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1. As per the recent NSO data, what is India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth for the July–September quarter of 2022–23?

- A. 6.1%
- B. 6.3% ☒
- C. 6.5%
- D. 7.2 %



- ✓ As per provisional estimates released by National Statistical Office (NSO), India's gross domestic product (GDP) for the July–September quarter (Q2) of the financial year 2022–23 slowed to 6.3 per cent. The GDP saw a growth of 13.5 per cent in the preceding April–June quarter of 2022–23. It was cut down mainly by the poor performance of manufacturing and mining sectors.

2. India–US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas–2022' is held in which Indian state?

- A. Goa
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand ☒
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the India–US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' is being held in Uttarakhand. The military exercise is conducted annually between India and the US. As the exercise is held about 100 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC), China said it was opposed to the military exercise.

3. As per recent data, what is the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India during 2018–20?

- A. 130 per lakh live births
- B. 101 per lakh live births
- C. 97 per lakh live births ☒
- D. 85 per lakh live births



- ✓ As per the Special Bulletin released by the Registrar General of India, India has witnessed a significant decline in the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) to 97 per lakh live births in 2018–20. The figure was at 130 per lakh live births in 2014–16. With this, India accomplished the National Health Policy target for MMR of less than 100 per lakh live births. The SDG target is 70 per lakh live births by 2030.

4. As per the World Bank's Migration and Development Brief, what is the expected Remittance flows to India in 2022–23?

- A. USD 50 billion
- B. USD 100 billion ☒
- C. USD 150 billion
- D. USD 200 billion



- ✓ The World Bank recently released its flagship report titled 'Migration and Development Brief'. As per the report, Remittance flows to India will rise 12% to reach USD 100 billion this year. Remittances to low and middle-income countries grew by an estimated 5% to \$626 billion in 2022.

5. Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) between India and which country is set to enter into force from December 2022?

- A. UAE  
B. Australia ☒  
C. France  
D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ The India–Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) will enter into force on 29th December, 2022. The India–Australia ECTA will enhance bilateral trade in goods and services and create new employment opportunities. Under the agreement, duties on 100 percent tariff lines are to be eliminated by Australia.

6. Which Union Ministry notified the 'e-waste (management) rules 2022'?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs  
B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ☒  
C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
D. Ministry of Power



- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has recently notified e-waste (management) rules 2022. The rules will come into force from 1 April next year and apply to every manufacturer, producer refurbisher and recycler. The rules mandate to reduce the use of lead, mercury, cadmium among others in the manufacturing of electronic equipment.

7. Which institution released the 'Global Vaccine Market Report 2022'?

- A. WHO ☒  
B. UNEP  
C. John Hopkins University  
D. Oxford University



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently released the 'Global Vaccine Market Report 2022'. As per the report, approximately 16 billion vaccine doses, worth USD 141 billion, were supplied in 2021. The increase was primarily driven by COVID-19 vaccines. It also revealed that limited vaccine supply and unequal distribution drive global disparities.



8. South India's first Vande Bharat Express train connects Mysuru and which city?

- A. Chennai ☒
- B. Madurai
- C. Coimbatore
- D. Salem



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off south India's first Vande Bharat Express train, connecting Mysuru and Chennai via Bengaluru. This is the fifth Vande Bharat Express train in the country and it will enhance connectivity between Chennai, Bengaluru and Mysuru. The Prime Minister also flagged off the 'Bharat Gaurav Kashi Darshan' train, which aims to send pilgrims from Karnataka to Kashi.

9. Which country has been admitted as the 11<sup>th</sup> member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) group?

- A. Timor Leste ☒
- B. Tajikistan
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Papua New Guinea



- ✓ ASEAN bloc has announced that it has agreed in principle to admit East Timor as the group's 11th member. Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia are the 10 member countries of ASEAN. The half-island nation, officially called Timor Leste, was officially recognised by the United Nations in 2002, making it Asia's youngest democracy.

10. What is the theme of 'World Pneumonia Day 2022'?

- A. Championing the fight to stop pneumonia ☒
- B. Raising Awareness
- C. Prevention of pneumonia
- D. Early Diagnosis



- ✓ The 'World Pneumonia Day' is observed every year on November 12, to raise awareness about the disease named Pneumonia. Pneumonia is a lung-based infection caused by bacteria, viruses, and fungi. The theme for this year's World Pneumonia Day is 'Championing the fight to stop pneumonia.' The day first came into effect on November 12, 2009, under the initiative named 'Stop Pneumonia'.



1. Which state has hired management consultancy McKinsey to achieve the target of doubling its GSDP?

A. Karnataka

B. Uttarakhand ☒

C. Odisha

D. Telangana

McKinsey  
& Company

- ✓ Uttarakhand has hired McKinsey, a global management consultancy, to help in achieving the target of doubling its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) in the next five years. The State has the target of doubling GSDP from ₹2.73 lakh crore to ₹5.5 lakh crore by achieving a CAGR of 15% in the next five years. McKinsey has signed a two-year agreement with the state government under Shashakt Uttarakhand mission.

2. Which country has successfully used steam to propel Moon spacecraft?

A. USA

B. UAE

C. Japan ☒

D. China



- ✓ Japan's space agency Jaxa has announced that it has successfully used steam to propel its spacecraft, which was launched as one of the payloads aboard Nasa's Orion spacecraft. As per JAXA, this is the world's first successful orbit control beyond low-Earth orbit using a water propellant propulsion system.

3. 'Hornbill Festival' is the flagship cultural event of which state?

A. Assam

B. Nagaland ☒

C. Sikkim

D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Hornbill Festival of Nagaland, also known as the 'Festival of Festivals', showcases Nagaland's rich culture. India assumed the G20 presidency on 1st December 2022 and the 23rd Hornbill Festival 2022 also began on the same day in Nagaland. It is organized by the Government of Nagaland, to encourage inter-tribal interaction and to promote the cultural heritage of Nagaland. Hornbill, Nagaland's cultural icon, is found in the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia.

4. 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.

5. India supported the proposal of which country to include digitization in International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Strategic Plan?

- A. UAE ☒
- B. Australia
- C. France
- D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ India supported UAE's proposal to include the element of digitization in the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) next Strategic Plan. UAE also proposed the adoption of a maritime single window system as a part of the digitization initiative to help in resolving the regulatory bottlenecks faced in the marine industry. This was announced by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).

6. e-KUMBH portal, which was launched recently, is associated with which field?

