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1. What is the GDP forecast for 2022–23 for India, as per the World Bank India Development Update?

- A. 8.1%
- B. 7.5%
- C. 7.2%
- D. 6.9% ☒



- ✓ World Bank raised its gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India during the current financial year (FY23) to 6.9 per cent from 6.5 per cent. The report forecasts that the economy will grow at a slightly lower rate of 6.6 per cent in fiscal FY24 from the earlier projected 7 per cent.

2. After the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Meeting in December 2022, what is the repo rate?

- A. 5.9%
- B. 6.25% ☒
- C. 6.50%
- D. 6.75%



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) hiked the repo rate by 35 basis points (bps) to 6.25 per cent with immediate effect. The policy rate is now at its highest level since August 2018 and this is the fifth–rate hike by the central bank in this financial year. MPC decided to remain focused on the withdrawal of accommodative stance.
- ✓ The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 6.00 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.50 per cent.

3. Which cyclone recently formed over Bay of Bengal, crossing the coasts of southern states?

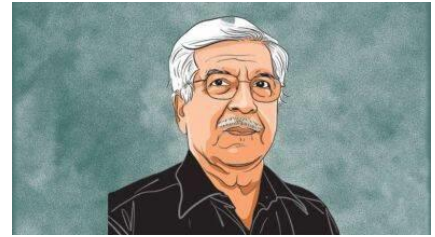
- A. Mandous ☒
- B. Asani
- C. Sitrang
- D. Mocha



- ✓ Cyclone Mandous lies over southwest Bay of Bengal, about 620 km southeast of Chennai. The storm is likely to cross the coasts of north Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh between Puducherry and Sriharikota. Under its influence, rainfall is expected over parts of coastal Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh for two days. Red alert has already been issued for Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

4. Y K Alagh, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession?

- A. Economist ☒
- B. Sports-person
- C. Business-person
- D. Scientist



- ✓ **Yoginder K Alagh, a veteran economist and former Union minister, recently passed away at the age of 83. He was the union minister of state for Planning and Programme Implementation, Science and Technology and Power during 1996–98. He also served as the Vice Chancellor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi.**

5. Which country is the host of the '12th World Hindi Conference'?

- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Thailand
- D. Fiji ☒

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- ✓ **The '12th World Hindi Conference' is being organized by the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with the Government of Fiji in February 2023 in Fiji. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the main theme of the Conference is "Hindi: From Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence". Eleven World Hindi Conferences have been organized in various countries, so far.**

6. Which state/ UT is the host of the 'National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2022'?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Assam
- D. Jammu and Kashmir ☒



- ✓ **The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), are set to organise the 25th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) in Katra, Jammu & Kashmir. The theme of this Conference is 'Bringing Citizens, Industry and Government closer'. The National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) will be presented under 5 categories of the NAeG Scheme – 2022.**

7. '*Lophopetalum tanahgambut*', which was recently identified, belongs to which species?

- A. Tree ☒
- B. Fish
- C. Fungus
- D. Spider



- ✓ **Lophopetalum tanahgambut** is a newly identified tree species belonging to the genus **Lophopetalum** in the cosmopolitan family **Celastraceae**. It is a large top canopy tree that grows to 40 m tall, with a trunk diameter at breast height of up to 1.05 m. The new species is only known from peat swamp forests of the Indonesian island of Sumatra.

8. Kassym–Jomart Tokayev has been elected as the President of which country?

- A. Iran
B. Israel
C. Kazakhstan ☒
D. Turkey



- ✓ **Kassym–Jomart Tokayev** has secured a second term in Kazakhstan presidential elections, winning 81.3 percent of the vote. Tokayev won his first election in 2019 with the backing of his predecessor, Nursultan Nazarbayev. Nazarbayev retained the title of ‘Elbasy’ (head of the nation) in the Kazakh language.

9. Which Union Ministry presents the ‘National Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021–22’?

- A. Ministry of Jal Shakti
B. Ministry of Education ☒
C. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
D. Ministry of Women and Child Development



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MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION

- ✓ **The Ministry of Education** announced that 39 schools from across the nation have received the **Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar** for the 2021–22 academic year. Of the 8.23 lakh entries, 28 government and aided institutions and 11 private schools were chosen. Schools are evaluated for the award based on six broad criteria– Covid–19 (preparedness and response), hand–washing with soap, toilets, operation and maintenance, behavioural change, and water.

10. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) is located in which state/UT?

- A. Tamil Nadu
B. Maharashtra ☒
C. Kerala
D. Karnataka



- ✓ **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)**, Mumbai, in association with IIT Madras, developed a **Continuous Marine Water Quality Monitoring Station (CMWQMS)**. The Continuous water quality system and electric monitoring vehicle will assist in managing the marine water and air quality in the port area. An **Electric Environmental Monitoring Vehicle (EV)** was also launched at the Port.

1. Which institution released the report titled 'Climate Investment Opportunities in India's Cooling Sector'?

A. NITI Aayog

B. World Bank ☒

C. World Economic Forum

D. International Monetary Fund



- ✓ The World Bank recently released a report titled 'Climate Investment Opportunities in India's Cooling Sector'. The report was released during the two-day 'India Climate and Development Partners' Meet' being organised by World Bank in partnership with the Kerala government. As per the report, the country is experiencing higher temperatures that arrive earlier and stay far longer. India could become one of the first places in the world to experience heat waves that break the human survivability limit.

2. Which country has recorded deaths of children by the bacterial infection 'Strep A'?

A. India

B. United Kingdom ☒

C. Germany

D. Bangladesh



- ✓ At least six children have died of a common bacterial infection, Strep A, in the United Kingdom. When the bacteria enter the bloodstream, the infection can get severe and it is called invasive Group A Strep (iGAS). The symptoms of Strep A include fever, skin rashes and a sore easily treated with antibiotics. As many as 851 cases of Strep A were reported in a week of November, compared to an average of 186 for the same time in preceding years.

3. Which institution released the report titled 'Preventing injuries and violence: an overview'?

A. UNICEF

B. WHO ☒

C. UNESCO

D. UN Women



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) released a new report titled 'Preventing injuries and violence: an overview'. The report says that injuries and violence cause about 12, 000 deaths around the world each day. It also highlighted the need for scaling up efforts for prevention of injury related deaths, which account for 1 in 12 deaths worldwide. Road traffic injuries, homicide and suicide were listed among the top 5 causes of death among people aged 5–29 years.

4. Tungareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra ☒
- C. Kerala
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **Supreme Court exempted Maharashtra's Tungareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary (TWS) from its earlier order mandating the creation of a 1 km eco-sensitive zones (ESZ) around all protected areas in India. It also stated that practical difficulties and ground realities will have to be taken into account before having a uniform order for creating ESZs as mandated. The Sanctuary is located in the suburbs of Mumbai.**

5. What is the rank of India in the 'Arton Capital Passport Index 2022'?

- A. 80
- B. 87 ☒
- C. 92
- D. 95



- ✓ **Passport Index 2022, published by Arton Capital, is the ranking of the world's strongest and weakest passports. India has ranked 87 in the world's strongest passport list, while UAE ranked first, followed by Germany, Sweden, Finland, Luxembourg, Spain France. While Afghanistan stood last, Pakistan stood at 94.**

6. Caracas is the capital city of which country?

- A. Iran
- B. Venezuela ☒
- C. Papua New Guinea
- D. Argentina



- ✓ **India and Venezuela held the fourth round of foreign office consultations in Caracas, the capital city of Venezuela. As per the Ministry of External Affairs, both sides reviewed their bilateral relations, covering areas such as political, trade, energy, health and pharmaceuticals, Ayurveda and Yoga, agriculture, culture and science and technology.**

7. Which Union Ministry launched Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience and Growth (MAARG) portal?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D. Ministry of Labour and Employment



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- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)–(Ministry of Commerce and Industry) has invited applications from start-ups for registration on the MAARG portal. MAARG portal – Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience and Growth, is a one-stop platform to facilitate mentorship for startups across various sectors, functions and stages.

