

1. iNOVACC, which was approved as an intra-nasal booster dose for COVID, is manufactured by which institution?

- A. Serum Institute of India
- B. Biological E Ltd
- C. Bharat Biotech ☒
- D. Biocon



- ✓ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has approved Bharat Biotech's intranasal Covid vaccine as a booster dose for those above 18 years of age. India's first intranasal Covid vaccine iNOVACC will be added to the CoWin app, which is a web platform for vaccination registration in the country. At present, only Bharat Biotech's Covaxin, Serum Institute's Covishield and Covovax, Russian Sputnik V and Biological E Ltd's Corbevax are listed in the CoWin portal.

2. Which institution won the DSCI AISS Award for 'Best Security Practices in Government Sector'?

- A. Indian Railways
- B. UIDAI ☒
- C. ISRO
- D. NASSCOM



- ✓ The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has bagged a top data security award for best practices in the government sector. Data Security Council of India (DSCI) is a not-for-profit industry body on data protection in India, setup by NASSCOM. DSCI awarded UIDAI for its significant role in securing 'Aadhaar' infrastructure that provides digital identity-based welfare services to residents.

3. International Finance Corporation has extended a USD 400 million loan to which company in India?

- A. SBI
- B. Can Fin Homes
- C. HDFC ☒
- D. LIC Housing Finance



- ✓ The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has extended a USD 400-million loan to mortgage company HDFC for financing green affordable housing units. The loan will help close the urban housing gap and improve access to climate-smart affordable homes by boosting green housing, creating jobs and ensuring long-term business growth.

4. Who has been named as the captain of the Indian squad for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023?

- A. Harmanpreet Singh ☒
- B. P R Sreejesh
- C. Amit Rohidas
- D. Rupinder Pal Singh



- ✓ Harmanpreet Singh was named the captain of the 18-member Indian squad for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup. Hockey India announced the squad for the FIH men's World Cup scheduled from January 13 to 29, 2023 in Bhubaneswar–Rourkela, Odisha. Amit Rohidas will be his deputy for the event. The Men in Blue will play its opening game against Spain at the newly built Birsamunda Stadium in Rourkela.

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5. Which country supplies S-400 air defence missile system to India?

- A. USA  
B. Israel  
C. Russia ☒  
D. France



- ✓ Russia will begin supplying India with the third squadron of the S-400 air defence missile system in January or February of next year. India has already deployed its first two missile system squadrons to patrol the Ladakh sector, West Bengal's Chicken's Neck Corridor and the entire north-eastern region. India and Russia have agreed to a three-year ₹35,000 crore deal to buy five squadrons of S-400 air defence missiles.

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6. Anish Thoppani, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- A. Cricket  
B. Chess  
C. Badminton ☒  
D. Hockey



- ✓ Indian shuttler Anish Thoppani clinches silver medal in U-15 category at Badminton Asia Junior Championships, in Nonthaburi, Thailand. Anish lost the men's singles final against Chinese Taipei's Chung-Hsiang Yih to settle for silver. India's under-17 men's duo Arsh Mohammad and Sanskar Srastwat secured a silver medal.

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7. Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. West Bengal ☒  
B. Andhra Pradesh  
C. Himachal Pradesh  
D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ India's largest botanical garden, Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden in Howrah, West Bengal, is under threat due to severe land erosion by Ganga River. During a recent site visit, experts warned that parts of the fencing and inner plantation may get washed away by the swelling river. The garden is under the jurisdiction of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI).

8. Which Indian-origin veteran has been appointed as the Chief Operating Officer of Federal Reserve Bank of New York?

A. Sushmita Shukla ☒

B. Indra Nooyi

C. Preeti Sudan

D. Gita Gopinath



- ✓ **Sushmita Shukla, Indian-origin veteran of the insurance industry, has been appointed as First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The appointment was approved by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of New York. She has been appointed as First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, effective March 2023**

9. Which city corporation launched the World Bank's flagship Gender Toolkit?

A. Mumbai

B. Chennai ☒

C. Kolkata

D. New Delhi



- ✓ **A Gender Toolkit based on 'Enabling gender responsive urban mobility and public spaces' was launched by Greater Chennai Corporation. The toolkit was launched at a session conducted by the World Bank and the Chennai Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority. It aims to highlight the gender issues surrounding mobility and city design.**

10. When is the 'International Anti-Corruption Day' observed?

A. December.09 ☒

B. December.11

C. December.15

D. December.26



- ✓ **International Anti-Corruption Day is observed on 9 December, with the theme of 'Uniting the World against Corruption'. The 2022 International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) seeks to highlight the crucial link between anti-corruption and peace, security, and development. It also marks the start of twentieth anniversary of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).**