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1. Which country has announced the historic Nuclear Fusion Breakthrough?

- A. China
- B. USA ☒
- C. Russia
- D. India



- ✓ **US scientists announced a major scientific breakthrough in the research to harness nuclear fusion energy. Researchers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California for the 1st time produced more energy in a fusion reaction that was used to ignite it, which is also called net energy gain. This achievement will pave the way for developments in defence and future of clean power.**

2. Who is the head of the Supreme Court Collegium, which recently sent its first set of recommendations?

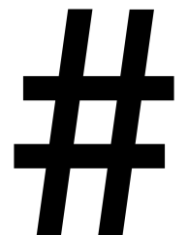
- A. Narendra Modi
- B. DY Chandrachud ☒
- C. Rajiv Kumar
- D. Amitabh Kant



- ✓ **The Supreme Court Collegium recommended five High Court judges for appointment as judges of the top court. This is the first set of recommendations by the Collegium. It includes the recommendation of appointment of Justice Dipankar Datta as a judge of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court Collegium also recommended the elevation of three high court judges as chief justices of the high Courts of Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and Gauhati.**

3. Which state/UT has proposed to launch a unique alpha-numeric identification number for all families?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Kolkata



- ✓ **Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha said the administration will launch an eight-digit unique alpha-numeric identification number for families in the Union Territory. The Unique Family ID aims for speedy and transparent implementation of social security schemes. The JK Family ID will also be used to determine eligibility of beneficiaries of various social welfare schemes.**

4. Which institution launched the 'International Climate Club'?

- A. G20
- B. G7 ☒
- C. ASEAN
- D. SAARC



- ✓ The Group of Seven economies have created an open, international climate club for countries to cooperate in the fight against global warming. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who holds the presidency of the G-7 until the end of the year, announced the decision. Germany will pass the Presidency to Japan. The club will work to help accelerate the industrial transition to cleaner forms of energy and to further develop emission-reduction measures

5. Which state recently passed a bill to remove Governor as Chancellor of state's universities?

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



- ✓ Kerala Assembly recently passed a Bill to remove the Governor as the ex-officio Chancellor of 14 universities in the state. The CPI(M) government introduced the University Laws (Amendments) Bill in the Assembly after repeated issues with Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on administration and appointments at these universities. The Bill will now be sent for the governor's consent before it becomes a law.

6. Which country won the 'Davis Cup title' in 2022?

- A. Canada ☒
- B. Australia
- C. France
- D. United Kingdom



- ✓ Canada wins Davis Cup title by defeating Australia 2-0 in final match. Felix Auger-Aliassime gave Canada a 2-0 lead against Australia by defeating Alex de Minaur 6-3, 6-4. The World No. 6 won both of his singles and doubles matches. Canada made its debut in the Davis Cup title game in 2019.

7. Who has been selected as the first woman president of Indian Olympic Association (IOA)?

- A. Mary Kom
- B. P T Usha ☒
- C. Karnam Malleswari
- D. Anju George



- ✓ **Legendary athlete PT Usha was elected as the first woman president of Indian Olympic Association (IOA). She is a multiple Asian Games gold medalist and fourth place finisher in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics 400m hurdles final. The 58-year-old athlete was declared elected unopposed for the top post in the polls. The elections were held under the supervision of Supreme Court-appointed retired SC judge L Nageswara Rao. She became the first Olympian and first international medallist to head the IOA in its 95-year history.**

8. When is the 'International Jaguar Day' celebrated?

- A. November.29 ☒
- B. December.01
- C. December.05
- D. December.09



- ✓ **International Jaguar Day is celebrated on November 29 every year. Jaguar is the third largest Cat Predator in the World and an important species of the Amazon Rainforest. International Jaguar Day was created to raise awareness about the increasing threats facing the jaguar and the critical conservation efforts for its survival.**