- A. Grievance redressal in election
- B. Technical Courses in Local Languages ☒
- C. Endowment fund for temples
- D. Agriculture and Agribusiness



- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu launched e-KUMBH (Knowledge Unleashed in Multiple Bharatiya Languages) portal. In the portal, engineering courses and books would be available in 12 scheduled Indian languages. The President also released engineering books of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in Odia language and glossary of technical terms in Odia language.

7. Which year has been declared as the ASEAN-India Friendship year?

- A. 2020
- B. 2022 ☒
- C. 2024
- D. 2026



- ✓ The year 2022 has been declared as the ASEAN-India Friendship year, as ASEAN and India commemorate 30 years of partnership. As a part of this programme, Indian media delegation is on a visit to Singapore and Cambodia under the ASEAN-INDIA Media exchange programme.

8. 'Natasa Pirc Musar' has been elected as the first female President of which country?

- A. Norway
- B. Finland
- C. Slovenia ☒
- D. Syria



- ✓ **Liberal rights advocate Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected as Slovenia's first female head of state– President. 54-year-old Pirc Musar will be the first woman to serve as president since Slovenia became independent amid the break-up of Yugoslavia in 1991.**

9. What is the theme of the 'World Diabetes Day 2022'?

- A. Access to diabetes education ☒
- B. Awareness and Education
- C. Inclusion in Medical Care
- D. Availability of Medicines



- ✓ **World Diabetes Day is observed every year on November 14 by the World Health Organisation. It aims to raise awareness of diabetes as a global public health issue and solutions for prevention, diagnosis and management of the condition. This year's theme "Access to diabetes education" follows the multi-year theme of "Access to care." As per WHO, there were about 8.4 million individuals worldwide with type-1 diabetes in 2021.**

10. Jhula Bailey Suspension Bridge, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/ UT?

- A. Assam
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **The newly constructed Jhula Bailey Suspension Bridge at Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban, was made functional for traffic. It replaced the earlier bridge which was declared unsafe. The Bailey Suspension Bridge over Chenab River connects old town Ramban with the district administrative complex.**



1. Which institution manufactures the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk-III for squadron-840 Sqn (CG)?

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL ☒
- C. Mazagon Dock
- D. BHEL



- ✓ An Indian Coast Guard Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk-III squadron- 840 Sqn (CG), was commissioned by DG VS Pathania at ICG Air Station, Chennai. The ALH Mk-III helicopters are indigenously manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). They feature advanced RADAR, Shakti engines, advanced communication systems, search-and-rescue homer among other equipment for reconnaissance. A total of 16 ALH Mk-III aircraft have been inducted in the Indian Coast Guard in a phased manner.

2. India signed 'Economic Development Cooperation Fund loan' agreement for Intelligent Transport System, with which country?

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. South Korea ☒
- D. Sweden



- ✓ India and South Korea signed the arrangement regarding Economic Development Cooperation Fund loan of over 245 billion Korean won. The agreement is for the establishment of Intelligent Transport System on Nagpur-Mumbai Super Communication Expressway Project in Delhi. South Korea was designated as India's Official Development Assistance partner for development cooperation in, 2016.

3. What is the gross GST revenue collected in the month of November 2022?

- A. Rs 1.46 lakh crore ☒
- B. Rs 1.26 lakh crore
- C. Rs 1.06 lakh crore
- D. Rs 0.96 lakh crore



- ✓ The gross GST revenue collected in the month of November 2022 is ₹1,45,867 crore. The revenues for the month of November are 11% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. Out of the total revenue, CGST is ₹25,681 crore, SGST is ₹32,651 crore, IGST is ₹77,103 crore and Cess is ₹10,433 crore.

4. Wassenaar Arrangement, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Conventional weapons ☒
- B. Climate Change
- C. Cryptocurrency
- D. Nuclear Weapons



- ✓ India will assume chairmanship of the plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement for a year on January 1, 2023. Five years ago, India joined the 42-member voluntary export control regime, which monitors transfers of conventional weapons and dual-use goods.

5. India supported the proposal of which country to include digitization in International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Strategic Plan?

- 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.

6. Which country is the frontrunner in climate mitigation, as per the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)?

- A. Norway
- B. Germany
- C. Denmark ☒
- D. Sweden



- ✓ As per the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI), the current frontrunner in climate mitigation continues to be Denmark. Denmark is the only country with a 'high' national and even 'very high' rated international climate policy. No country is ranked first to third while Denmark is ranked fourth followed by Sweden. India is ranked eighth.

7. The Indian Navy began the nationwide Defense Exercise 'Sea Vigil-22' from which state?

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



- ✓ The Indian Navy began the largest nationwide Coastal Defense Exercise Sea Vigil–22 from the Paradip port of Odisha. This is the third edition of the 'Pan–India' Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil–22' and will be conducted over two days. This national level coastal defence exercise was conceptualized in 2018 towards enhancing maritime security. The exercise is being conducted by the Indian Navy in coordination with the Coast Guard and other related ministries.

8. YUDH ABHYAS 22' is a defence exercise conducted between India and which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. USA ☒
- D. France



- ✓ The 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the India–US joint training exercise "Yudh Abhyas 22" is scheduled to be conducted in Uttarakhand this month. The previous edition of the exercise was conducted in Alaska in October 2021. The annual exercise aims of exchanging best practices and tactics between the armies of the two countries. The joint exercise will also focus on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.

9. When is the 'National Press Day' observed in India?

- A. November.12
- B. November.16 ☒
- C. November.17
- D. November.19



- ✓ The Press Council of India celebrated the National Press Day on November 16 on the theme 'The Media's Role in Nation Building'. The Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting released the 'Norms of Journalistic Conduct, 2022'. This was the day on which the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure the press is not affected by influence or threats.

10. 'National Newborn Week' is observed in which month every year?

- A. November ☒
- B. December
- C. January
- D. February



- ✓ National Health Mission (NHM) observes the National Newborn Week, 2022 from November 15 to 21, every year. It is observed with an objective to spread awareness on child survival and care for the newborn for a healthy nation. For this year, the week is being observed on the theme 'Ensuring quality health care for every newborn'.



1. When is the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' observed annually?

A. 1 December

B. 3 December ☒

C. 5 December

D. 7 December



International  
Day of  
Persons with  
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- ✓ 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' is observed on 3 December every year. The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly. More than one billion people, or approximately 15 per cent of the world's population, live with some form of disability. 80 per cent of the total disabled people live in developing countries.

2. Researchers from which institution have developed a energy-efficient computing platform to build next-generation electronic devices?

