

1. 'Youth Co: Lab' youth innovation movement is an initiative of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and which institution?

- A. WEF
- B. UNDP ☒
- C. UNICEF
- D. UNESCO



- ✓ The 5th edition of Youth Co: Lab, Asia Pacific's largest youth innovation movement was recently launched by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and UNDP India. It is an initiative launched in 2019 by UNDP India in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog. It aims to establish a common agenda for Asia-Pacific countries to empower youth to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals through leadership, social innovation, and entrepreneurship.

2. Which Indian initiative has been recognised by the Conference of Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biodiversity?

- A. Swachh Bharat Mission
- B. Namami Gange ☒
- C. National Mission for Green India
- D. Global Water Project



- ✓ The Namami Gange initiative was recognised during the 15th Conference of Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada on World Restoration Day. Namami Gange initiative to rejuvenate river Ganga was recognised as one of the top 10 World Restoration Flagships aimed at reviving the natural world. The initiatives were selected under the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

3. What is the new name of 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK)'?

- A. Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) ☒
- B. Mission Karmayogi
- C. Samarth Scheme
- D. Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Scheme



- ✓ The Minister of Minority Affairs, Smriti Zubin Irani informed that the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK) has now been named as Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme. The integrated scheme merges five erstwhile schemes of the Ministry: Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharohar, Nai Roshni and Nai Manzil. The scheme has been approved by the Cabinet for the period of 15th Finance Commission.

4. Which company became the official partner of FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023?

- A. Byju's
- B. Tata Steel ☒
- C. Reliance Industries
- D. Jio



- ✓ Tata Steel Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hockey India to become an official partner of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. The FIH Men's World Cup is the 15th edition of the top tournament for men, and will take place in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela during 2023.

5. 'SURYA KIRAN' is a joint training Exercise conducted between India and which country?

- A. Nepal ☒
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. France
- D. Australia



- ✓ The 16th Edition of Indo–Nepal joint training Exercise 'SURYA KIRAN–XVI' between India and Nepal commenced at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi. Exercise SURYA KIRAN is conducted annually between India and Nepal. Last year, the 15th India–Nepal combined 'Surya Kiran' military training exercise took place in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

6. Which institution released a report titled 'Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage Policy Framework'?

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. NITI Aayog ☒
- D. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



- ✓ NITI Aayog released a study report, titled 'Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage Policy Framework and its Deployment Mechanism in India'. The report explores the importance of Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage as an emission reduction strategy to achieve deep decarbonisation. The report outlines broad level policy interventions needed across various sectors for its application.

7. Which country tops the 'Global minority index' published by Centre for Policy Analysis (CPA)?

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



- ✓ Patna-based research institute Centre for Policy Analysis (CPA) placed India on top of the 'Global minority index'. It is followed by South Korea, Japan, Panama and the US, in the Global Minority Report listing 110 countries. Maldives, Afghanistan and Somalia are placed at the bottom of the list. The report was released by former vice president of India M Venkaiah Naidu.

8. The Union Public Service Commission can have a maximum of how many members?

- A. 05
B. 10 ☒
C. 15
D. 25



- ✓ The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is headed by a chairperson and can have a maximum of 10 members. Former Health Secretary Preeti Sudan has been appointed as a member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). She superannuated as the health secretary in July 2020. With the appointment, there is a vacancy of four members in the Commission.

9. Agni Warrior is a bilateral defence exercise held between India and which country?

- A. USA
B. France
C. Singapore ☒
D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ The 12th Edition of Exercise Agni Warrior, a bilateral exercise between the Singapore and Indian Army concluded at Devlali (Maharashtra). Exercise Agni Warrior, involved joint firepower planning, execution and use of New Generation Artillery Equipment. Indigenously manufactured Artillery guns and howitzers also participated in the final phase of the exercise.

10. IIT-Madras has partnered with which country to launch "Centre for Energy" to work on UN-SDGs?

- A. USA
B. Singapore
C. Australia ☒
D. Germany



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras is partnering with Australian Universities to launch 'Australia-India Centre for Energy (AICE). IIT Madras and Deakin University in Australia are leading the Centre, which aims to work on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also aims to promote collaboration among universities, research institutes and industry from both countries in energy domain.