9. The UN panel has recommended which site to be listed as 'world heritage site in danger'?

- A. Australia's Great Barrier Reef ☒
- B. Lady Elliot Island
- C. Heron Island
- D. Andaman and Nicobar Islands



- ✓ **A UN panel recommended Australia's Great Barrier Reef should be listed as 'world heritage site in danger'. The UN panel said that the world's biggest coral reef ecosystem was significantly impacted by climate change and warming of oceans. Frequent bleaching events are threatening the reef, including four over the last seven years and the first during a La Nina phenomenon.**

10. Stephanie Frappart, who was seen in the news, is associated with which game?

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



- ✓ **Stephanie Frappart is set to become the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match after FIFA announced that she will take charge of Group E match between Germany and Costa Rica. The 38-year-old is one of three women referees among the 36 selected for the tournament in Qatar, alongside Rwandan official Salima Mukansanga and Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita.**

1. Which city is the host of India Water Impact Summit (IWIS 2022)?

- A. Varanasi B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Bengaluru D. Jaipur



- ✓ **Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the 7th Edition of the India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) at New Delhi. The theme of this year's Summit is 'Restoration and Conservation of Small Rivers in a Large Basin' with focus on the select aspects of 'Mapping and Convergence of 5Ps' – People, Policy, Plan, Programme and Project.**

2. Ministry of Agriculture partnered with which department to develop Krishi–Decision Support System (Krishi–DSS)?

- A. Department of Science and Technology
- B. Department of Space ☒
- C. Department of Commerce
- D. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team



- ✓ **The Ministry of Agriculture and Department of Space signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop a Krishi–Decision Support System (Krishi–DSS) using satellite data. It is a decision support system using RISAT–1A and VEDAS of Department of Space. It uses geospatial technologies and related databases for enhancing evidence–based decision making of all stakeholders in the agriculture sector.**

3. Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud inaugurated 10 district court digitization hubs in which state?

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



- ✓ **Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud virtually inaugurated 10 district court digitisation hubs (DCDH) in Odisha. With this, a total of 15 DCDHs have now become functional in the state covering all 30 district courts. Initially, 4 District Court Digitization Centres (DCDCs) were set up on a pilot basis in Cuttack, Ganjam, Sambalpur and Balasore.**

4. Airbnb signed MoU with which state government to promote inclusive tourism?

- A. Kerala
- B. Goa ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Punjab



- ✓ Airbnb recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Goa Tourism Department, to promote inclusive tourism. The MoU was signed on the sidelines of the official launch of 'Rediscover Goa', a week-long celebration of Goa's vast cultural diversity. The MoU seeks to make Goa as one of the most sought-after tourism destinations among local and foreign tourists.

5. Beypore Uru is a flagship product of which state?

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



- ✓ The Kozhikode District Tourism Promotion Council of Kerala has applied for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the famous Beypore Uru (boat). It is a wooden ship or a sailing vessel handcrafted by skilled artisans and carpenters in Beypore, Kerala. The Beypore boats are a symbol of Kerala's trade relations and friendship with the Gulf countries.

6. Who is the head of the FPI Advisory Committee (FAC), recently formed by SEBI?

- A. Ajay Tyagi
- B. S C Karg
- C. Hasmukh Adhia ☒
- D. Madhabi Puri Buch



- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has set up a 16-member FPI Advisory Committee (FAC) chaired by Hasmukh Adhia, Former Finance Secretary. It will also include H R Khan, former deputy governor, RBI and R Subramanian, Executive Director, RBI. The 20-member committee on Review of Takeover Regulations will be headed by retired Justice Shiavax Jal Vazifdar. The social stock exchange (SSEs) advisory committee will be headed by R Balasubramaniam, Chairman, Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (Graam).

7. Which institution launched the 'Re-Hab (Reducing Human Attacks using Honey Bees) Project'?

- A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B. Khadi and Village Industries Commission ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education



- ✓ Re-Hab (Reducing Human Attacks using Honey Bees) is an ambitious project of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises). KVIC Chairman Manoj Kumar inaugurated the project at village Chausla in District Nainital.