A. IIT Madras

B. IIT Delhi

C. Indian Institute of Science ☒

D. IIT Bombay



- ✓ Researchers at the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE), IISc, have developed a highly energy-efficient computing platform that offers promise in building next-generation electronic devices. Instead of using complementary metal-oxide semiconductors (CMOS), the team used components called 'Memristors' that can both store data and perform computation.

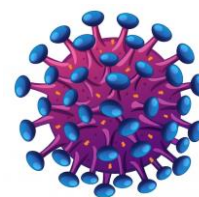
3. As per recent data, what is the trend of India's annual rate of HIV infection between 2010 and 2021?

A. Declining ☒

B. Raising

C. No change

D. No data available



HIV

- ✓ As per recent data, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) announced that the country's annual rate of HIV infection has declined by 46 per cent between 2010 and 2021. The decline is against the global average of 32 per cent. According to NACO, AIDS-related mortalities have also declined by 76 per cent against the global average of 52 per cent during the period.

4. Which state has passed bill to raise Reservations in the state to 76%?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Chhattisgarh ☒
- D. Kerala



- ✓ The Chhattisgarh Assembly unanimously passed two amendment bills to raise Reservations in government jobs and admission in educational institutions to 76%. According to the bills, Scheduled Tribes will now get a quota of 32%, Other Backward Classes 27%, and Scheduled Caste 13%, while the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) will get 4% reservation in public employment and admissions in educational institutions.

5. Which High Court has banned use of mobile phones inside temples?

- A. Madras High Court ☒
- B. Delhi High Court
- C. Bombay High Court
- D. Calcutta High Court



- ✓ The Madras High Court has banned mobile phones in temples across Tamil Nadu. As per the Court, the move to ban use of mobile phone is to maintain purity and sanctity of the places of worship. The High Court also said that phone deposit lockers should be set up at temples, to avoid inconvenience to people and Security personnel will be appointed to ensure compliance of this order.

6. As per the corporate affairs ministry, which state added the most number of new companies?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra ☒
- D. Uttar Pradesh



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- ✓ As per the data from the corporate affairs ministry, Maharashtra has added the most number of new companies since the outbreak of COVID-19, followed by Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh added around 30,000 new companies in the last three years and it ranks third state in terms of number of active companies behind only Maharashtra and Delhi.

7. When is the 'International Day for Tolerance' observed every year?

- A. 12 November
- B. 14 November
- C. 16 November ☒
- D. 18 November



- ✓ In 1996, the UN General Assembly declared the International Day for Tolerance on 16 November, every year. International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013–2022) is being led forward by UNESCO across the world. UNESCO created a prize for the promotion of tolerance and non-violence called the UNESCO–Madanjeet Singh Prize.

8. PSMA Agreement, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Anti-terrorism  
B. Unregulated fishing ☒  
C. Climate Change  
D. International Trade



- ✓ Food and Agricultural Organization's (FAO) Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) is the first internationally binding instrument designed to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. Angola, Eritrea, Morocco and Nigeria recently signed the agreement, taking the number of signatories of the instrument to 100 countries.

9. Which sportsperson has been elected as the Chairperson of Athletes Commission of Indian Olympic Association (IOA)?

- A. P V Sindhu  
B. Mary Kom ☒  
C. Sreejesh  
D. Joshna Chinappa



- ✓ Six-time World women's boxing champion and Olympic medallist Mary Kom was elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). The vice Chairperson position went to Sharath Kamal, ace table tennis player. 10 Olympians, including Olympic medallists PV Sindhu, Gagan Narang, Mary Kom and Mirabai Chanu were elected unopposed as members of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

10. Which is the first proposed bilateral fund of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)?

- A. India–Sri Lanka Fund  
B. India–Nepal Fund  
C. India–Japan Fund ☒  
D. India–Australia Fund



- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired 5th Meeting of Governing Council of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF). NIIF's first bilateral fund – an 'India Japan Fund' with contribution from Government of India has been proposed through an MoU between National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) and Japan Bank for International Development (JBIC).



1. Semeru Volcano, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- A. Philippines
- B. Indonesia ☒
- C. Japan
- D. Australia



- ✓ **Semeru Volcano has started erupting in Java Island, Indonesia. The eruption caused huge volcanic ash and over 2,000 residents in East Java province were evacuated. As per the Indonesia's disaster management agency (BNPB), no injuries or deaths have so far been reported. Mount Semeru lies around 640 kilometers southeast of the capital Jakarta.**

2. Which city is the host of the First G20 Sherpa meeting held in India?

- A. Udaipur ☒
- B. Jodhpur
- C. Varanasi
- D. Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ **The Sherpa Meeting of India's G20 Presidency is being organised in the city of Udaipur, Rajasthan. It is being attended by international Sherpas, their delegations, and heads of invited International Organizations (IOs) from G20 Members, 9 Guest countries among others. Discussions of the 1st Sherpa Meeting were initiated by India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant.**

3. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of National Statistical Commission?

- A. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar ☒
- B. Amitabh Kant
- C. Rajiv Kumar
- D. Parameswaran



- ✓ **Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar, professor emeritus at Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI), has been appointed as part-time chairperson of National Statistical Commission of India (NSCI) for three years. The National Statistical Commission of India is an autonomous body which was formed in June 2005 under the recommendation of Rangarajan commission.**

4. Which country launched its latest nuclear stealth bomber named 'B-21'?

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



- ✓ The US Air Force has unveiled its latest nuclear stealth bomber named 'B-21', which will gradually replace aircraft first flown in the Cold War. The country's first new bomber in 30 years could cost about USD 700m each and can carry nuclear and conventional weapons.

5. Which is the only authorised institution for sale and encashment of electoral bonds in India?

- A. State Bank of India ☒
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. Securities Exchange Board of India



- ✓ The Government authorised sale and encashment of electoral bonds through 29 branches of State Bank of India (SBI) across the country. The electoral bonds can be purchased by a person who is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India. A person (individual) can buy electoral bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals.

6. What is the theme of the UNESCO's 'World Philosophy Day' 2022?

- A. The Human of the Future ☒
- B. Philosophy and Humanity
- C. Growth and Humanity
- D. Development of Thoughts



- ✓ 'World Philosophy Day' 2022 is celebrated on the third Thursday of November by UNESCO across the world. It highlights the value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and for each individual. To celebrate World Philosophy Day 2022, UNESCO and Le Fresnoy – National Studio of Contemporary Arts organised a symposium and exhibition on the theme 'The Human of the Future' at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.

