

1. As per Finance Ministry's latest data, what is India's gross domestic product growth in the first half of 2022–23?

- A. 7.7%
- B. 8.7%
- C. 9.7% ☒
- D. 10.7%



- ✓ As per the Finance Ministry's latest data, India's gross domestic product growth in the first half of 2022–23 is averaged to 9.7%. This was announced in the Ministry's mid-year expenditure and revenue statement. The ministry said it could not present the medium-term expenditure framework (MTEF) as mandated by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, as the global macro-economic situation disrupted the government's projections.

2. Which country is the host of special negotiation round on three of the four pillars of Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) in February 2023?

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



- ✓ India will host the next special negotiation round on three of the four pillars of the United States-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) on February 2023. IPEF has four pillars in all namely trade, supply chain, tax and anti-corruption and clean energy. During the first-ever in-person ministerial in September 2022, India decided to join only three pillars, and opted out of the trade pillar.

3. What is the total amount raised by the Government through disinvestment and strategic sale of PSEs since 2014?

- A. Rs 1.01 lakh crores
- B. Rs 2.02 lakh crores
- C. Rs 3.03 lakh crores
- D. Rs 4.04 lakh crores ☒



- ✓ The government has raised over Rs 4.04 lakh crore through disinvestment and strategic sale of public sector enterprises since 2014, the Finance Ministry said. The largest amount of over Rs 1.07 lakh crore was raised through offer for sale in 59 cases. This was followed by a stake sale through Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) in 10 tranches, amounting to Rs 98,949 crore. Strategic sales in 10 companies, including Air India, yielded Rs 69,412 crores. 17 CPSEs were listed since 2014–15, which yielded Rs 50,386 crore.

4. Which state/UT generated most number of jobs under the PMEGP scheme in the current fiscal year?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Goa
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ **Jammu & Kashmir has generated the most number of jobs among all the states and UTs under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in the current fiscal year. The scheme by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Since 2008, 62,808 jobs were created by 7,851 assisted projects in Jammu & Kashmir.**

5. Which institution released the '2022 in Nine Charts' report?

- A. World Economic Forum
- B. International Monetary Fund
- C. World Bank ☒
- D. Asian Development Bank



- ✓ **The World Bank released a report titled '2022 in Nine Charts', in which it said that the world is in its steepest slowdown since 1970 and 685 million people could be living in extreme poverty by the end of 2022. This would make 2022 the second-worst year for poverty reduction in the past two decades, after 2020.**

6. Which Union Ministry organised the Swar Dharohar festival?

- A. Ministry of Culture ☒
- B. Ministry of Tourism
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



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- ✓ **Ministry of Culture, Government of India in collaboration with Swar Dharohar Foundation inaugurated "Swar Dharohar Festival" under Kalanjali. It is a Music, Art and Literature Festival which was organised to showcase the iconic art and culture of India and, the rich literary Art and Heritage of Indian States.**

7. Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh, who were in the news recently, are associated with which sports?

- A. Hockey
- B. Shooting ☒
- C. Squash
- D. Cricket



- ✓ Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh won the 10 metre air pistol mixed team title at the 65th National Shooting Championship Competitions. Karnataka's Divya TS and Imroz clinched silver while Punjab and ONGC shared the bronze medals. In the junior mixed team pistol, the gold was won by Uttar Pradesh's Anjali and Sagar after beating Uttarakhand's Yashasvi and Abhinav. Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh won the bronze medals.

8. Chaityabhoomi is the resting place of which leader?

- A. Dr B R Ambedkar ☒
- B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- C. Rabindranath Tagore
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru



- ✓ Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar's 67th Mahaparinirvan Diwas is observed on December 6. Lakhs of followers from all over the country gathered at Chaityabhoomi in Dadar in Mumbai to pay tribute to the great leader. Chaitya Bhoomi is a Buddhist chaitya and the cremation place of B. R. Ambedkar, the 20th-century Indian intellectual and the chief architect of the Indian Constitution.

9. India's first gold ATM has been inaugurated in which city?

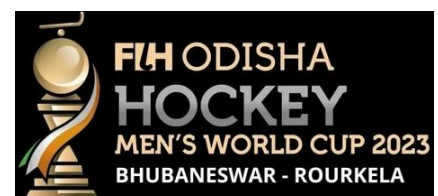
- A. Varanasi
- B. Hyderabad ☒
- C. Lucknow
- D. Cochin



- ✓ India's first gold ATM and world's first real time gold ATM has been launched in Hyderabad. The gold ATM enables customers to buy gold without going to a physical jewellery store. Goldsikka, a company that specialises in buying and selling of gold, introduced the ATM with technology support from a Hyderabad-based startup OpenCube. In the ATM, the buyer selects the price and gold worth the amount is released to the buyer.

10. Which state is the host of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023?

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



- ✓ The FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 will be hosted by Odisha at Bhubaneswar-Rourkela from 13 January, 2023. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the trophy tour of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. The trophy will travel across 13 states and one Union territory and then across all districts of the state.