- ✓ **Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** is running this project called **Re-Hab** in 7 states of the country, namely in **Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Assam and Orissa**. Under this project, **fencing of bee boxes** is installed in such areas from where **elephants** move towards the **human settlements**.

8. 'World Pharmacist Day' is observed during which month?

- A. January
B. March
C. September ☒
D. December



- ✓ **'World Pharmacist Day'** is observed on **September 25**, every year, to highlight the role of **pharmacists** and pay tribute to them. This year's theme is **'Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world'**. The Day is introduced in 2009 by the **International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)** council in **Istanbul**. On the same day in 1912, the **International Pharmaceutical Federation** was established.

9. Which state launched a scheme to provide Rs 10,000 stipend per annum for females pursuing post-graduate programmes?

- A. Tamil Nadu
B. Assam ☒
C. Gujarat
D. Kerala

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- ✓ **Assam state government** launched a scheme to provide stipend of **Rs 10,000 per annum** to female students pursuing post-graduate programmes in educational institutions of the State. This stipend would be helpful in covering their commutation and other related expenses of the students.

10. Which French food product has been recently awarded the UNESCO heritage status?

- A. Croissant
B. Baguette ☒
C. Ratatouille
D. Escargots de Bourgogne



- ✓ **The French baguette** has been recently awarded the UNESCO "intangible cultural heritage status". As per the **National Federation of French Bakeries**, more than **six billion baguettes** are baked every year in **France**. It is a bread with **crusty exterior** and **soft middle** and is an **essential part of French life**.

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?

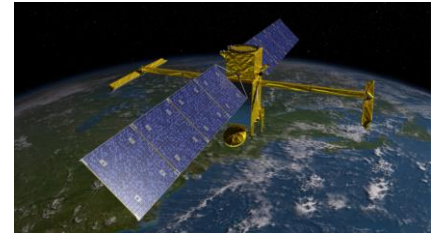
- A. USA
B. Singapore
C. Australia ☒
D. Germany



- ✓ 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.

1. Which country launched the 'Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft'?

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



- ✓ The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched the Earth science satellite to track nearly all the water on Earth's surface. The Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft was launched atop a SpaceX rocket with a mission of three years. The satellite will measure the height of water in freshwater bodies and the ocean on more than 90 per cent of Earth's surface. This information will provide insights on how the ocean influences climate change.

2. ICMR–NARFBR (National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research) has been inaugurated in which city?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Jaipur
- C. Hyderabad ☒
- D. Mysuru



- ✓ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated ICMR–NARFBR (National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research) at Genome Valley in Hyderabad. NARFBR is an apex facility which will provide ethical care and use and welfare of laboratory animals during research. The Centre will create processes for pre-clinical testing of new drugs, vaccines and diagnostics along with quality assurance checks.

3. Indian-origin leader Leo Varadkar has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Ireland ☒
- C. Singapore
- D. Maldives



- ✓ Leo Varadkar takes over for the second time as Ireland's Prime Minister. He is still one of Ireland's youngest ever leaders even in his second stint in the role. Varadkar's Fine Gael and current premier Micheal Martin's Fianna Fail parties is unprecedented in Irish history, agreed to the rotating premiership as part of a coalition with Ireland's Greens following 2020 elections.

4. When is the 'International Migrants Day' celebrated every year?

- A. December.15
- B. December.18 ☒
- C. December.21
- D. December.23



- ✓ **International Migrants Day is being celebrated December 18 to focus toward the social and economic conditions of migrants all across the globe. In 2020 over 281 million people were international migrants while over 59 million people were internally displaced by the end of 2021. The estimated number of international migrants has increased over the past five decades.**

5. What is the theme of 'World AIDS Day' 2022?

- A. Leaving no one behind.
- B. Equalize. ☒
- C. Empathize.
- D. Inclusion of AIDS survivors.