7. Kangra miniature painting, which was seen in the news, is made in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Assam
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented US president Joe Biden with a Kangra miniature painting from Himachal Pradesh on the concluding day of the 17<sup>th</sup> G20 summit in Indonesia's Bali. The Prime Minister gave Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez a Kanak brass set from Himachal's Mandi and Kullu districts and Italy's prime minister, Giorgia Meloni– a Patan Patola dupatta – handwoven from northern Gujarat. The scarf was made with a technique called 'double ikat' technique.

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**8. What is the theme of the 'World Toilet Day' 2022?**

- A. Hygiene and Growth
- B. Making the Invisible Visible ☒
- C. Leaving No one Behind
- D. Access to Toilet Services



- ✓ **World Toilet Day is observed every year on November 19 to mark the invention of toilets and raise awareness of the sanitation crisis. World Toilet Day is celebrated in partnership between the UN-Water and governments around the world. This year the theme for World Toilet Day is 'Making the Invisible Visible'.**

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**9. What is the theme of the 'World Children's Day 2022'?**

- A. Inclusion, For Every Child ☒
- B. Children's Rights
- C. International Togetherness
- D. Digital Access for All



- ✓ **The 'World Children's Day' is celebrated on 20 November to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. It was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day. It also marks the anniversary of the date that the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration and the Convention on children's rights. This year, the theme is 'Inclusion, For Every Child.'**

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**10. What is the theme of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit 2023?**

- A. SECURE SCO ☒
- B. SAFE SCO
- C. SUSTAINABLE SCO
- D. SOVEREIGN SCO



- ✓ **India has launched the official website of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) as it will host the next SCO summit as a chairman of organisation in 2023. The theme of the SCO Summit 2023 is 'SECURE SCO'. India received the SCO rotating presidency in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. The leaders of SCO Member States signed the Samarkand Declaration in the meeting of the Council of Heads of State in the city of Samarkand, Uzbekistan.**



1. World Bank recently approved USD 250 million financing to which country to strengthen environment management?

- A. Philippines
- B. Bangladesh ☒
- C. Japan
- D. Australia



- ✓ World Bank approved USD 250 million financing to help Bangladesh strengthen environment management and promote private sector participation in green investment. The Bangladesh Environmental Sustainability and Transformation (BEST) Project will help the country tackle key pollution issues. An E-waste management facility will be set up to process 3,500 metric tons of e-waste annually.

2. Which country is the largest trading partner of India after China and US, as of 2022?

- A. Australia
- B. UAE ☒
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Russia



- ✓ The India–UAE trade is valued at USD 72.8 billion in 2021–22, making the UAE India's third largest trading partner after China and US. Abu Dhabi, UAE's capital city is seeking more investments from India. Abu Dhabi has identified priority sectors including agri-tech, tourism, healthcare, pharma and financial services, where Indian enterprises can invest.

3. Which country abolished morality police known as the Gasht-e Ershad or 'Guidance Patrol'?

- A. UAE
- B. Iran ☒
- C. Iraq
- D. Qatar



- ✓ Iran has abolished 'morality police' known as the Gasht-e Ershad or 'Guidance Patrol'. The unit was established in 2006 and their patrols were feared among women. The custodial death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who was picked up by the vice squads in Tehran and declared dead created public outcry and led to protestors.

4. Olivier Giroud, who was seen in the news, is a famous football player from which country?

- A. France ☒
- B. Australia
- C. England
- D. Brazil



- ✓ In the FIFA World Cup 2022, France defeats Poland and qualifies for quarter-finals of the tournament. Olivier Giroud becomes all-time top scorer of France with 52 goals. Kylian Mbappé the first player to score nine World Cup goals before 24 years.

5. Which country is the host of the Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)?

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



- ✓ The 17<sup>th</sup> Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (APRM) of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) began in Singapore. "Integrated policy agenda for a human-centred recovery that is inclusive, sustainable and resilient" is the theme of the meeting.

6. Which city is the host of the 'ASEAN India Music Festival'?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Chennai



- ✓ The second edition of ASEAN India Music Festival was organised in collaboration between the Ministry of External Affairs and Seher India. It is a three-day festival held at Purana Qila, Delhi. It is aimed to celebrate the musical diversity of Southeast Asia. 10 bands from ASEAN countries and five acts from India are participating in the festival.

7. The 'Women Entrepreneurship Day' is celebrated on which day?

- A. November.01
- B. November.15
- C. November.19 ☒
- D. November.25



- ✓ The 'Women Entrepreneurship Day' is observed every year on November 19 by the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization. The first-ever Women Entrepreneurship Day has observed in around 144 nations in the year 2014. It commemorates women on the front lines doing their part to break the outdated stereotypes.

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8. Which is the first state to launch the 'Elephant Death Audit Framework'?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu has launched the 'Tamil Nadu Elephant Death Audit Framework' to document reasons for elephant deaths for better accountability. According to media reports, out of the 131 elephant deaths recorded in Tamil Nadu's Forest divisions between January 2021 and March 2022, only 13 were human-induced. The framework will improve transparency and facilitate more credible comparisons of cause of mortality.

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9. When is the 'World Fisheries Day' celebrated?

- A. November.15
- B. November.21 ☒
- C. November.25
- D. November.28



- ✓ 'World Fisheries Day' is celebrated on November 21 every year to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and stakeholders. It started in 1997 where 'World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers' met at New Delhi leading to formation of the 'World Fisheries Forum' with representatives from 18 countries.

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10. Which country hosts the 'FIFA World Cup 2022'?

- A. India
- B. Qatar ☒
- C. Australia
- D. Argentina



- ✓ Qatar is the host of the FIFA World Cup 2022. The opening ceremony of the World Cup has kicked off at the Al Bayt Stadium, Qatar. Earlier, France legend Marcel Desailly presented the World Cup trophy in front of the fans ahead of the opening ceremony. Thirty-two top countries from five regions will compete for the championship title.

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

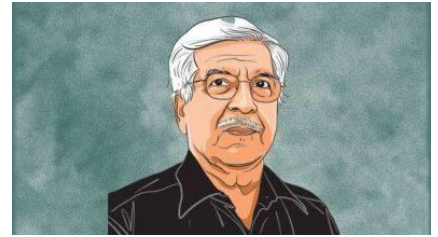


- ✓ Cyclone Mandous lies over southwest Bay of Bengal, about 620 km southeast of Chennai. The storm is likely to cross the coasts of north Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh between Puducherry and Sriharikota. Under its influence, rainfall is expected over parts of coastal Tamil Nadu, Puducherry 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 '12<sup>th</sup> World Hindi Conference'?

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

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- ✓ **The '12<sup>th</sup> 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



- ✓ 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



- ✓ 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 65<sup>th</sup> 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

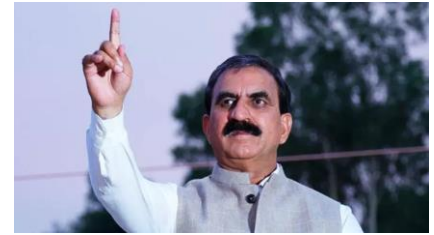


- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) conducted 200<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Launch of 'RH-200' Sounding Rocket. Indian sounding rockets are used as tools for the scientific community for carrying out experiments on meteorology, astronomy and similar branches of space physics.



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.



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**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.

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**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

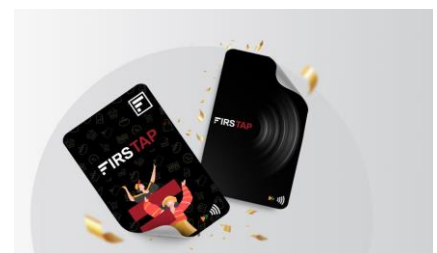


- ✓ Bengaluru is the host of the first G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting from December 13 to 15. The G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting is jointly hosted by the Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The meeting will mark the start of discussions on 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.

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**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.

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**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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?

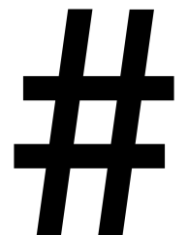
- A. Narendra Modi
- B. DY Chandrachud ☒
- C. Rajiv Kumar
- D. Amitabh Kant



- ✓ **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.

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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.

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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).

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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**.

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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.

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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.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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?

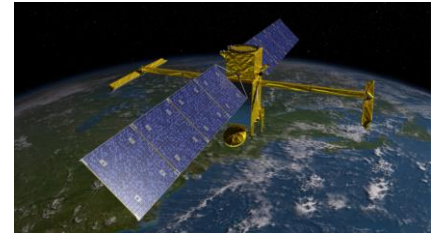
- A. USA  
B. Singapore  
C. Australia ☒  
D. Germany



- ✓ 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



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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

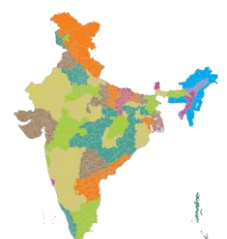


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एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय  
MINISTRY OF  
**ROAD TRANSPORT  
AND HIGHWAYS**

- ✓ 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.

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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CULTURE

- ✓ **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?

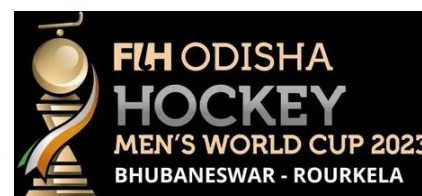
- A. Varanasi  
B. Hyderabad ☒  
C. Lucknow  
D. Cochin



- ✓ 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.



1. Which Union Ministry organizes the AI Pe Charcha (AI Dialogue) event?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology
- D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs



- ✓ The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) organized an AI Pe Charcha (AI Dialogue). The panelists discussed the importance and approaches for enabling access to quality datasets for AI. The AI Pe Charcha series has been initiated as a part of Responsible AI for Social Empowerment (RAISE), India's first global AI summit organized by MeitY in 2020.

2. Which Union Ministry launched the Government e-Marketplace services (GeM) through Common Service Centres (CSC) and India Post?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Finance



- ✓ Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal rolled out Government e-Marketplace services (GeM) through Common Service Centres (CSC) and India Post, Department of Post. The Minister also launched the Government e-Marketplace Seller Samvaad Booklet, which is a compilation of testimonials from sellers and service providers based on their experience on GeM portal.

3. Rock-cut Sculptures and Reliefs of the Unakoti, which was added in the UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites, are in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Tripura ☒
- C. Telangana
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Two heritage sites from Gujarat — the Sun Temple at Modhera and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hometown Vadnagar, a historic town were added to the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Rock-cut Sculptures and Reliefs of the Unakoti, Tripura were also added to the tentative list.

4. Which state/UT has recently granted Industry status to its tourism sector?

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



- ✓ The Assam cabinet has approved the proposal for grant of industry status to the tourism sector in the state, to boost investments and generate employment. With this grant, restaurants, cafeterias, health clubs, spas and wellness centers, among others, in the state are eligible for incentives under the industrial policy.

5. Who has been appointed as the head of New Delhi International Arbitration Centre?

- A. Hemant Gupta ☒
- B. A K Sikri
- C. V V Ramana
- D. Ranjan Gogoi



- ✓ Former Supreme Court judge Hemant Gupta has been appointed as the chairperson of New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of retired Justice Hemant Gupta as NDIAC chairperson and Ganesh Chandru and Anant Vijay Palli as its part-time members.

6. Which word has been chosen as the word of the year 2022 by the Oxford English Dictionary?

- A. I Stand With
- B. Goblin Mode ☒
- C. Gaslighting
- D. Moonlighting



- ✓ The Oxford English Dictionary recently unveiled the word of the year 2022 as 'Goblin mode', which was selected by public votes. According to Oxford University Press (OUP), it means 'a type of behaviour which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations.' The term was first used in 2009 but went viral on social media earlier this year.

7. What is the rank of India in the global aviation safety ranking by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)?

- A. 48 ☒
- B. 52
- C. 75
- D. 105



- ✓ India has jumped to the 48th position in the global aviation safety ranking by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The Indian aviation safety has scored the highest ever score of 85.49 per cent. In 2018, India was at the 102nd rank. In the ranking, Singapore is at the top, followed by the UAE and South Korea at the second and third positions.

8. Which country is the host of the '12<sup>th</sup> World Hindi Conference'?

- A. Italy
- B. Australia
- C. Israel
- D. Fiji ☒

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- ✓ The '12<sup>th</sup> 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.

9. Female umpires will officiate in which men's cricket tournament, for the first time in India?

- A. Ranji Trophy ☒
- B. Duleep Trophy
- C. Vijay Hazare Trophy
- D. Deodhar Trophy



- ✓ Three Female umpires will officiate in Ranji Trophy this season, for the first time in Indian cricket history. Vrinda Rathi, Janani Narayan and Gayathri Venugopalan will officiate in the Ranji Trophy. It will be the first for Indian cricket when female umpires are asked to officiate in the men's cricket matches. One of the umpires Gayathri has served as a fourth umpire in Ranji Trophy in the past.

10. Manisha Ramadass, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Badminton ☒
- C. Weight Lifting
- D. Archery



- ✓ Indian shuttler Manisha Ramadass has been named the Badminton World Federation (BWF) female Para-Badminton Player of the Year. The World Champion in the SU5 section, Manisha Ramadass won 11 gold and five bronze medals overall in 2022. BWF Male Para-Badminton Player of the Year went to WH2 world champion and reigning Paralympic champion Daiki Kajiwara. Viktor Axelsen and Zheng Si Wei / Huang Ya Qiong won the BWF Player of the Year Awards.

1. Veer Guardian–2023 Exercise is a maiden bilateral air exercise set to be held between India and which country?

- A. China
- B. Japan ☒
- C. France
- D. Australia



- ✓ Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) are set to hold their maiden bilateral air exercise, Veer Guardian 23. The exercise will be held at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan in January 2023. It aims to promote mutual understanding and strengthen defence cooperation between the Air Forces.

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2. Which type of cancer is caused by Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)?

- A. Cervical Cancer ☒
- B. Breast Cancer
- C. Oral Cancer
- D. Prostate Cancer

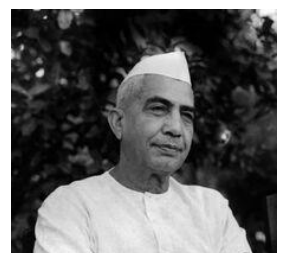


- ✓ Most cervical cancers are associated with the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). The HPV vaccine can prevent most cases of if the vaccine is given before girls or women are exposed to the virus. National Technical Advisory Group for Immunization (NTAGI) has recommended introduction of HPV Vaccine in the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) with for 9–14–year–old adolescent girls. The Centre has written to all States and UTs to create awareness on prevention of cervical cancer and the importance of HPV vaccine.

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3. National Farmer's Day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?

- A. Atal Behari Vajpayee
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru
- C. Chaudhary Charan Singh ☒
- D. P V Narasimha Rao



- ✓ National Farmer's Day is being observed on December 23 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the fifth Prime Minister of India, Chaudhary Charan Singh, and his contributions towards the upliftment of farmers in the country. Various awareness campaigns and drives are organised across the country to educate people about the role of farmers and their contribution to the economy.

4. Which institution received approval from SEBI to set up Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. State Bank of India
- C. National Stock Exchange ☒
- D. PFRDA



- ✓ **National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has received in-principle approval from the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to set up a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) as a separate segment of the NSE. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Union Budget speech of 2019–20, proposed the creation of a Social Stock Exchange, under the regulatory ambit of SEBI, for listing social enterprises and voluntary organisations.**

5. What is the aim of 'Jan Vishwas Bill', which was recently tabled in Lok Sabha?

- A. Anti-terrorism
- B. Ease of doing business ☒
- C. Eradication of Malnutrition
- D. Police Reforms



- ✓ **Commerce and industry Minister Piyush Goyal in Lok Sabha introduced Jan Vishwas Bill, which seeks to promote ease of business. The bill seeks to decriminalise minor offences by amending 183 provisions in 42 Acts. The Bill was later referred to a 31-member joint committee of Parliament for scrutiny. The bill will also help in reducing the burden on judiciary.**

6. Aditya Mittal, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

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



- ✓ **Sixteen-year-old Aditya Mittal has recently become India's 77<sup>th</sup> chess Grandmaster. The Mumbai-based player crossed 2,500 ELO points mark during the sixth round of the ongoing Ellobregat Open tournament in Spain. Mittal is also the fifth Indian to achieve the GM title in 2022 after Bharath Subramaniam, Rahul Srivatshav, V Pranav and Pranav Anand.**

7. Which institution released the 'Global status of black soils' Report?

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





- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released the 'Global status of black soils' Report on the occasion of World Soil Day, December 5, 2022. As per the report, Black soils, which feed the global population, are under threat, with most losing at least half of their soil organic carbon (SOC) stocks. As per the FAO, the reasons are Land–use change, unsustainable management practices and excessive use of agrochemicals.

8. Which city is the host of opening ceremony for the International Year of Millet– 2023 (IYM2023)?

- A. New Delhi  
B. Rome ☒  
C. Paris  
D. Colombo



- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations organized an opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets 2023 (IYM2023) in Rome, Italy. An Indian delegation led by Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Minister of State, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and other senior officials were present at the opening ceremony. Raising awareness to create 'Millet Mindfulness' is an important part of this movement.

9. Who has been appointed as the chair of B20 India, to lead the business agenda during India's G20 presidency?

- A. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw  
B. N Chandrasekaran ☒  
C. Uday Kotak  
D. Ratan TATA



- ✓ Chairperson of the Tata Group, N Chandrasekaran was appointed the chair of B20 India, to lead the business agenda during India's G20 presidency. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is appointed as the B20 India Secretariat by the Centre to lead the B20 India process.

10. Arun Kumar Singh, former chairman of BPCL, has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of which organisation?

- A. PFC  
B. ONGC ☒  
C. SAIL  
D. IOCL



- ✓ Arun Kumar Singh, former chairman of oil refining and marketing company BPCL, is appointed Chairman and Managing Director of ONGC. He will head the company for a three-year tenure with effect from the date of assumption of charge. He retired as the BPCL head 13 months later in October 2022.

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).**

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.

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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.

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

- A. 10
- B. 20
- C. 30 ☒
- D. 50

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- ✓ 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.

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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.

1. What is the name of new scheme announced under station redevelopment drive of Ministry of Railways?

- A. Atmarirbhar Bharat Station Scheme
- B. Amrit Bharat Station Scheme ☒
- C. Bharat Rail Station Scheme
- D. Atal Station Scheme



- ✓ The Ministry of Railways has formulated a new scheme to modernise over 1,000 small stations over the coming years. Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is a part of its station redevelopment drive. The key features of the proposed stations include provisions for roof top plazas, longer platforms, ballast-less tracks, and 5G connectivity.

2. Home Affairs Ministry and which state signed cessation of operations agreement with ZUF armed group?

- A. Manipur ☒
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Union government and the Manipur government have signed a cessation of operations agreement with the Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF). ZUF is a Manipur-based Naga armed group, which has been demanding a separate State for the Zeliangrong Naga tribe. The agreement seeks rehabilitation and re-settlement of the armed cadres.

3. Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project, which was seen in the news, was handed over by India to which country?

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



- ✓ India-assisted 720 Megawatts Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project has been recently handed to Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) in Bhutan. With this project, India and Bhutan have successfully completed four mega hydroelectric power projects. The commissioning of the project has increased Bhutan's Electrical Power Generation Capacity by 44 per cent.

4. Which Union Ministry launched the 'City Finance Rankings 2022'?

- A. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D. Ministry of MSME



- ✓ Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs has recently released the draft guidelines for a new ranking system of cities based on their financial performance and beautification. The 'City Finance Rankings 2022' aims to evaluate and reward urban local bodies on the basis of their strength across resource mobilisation, expenditure performance and fiscal governance systems. The 'City Beauty Competition' initiative aims to recognise efforts made by the cities and wards towards creating beautiful, innovative and inclusive public spaces.

5. The 'National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS)' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development ☒  
B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development  
C. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
D. Ministry of Defence



ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय  
भारत सरकार  
**MINISTRY OF RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT**  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

- ✓ National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) App was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development in 2021. Digitally capturing the attendance of workers employed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has been made universal from January 1, 2023. The attendance is captured through National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) mobile application.

6. Which institution developed an 'Ocean Wave Energy Converter' that can generate electricity from sea waves?

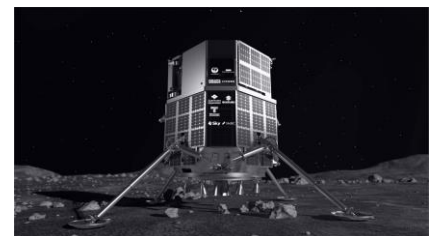
- A. IIT Madras ☒ B. IIT Bombay  
C. IIT Delhi D. NIT Warangal



- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers have developed an 'Ocean Wave Energy Converter' that can generate electricity from sea waves. The Device was deployed at a location about 6 KM off the coast of Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu. The device targets generating 1MW of power from ocean waves in the next three years.

7. Hakuto-R lander is the first-ever moon Mission of which country?

- A. South Korea  
B. Japan ☒  
C. Singapore  
D. UAE



- ✓ A Japanese start-up ispace Inc launched the country's first-ever Moon mission with the help of SpaceX. A Japanese lunar lander carrying two rovers and payload lifted off via a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. It also became the first commercial spacecraft to land on the moon. The launch of Hakuto-R lander was originally scheduled for late November 2022.

8. What is the short code of the 24x7 Multilingual Tourist Info–Helpline set up by the Ministry of Tourism?

- A. 1091
- B. 1098
- C. 1363 ☒
- D. 1585



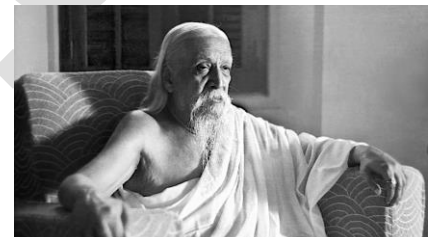
पर्यटन मंत्रालय  
MINISTRY OF  
TOURISM

सत्यमेव जयते

- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism has set up a 24x7 Multi–Lingual Tourist Info–Helpline on the toll free number 1800111363 or on a short code 1363. The helpline has been set up in 12 Languages including 10 international languages (German, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Arabic), Hindi and English for domestic and foreign tourists to provide information relating to Travel in India and guidance to tourists in distress while travelling in India.

9. Prime Minister released a commemorative coin and stamp on which leader's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary on 13<sup>th</sup> December at Puducherry?

- A. 'Mahakavi' Subramanya Bharathiyar
- B. Sri Aurobindo ☒
- C. Gopala Krishna Gokhale
- D. Annie Besant



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually participated in a programme commemorating Sri Aurobindo's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, on 13<sup>th</sup> December. The programme is being held in Kamban Kalai Sangam, Puducherry, under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Prime Minister also released a commemorative coin and postal stamp in honour of Sri Aurobindo. He was an Indian nationalist and editor of newspapers such as Vande Mataram. He later became a spiritual reformer and established Aurobindo Ashram in Puducherry.

10. Which country has the highest number of broadband users, as of December 2022?

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



- ✓ The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar announced that India is the largest connected nation in the world today with more than 800 million broadband users. The announcement was made during 'India Internet Governance Forum 2022', held on the theme 'Leveraging Techade for Empowering Bharat'. It is an initiative associated with the UN Internet Governance Forum (UN–IGF).



1. Which institution has been named as 'G20 Science working group's secretariat'?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IISc Bengaluru ☒



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has been named as the secretariat for science 20 (S20), one of the G20's groupings. The G20 is being presided over by India and the theme of the S20 in 2023 is 'Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Development'. Discussions will take place throughout the year in various regions of India.

2. India signed USD 125 million loan deal with which institution to improve urban services in Tamil Nadu?

- A. Asian Development Bank ☒
- B. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- C. World Bank
- D. World Economic Forum



- ✓ The Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a USD 125 million loan to improve urban services in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program seeks to develop climate-resilient sewage collection and treatment, and drainage and water supply systems in three cities in the state. This is the third and the last tranche of the USD 500 million multi-tranche financing facility (MFF) for the Program approved by ADB in 2018.

3. Which Union Ministry has been approved as the nodal ministry for matters relating to online gaming?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and IT ☒
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has been appointed as the nodal ministry for matters relating to online gaming with monetary risks. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) has been tasked with regulating esports (video games not involving money). India's gaming market is currently estimated at USD 2.6 billion and expected to be worth USD 8.6 billion by 2027.

4. What is the name of the digital project funded by Google to map the language diversity of India?

- A. Project Bharat
- B. Project Vaani ☒
- C. Project Kalaimagal
- D. Project Inimai



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), ARTPARK (AI and Robotics Technology Park) and Google have partnered together for 'Project Vaani' Initiative. The digital project aims to map the language diversity of India by collecting speech sets of about a million people across 773 districts. The project aims to record over 150,000 hours of speech, part of which will be transcribed in local scripts. The goal is to boost development of automatic speech recognition, speech to speech translation and natural language understanding.

5. 'Daksh' is the payments fraud reporting module maintained by which institution?

- A. SEBI  
B. NITI Aayog  
C. Reserve Bank of India ☒  
D. State Bank of India



भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक  
RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

- ✓ Daksh is the advanced supervisory management system maintained by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). RBI recently announced that it is migrating the payments fraud reporting module to Daksh on January 1, 2023. The move aims to streamline reporting, enhance efficiency and automate the payments fraud management process.

6. India's sixth Vande Bharat train was inaugurated between Nagpur and which city?

- A. Bilaspur ☒  
B. Madurai  
C. Bhopal  
D. Bengaluru



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off India's sixth Vande Bharat Express between Bilaspur (Chattisgarh)–Nagpur (Maharashtra) route. It will be operated by the Southeast Central Railways (SECR). The Vande Bharat Express can run up to a maximum speed of 160 kmph and has travel classes with better passenger amenities. The Prime Minister also launched phase-I of the Nagpur Metro.

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

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



- ✓ 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.

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8. Which state organised the 'Muziris Biennale' art event?

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



- ✓ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the fifth edition of Kochi Muziris Biennale. The Biennale will be hosted on the theme 'In Our Views Flow Ink and Fire'. The four-month-long celebration of art is scheduled to see several discussions, performances and film screenings. The biennale showcases more than 200 main artworks of 90 artists from about 40 different countries.

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9. What is the target of India in reducing carbon intensity by 2030?

- A. 20%
- B. 45% ☒
- C. 55%
- D. 95%



- ✓ The Rajya Sabha passed the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, to mandate non-fossil sources of energy and establish a domestic carbon market in India. This will help India achieve its target of reducing India's carbon intensity by 45 per cent by 2030. This goal is part of India's updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

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10. Who has been conferred with the Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES)?

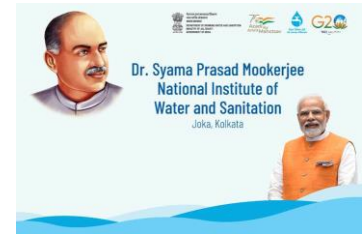
- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Rajnath Singh
- C. M Venkaiah ☒
- D. Piyush Goyal



- ✓ Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has been conferred with the 25th Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES). Awardees in other categories include the Governor of Kerala Arif Mohammed Khan, industrialist Ratan Tata, cardiologist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Dr Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valianathan, Scientific Advisor to the Government of India Ajay Sood and famous Harikatha artiste Vishakha Hari.

1. 'Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee – National Institute of Water and Sanitation (DSPM – NIWAS)' has been inaugurated in which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. West Bengal ☒
- C. Telangana
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid foundation stone and projects worth more than ₹7,800 crore in West Bengal. He also virtually inaugurated Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee – National Institute of Water and Sanitation (DSPM – NIWAS). It will serve as an apex body in the country on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in the country, serving as a hub of information and knowledge for Central, State and local governments.

2. Election Commission of India has developed a prototype of a remote electronic voting machine (RVM) for which category of people?

- A. Non Resident Indians
- B. Domestic Migrant Workers ☒
- C. Elderly citizens above 80 years
- D. Persons with Disabilities



- ✓ The Election Commission of India has developed a prototype of a remote electronic voting machine (RVM) for domestic migrant workers. It has invited political parties for a demonstration. If implemented, migrant voters do not need to travel to their home district to exercise their franchise and this will be a major move to increase voter participation.

3. Which state commenced India's first Nilgiri Tahr project?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu government has issued orders to conserve the Nilgiri tahr, the state animal, at a cost of Rs 25.14 crore. This is regarded as the first Nilgiri Tahr conservation project in the country. The project would be implemented during a 5-year period from 2022–2027, and follow a strategy including synchronised surveys to estimate numbers of the tahrs. The tahr is an endangered species and is protected under Schedule–I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972.

4. Which Indian Armed Force successfully test-fired the extended-range version of BrahMos Air-Launched missile?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force ☒
- D. Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ **Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test-fired the extended-range version of BrahMos Air-Launched missile. It was test fired against a ship target from a frontline SU-30MKI aircraft. The maiden test of the extended range of the Brahmos Air Launched missile was conducted on May 12. BrahMos missiles are designed, developed and produced by BrahMos Aerospace, a joint venture company set up by India's DRDO and Russia's Mashinostroyeniya.**

5. The Indian Army has handed over first-ever 3D printed houses for soldiers at which city?

- A. Leh
- B. Ahmedabad ☒
- C. Jaisalmer
- D. Tawang



- ✓ **The Indian Army has offered the first 3D printed houses for soldiers at Ahmedabad Cantt. They are constructed by the Military Engineering Services (MES) in collaboration with MiCoB Pvt Ltd. The dwelling unit, with a ground floor plus one configuration are not only cheap but can be constructed in less time. Construction work of the dwelling unit with garage space and first floor was completed in 12 weeks.**

6. The SAARC Charter was adopted in which city on December 8, 1985?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Dhaka ☒
- C. Kathmandu
- D. Colombo



**S A A R C**  
SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION  
FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION

- ✓ **The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day is observed every year on 8<sup>th</sup> December. On this day in 1985, SAARC Charter was adopted in Dhaka, during the first summit of the group. This year also marks the 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the regional group. SAARC has organised 18 summits since 1985.**

7. Which language Day is observed on 18 December?

- A. French
- B. Greek
- C. Arabic ☒
- D. Urdu

العربية

- ✓ **World Arabic Language Day is observed on 18 December to honour the language, which is spoken by over 400 million people globally. It has been celebrated since 2012 to mark the adoption of**

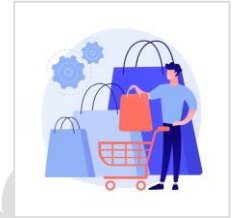


Arabic as the sixth official language of the United Nations by the UN General Assembly. This year, the theme of the World Arabic Language Day is "The Contribution of the Arabic Language to Human Civilization and Culture".

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8. When is the 'National Consumer Rights Day' observed across India?

- A. December.20
- B. December.22
- C. December.24 ☒
- D. December.25



- ✓ December 24 is celebrated annually across India as National Consumer Rights Day. It is also called National Consumer Day. The Day commemorates December 24, 1986, the date when the Consumer Protection Act received assent of the President of India. The purpose of the day is to make consumers aware of their rights and responsibilities. World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated annually on March 15.

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9. When is the International Migrants Day observed?

- A. December.18 ☒
- B. December.21
- C. December.24
- D. December.27



- ✓ The International Migrant Day is observed every year on December 18, to tackle the problem and challenges of global migration. The United Nations General Assembly in the year 1999 created the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. The theme for the year 2022 is "Integrating migrants into primary health care".

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10. NTPC commissioned 150 MW & 90 MW Devikot Solar PV Projects in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Rajasthan ☒



- ✓ NTPC has commissioned capacities of 150 MW & 90 MW Devikot Solar PV Projects at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan. They are declared on Commercial Operation. With this, standalone installed and commercial capacity of NTPC has become 58041 MW, while group installed and commercial capacity of NTPC has reached 70656 MW.