8. Anwar Ibrahim has sworn in as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Singapore
B. Malaysia ☒
C. Afghanistan
D. UAE



- ✓ Malaysia's veteran opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim has recently sworn in as the country's new Prime Minister. The new PM was sworn in by the king after days of post-election deadlock following inconclusive elections. Anwar says he will tackle Malaysia's rising cost of living and combat corruption.

9. Which is the headquarters of Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)?

- A. Mumbai
B. New Delhi ☒
C. Gurugram
D. Kolkata



- ✓ The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is an Indian Government owned telecommunications technology development centre. It is headquartered in New Delhi. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurates Entrepreneurship Cell and Centre of Innovation at the Delhi campus of the Centre for Development of Telematics, C-DOT.

10. Which country is the host of the inaugural India–ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting?

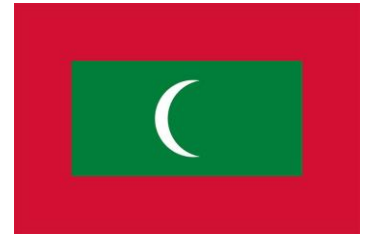
- A. India
B. Cambodia ☒
C. Thailand
D. Laos



- ✓ The inaugural India–ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting is being held at Siem Reap in Cambodia to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of India–ASEAN relations. India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh made two proposals including an initiative for women in United Nations Peace Keeping (UNPK) operations and initiative on marine plastic pollution.

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



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एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**ROAD TRANSPORT
AND HIGHWAYS**

- ✓ 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



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

- ✓ 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 9th 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 65th minute against Ghana in their Group H match.

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

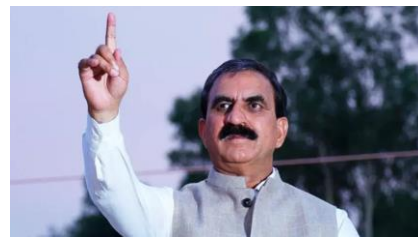
- A. Russia
- B. India ☒
- C. Israel
- D. Iran



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) conducted 200th 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.

1. 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.

2. Which city is the host of the 'G20 Development Working Group meeting'?

- A. Mumbai ☒
- B. Varanasi
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Chennai



- ✓ The 4-day meeting of G20 Development Working Group (DWG) is set to begin in Mumbai under India's Presidency. The Development Working Group meeting aims to discuss developmental issues in Developing Countries, Least Developed Countries and Island Countries.

3. *Meizotropis pellita* (Patwa), which was added to IUCN Red List, belongs to which species?

- A. Turtle
- B. Medicinal Plant ☒
- C. Snake
- D. Butterfly



- ✓ Three medicinal plant species found in the Himalayas have been added to IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. *Meizotropis pellita*, commonly known as Patwa and endemic to Uttarakhand, has been assessed as 'critically endangered', *Fritillaria cirrhosa* as 'vulnerable', and *Dactylorhiza hatagirea* as 'endangered'.

4. What is the theme of the 'World Soil Day 2022'?

- A. Soils: Where food begins ☒
- B. Soils: Where life begins
- C. Soils: Where earth begins
- D. Soils: Where all begins



- ✓ 'World Soil Day' is being observed annually on 5 December to focus on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for sustainable management of soil resources. The theme of this year's World Soil Day is 'Soils: Where food begins'. An international day to celebrate soil was recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences in 2002. The Food and Agriculture Organisation FAO Conference endorsed World Soil Day in June 2013.

