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1. 'Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award' was recently conferred to which actor?

- A. Waheeda Rehman ☒
- B. Madhubala
- C. Sridevi
- D. Shabana Azmi



- ✓ Veteran Bollywood actress Waheeda Rehman has been conferred with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, which is given for "outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema", for the year 2021. It was conferred by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's Directorate of Film Festivals. The award is presented at the National Film Awards ceremony. The 2021 awards were presented this year as they were delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Who is the first Asian man to be nominated for International Tennis Hall of Fame?

- A. Leander Paes ☒
- B. Mahesh Bhupathi
- C. Rohan Bopanna
- D. Yuki Bhambri



- ✓ Multiple Grand Slam winner Leander Paes emerged as the first Asian man to be nominated for the International Tennis Hall of Fame in the player category. The 50-year-old Paes was one of the six nominees announced for the Class of 2024. He will be competing with Cara Black, Ana Ivanovic, Carlos Moya, Daniel Nestor and Flavia Pennetta in the Player Category. Li Na, the Chinese player became the first Asian player to get nominated to the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2019.

3. Which institution has been recently selected by PFRDA as the 11th fund manager to manage retirement savings under NPS?

- A. Bandhan Pension Fund Managers
- B. DSP Pension Fund Managers ☒
- C. Aditya Birla Sun Life Pension Fund
- D. Axis Pension Fund



- ✓ The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has selected DSP Pension Fund Managers as the 11th fund manager permitted to manage retirement savings under the National Pension System (NPS). PFRDA is looking to tap regional rural banks (RRBs) to enhance its reach to citizens across the country.

4. Which institution has raised more than 1000 crore via social bonds?

- A. NHB
- B. NABARD ☒
- C. RBI
- D. SIDBI



- ✓ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) issued its first rupee-denominated AAA rated social bonds with a total size of 1040.50 crore. The bonds issued privately to eligible institutional investors will be listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on September 29, 2023. The face value of each bond is 1 lakh. The base issue size is 1,000 crores, with an option to retain over subscription up to 2000 crore.

5. Which state launched a dedicated Tourism Policy 2023, that aims to attract 20,000-crore investments in 5 years?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu government has unveiled its new tourism policy to develop the State into the most attractive experiential destination in Asia. Over the next five years, the state aims to attract 20,000-crore investments and to facilitate the skill development of 3 lakh people. In the next five years, the State expects tourism to contribute at least 12 per cent of the State GSDP annually and tourism and supporting industries in the State to employ 25 lakh people.

6. 'Shi Yan 6', which entered the Indian Ocean, is the research vessel of which country?

- A. Russia
- B. China ☒
- C. North Korea
- D. Singapore



- ✓ Chinese vessel Shi Yan 6 entered the Indian Ocean via Malacca Straits on September 23 and was seen in Singapore on September 14 after leaving homeport Guangzhou on September 10. According to Sri Lanka, it has not given permission to the Chinese vessel Shi Yan 6 as Indian security concerns were important to the island nation. The country said if the vessel complied with the standard operating procedures of Sri Lanka, then there would be no problems.

7. Neha Thakur, who secured a silver medal for India at Asian Games, plays which sports?

- A. Shooting
- B. Squash
- C. Sailing ☒
- D. Boxing



- ✓ **Seventeen-year-old Indian sailor Neha Thakur secured a silver medal in the ILCA-4 dinghy event for girls in Asian Games. The girl's dinghy ILCA-4 category consists of 11 races and Neha finished with 32 total points. Her net score of 27 helped her earn the second spot behind gold medallist Noppassorn Khunboonjan of Thailand.**

8. Sudipti Hajela, Divyakriti Singh, Hriday Cheda and Anush Agarwalla, are associated with which sports?

- A. Wrestling
- B. Squash
- C. Chess
- D. Equestrian ☒



- ✓ **The four riders Sudipti Hajela (Chinski), Divyakriti Singh (Adrenalin Firfod), Hriday Cheda (Chemxpro Emeral) and Anush Agarwala (Etro) and their horses recently clinched India's first ever gold medal for India in Equestrian Dressage. Equestrian first made its appearance at the Asian Games in 1982 and the host India dominated the competition with three gold medals. After 41 years, Indian team clinched a medal recently.**

9. Which institution organises the 'South-South Knowledge Sharing Series'?

- A. World Bank ☒
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ **South-South Knowledge Sharing Series is a virtual conference organized by the World Bank. Its theme is 'Digital Public Infrastructure: The India Story'. Union Minister of State for Electronics & IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, participated in the virtual conference. He highlighted some key elements of India's DPI ecosystem, such as Aadhaar, which facilitates access to government welfare programs, and UPI, a fintech layer that enhances financial inclusion.**

10. Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying inaugurated the renovated Marine Museum at which city?