- ✓ **World AIDS Day is observed annually on 1 December, to create awareness among people about the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), its transmission, diagnostic testing, preventive measures, and treatment options. The theme of World AIDS Day 2022 is "Equalize", which aims to focus on the practical solutions to reduce inequality and put an end to the life-threatening disease.**

6. What is the name of the paperless airport entry facility launched by the Civil aviation ministry?

- A. Fast Yatra
- B. Digi Yatra ☒
- C. Bharat Yatra
- D. Aviate Anytime



- ✓ **The Digi Yatra paperless airport entry facility is now functional at three airports in the country, including Delhi's Indira Gandhi International, Bengaluru and Varanasi airports. Based on the Facial Recognition Technology (FRT), Digi Yatra aims to achieve seamless and contactless processing of passengers at airports. By March 2023, four more cities will be added: Hyderabad, Kolkata, Pune, and Vijayawada.**

7. India's biggest Yoga Centre has been constructed in village Mantalai in which state/UT?

- A. Assam
- B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ India's biggest Yoga Centre has been constructed in village Mantalai in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The village will house the International Yoga Centre at the banks of the Tawi River. The Union Tourism Ministry has sanctioned Rs 9,782 crore for the construction of the centre.

8. Which institution released the 'State of Global Water Resources 2021'?

- A. FAO
B. WMO ☒
C. UNEP
D. UNFCCC



- ✓ World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) released a report titled 'State of Global Water Resources 2021'. As per the report, the volume of water available in the Ganga and the groundwater in the river-basin reduced significantly between 2002 and 2021. The report has also identified several other global hot spots that show the same trend.

9. Which state/UT is the host of 'International Gita Mahotsav-2022'?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Haryana ☒
C. Telangana
D. Kerala



- ✓ Indian President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the International Gita Mahotsav (IGM)-2022 in Kurukshetra in Haryana. This year, Nepal is the partner country, while Madhya Pradesh is the partner State of the event. The President also launched 'Nirogi Haryana', a health check-up scheme, and an e-ticketing system of public road transport facilities.

10. What is the 'Merriam-Webster's word of 2022'?

- A. Metaverse
B. Permacrisis
C. Homer
D. Gaslighting ☒

Gaslighting

(verb)

A subtle form of emotional manipulation that often results in the recipient doubting their perception of reality and their sanity.

- ✓ 'Gaslighting' has been announced as Merriam-Webster's word of the year 2022. Searches for the word on merriam-webster.com have increased over 1000 per cent in 2022 over the year before. The definition for gaslighting is the psychological manipulation of a person, which causes the victim to question the validity of their own thoughts, perception of reality, or memories and typically leads to confusion, loss of confidence and self-esteem.

1. Which country is the host of the 'UN Biodiversity Conference– COP15'?

- A. China
- B. Sweden ☒
- C. Canada
- D. Australia



2020 UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE
COP 15 / CP-MOP 10 / NP-MOP 4
Ecological Civilization-Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth
KUNMING – MONTREAL

- ✓ The United Nations Biodiversity Conference or COP15 was organised in Montreal, Canada. Governments from around the world are convened to agree to a new set of goals for nature over the next decade. The negotiators at a UN biodiversity conference reached an agreement, which seeks to spend USD 200 billion toward supporting biodiversity by 2030.

2. Which country is the FIFA World Cup champion in the year 2022?

- A. France
- B. Argentina ☒
- C. England
- D. Morocco



- ✓ Argentina became FIFA World Cup champion by beating the defending Champion France 4–2 in penalties. Argentina lifted the FIFA World Cup title for the third time. Kylian Mbappe scored a hat-trick for France, while Argentina captain Lionel Messi scored a brace and Angel di Maria netted one goal for Argentina.

3. Sela Pass tunnel, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Assam



- ✓ The Sela Pass tunnel is being built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), to provide all-weather connectivity to China border in Arunachal Pradesh. The tunnel being built at a height of 13,000 feet, will give the Indian Army access to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) near Tawang.

