regulating the movement across international borders of certain wild animal and plant species. India has proposed to protect a species of freshwater reptile called the red-crowned roofed turtle under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). The turtle, native to India and Bangladesh, is at a high risk of extinction.

5. When is the 'World Thrift Day' observed in India?

- A. October.30 ☒
- B. November.01
- C. November.10
- D. November.15



- ✓ The 98th year celebration of World Thrift Day is marked on 30th October in India. The first International Thrift Congress which was held in Milan, Italy in 1924 had declared October 31 as the World Thrift Day. The aim of celebrating this day is to change our behaviour towards the saving and constantly reminds us the importance of wealth. This year the theme is 'Saving prepares you for the future.'

6. Lula da Silva has been elected as the new President of which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Brazil ☒
- C. United Kingdom
- D. New Zealand



- ✓ Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has won Brazil's presidential election by a small margin of 2 million votes thereby defeating incumbent Jair Bolsonaro. Although the Left-wing former leader Lula wins presidency, incumbent far-right contender Jair Bolsonaro has not conceded his defeat yet. The election marked the first time that the sitting president failed to win re-election.

7. Which Union Ministry signed MoU with FIFA and AIFF to implement 'Football4Schools' initiative in India?

- A. Ministry of Education ☒
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Culture
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



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- ✓ Union Education Ministry has recently signed MoU with FIFA and AIFF for implementing 'Football4Schools' initiative in India. 'Football4Schools' program is expected to be a positive tool to inspire children and ensure their holistic development, by main-streaming sports along with studies.

8. What is the TB incidence of India (per 1 lakh population) for the year 2021, as per the Global TB Report 2022?

- A. 101
- B. 210 ☒
- C. 510
- D. 2100

210

- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) released the Global TB Report 2022, which notes the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the diagnosis, treatment and burden of disease for TB. India's TB incidence for the year 2021 is 210 per 100,000 population, compared to the baseline year of 2015. There has been an 18% decline which is 7 percentage points better than the global average of 11%. India is placed at 36th position in terms of TB incidence rates.

9. Pusa Narendra Kalanamak, which was tested recently, is a variety of which crop?

- A. Wheat
- B. Rice ☒
- C. Mango
- D. Cotton



- ✓ Indian Agriculture Research Institute has successfully tested two new dwarf varieties: Pusa Narendra Kalanamak 1638 and Pusa Narendra Kalanamak 1652, in Uttar Pradesh. Kalanamak, a traditional variety of paddy with a black husk and a strong fragrance. It is considered a gift from Lord Buddha to the people of the Sravasti. It is grown in 11 districts of the Terai region of Uttar Pradesh and in Nepal. The crop was affected by 'lodging' condition, while the new dwarf variety seeks to give double the yield.

10. Ranipur Tiger Reserve is located in which Indian state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- B. Assam
- C. Bihar
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh's Ranipur Tiger Reserve has become the 53rd tiger reserve of India. The tiger reserve is spread across over 529.36 sq km. It is also the fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh and the three other tiger reserves being Dudhwa, Pilibhit and Amangarh. Ranipur tiger reserve is covered by northern tropical dry deciduous forests and is home to mammals like tiger, leopard, bear, spotted deer, sambhar, chinkara among others.

1. Which institution launched the 'Digital Shakti Campaign 4.0' Campaign?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. National Commission for Women ☒
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. World Economic Forum



- ✓ **National Commission for Women (NCW) launched the fourth phase of Digital Shakti Campaign, to make women aware to stand against any illegal or inappropriate online activity. It is a pan-India project on digitally empowering and skilling women in cyberspace. Digital Shakti campaign was launched in 2018, in collaboration with CyberPeace Foundation and Meta. The third phase of the programme started in March 2021.**

2. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Pension System Trust (NPS Trust)?

