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1. As per the Global Information Technology Report (GITR) 2022, which country tops the Network Readiness Index?

- A. USA ☒
- B. Singapore
- C. India
- D. Sweden



- ✓ **USA, Singapore, Sweden, Netherlands and Swiss are the most network ready countries as per Network Readiness Index 2022. The Index was launched in 2002 by the World Economic Forum as part of the Global Information Technology Report (GITR). It is a key metric of the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for development and competitiveness. This year's theme is 'Stepping into the new digital era: How and why digital natives will shape the world'.**

2. Who was honoured with the Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022 award in the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

- A. Rajinikanth
- B. Chiranjeevi ☒
- C. Kamal Hassan
- D. Mohanlal



- ✓ **At the opening ceremony of the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Telugu superstar Chiranjeevi was honoured with the Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022 award. IFFI Goa began with an opening ceremony attended by Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur, Goa Governor PS Sreedharan Pillai, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.**

3. Which forum launched the "Loss and Damage fund" to support poorer countries?

- A. COP-27 ☒
- B. G-20 Annual Summit
- C. ASEAN Annual Summit
- D. WEF Annual Summit



- ✓ **Nearly 200 countries at the UN climate summit COP-27 agreed to set up a "loss and damage fund" to support poorer countries which are affected by climate impacts. 'Loss and damage' refer to costs being incurred from climate-fuelled weather extremes or impacts, like rising sea levels. The fund covers the cost of damage that poorer countries cannot avoid or adapt to.**

4. Which is the first Indian table tennis player to win a medal in the ITTF–ATTU Asian Cup?

- A. Sharath Kamal
- B. Manika Batra ☒
- C. Sreeja Akula
- D. Sathiyar Gnanasekaran



- ✓ **Manika Batra became the first Indian table tennis player to win a medal in the ITTF–ATTU Asian Cup Table Tennis Tournament, held in Bangkok, Thailand. She has won a bronze medal by defeating world No. 6 Hina Hayata of Japan. Chetan Baboor, with silver in 1997 and bronze in 2000, was the only Indian table tennis player to win a medal at the Asian Cup before this.**

5. Which country is the chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) in 2022?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. India ☒
- D. United Kingdom



- ✓ **India assumed the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) from the outgoing chair France. GPAI is an association of 25 member countries, including the US, the UK, EU, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, and Singapore. India joined GPAI in 2020 as a founding member.**

6. As per the UN–FAO joint report, eight million people of which country is at the risk of hunger?

- A. South Sudan ☒
- B. Israel
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Egypt



- ✓ **As per a recent report released by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the UN children's fund UNICEF and the World Food Programme, almost eight million people in South Sudan, or two thirds of the population in the deeply troubled country, are at risk of hunger. As per the report, proportion of people facing high levels of food insecurity and malnourishment is at the highest level ever, surpassing levels seen even during the conflict in 2013 and 2016.**

7. India's largest wind turbine has been recently installed in which state?

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



- ✓ **Adani New Industries has installed India's largest Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) at Mundra in Gujarat. The turbine is said to be taller than Statue of Unity (182 meters). The turbine has been installed by Mundra Windtech Ltd (MWL), a wholly-owned subsidiary incorporated by Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL).**

8. Which Indian chess players won the open and women's titles in the Asian Continental Chess championship?

- A. R Praggnanandhaa and P V Nandhidhaa ☒
- B. B Adhiban and Koneru Humpy
- C. R Praggnanandhaa and Koneru Humpy
- D. B Adhiban and P V Nandhidhaa



- ✓ **Top-seeded Indian Grandmaster, R Praggnanandhaa and compatriot P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship. Praggnanandhaa drew with compatriot B Adhiban in the ninth and final round to win the title with seven points. The victory also earned Praggnanandhaa a ticket to the next FIDE World Cup. In the women's event, Nandhidhaa remained unbeaten throughout to finish first with 7.5 points.**