- A. Kochi
- B. Panaji
- C. Visakhapatnam ☒
- D. Mumbai



- ✓ Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the newly renovated Marine Museum at Fishery Survey of India, Visakhapatnam. It displays more than 250 preserved specimens. All the specimens in the museum were displayed with modern technology such as QR coding, in which complete information could be obtained with just one click by science students, researchers and general public.

11. As per a recent report, which city emerged as the most central node in tortoise / hard-shell turtle trafficking?

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



- ✓ A new report reveals that tortoises or hard-shell turtles from India are traded across a more extensive global network compared to soft-shell turtles. The former is primarily sought after as pets, while the latter is primarily traded for meat, within India. The illegally traded tortoise / hard-shell turtles were often found to be transported by air. Chennai emerged as the most central node in tortoise / hard-shell turtle trafficking, ranking as the top exporting and intermediary district.

1. Which institution released a report titled 'India Ageing Report 2023'?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. NSO
- C. UNFPA ☒
- D. World Bank



- ✓ The 'India Ageing Report 2023' was released recently by the International Institute for Population Sciences and the United Nations Population Fund. It revealed that India's elderly population could constitute over 20% of the country's total population by the year 2050. The decadal growth rate of the elderly population of India estimated at 41%.

2. Kongthong, which bagged 'Best Tourism Village (Bronze) Award 2023', is located in which state?

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



- ✓ Kongthong, a village situated in the East Khasi Hills of Meghalaya, recently bagged the award at the National Tourism Awards 2023. These awards were conferred by the Union Tourism Ministry. Meghalaya implements the Homestay Scheme, providing a subsidy of up to 7 lakh rupees per homestay. About 300 homestays were sanctioned in the last year.

3. Which country hosted the 'Annual IAEA General Conference' in 2023?

- A. India
- B. Austria ☒
- C. Paris
- D. Rome



- ✓ The Annual IAEA General Conference was held in Vienna. At this event, India announced its plans to generate 22 GW power through nuclear energy to achieve Net Zero. Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Ajit Kumar Mohanty shared India's ambitious plans to step up nuclear power generation during a meeting with IAEA Director General.

4. Which Union Ministry prepared the 'Smart Cities Mission, India: Localising SDGs' Report?

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



- ✓ 'Smart Cities Mission, India: Localising Sustainable Development Goals' was prepared by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry and UN-Habitat. It revealed that around 70 percent of projects under the SCM align with the SDGs on cities, clean water and sanitation, clean energy and economic growth.

5. Which is the second north-east state after Arunachal Pradesh to introduce e-cabinet system?

- A. Assam
B. Tripura ☒
C. Meghalaya
D. West Bengal



- ✓ Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha has launched the e-cabinet system at the state secretariat to develop digital infrastructure in the state. Tripura has thus become the fourth state-and second in the Northeast-after Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh, to have introduced an e-cabinet system.

6. Which institution released the draft regulations on mobile number portability?

- A. NASSCOM
B. TRAI ☒
C. TCIL
D. C-DoT



- ✓ The Draft Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2023 was released recently by TRAI. It proposes safeguards against SIM-swap frauds. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) seeks suggestions on connectivity and mobile number porting.

7. As per a new report, made along with NITI Aayog, which state had the highest electricity demand in the country in July 2023?

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



- ✓ A report by the non-profit organization Vasudha Foundation, in collaboration with the government's public policy think tank NITI Aayog, revealed that Uttar Pradesh had the highest electricity demand in the country in July 2023, along with Maharashtra, both recording 15.3 billion units of electricity consumption.

8. Standardised Precipitation Index (SPI) is a tool used to monitor which parameter?

- A. Flood
- B. Drought ☒
- C. Air Quality
- D. Radiations



- ✓ More than 70% of the districts monitored by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), over 500 out of 718, are currently experiencing meteorological drought conditions, ranging from mild to severe dryness. The findings were based on recent Standardised Precipitation Index (SPI) data maintained by IMD. SPI is a probabilistic tool deployed by IMD for monitoring drought.

9. Which Indian state is experiencing a surge in Scrub Typhus?

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



- ✓ Due to record-breaking rainfall in Himachal Pradesh, the state is witnessing a surge in 'chiggers', a vector for Orientia tsutsugamushi, the pathogen responsible for causing scrub typhus. The state has recorded over 1,000 cases of the disease in 2023, twice the number recorded last year. Fifteen people have died due to scrub typhus in the state so far.

10. Which institution is responsible for developing international Mobile telecommunication standards?

- A. IMF
- B. ITU ☒
- C. UNESCO
- D. MIT



- ✓ The United Nations body ITU's Study Group, during its meeting in Geneva, has endorsed India's 6G Vision, during a recent meeting. International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is responsible for developing international mobile telecommunication standards. IMT 2030, also known as 6G, is being developed by Working Party 5D of ITU-R Study Group 5.

11. 'Swavlamban 2.0' is the indigenisation roadmap of which institution?