5. Where is India's first carbon neutral farm located?

- A. Assam
B. Gujarat
C. Kerala ☒
D. Telangana



- ✓ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared a seed farm, located in Aluva in Kerala, as the first carbon neutral farm in the country. Reduction in carbon emission has helped the seed farm under the Agricultural Department achieve the carbon neutral status. The total amount of carbon emission from the farm in the last one year was 43 tons.

6. Which institution released the 'Genetically Modified (GM) Food regulations'?

- A. FAO
B. FSSAI ☒
C. ISO
D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has released a new draft of Genetically Modified (GM) Food regulations for public consultation. It proposes front-of-the pack labelling for packaged food products that contain 1 per cent or more of GM ingredients. No person shall manufacture, pack, store, sell, market or distribute or import any food or food ingredient produced from GMOs, except with the prior approval of the Food Authority.

7. Buddhavanam, a Buddhist Heritage Theme Park, is located in which state?

- A. Bihar
B. Telangana ☒
C. Maharashtra
D. Tripura



- ✓ Buddhavanam, the first-of-its-kind Buddhist Heritage Theme Park project, was inaugurated in Telangana. It was developed by the Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation at Nagarjunasagar. The corporation is also exploring to set up Buddhist Monasteries of different countries and Buddhist University near Nagarjunasagar.

8. As per the draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2022, what is the maximum punishment for killing an animal?

- A. Rs 1 lakh
- B. Rs 5 lakh ☒
- C. Rs 10 lakh
- D. Rs 25 lakh



- ✓ A draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2022, prepared by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, has been released for public comments. It has introduced 61 amendments in the law including “Bestiality” as a crime under the new category of ‘Gruesome cruelty’. It proposes fines from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000 or cost of the animal whichever is more or with imprisonment of one year to three years or both for the offence of gruesome cruelty. For killing an animal, the draft Bill proposes a maximum punishment of five years in jail.

9. Which country launched the nuclear-powered icebreaker Yakutia?

- A. Russia ☒
- B. Ukraine
- C. Japan
- D. Israel



- ✓ Russia recently launched the nuclear-powered icebreaker Yakutia at the Baltic Shipyard in St. Petersburg in northwest Russia. The ceremony was attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin via video link. The Yakutia belongs to a series of ‘Project 22220 nuclear-powered icebreakers’ that are being built for Russia’s Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation. They are the largest and the most powerful in the world.

10. Which city is the host of the ‘UNESCO–INDIA–AFRICA (UIA) Hackathon’?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Greater Noida ☒
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Jaipur



- ✓ Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar addressed the UNESCO–INDIA–AFRICA (UIA) Hackathon at Greater Noida. The Hackathon involving young entrepreneurs from India and 22 African countries was organized by the Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education, the AICTE and UNESCO.

1. When is the UNICEF Day observed every year?

A. December.10

B. December.11 ☒

C. December.14

D. December.15



- ✓ Every year UNICEF Day is celebrated on December 11. UNICEF was originally called the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and now officially called as United Nations Children's Fund. After World War II, the United Nations formed the International Children's Emergency Fund to provide with humanitarian aid for the well-being of the children whose future was at risk. It also defends children's rights and helps them fulfil their potential.

2. Which is the first state to launch its dedicated climate change mission?

A. Tamil Nadu ☒

B. Kerala

C. Telangana

D. Odisha



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin launched the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission to protect the natural resources in the state as well as to restore them. The State's Climate Action Plan will be implemented by the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC). Tamil Nadu has decided to stop any additions to its existing coal power capacity as the mission sought to generate half of electricity through renewable sources by 2030.

3. What is the theme of 'International Mountain Day 2022'?

A. Climate Change and Mountains

B. Women move mountains ☒

C. Protect Mountains

D. Mountains are Monuments



- ✓ UN General Assembly declared 2002 as the UN International Year of Mountains and designated 11 December, as "International Mountain Day" from 2003 onwards. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is the coordinating agency for this celebration (IMD). 'Women Move Mountains' is the theme of this year's International Mountain Day. International Mountain Day 2022 raises awareness about the need to empower mountain women.