9. Ela Bhatt, who passed away recently, was the founder of which flagship institution?

- A. SEWA ☒
- B. AICTU
- C. China
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ **Renowned women's rights activist Ela Bhatt, who is also the founder of SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association), passed away recently. SEWA was formed as a trade union of women working in the unorganized sector, which now has two million members. The 89-year-old, also a Padma Bhushan recipient, was a pioneer in the field of women empowerment and received international recognition.**

10. Which country's President will be the Chief Guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention?

- A. Australia
- B. Israel
- C. Guyana ☒
- D. Brazil



- ✓ Guyana President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali will be the chief guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention. It will be held in January 2023 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The External Affairs Ministry also said that Zaneta Mascarenhas, Member of Parliament of Australia, will be the guest of honour at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. The theme of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is – Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal.
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1. 'Karmayogi Prarambh' is a course prepared for which segment of people?

- A. Non-Resident Indians
- B. Government Employees ☒
- C. MSMEs
- D. Unorganised Sector Employees



- ✓ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Karmayogi Prarambh Module, an online orientation course prepared for government employees. He also launched the programme of providing appointment letters to more than 71,000 youth, under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Mela.

2. 'Sangai Festival' is a cultural festival celebrated in which state?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Odisha
- C. Manipur ☒
- D. Assam



- ✓ Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated the 'Manipur Sangai Festival 2022' at the Sangai Ethnic Park. The 10-day-long festival will be held in 13 venues across the north-eastern state till November 30. The festival is celebrated as the Festival of Oneness to achieve unity through the participation of all indigenous communities of the state.

3. Which city is the host of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue in 2022?

- A. Colombo
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Dhaka
- D. Islamabad



- ✓ The 4th edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) has been inaugurated in New Delhi on the theme of "Operationalising the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative". IPRD is an apex level international annual conference of the Indian Navy. The National Maritime Foundation is the knowledge partner and chief organizer of the event.

4. Which Indian was conferred the UNEP 'Champions of the Earth' award in 2022?

- A. Purnima Devi Barman ☒
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. K K Shailaja
- D. Piyush Goyal



- ✓ Purnima Devi Barman, an Assam-based wildlife biologist, was awarded the 'Champions of the Earth' award this year. It is presented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Barman won the award in the 'Entrepreneurial Vision' category, for her work in protecting the 'Greater adjutant stork', called 'hargila' in Assamese.

5. Which Asian country has recently released a 'Suicide prevention policy'?

- A. Sri Lanka
B. Bangladesh
C. India ☒
D. United Kingdom



- ✓ India's Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced a National Suicide Prevention Strategy. The country's first of its kind policy has time-bound action plans and multi-sectoral collaborations to achieve reduction in suicide mortality by 10% by 2030. It seeks to establish effective surveillance mechanisms for suicide within the next three years, establish psychiatric outpatient departments in all districts within the next five years, and to integrate a mental well-being curriculum in all educational institutions within the next eight years.

6. In which month, the 'World Tsunami Awareness Day' observed?

- A. January
B. May
C. September
D. November ☒



- ✓ In 2015 the United Nations declared that each year 5 November would be observed as World Tsunami Awareness Day. It is a reminder that when a tsunami strikes, everyone must be ready to get to high ground. As per the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Early warning and early action are effective tools to protect people and preventing the hazard from becoming a disaster.

7. Which city is the host of 'Agro Tech India –Agri and Food Technology Fair' in 2022?

- A. Mumbai
B. Chandigarh ☒
C. Mysuru
D. Gandhinagar



- ✓ The 15th edition of the Agro Tech India organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is scheduled to be held in Chandigarh from November 4 to 7. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, and Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) are partners for CII Agro Tech India –Agri and Food Technology Fair'. This year's theme is 'Digital Transformation for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security'.

