

1. What is the GDP forecast for 2022–23 for India, as per the World Bank India Development Update?

- A. 8.1%
- B. 7.5%
- C. 7.2%
- D. 6.9%



- ✓ World Bank raised its gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India during the current financial year (FY23) to 6.9 per cent from 6.5 per cent. The report forecasts that the economy will grow at a slightly lower rate of 6.6 per cent in fiscal FY24 from the earlier projected 7 per cent.

2. After the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Meeting in December 2022, what is the repo rate?

- A. 5.9%
- B. 6.25%
- C. 6.50%
- D. 6.75%



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) hiked the repo rate by 35 basis points (bps) to 6.25 per cent with immediate effect. The policy rate is now at its highest level since August 2018 and this is the fifth-rate hike by the central bank in this financial year. MPC decided to remain focused on the withdrawal of accommodative stance.
- ✓ The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 6.00 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.50 per cent.

3. Which cyclone recently formed over Bay of Bengal, crossing the coasts of southern states?

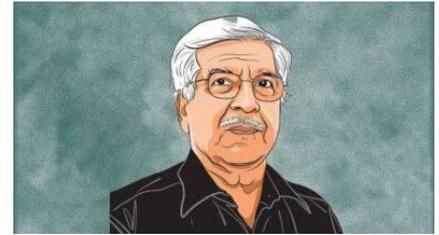
- A. Mandous
- B. Asani
- C. Sitrang
- D. Mocha



- ✓ Cyclone Mandous lies over southwest Bay of Bengal, about 620 km southeast of Chennai. The storm is likely to cross the coasts of north Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh between Puducherry and Sriharikota. Under its influence, rainfall is expected over parts of coastal Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh for two days. Red alert has already been issued for Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

4. Y K Alagh, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession?

- A. Economist
- B. Sports-person
- C. Business-person
- D. Scientist



- ✓ **Yoginder K Alagh, a veteran economist and former Union minister, recently passed away at the age of 83. He was the union minister of state for Planning and Programme Implementation, Science and Technology and Power during 1996–98. He also served as the Vice Chancellor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi.**

5. Which country is the host of the '12th World Hindi Conference'?

- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Thailand
- D. Fiji

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- ✓ **The '12th World Hindi Conference' is being organized by the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with the Government of Fiji in February 2023 in Fiji. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the main theme of the Conference is "Hindi: From Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence". Eleven World Hindi Conferences have been organized in various countries, so far.**

6. Which state/ UT is the host of the 'National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2022'?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Assam
- D. Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ **The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), are set to organise the 25th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) in Katra, Jammu & Kashmir. The theme of this Conference is 'Bringing Citizens, Industry and Government closer'. The National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) will be presented under 5 categories of the NAeG Scheme – 2022.**

7. '*Lophopetalum tanahgambut*', which was recently identified, belongs to which species?

- A. Tree
- B. Fish
- C. Fungus
- D. Spider



- ✓ **Lophopetalum tanahgambut** is a newly identified tree species belonging to the genus **Lophopetalum** in the cosmopolitan family **Celastraceae**. It is a large top canopy tree that grows to **40 m tall**, with a trunk diameter at breast height of up to **1.05 m**. The new species is only known from **peat swamp forests** of the Indonesian island of **Sumatra**.

8. Kassym–Jomart Tokayev has been elected as the President of which country?

- A. Iran
B. Israel
C. Kazakhstan
D. Turkey



- ✓ **Kassym–Jomart Tokayev** has secured a second term in Kazakhstan presidential elections, winning **81.3 percent** of the vote. Tokayev won his first election in 2019 with the backing of his predecessor, **Nursultan Nazarbayev**. Nazarbayev retained the title of ‘**Elbasy**’ (head of the nation) in the **Kazakh language**.

9. Which Union Ministry presents the ‘National Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021–22’?

- A. Ministry of Jal Shakti
B. Ministry of Education
C. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
D. Ministry of Women and Child Development



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- ✓ **The Ministry of Education** announced that **39 schools** from across the nation have received the **Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar** for the **2021–22 academic year**. Of the **8.23 lakh entries**, **28 government and aided institutions** and **11 private schools** were chosen. Schools are evaluated for the award based on **six broad criteria**– Covid–19 (preparedness and response), hand–washing with soap, toilets, operation and maintenance, behavioural change, and water.

10. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) is located in which state/UT?

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



- ✓ **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)**, Mumbai, in association with **IIT Madras**, developed a **Continuous Marine Water Quality Monitoring Station (CMWQMS)**. The Continuous water quality system and electric monitoring vehicle will assist in managing the marine water and air quality in the port area. An **Electric Environmental Monitoring Vehicle (EV)** was also launched at the Port.