4. 'Rythu Bandhu' is a flagship scheme of which Indian state/UT?

- A. Kerala
- B. Telangana ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha



- ✓ 'Rythu Bandhu' scheme is being implemented by the state of Telangana. The government offers crop investments to farmers through this programme at a rate of ₹10,000 per acre for both the Kharif and rabi seasons. The State government would deposit ₹7,600 crore in the bank accounts of farmers, by January this year before the Sankranti festival.

5. Urvashi Singh, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Boxing ☒
- B. Hockey
- C. Squash
- D. Weight-lifting



- ✓ Indian boxer Urvashi Singh beat Thailand's national champion Thanchanok Phanan to clinch the WBC International Super Bantamweight title. The boxer also won the WBC Asia Silver crown in Colombo. She is now the World Boxing Council Asia Continental and International Champion.

6. Which institution released the 'Global Wage Report 2022–2023'?

- A. UNICEF
- B. ILO ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. World Bank



International
Labour
Organization

- ✓ According to a new International Labour Organization (ILO) report titled 'the Global Wage Report 2022–2023', the severe inflationary crisis combined with a global slowdown in economic growth are causing a striking fall in real monthly wages in many countries. The slowdown is driven in part by the war in Ukraine and the global energy crisis. According to the report, the crisis is reducing the purchasing power of the middle classes and hitting low-income households.

7. 'Barak MX' Air Defence System is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ The Israeli Navy conducted a successful test of a long-range interceptor missile against an advanced cruise missile. The LRAD missile, part of the Barak MX defense system, is developed by the Israeli Aerospace Industries and the Defense Ministry's research and development division. It is similar to India's Barak 8.

8. In which year, an all–women bench has been constituted for the first time in the Supreme Court?

- A. 1975
- B. 1985
- C. 1995
- D. 2013 ☒



- ✓ In 2013, the Supreme Court had an all–woman bench for the first time, when Justices Gyan Sudha Misra and Ranjana Prakash Desai sat together. The second occasion came in 2018. Recently, Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has constituted an all–women bench comprising Justices Hima Kohli and Bela M. Trivedi to hear transfer petitions involving matrimonial disputes and bail matters. This is the third occasion in the history of the apex court of an all–women bench.

9. Two entirely new minerals have been found in a meteorite that fell on which country?

- A. Egypt
- B. Somalia ☒
- C. Japan
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ Two entirely new minerals have been found in a huge meteorite that fell on Somalia. The official names for the new minerals are elaliite and elkinstantonite. The name 'elaliite' marks the fact that the meteorite was unearthed in the district of El Ali in Somalia, and 'elkinstantonite' is named after the NASA expert Lindy Elkins–Tanton. A third unidentified mineral, is being analysed by the University of Alberta researchers.

10. 'Vijay Hazare' Trophy is related with which sports?

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



- ✓ Saurashtra team beat Maharashtra by 5 wickets in the final to win the Vijay Hazare Trophy in Ahmedabad. This is Saurashtra's second Vijay Hazare Trophy triumph. Maharashtra scored 248 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in 50 overs, while Saurashtra reached the target with 21 balls to spare losing five wickets.

1. The Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) has 23 targets that the world needs to achieve by which year?

- A. 2025
- B. 2030 ☒
- C. 2035
- D. 2040



- ✓ The COP15 to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The framework has 23 targets that the world needs to achieve by 2030. In 2020, the world had failed to meet the last set of targets, the Aichi Targets. COP15 had representatives of 188 governments on site and agreed on the framework.

2. Which institution released the report titled 'Coal 2022: Analysis and forecast to 2025'?

- A. UNEP
- B. FAO
- C. UNFCC
- D. IEA ☒



- ✓ International Energy Agency (IEA) released a report titled 'Coal 2022: Analysis and Forecast to 2025'. As per the report, the global coal demand is set to increase to an all-time high in 2022, mainly driven by coal power growth in India, the European Union (EU) and to a smaller extent by China. The largest increases in coal burn are forecast for China, India and Southeast Asia. The global coal use is set to rise by 1.2% in 2022, surpassing 8 billion tonnes in a single year for the first time.