8. When is the 'National Cancer Awareness Day' observed in India?

- A. August.07
- B. November.07 ☒
- C. December.07
- D. January.07



- ✓ **'National Cancer Awareness Day' is observed on November 7 every year in India, to highlight the risks of cancer. National Cancer Awareness Day was announced in September 2014. It also coincided with the birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Marie Curie, whose contributions led to the development of radiotherapy for cancer treatment.**

9. Who is the first recipient of the Kerala Jyothi award instituted by the Kerala State Government?

- A. Adoor Gopalakrishnan
- B. M T Vasudevan Nair ☒
- C. Kanayi Kunhiraman
- D. Vaikom Vijayalakshmi



- ✓ **Veteran writer M.T. Vasudevan Nair has been named the recipient of the first Kerala Jyothi award instituted by the State Government. The jury was chaired by the renowned film-maker Adoor Gopalakrishnan. Actor Mammooty, former civil servant, social activist T. Madhava Menon among others are selected for the Kerala Prabha award while sculptor Kanayi Kunhiraman, scientist and educationist M.P. Parameswaran and singer Vaikom Vijayalakshmi among others will be presented Kerala Sree award.**

10. Which institution launched the fourth edition of 'Innovations for You' coffee table book?

- A. NITI Aayog ☒
- B. Reserve Bank of India
- C. UIDAI
- D. National Innovation Foundation



- ✓ **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of NITI Aayog launched the fourth edition of 'Innovations for You' coffee table book. It features as many as 75 successful women entrepreneurs of India, which are supported by Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) of AIM, NITI Aayog. The 'Innovations for You' series capture how start-ups are innovating to create a sustainable future.**

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)?

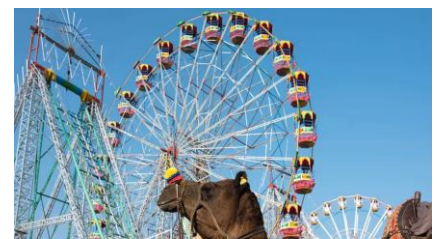
- A. UNEP
- B. UNFCCC
- C. FAO ☒
- D. World Economic Forum



- ✓ 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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1. Which is the first state to create the role of Director General of Audit?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Odisha
- C. Kerala
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu is the first State to create the role of Director General of Audit in India. The state has appointed an officer from the Indian Audit and Accounts Service on deputation, for this role. The officer's responsibility will be to strengthen and streamline the functioning of internal audit departments in the state.**

2. 'Chin–Kuki–Mizo Ethnic Communities' are associated with which country?

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Bangladesh ☒
- D. Thailand



- ✓ **Following the fights between Bangladeshi security forces and the Kuki–Chin National Army (KNA), tribals of Chin–Kuki ethnic community are fleeing Bangladesh. Mizoram government announced to provide temporary shelter, food and relief to as many as 274 Bangladeshi tribal nationals who fled Bangladesh.**

3. Operation Turtshield was launched by which country?

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



- ✓ **The 19th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP 19) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is being held at Panama City. India's proposal for induction of fresh water turtle 'Batagur kachuga' earned support of the parties in CoP 19 of CITES. CITES also lauded the result achieved by the country in operations initiated by the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau namely Operation Turtshield, to eliminate poaching and illegal trade of fresh water turtles.**

4. Which country launched the 'Orion spacecraft'?

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



- ✓ **NASA's Orion spacecraft has successfully performed its first Moon flyby as part of the uncrewed Artemis I mission. It has passed within 130 kilometres of the lunar surface. Orion will travel about 57,287 miles beyond the Moon at its farthest point from the Moon, passing the record set by Apollo 13. Orion will enter a distant retrograde orbit beyond the Moon.**

5. The European Parliament has designated which country as state sponsor of terrorism?

- A. China
- B. Russia ☒
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Pakistan



- ✓ **The European Parliament has designated Russia a state sponsor of terrorism. It has argued that its military strikes on Ukrainian civilian targets such as energy infrastructure, hospitals, schools and shelters violated international law. Though the European Union does not have a legal framework in place to back it up, the bloc has already imposed unprecedented sanctions on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine.**

6. World's First Vedic Clock is being constructed in which city?

- A. Kanchipuram
- B. Jaipur
- C. Ujjain ☒
- D. Dwaraka



- ✓ **The foundation stone of the construction work of the World's First Vedic Clock has been done in the city of Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. The 'Vedic Clock' will be constructed at Jantar Mantar Government Jiwaji Observatory at a cost of Rs 1.62 cr. This clock will be fixed on the basis of the principles of Vedic time calculation. The application of the Vedic Clock will be used for moon position, festival, auspicious time, birth anniversary, fast, festival major holidays among others.**

