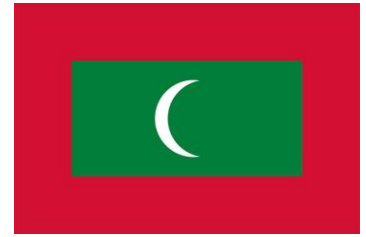


1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a Currency Swap Agreement with which country's monetary authority?

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Maldives ☒
- D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has signed a Currency Swap Agreement with the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework. This agreement will enable the MMA to make withdrawals in multiple tranches up to a maximum of USD 200 million from the RBI.

2. Dina Boluarte was recently selected as the first female President of which country?

- A. France
- B. Peru ☒
- C. Brazil
- D. Australia



- ✓ Dina Boluarte was appointed as Peru's first female president amid a political crisis when her predecessor and former boss Pedro Castillo was ousted in an impeachment trial. Peru's leftist president Pedro Castillo was ousted by lawmakers and detained by police after he tried to illegally shut down Congress.

3. Which Union Ministry is set to launch India's first-ever surety bonds insurance product to boost infrastructure?

- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways ☒
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Communication
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) will launch India's first-ever surety bonds insurance product to boost liquidity in the infrastructure sector, as per Union minister Nitin Gadkari. The surety bonds will help in boosting the liquidity in the infrastructure sector by providing relief to the contractors' working capital stuck in bank guarantees.

4. Which institution has approved USD 780 million loan to expand Chennai metro rail network?

- A. World Bank
- B. ADB ☒
- C. AIIB
- D. IMF



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved financing of USD 780 million to build new lines for Chennai's metro rail and improve the network's connectivity with bus and feeder services. The project will construct 10.1 km of an elevated section, nine metro stations, 10 km of the underground section among others. The stations will be disaster- and climate-resilient and responsive to the needs of the elderly, women, children, and the differently abled.

5. Which state/UT is the host of 9<sup>th</sup> World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2022?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Goa ☒
- C. Telangana
- D. Bihar



- ✓ The 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo 2022 was inaugurated today at Panaji, Goa. It aims to showcase the efficacy of AYUSH systems of medicine at Global level. The third edition of the 'Ayushman' comic book series was also released on this occasion. A MoU was signed between All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and Rosenberg's European Academy of Ayurveda, Germany for advanced studies in traditional Indian medicine systems.

6. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) (in 2022)?

- A. T G Sitharam ☒
- B. Manoj Soni
- C. Nidhi Chibber
- D. Vineet Joshi



- ✓ IIT Guwahati Director Professor TG Sitharam has been appointed as the new chairman of the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). He will take the charge from UGC Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar and hold the position for a period of three years. Professor TG Sitharam is also a member of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), and a senior professor in the civil engineering department of IISc Bangalore.

7. Who is the world's most popular leader as per Global Leader Approval Ratings released by US-based Morning Consult?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Narendra Modi ☒
- C. M K Stalin
- D. Vladimir Putin



- ✓ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 77 percent. This was revealed in a Global Leader Approval Ratings released by a US based

consulting firm Morning Consult. Mexico President Andrés Manuel López Obrador stands at second position followed by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

8. India has proposed to transfer which species from Appendix–II to Appendix–I of CITES Convention?

- A. Leith's soft-shelled turtle ☒
- B. Burmese peacock soft-shell turtle
- C. Indian soft-shell turtle
- D. Burmese narrow-headed soft-shell turtle



- ✓ India has proposed for transferring Leith's Softshell Turtle (*Nilssonia leithi*) from Appendix II to Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora (CITES). The proposal has been adopted by the Conference of Parties (CoP) to CITES in its 19th Meeting at Panama. Leith's Softshell Turtle is a large fresh water soft-shelled turtle which is endemic to peninsular India.

9. Who is the first football player to score goals in 5 different World Cups?

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Cristiano Ronaldo ☒
- C. Neymar
- D. Kylian Mbappe



- ✓ Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo becomes first player to score goals in 5 different World Cup tournaments. The former Manchester United player reached this milestone after he converted a penalty in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute against Ghana in their Group H match.

10. Which country launched the 'RH-200' Sounding Rocket?

- A. Russia
- B. India ☒
- C. Israel
- D. Iran



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) conducted 200<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Launch of 'RH-200' Sounding Rocket. Indian sounding rockets are used as tools for the scientific community for carrying out experiments on meteorology, astronomy and similar branches of space physics.