3. Which Union Ministry launched the country's first-ever surety bond insurance product?

- A. Union Finance Ministry
- B. Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry ☒
- C. Union Corporate Affairs Ministry
- D. Union Commerce and Industry Ministry

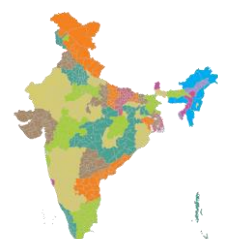


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एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**ROAD TRANSPORT
AND HIGHWAYS**

- ✓ Union Road, transport, and highways minister Nitin Gadkari launched the country's first-ever surety bond insurance product. Unlike a bank guarantee, the Surety Bond Insurance does not require large collateral from the contractor, resulting in freeing up funds for the contractor, which they can utilise for the growth of the business.

4. Which country has launched 'Group of Friends' to promote accountability for crimes against peacekeepers?

- A. Ukraine
- B. India ☒
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh



- ✓ India has recently launched a 'Group of Friends' to promote accountability for crimes against peacekeepers, during its current presidency of the UN Security Council. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced that New Delhi will soon have a database that will record all crimes against the peacekeepers. India, Bangladesh, Egypt, France, Morocco and Nepal are co-chairs of the group. India, among the largest troop-contributing countries to UN peacekeeping, has lost 177 of its peacekeepers in the line of duty.

5. Which country has partnered with PTC India for supply of power from Indian power market?

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



- ✓ Bhutan, through Druk Green Power Corporation, has entered into an agreement with PTC India, for purchase of power from Indian power market, to meet its power requirement during the dry winter season. With all approvals, Bhutan will now start procuring up to 600 MW of power, through PTC, from the Indian power market.

6. Which state increased the monthly aid for Persons with disabilities from ₹1,000 to ₹1,500?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Government has raised the monthly pension amount of differently-abled persons from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 1500 from January 2023. An expert committee has been formed by the state to identify vacancies in all the departments where differently abled can be employed.

7. Which state recently got over ₹10.5 lakh cr investment proposals during its state-organised conclave?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat
- D. Odisha ☒



- ✓ Odisha received over ₹10.5 lakh cr investment proposals during Make in Odisha (MIO Conclave 2022). During the three-day (MIO Conclave 2022), the state received an overall investment proposal worth ₹10.5 lakh crores. UK-based Sram and Mram Group announced Rs 2-lakh crore investment for a semiconductor unit in Odisha at the 'Make in Odisha Conclave'.

8. Estonia, which was seen in the news recently, is a country in which continent?

- A. Asia
- B. Europe ☒
- C. Oceania
- D. Africa



- ✓ Estonia is a country in Northern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea and Gulf of Finland. The Union Cabinet of India approved the proposal of the Ministry of External Affairs to open three new missions. In 2021, three new missions of India were opened in Estonia (Europe), Paraguay (South America) and the Dominican Republic (North America). This move would strengthen political relations and promote growth of bilateral trade and investment.

9. Unnati Hooda, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Tennis
- B. Squash
- C. Badminton ☒
- D. Hockey



- ✓ Unnati Hooda becomes first Indian to enter U-17 women's singles final in Asia Junior Badminton Championships. She clinched the silver medal in the Championships held in Nonthaburi, Thailand. Men's doubles pair of Arsh Mohammad and Sanskar Saraswat and U-15 men's singles shuttler Anish Thoppani also won silver medals.

10. Which state launched the 'One District One Sport' scheme?

- A. Odisha
- B. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched One District One Sport (ODOS) on the lines of the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme of the government. The aim of the scheme includes promoting sports culture, keeping the younger generation healthy and providing a platform for sportspersons to nurture their talents. Under ODOS, one sport will be identified in each of the 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh.