

1. Pushpa Kamal Dahal also known as 'Prachanda' has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Nepal ☒
- C. Maldives
- D. Mauritius



- ✓ **Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari appointed CPN–Maoist Centre chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' as the new Prime Minister of Nepal. Prachanda has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal as per the Article 76 Clause 2 of the Constitution. There has been an understanding between Prachanda and Oli to lead the government on rotation basis.**

2. Emperor penguins, which were seen in the news, are native to which region/ country?

- A. Antarctica ☒
- B. Australia
- C. Greenland
- D. Iceland



- ✓ **As per new research, two-thirds of Antarctica's native species, including emperor penguins, are under threat of extinction or major population declines by 2100. This is due to current trajectories of global heating. The study was conducted by scientists, conservationists and policymakers from 12 countries. It has identified emperor penguins as the Antarctic species at greatest risk of extinction, followed by other seabirds and dry soil nematodes.**

3. Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated Sports Science Centre in which city?

- A. Pune
- B. Amravati
- C. Udupi ☒
- D. Varanasi



- ✓ **Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Sports Science Centre in Udupi. This Sports Science Centre will bring together sports scientists and athletes. The Government has spent 2700 crore rupees to enhance sporting infrastructure as well as 3,136 crore rupees for Khelo India Games, for a period of five years.**

4. India has agreed to start negotiations for a free trade agreement with which neighbouring country?

- A. China
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Bangladesh ☒
- D. Nepal



- ✓ India and Bangladesh agreed to start negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA) at an early date. The decision was taken in a meeting between Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and his Bangladeshi counterpart Tipu Munshi. A joint feasibility study on the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), has been carried out after the two countries agreed to explore the possibility of negotiating a trade pact. The bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh increased to USD 18.2 billion in 2021–22.

5. Which institution has set up 'Central Excise and Service Tax Settlement Commission'?

- A. SEBI
- B. CBIC ☒
- C. CBDT
- D. Enforcement Directorate



- ✓ The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has constituted Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax Settlement Commission. It aims to resolve and settle the show-cause notices issued under the Customs Act, Central Excise Act and Service Tax regime. This move would ensure speedy disposal of cases under the old indirect tax regime.

6. Which state launched the 'Sanitation Workers Development Scheme'?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Nagaland



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin launched sanitation workers' development programme across the state and distributed safety equipment. A survey will be carried out to identify sanitation workers and details will be uploaded on a mobile application. In the first phase, the scheme will be implemented in five urban local bodies and will be extended to all other local bodies.

7. The New and Renewable Energy Ministry extended the rooftop solar programme till which year?

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026 ☒
- D. 2027



- ✓ The Union Ministry of new and renewable energy extended the rooftop solar programme till March 31, 2026. With this, subsidy under the programme will be available until the target for the scheme is achieved. All residential consumers are advised not to pay any additional charges to any vendor on account of fee for application on the National Portal or any additional charges for net-metering or testing.

8. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which state?

- A. Goa
B. Gujarat
C. Himachal Pradesh ☒
D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has recently sworn in as the next Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh. He was a four-time MLA and chairman of the Congress' state election campaign committee. Mukesh Agnihotri has been selected as the deputy chief minister. The Indian National Congress party won the Himachal Pradesh state assembly elections.

9. As per the Union Jal Shakti Ministry, how many River-linking components have been identified?

- A. 10
B. 20
C. 30 ☒
D. 50

30

- ✓ The Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said in Lok Sabha that 30 River-linking components have been identified. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti identified 16 links under peninsular rivers component and 14 links under Himalayan component of National Perspective Plan (NPP) for inter basin transfer. Ken-Betwa River link project has been approved with estimated cost of ₹44,605 crore with central support of ₹39,317 crore.

10. Who is the new Chief Minister of Gujarat, after the 2022 assembly elections?

- A. Bhupendra Patel ☒
B. Vijay Rupani
C. Anandiben Patel
D. Keshubhai Patel



- ✓ Bhupendra Patel will continue as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term, after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) wins in the state assembly elections. The newly-elected Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs elected Bhupendra Patel as the leader of the legislative party.