7. Which state is the host of 'Rising Sun Water Fest-2022' event?

- A. Meghalaya ☒
- B. West Bengal
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ **The Rising Sun Water Fest-2022 was held in the state of Meghalaya at Umiam Lake. The three day water sports and cultural fair was a first of its kind in the North East. It is aimed at encouraging the youth of North East to take up water sports like Rowing and Sailing. It also aimed at promoting tourism in the North East. It was an initiative by the Indian Army's Eastern Command with the governments of Assam and Meghalaya.**

8. India's first voter Master Shyam Saran Negi was from which state?

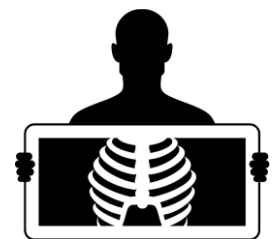
- A. Assam
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **The country's first voter 106-year-old Master Shyam Saran Negi passed away, after a prolonged illness. He was a resident of Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh. His last rites were performed with full honours by the district administration. Mr. Negi had cast his vote for the Himachal Pradesh assembly elections through postal ballot three days ago through postal ballot.**

9. When is the 'World Radiography Day' observed across the world?

- A. November.05
- B. November.08 ☒
- C. November.15
- D. November.25



- ✓ **World Radiography Day is celebrated every year on November 8, marking the anniversary of the discovery of X-rays. The day also celebrates the hard-working radiographers and radiologists. X-rays were discovered accidentally by Professor Wilhelm Röntgen of Germany in 1895.**

10. UNGA has designated which date as the 'World Day for the prevention of and healing from child sexual exploitation, abuse and violence'?

- A. November.15
- B. November.18 ☒
- C. November.25
- D. November.27



- ✓ **The UN General Assembly has adopted a resolution to designate November 18 every year as the World Day for the prevention of and healing from child sexual exploitation, abuse and violence. It encourages commitments to raise awareness of those affected by child sexual abuse and the need to prevent child sexual exploitation, abuse and violence.**

1. 'Sonzal-2022' is an annual youth festival held in which state/UT?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- B. Odisha
- C. Kerala
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the annual youth festival 'Sonzal-2022' at the University of Kashmir. The festival is an opportunity for young artists to showcase their talents and 'Sonzal' provides them with a platform to achieve the dream of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshta Bharat'.

2. 'National Milk Day' is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of which personality?

- A. M S Swaminathan
- B. Dr Verghese Kurien ☒
- C. Charan Singh
- D. Morarji Desai



- ✓ 'National Milk Day' is observed to commemorate 101st birth anniversary of the 'Father of the White Revolution in India', Dr Verghese Kurien also known as the 'Milkman of India'. The prestigious National Gopal Ratna Awards 2022 will also be conferred on the day. In the national event in the state of Karnataka, a book on the life of Varghese Kurian and a booklet on Milk Adulteration is to be released.

3. India's first-ever Night Sky Sanctuary is located in which state/UT?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Ladakh ☒



- ✓ India's first-ever Night Sky Sanctuary is being set up by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research under Union Ministry of Science & Technology, in Ladakh's Hanle. The proposed Dark Sky Reserve will be located at Hanle as a part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. It will boost Astro-tourism in India and will be one of the world's highest-located sites for optical, infra-red, and gamma-ray telescopes.

4. Which country has partnered with China for a 27-year natural gas supply deal?

- A. UAE
- B. Qatar ☒
- C. Iran
- D. Russia



- ✓ Qatar Energy announced a 27-year natural gas supply deal with China. It is the longest such gas agreement signed till date. The state energy company will send four million tonnes of liquefied natural gas annually from its new North Field East project to China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Sinopec).