4. Which city hosted the 'National Conclave of Universal Health Coverage'?

- A. Pune
- B. Varanasi ☒
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Mysuru



- ✓ The two-day-long National conclave of Universal Health Coverage was organised in Varanasi, by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched operational guidelines for AB-HWCs, Tele-MANAS along with training modules for CHOs and SASHAKT portal at the inaugural ceremony. He also felicitated Best Performing States/UTs.

5. Which city is the host of the first G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru ☒
- C. Chennai
- D. Kolkata



- ✓ Bengaluru is the host of the first G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting from December 13 to 15. The G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting is jointly hosted by the Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The meeting will mark the start of discussions on the Finance Track agenda under the Indian G20 presidency. The Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting will be held in Bengaluru during February 23–25 2023.

6. Which bank launched FIRSTAP, the country's first sticker-based debit card?

- A. Axis Bank
- B. IDFC First Bank ☒
- C. Bandhan Bank
- D. HDFC Bank



- ✓ IDFC First Bank launched FIRSTAP, the country's first sticker-based debit card, in association with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The sticker-based debit card was one-third the size of a regular debit card. It can be used by tapping the sticker on a near field communication (NFC)-enabled point-of-sale terminal.

7. Which institution released a report titled 'Illegal Wildlife Trade and Climate Change: Joining the Dots'?

- A. UNFCCC
- B. UNODC ☒
- C. FAO
- D. UNEP



- ✓ **UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) released a report titled 'Illegal Wildlife Trade and Climate Change: Joining the Dots'. The report states that efforts to reduce illegal wildlife trade (IWT) are not only a nature conservation issue, but an important part of both mitigating climate change and ensuring a more stable and resilient future climate.**

8. 'eGramSwaraj and Audit Online' are the initiatives of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
B. Ministry of Panchayati Raj ☒
C. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
D. Ministry of MSME

Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Government of India

- ✓ **eGramSwaraj and Audit Online initiatives of Ministry of Panchayati Raj wins GOLD AWARD under the National Awards for e-Governance. e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project has won the under the category "Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation" of the National Awards for e-Governance.**

9. 'Equatorial Guinea' is a country located in which region?

- A. Australia
B. Asia
C. America
D. Africa ☒



- ✓ **Equatorial Guinea's President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo has won the re-election bid in the central African country making this his sixth term in office. He is the world's longest-serving president for over four decades. Obiang will serve another seven years as the president, extending his 43-year rule.**

10. Who won the 'Para Sports Person of Year award' at the Turf 2022 event?

- A. Avani Lekhara ☒
B. Deepa Malik
C. Mariyappan Thangavelu
D. Devendra Jhajharia



- ✓ **Paralympic medallist Avani Lekhara received the 'Para Sports Person of Year' award at the Turf 2022 and India Sports Awards of FICCI. Former Ranji cricketer Sarkar Talwar was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement of the Year award. Shrey Kadyan was recognized as the Special Sportsperson of the Year. Odisha was recognized as the best state for promoting sports. The All-India Chess Federation won the National Sports Federation of the Year Award.**

1. What is the Consumer Price Index based retail inflation for November in India?

- A. 5.22%
- B. 5.88% ☒
- C. 6.22%
- D. 8.88%



- ✓ India's retail inflation, which is measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), eased to 11-month low of 5.88% on an annual basis in November. The inflation was 6.77% in October, 2022. The sharp rise is due to the dipping global commodity prices and higher borrowing costs. The inflation figure came within the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) tolerance band of 2–6% for the first time this year. The factory output, measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), contracted 4% in October.