- A. Suraj Bhan ☒
- B. Subhash Chandra Garg
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. Arvind Subramanian



- ✓ **Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority has appointed Suraj Bhan as the chairman of the National Pension System Trust (NPS Trust). The trust is responsible for managing funds under the National Pension System (NPS). He joined the Indian Economic Service in 1983 and retired as Director General of Labour Bureau, Chandigarh.**

3. Which state organised the silver jubilee edition of its Tech summit?

- A. Odisha
- B. Karnataka ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the silver jubilee edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS 22). To mark the silver jubilee celebration Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraja Bommai released a plaque. The inauguration ceremony was attended by French President Emmanuel Macron and ministers from UAE, Australia and Finland. The event was organised by the state Department of IT, Biotechnology and Science & Technology in association with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI).**

4. Who has been recently appointed as the fourth full-time member of NITI Aayog?

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. Arvind Virmani ☒
- D. Arundhati Bhattacharya



- ✓ The government has appointed senior economist Dr Arvind Virmani as a full-time member of the NITI Aayog. He was the founder-chairman of the non-profit public policy organisation 'Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare'. He has also served as the Chief Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Finance from 2007–09. At present, NITI Aayog has three members– Dr V K Saraswat, Professor Ramesh Chand and Dr V K Paul.

5. The maximum number of foreigners who visited India during extended period of COVID restrictions, was from which country?

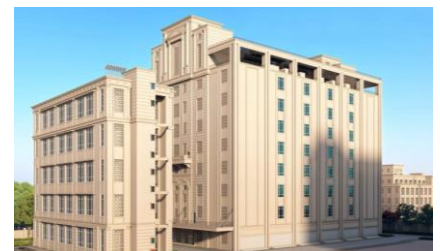
- A. UK
- B. USA ☒
- C. Canada
- D. Australia



- ✓ As per the recent Home Ministry data, over 15 lakh foreigners, had visited India last year when the country was on an extended period of Covid restrictions and visa regulations. The maximum number of foreigners who visited India during this period were from the United States (4.29 lakh), followed by Bangladesh (2.4 lakh). Ten countries accounted for 74.39 per cent of the total arrival of foreigners during 2021.

6. Yotta D1, North India's first hyper-scale data centre, has been inaugurated in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Punjab
- C. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated North India's first hyper-scale data centre 'Yotta D1'. It was built at the cost of Rs 5,000 crore and spread over an area of 3,00,000 square feet. MoUs worth Rs 39,000 crore were also signed between the state Government and Hiranandani Group to be spent on projects. This data centre park will have a total of 6 data centres.

7. Which Indian state presents the 'Rajyotsava Award' to eminent persons in various fields?

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



- ✓ The Karnataka government has announced the names of the recipients of 'Rajyotsava Award', as the state celebrates 67th Kannada Rajyotsava this year. It is an annual award presented to eminent persons who have rendered significant service in various fields. Former ISRO Chairman K Sivan, Soligara Madamma who popularised cooperatives, Yakshagana artiste Dr M Prabhakar Joshi are among the 67 awardees.

8. Which city is the host of the 'World Cities Day 2022' celebrations?

- A. Tokyo
B. Shanghai ☒
C. New Delhi
D. Moscow



- ✓ World Cities Day is celebrated on October 31 every year to highlight the need for international cooperation to promote global urbanisation. A different city hosts the event each year and China's Shanghai is hosting the event this year. 'Better City, Better Life' has been the general theme of World Cities Day since its inception. The sub-theme this year is 'Act Local to Go Global.'

9. North Eastern India's first 'Fish Museum' is set to be built in which state?

- A. Assam
B. Sikkim
C. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
D. Meghalaya



- ✓ The first of its kind 'Fish Museum' in the Northeast India would be built in Arunachal Pradesh. The existing Tarin Fish Farm (TFF) in the state would be upgraded as the Integrated Aqua Park (IAP), where the museum would come up. One IAP has been sanctioned for each state and Union territory under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampad Yojana (PMMSY).

10. Who is known as the 'Steel Man of India'?

- A. O P Jindal
B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
C. Jamshed J Irani ☒
D. Lakshmi Mittal



- ✓ Jamshed J Irani, also known as the steel man of India, passed away recently in Jamshedpur in the age of 86. He served as the Managing Director of Tata Steel in 1992 before retiring in 2001. Irani retired from the board of Tata Steel in June 2011, leaving behind a legacy of 43 years. He was conferred the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contribution to industry. Dr Irani was also the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Government of India in 2008 for his services in metallurgy.