5. When is the 'Constitution Day' celebrated in India?

- A. November.24 B. November.26 ☒
C. November.30 D. December.01



- ✓ Since 2015, November 26 is observed as Constitution Day to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly in 1949. Earlier, the day was observed as Law Day. During the programme, the prime minister will launch new initiatives under the e-court project including the 'virtual justice clock', 'JustIS' mobile app 2.0, digital court and 'S3WaaS' websites.

6. Which country is the host of 26th International Malabar Naval Exercise in 2022?

- A. Australia
B. Japan ☒
C. India
D. USA



- ✓ India is participating in 26th International Malabar Naval Exercise beginning in Yokosuka of Japan. Australia, Japan and the USA are also participating in the Malabar Naval Exercise. The MALABAR Exercise was initiated in 1992 between the navies of India and the United States. India is participating in the exercise with Indian Naval Ships (INS) Shivalik and Kamorta.

7. 'Nankana Sahib' is a Sikh pilgrimage place located in which country?

- A. India
B. Pakistan ☒
C. Nepal
D. Bangladesh



- ✓ The Union Home Ministry has facilitated the visit of Indian Sikh pilgrims to Nankana Sahib in Pakistan on the occasion of Gurupurab. A total of 2420 Indian Sikh pilgrims departed for Pakistan to participate in the Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations with a ten-day Pakistani Pilgrim Visa. A total of 433 pilgrims from India visited Sri Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara in Pakistan on the occasion of Gurupurab.

8. Anamalai Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

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



- ✓ The Anamalai Tiger Reserve has launched an elephant adoption programme, under which non-governmental organisations, institutions, trusts or individuals can sponsor the expenses of Forest Department's camp elephants. The sponsor will bear expenses of the feeds, medicines, health supplements and other incidental expenses. Any donor who is willing to adopt the elephants will get an exemption under section 80 G of the Income Tax Act 1961.

9. Mathura–Vrindavan is a pilgrimage centre in which state?

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



- ✓ Mathura–Vrindavan, one of India's major pilgrimage centres, aims to become a 'net zero carbon emission' tourist destination by 2041. As per the Uttar Pradesh government, the draft redevelopment plan calls for ban on tourist vehicles and switch to electric vehicles for public transport. Annual tourist footfall to Mathura–Vrindavan is expected to grow to 6 crores by 2041.

10. Which state/UT has launched 'Mukhyamantri Devdarshan Yatra Yojana'?

- A. Goa ☒
- B. New Delhi
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ Goa government has formally launched a state-sponsored pilgrimage scheme for people named 'Mukhyamantri Devdarshan Yatra Yojana'. Under the scheme, people over the age of 50 years are eligible to apply and the state government funds the meals and boarding of pilgrims during the tours. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant flagged off a bus carrying passengers to Tirupati under the scheme.

1. 'World Intellectual Property Indicators' is a report released by which institution?

- A. World Economic Forum
- B. Asian Development Bank
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) ☒



- ✓ Geneva-based World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) released the World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) report. As per the report, global intellectual property filings of patents, trademarks, and designs—reached record levels in 2021 are driven largely by increases from Asian countries of India, China, and South Korea.

2. Which year is declared as the 'International Year of Millets'?

- A. 2021
- B. 2022
- C. 2023 ☒
- D. 2025

2023

- ✓ Union External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar attended the pre-launch celebration of International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023. In 2018, India proposed to the United Nation to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets. It was approved by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in 2018.

3. As per GST Act, states are assured for compensation for loss of revenue regarding GST, up to how many years?

- A. Three
- B. Five ☒
- C. Seven
- D. Ten

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- ✓ Goods and Services Tax was introduced in the country with effect from July 1, 2017. The states were assured for compensation for loss of any revenue arising on account of implementation of GST as per the provisions of the GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017 for a period of five years. Centre has recently released Rs 17,000 crore to States and Union Territories as balance compensation for goods and services tax (GST) for the period, April–June 2022.

4. Which satellite was launched aboard the PSLV–C54 rocket by ISRO?

- A. OceanSat–3 ☒
- B. ICRI Sat–3
- C. AstroSat–3
- D. RISAT–3



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched successfully PSLV-C54 carrying Oceansat-3 also known as Earth Observation Satellite-6, and 8 nano-satellites. The satellite was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The eight nanosatellites include ISRO Nano Satellite-2 for Bhutan (INS-2B), Anand, Astrocast (four satellites), and two Thybolt satellites.