2. What is the position of India in the 2022 Hurun Global list?

- A. 3
- B. 5 ☒
- C. 7
- D. 10



- ✓ India ranks at Number 5 as 20 Indian companies feature in 500 most valuable ones in the world, as per the 2022 Hurun Global list. India rose from the 9th rank to 5th rank with 20 companies featured in the list. With USD 202 billion, Reliance Industries is the most valuable company ranked at followed by Tata Consultancy Services and HDFC Bank. Reliance Industries (34) and Tata Consultancy Services (65) are the only two Indian companies to feature in the top 100 list. US tops the list with 260 companies.

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the All-India Institute of Ayurveda in which state?

- A. Haryana
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Goa ☒
- D. Telangana



- ✓ The Prime Minister virtually inaugurated the Goa-based All India Institute of Ayurveda, Ghaziabad-based National Institute of Unani Medicine, and Delhi-based National Institute of Homeopathy from Goa. He addressed the 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo. Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said the All-India Institute of Ayurveda at Dhargal will have 50 per cent reservation in seats for Goans.

4. Which Indian cricketer broke Chris Gayle's record for the fastest to 200 in an ODI innings?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Ravindra Jadeja
- C. Ishan Kishan ☒
- D. K L Rahul



- ✓ Young Indian cricketer Ishan Kishan created many records in the third and final ODI match of the series against Bangladesh. He became the seventh batter in the world to score a double century in ODIs and fourth from India after Sachin Tendulkar, Rohit Sharma and Virender Sehwag. He scored a double century off just 126 balls. Ishan also broke Chris Gayle's record for the fastest to 200 in an ODI innings.

5. Which institution released the 'International Debt Report 2022'?

- A. World Bank ☒
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. ADB
- D. AIIB



- ✓ According to the International Debt Report 2022 by the World Bank, debt of low and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) rose to a record high of 789 billion USD in 2021. This is the region's highest debt burden since 2010 and the region's current debt burden is beyond its repayment capacity.

6. Which state launched the 'Ganga Water Supply Scheme (GWSS)'?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar ☒
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated a scheme in Bihar, under which flood waters will be treated for supply to households in the southern part of the state. Under the Ganga Water Supply Scheme (GWSS), a total of 135 litres per person will be provided through the project. The estimated cost of the project is ₹4500 crore.

7. Harimau Shakti-2022 is a bilateral exercise held between India and which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Malaysia ☒
- C. Singapore
- D. UAE



- ✓ India–Malaysia joint military Exercise Harimau Shakti–2022 has recently started at Pulau Klang in Malaysia. Combat troops of the Garhwal Rifles Regiment of the Indian Army and the Royal Malay Regiment of the Malaysian Army are participating in the exercise. HARIMAU SHAKTI is an annual training event between Indian and Malaysian armies which has been organised since 2012.

8. Who has been approved as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)?

- A. Sundararaman Ramamurthy ☒
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. Arvind Subramaniam
- D. Chitra Ramakrishnan



- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved the appointment of Sundararaman Ramamurthy as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). Ramamurthy is currently the Chief Operating Officer–India at Bank of America. He was associated with the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) in various roles till 2014.

9. Which company built the Indian Navy's survey vessel 'Ikshak'?

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL
- C. GRSE ☒
- D. BEL



- ✓ The Indian Navy launched 'Ikshak' the third of the four survey vessels (Large) project, being built by GRSE/L&T was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai. Contract for building four SVL ships was signed between Ministry of Defence and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata in 2018 for a total cost of Rs 2435 crore.

10. What is the new name of monkeypox, as recommended by the World Health Organisation?

- A. mpox ☒
- B. Movid
- C. H1M1
- D. Mon–52



- ✓ The World Health Organisation has renamed monkeypox as mpox. It cited concerns that the original name of the animal disease could be construed as discriminatory and racist. The UN health agency said in a statement that mpox was its new preferred name for monkeypox. Both monkeypox and mpox would be used for the next year while the old name is phased out.