1. India is set to unveil 'Young Professionals Scheme' with which country?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. UK ☒
- D. USA



- ✓ India and the UK are set to unveil a new reciprocal visa arrangement whereby 3,000 degree-holding Indian nationals between the ages of 18 and 30 years will be allowed to come to Britain every year to live and work for up to two years. The UK-India Young Professionals Scheme will be reciprocal and open in early 2023. It is set to be launched during the first bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart Rishi Sunak on the margins of the G20 Summit in Bali. India is the first country to benefit from such a scheme.

2. 'Respect for Marriage Act' is associated with which country?

- A. Germany
- B. USA ☒
- C. UK
- D. France



- ✓ The US Senate advanced 'Respect for Marriage Act', that would provide federal protections for same-sex and interracial marriages. The Respect for Marriage Act repeals the previous Defense of Marriage Act and safeguards same-sex and inter-racial marriage by requiring the recognition of valid marriages regardless of sex, race, ethnicity or national origin.

3. Donyi Polo Airport has been inaugurated in which state/ UT?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Jharkhand



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first greenfield airport in Arunachal Pradesh—Donyi Polo Airport in Hollangi, Itanagar. The foundation stone for the airport was laid by the Prime Minister in February 2019. The Donyi Polo Airport will be the third operational airport in Arunachal Pradesh, taking the total airport count in the northeast region to 16.

4. C V Ananda Bose has been appointed as the Governor of which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. West Bengal ☒



- ✓ Dr CV Ananda Bose was appointed as the new Governor of West Bengal. The appointment was announced by a notification from the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Manipur Governor La Ganesan has been holding the additional charge of West Bengal since July after his predecessor Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned after his nomination as the National Democratic Alliance's vice presidential candidate.

5. Which state hosted the 2nd edition of North East Olympic Games in 2022?

- A. Assam
- B. Meghalaya ☒
- C. Manipur
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The 2nd edition of North East Olympic Games was hosted by Shillong, Meghalaya in 2022. Manipur emerged as the overall team champion with a total of 240 medals. Assam took the second spot with a total of 203 medals followed by Arunachal Pradesh. In the week long event, about 3000 participants from all around the North East states competed in 18 disciplines. Nagaland will host the next edition of the Northeast Olympic Games.

6. What is the theme of the 'Invest Karnataka 2022 Summit'?

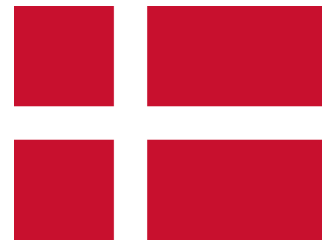
- A. Build for the World ☒
- B. Global Supply Chain
- C. Tradition and Technology
- D. Nature and Culture



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural function of 'Invest Karnataka 2022' Summit. This year's edition of the Karnataka's Global Investors Meet, is built under the theme 'Build for the World'. The three-day program will have more than 80 speaker sessions. The sessions are hosted by partner countries – France, Germany, Netherlands, South Korea, Japan & Australia.

7. India signed a MoU with which country on cooperation in the field of Water Resources Development and Management?

- A. Finland
- B. Denmark ☒
- C. Austria
- D. Australia



- ✓ The Union cabinet approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Denmark on cooperation in the field of Water Resources Development and Management. Both the countries launched a Joint Statement on establishment of Green Strategic Partnership. A Centre of Excellence for Smart Water Resources Management and a smart Lab on Clean River waters in Varanasi is also planned.

8. Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) has demanded ban of which drug to be used on cattle?

- A. Aceclofenac ☒
- B. Progestin
- C. Erythromycin
- D. Colistin



- ✓ The Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) has demanded a ban on using aceclofenac in cattle. This was announced after new research found that this drug metabolizes into diclofenac in water buffaloes as well as in cows. Such metabolisms pose a threat to vulture populations in the country. Diclofenac, an anti-inflammatory drug, was banned for veterinary use by the Government of India in 2006, after decline of vulture population.

9. As per a new study, which species may swallow roughly 10 million microplastic pieces daily?

- A. Turtle
- B. Blue Whale ☒
- C. Cattle
- D. Frog



- ✓ As per a new study, blue whales may swallow roughly 10 million microplastic pieces daily, or up to about 95 pounds (43.5 kg) of plastic. Krill-favoring humpbacks may ingest about 4 million microplastic pieces (up to 38 pounds of plastic) daily, while those favoring fish may take in roughly 200,000 pieces (up to a couple of pounds of plastic).