5. Who has been named as the national ambassador for TB Mukht Bharat Campaign?

- A. Virat Kohli
B. Deepika Padukone
C. Deepa Malik ☒
D. PV Sindhu



- ✓ Padma Shri Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awardee Deepa Malik has been named Ni-Kshay Mitra and national ambassador for TB Mukht Bharat Campaign. Deepa Malik is India's First Woman Paralympic Medalist and President of the Paralympic Committee of India. Ni-Kshay Mitra is an initiative launched by the President of India Droupadi Murmu which seeks to provide aid to TB afflicted patients on three levels of nutritional, additional diagnostic, and vocational support.

6. Who has sworn in as the 50th Chief Justice of India?

- A. Justice D Y Chandrachud ☒
B. Justice U U Lalit
C. Justice Ranjan Gogoi
D. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kau



- ✓ Justice D Y Chandrachud took charge as the 50th Chief Justice of India. He was recommended for the top post by former CJI UU Lalit recently. The senior-most judge of the apex court- Justice Chandrachud is set to serve as CJI for a period of two years, succeeding Uday Umesh Lalit, who had a brief tenure of 74 days. Justice Chandrachud will serve as Chief Justice till November 2024.

7. When is the 'National Legal Services Day' observed in India?

- A. November.03 B. November.05
C. November.09 ☒ D. November.11



- ✓ 'National Legal Services Day' is observed across the country annually on 9 November. It aims to commemorate the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act and to create awareness about the provisions related to the act. The Legal Services Authorities Act was enacted in 1987 to provide a "statutory base to legal aid programmes" in India on a uniform pattern. The Act came into existence on 9 November 1995. The purpose of the Act is to provide competent and free legal aid to people who belonged to marginalised socio-economic communities in the country.

8. Which Asian country is named as the host of 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championship?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Pakistan
- C. Nepal
- D. India ☒



- ✓ India has been named as the host country for the 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championship. The Memorandum of Understanding regarding the event was signed between the International Boxing Association (IBA) and the Boxing Federation of India (BFI). It will be the third Women's World Championships to be conducted in India and the second event within a span of six years.

9. How many countries are part of Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC), as of November 2022?

- A. Three
- B. Five ☒
- C. Seven
- D. Nine



- ✓ India is among the first five countries to join the MAC, at the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP27) at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt. The other countries are Australia, Japan, Spain, and Sri Lanka. The move is in line with India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5–3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent.

10. The 'International Drought Resilience Alliance (IDRA)' was launched in which year?

- A. 2022 ☒
- B. 2010
- C. 2015
- D. 2020



- ✓ Spain and Senegal led 30 countries and 20 global organisations to launch the 'International Drought Resilience Alliance (IDRA)'. It was launched at the 27th Conference of Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at Sharm El-Sheikh. The alliance is seen as a specific solution for the United Nations to the impacts of climate change, as it will help each other to be better prepared for future droughts.

1. CITES COP19 has recently accepted the proposal to downgrade the status of which animal?

- A. Himalayan Yak
- B. Indian Soft Turtle
- C. Southern white rhinos ☒
- D. Great Indian Bustard



- ✓ CITES COP19 has recently accepted the proposal to downgrade the status of southern white rhinos from Appendix I to Appendix II. The COP-19 accepted the proposal by Botswana and Namibia to degrade the status. Wild animal species listed in Appendix I include those threatened with extinction.

2. 'I have Electric Dreams', which won the Golden Peacock Award, is a movie made in which language?

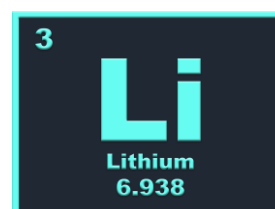
- A. English
- B. Chinese
- C. Spanish ☒
- D. German



- ✓ The 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) concluded recently. Spanish film 'I have electric dreams' directed by Valentina Maurel won the Golden Peacock award. Vahid Mobasseri, the lead actor of No End, was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male), while Daniela Marin Navarro, lead Actor of Best Film I Have Electric Dreams was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female). Iranian writer and director Nader Saeivar got Silver Peacock for Best Director for No End. France was the 'Spotlight' country this year.