10. Which Union Ministry organised 'Unity Runs' on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel?

- A. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports ☒
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

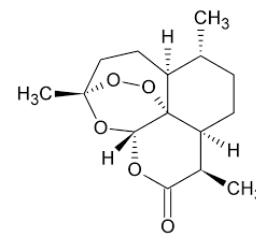


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AND SPORTS**

- ✓ Department of Youth Affairs and Sports and its affiliate organizations namely Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS) organized Unity Runs on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel in all districts. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur flagged off the Run for Unity from Mohali, Punjab. Across the country, 90,122 Runs for Unity were organized with participation of 55.32 Lakh, to generate awareness among citizens about the essence of national unity.
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1. 'Artemisinin' which was seen in the news, is a major component of drugs against which disease?

- A. Diabetes
- B. Malaria ☒
- C. SARS
- D. Hypertension



- ✓ The World Health Organization has launched a new strategy to combat antimalarial drug resistance in Africa, during World Antimicrobial Awareness Week. It is an annual global campaign to raise awareness about the growing threat of antibiotic resistance. WHO warned that there are indications that some parasites are resistant to drugs that are combined with artemisinin, the major component of malaria drugs.

2. Which country launched the 'Hwasong-17' or the Monster missile?

- A. Germany
- B. North Korea ☒
- C. UK
- D. France



- ✓ North Korea launched the 'Hwasong-17' intercontinental ballistic missile. It is also dubbed as the Monster missile. The Hwasong-17 is North Korea's biggest missile yet. It is also the largest road-mobile, liquid-fuelled intercontinental ballistic missile in the world.

3. What is the theme of the 'World Children's Day 2022'?

- A. Inclusion, For Every Child ☒
- B. Children's Rights
- C. International togetherness
- D. Digital Access for all



- ✓ The 'World Children's Day' is celebrated on 20 November to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. It was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day. It also marks the anniversary of the date that the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration and the Convention on children's rights. This year, the theme is 'Inclusion, For Every Child.'

4. Kameng Hydro Power Station, which was inaugurated recently, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Arunachal Pradesh ☒



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Station in Arunachal Pradesh. It is the biggest Hydro Power Project implemented by NEEPCO Ltd, a Mini Ratna Power PSU under Ministry of Power. This is also the sixth hydro power plant in the North East. Generation of 3353 million Units annually from the project will make Arunachal Pradesh a power surplus state, also contributing to the National Grid.

5. Which institution released the 'Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021–22'?

- A. SEBI
- B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Department of Economic Affairs



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has released the seventh edition of its statistical publication titled 'Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021–22'. As per the report, India's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to register a growth rate of about 7% in 2022–23 and between 6.1% and 6.3% in the June–September quarter of this fiscal. In the current edition of the Handbook, two new sections namely Health and Environment have been introduced.

6. 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.

7. Which Union Ministry is associated with the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme?

- A. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers ☒
- B. 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.

8. Which state is the host of the 'Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2022'?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in collaboration with the state government of Kerala is organising the 15th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Expo 2022 in Kochi. The primary objective of the conference is to spread information to the cities, to help them keep up-to-date with latest and best urban transport practices globally. Senior officers from Central and State Governments policy makers, Managing Directors of Metro Rail Companies, Chief Executives of transport undertakings will participate in this event.

9. As per the US News and World Report, which country has the cheapest manufacturing cost?

- A. India ☒
- B. Bangladesh
- C. China
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ According to the US News and World Report, out of 85 nations, India has been ranked as the nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost ahead of China and Vietnam. India has bagged the 31st position in the overall Best Countries ranking while it featured at the 37th spot in the 'Open for Business' category. In the overall Best Countries ranking, Switzerland has topped the chart, followed by Germany, Canada, US and Sweden.

10. India is set to celebrate 'Ganga Utsav' in which month?

- A. October
- B. November ☒
- C. December
- D. April



- ✓ The Indian Government is set to celebrate Ganga Utsav from November 1 to November 3, this year. It focusses on encouraging stakeholder engagement and public participation towards rejuvenation of the Ganga River. Several activities, designed for the central and state levels, will be organised in both physical and virtual mode, as per the National Mission for Clean Ganga.