3. India has sent a team to which country to assess potential lithium deposits?

- A. Australia
- B. Brazil
- C. Argentina ☒
- D. Egypt



- ✓ India has sent a team of three geologists to Argentina to assess potential lithium deposits and possible acquisition opportunities in the country. The team comprises of one geologist each from Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd (MECL), KABIL (Khanij Bidesh India Ltd) and the Geological Survey of India (GSI). India does not have any lithium resource and the mineral is primarily imported. Lithium is the key component of rechargeable batteries used in EVs.

4. Which country's President has been named as the Chief Guest at Republic Day celebrations?

- A. UAE
- B. Egypt ☒
- C. Australia
- D. Japan



- ✓ India has invited Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi as the chief guest on Republic Day 2023, as per the Ministry of External Affairs. This would be the first time that an Egyptian president would be the chief guest at the Indian Republic Day celebrations. Egypt is one of the nine guest countries to the G20 summit under India's presidency. Both countries are celebrating the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations this year.

5. Which city's museum restoration project has been conferred with 'Award of Excellence' at UNESCO?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Mumbai ☒
- C. Cochin
- D. Panaji



- ✓ Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) of Mumbai was conferred with the 'Award of Excellence' at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022. The Award of Distinction is given to Stepwells of Golconda, Hyderabad while the award of Merit – Domakonda Fort, Telangana, and Byculla Station, Mumbai.

6. Which Union Ministry implements the 'SVAMITVA' scheme?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B. Ministry of Panchayati Raj ☒
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ Ministry of Panchayati Raj implements the property survey Scheme 'SVAMITVA'. The Report of Expert Committee on SVAMITVA Scheme was released during the National Conference on SVAMITVA Scheme and Rural Planning held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. It provides the guiding principles that states may adopt in order to realize the objectives of the SVAMITVA Scheme holistically. The Expert Committee was formed in February, 2022 under the Chairmanship of B. K. Agarwal, Former Secretary to the Government of India.

7. Which metro city has reported a sudden outbreak of Measles?

- A. Chennai
- B. Mumbai ☒
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kolkata



- ✓ The Central Government has deputed a high-level multi-disciplinary team to Mumbai to assess the situation and manage the measles outbreak in the city. Mumbai's civic body- Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation detected 15 suspected cases of measles in Govandi. Measles is a contagious

disease caused by a virus, which infects the respiratory tract and then spreads throughout the body.

8. What is the theme of 'World Science Day for Peace and Development' 2022?

- A. Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development ☒
- B. Growth and World Peace
- C. Science and Society
- D. Learning and Teaching



- ✓ **World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed annually on November 10. It aims to create awareness on how important science is to society and in our everyday life. 'Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development' is the focus of this year's World Science Day for Peace and Development.**

9. Which state is the host of 'Khelo India National University games' in 2023–24?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Odisha
- C. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **Uttar Pradesh will host the Khelo India National University games in 2023–24 in four cities of the state namely Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi and Noida. After Odisha and Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh is hosting the National University Games for the first time. Athletes below 26 years will participate in the National University Games. The government also appointed 12 former athletes as coaches in different disciplines.**

10. Which country recently hosted the 2nd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers meeting?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. India ☒
- C. Maldives
- D. Taiwan



- ✓ **India hosted the 2nd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers meeting under the chairmanship of Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, in New Delhi. Agriculture Ministers of Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand participated in the meeting. BIMSTEC stands for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation.**

1. 'Samanvay 2022' is a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise organised by which armed force?

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



- ✓ Indian Air Force conducted the Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'Samanvay 2022' at Air Force Station Agra. With this exercise, the Indian Air Force aims to assess the efficacy of institutional disaster management structures and contingency measures. The exercise witnessed participation by representatives from the ASEAN countries.

2. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Nai Chetna' campaign?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development ☒
B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
D. Ministry of MSME



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- ✓ The Union Ministry of Rural Development launched the month-long campaign named 'Nai Chetna', as a people's movement. The campaign is launched by the Ministry of Rural Development to make women, especially in rural areas, aware of their rights and mechanism available to help redress their grievances. It was launched on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25th November 2022.

3. Who is the head of the panel set up to revamp Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA)?

- A. Amarjeet Sinha ☒
B. A K Sikri
C. Ranjan Gogoi
D. V V Ramana



- ✓ A panel headed by former Rural Development Secretary Amarjeet Sinha, has been set up to recommend structural and other reforms required under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA). The panel is to suggest measures to reduce regional imbalance by offering more opportunities to the most deserving states.

4. Which is the first north-eastern state to launch its 'Mental Health and Social Care Policy'?

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



- ✓ Meghalaya has become the first state in the Northeast and the third state in India to have 'Mental Health and Social Care Policy'. The vision of the policy is to promote overall mental health and well-being and facilitate appropriate access and care pathways. Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma informed that this policy will ensure proper attention to mental health, especially for children, adolescents, and youths.

5. Which state is the host of 'International Lusophone Festival'?

- A. Maharashtra
B. Goa ☒
C. Gujarat
D. Assam



- ✓ Ministry of External Affairs is organising the 'International Lusophone Festival' in partnership with the Indian Council of Cultural Relations and the Goa government. Lusophones are people that speak Portuguese as a native or as a common second language. As part of the festival, workshops on Lusophone music, exhibitions of Goan architecture, Goan handicrafts and Goa furniture, Food and Spirits Festival are being organised.

6. '*Pseudohelice annamalai*', which was recently discovered, belongs to which species?

- A. Turtle
B. Spider
C. Crab ☒
D. Butterfly



- ✓ Researchers have discovered a new species of estuarine crab at the mangroves near the Vellar River estuary in Tamil Nadu. The species has been named *Pseudohelice annamalai* in recognition of Annamalai University's 100 years of service in education and research. This is the first ever record of this genus, *Pseudohelice*, collected from high intertidal areas. *Pseudohelice annamalai* is distinguished by dark purple to dark grey colouring.

7. What is the theme of the 'World Usability Day' 2022?

- A. Our Health ☒
B. Make things easier
C. Better Design
D. Inclusivity



- ✓ Every year on the second Thursday of November, the world observes World Usability Day. It is also known as 'Make Things Easier' day. 'Usability' is a quality that evaluates how efficiently and effectively a person can use a product. The theme of World Usability Day 2022 is "Our Health".

8. Which Indian sportsperson has been appointed as the 'Friendship Ambassador' by the Switzerland Tourism?

- A. P V Sindhu
- B. Neeraj Chopra ☒
- C. Mary Kom
- D. Virat Kohli



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- ✓ **Switzerland Tourism has appointed Olympic Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra as the 'Friendship Ambassador'. In his new role, the javelin thrower will showcase and promote the adventurous outdoors of Switzerland to Indian travellers.**

9. Which state has been conferred the India Agribusiness Award–2022 in the category of “Best State”?

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



- ✓ **Haryana has been conferred with the India Agribusiness Award–2022 in the category of ‘Best State’ for its contribution in the areas of policies, programmes, production, inputs, technologies, marketing, value addition, infrastructure and exports in the agriculture sector. National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, under Ministry of Fisheries, has been awarded the ‘India Agribusiness Awards 2022’ for the best Agribusiness Award. The India International Agro Trade and Technology Fair 2022 was organised by the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA).**

10. What is the theme of ‘National Education Day 2022’?

- A. Changing Course, Transforming Education ☒
- B. Education and Scientific Research
- C. Shaping Country's Education System
- D. Culture and Education



- ✓ **The National Education Day is being celebrated on November 11 every year since 2008 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the first Education Minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Azad played a significant role in shaping the country's education system and contributed to set up several academic institutes UGC, AICTE and other bodies. This year the theme is ‘Changing Course, Transforming Education’.**