- A. IRDAI
- B. Indian Navy ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. RBI



- ✓ A new report reveals that tortoises or hard-shell turtles from India are traded across a more extensive global network compared to soft-shell turtles. The former is primarily sought after as pets, while the latter is primarily traded for meat, within India. The illegally traded tortoise / hard-shell turtles were often found to be transported by air. Chennai emerged as the most central node in tortoise / hard-shell turtle trafficking, ranking as the top exporting and intermediary district.

12. Which country launched 'Noor 3 imaging satellite' into orbit?

- A. Israel
B. UAE
C. Iran ☒
D. North Korea



- ✓ Iran's Revolutionary Guards successfully launched a third military satellite into orbit. The Noor 3 imaging satellite orbits at an altitude of 450 kilometres above the earth's surface and was launched by the three-stage Qased, or messenger carrier, which launched its predecessor Noor 2 in 2022.

13. Scientists at IISER have pinpointed a Circular RNA virus known as?

- A. ciTRAN ☒
B. ciRNA
C. ciHIV
D. ciReplica



- ✓ Scientists at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in Bhopal have pinpointed a Circular RNA virus known as ciTRAN, the function of which in HIV-1 virus replication has been a mystery. Additionally, they have created a molecule capable of impeding viral transcription. Circular RNA is crucial for gene expression regulation and various biological functions, and its impact on HIV-1 replication remains largely unexplored, as explained by the researchers.

1. What is the rank of India in the 'Global Innovation Index 2023'?

- A. 40 ☒
- B. 50
- C. 60
- D. 80

40

- ✓ Global Innovation Index 2023 was released recently by the World Intellectual Property Organization. India retains 40th rank in this index out of 132 economies. India has been on a rising trajectory, over the past several years in the Global Innovation Index (GII), from a rank of 81 in 2015 to 40 in 2023.

2. Which Union Ministry launched 'CRIIO 4 GOOD modules'?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Education ☒
- C. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D. Ministry of External Affairs



- ✓ The Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan introduced 'CRIIO 4 GOOD,' a new set of online life skills learning modules aimed at promoting gender equality among both girls and boys. This initiative was unveiled in collaboration with the International Cricket Council, UNICEF, and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

3. Which country is undertaking a project to create the world's most powerful laser, called "Vulcan 20-20"?

- A. India
- B. United Kingdom ☒
- C. Paris
- D. Rome



- ✓ The UK is undertaking a groundbreaking project to create the world's most powerful laser, called "Vulcan 20-20," with an £85 million investment from the UK Science and Technology Facilities Council. This laser, anticipated to be a million billion times brighter than the sun, is expected to have profound implications for various scientific fields, including clean energy and cancer treatment.

4. Which country has launched USD 1 billion plan to coordinate the controlled descent of International Space Station (ISS) back to Earth?

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



- ✓ **NASA has recently unveiled an ambitious USD 1 billion plan to coordinate the controlled descent of the International Space Station (ISS) back to Earth. It will be undertaken with a specialized spacecraft, known as the US Deorbit Vehicle (USDV).**
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5. 'DXN' is the code allotted to which Indian airport?

A. Noida Airport ☒

B. Purandar Airport

C. Utkela Airport

D. Mopa Airport



- ✓ **The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has assigned an international three-letter code, 'DXN,' to the soon-to-be-opened Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar. The code is used on ticket reservations, boarding passes, luggage tag designators, and other documents. The airport is anticipated to open before the September 2024 deadline.**
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6. What is the name of the week-long initiative launched for Aspirational Blocks?

A. Sankalp Saptaah ☒

B. Atmanirbhar Saptaah

C. Vikas Saptaah

D. Bharat Saptaah



- ✓ **The Prime Minister inaugurated a special week-long initiative called 'Sankalp Saptaah' for Aspirational Blocks. 'Sankalp Saptaah' will be observed in all 500 Aspirational Blocks located in 329 Districts across the nation. The 5th year of the Aspirational District Programme was also marked during the event.**
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7. Sarabjot Singh, Arjun Singh Cheema, and Shiva Narwal, who were seen in the news, play which sports?

A. Boxing

B. Wrestling

C. Shooting ☒

D. Badminton



- ✓ **At the Asian Games in Hangzhou, the Indian men's 10m air pistol team secured a gold medal. The team, comprising Sarabjot Singh, Arjun Singh Cheema, and Shiva Narwal, managed to edge out the Chinese team in a close contest, clinching the top spot on the podium.**
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8. Which state achieved 100% ODF Plus Coverage of all its 95,767 villages, in Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen?

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



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has attained a significant milestone by achieving 100% ODF Plus coverage in the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen, with 95,767 villages declaring themselves ODF+ with solid and liquid waste management systems. Over 80,000 villages achieved ODF Plus status in the past nine months, coinciding with the nationwide 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, where 88 lakh people participating in the state.

9. Which International Film Festival is named as "Pearl of The Silk Road"?

- A. Berlin International Film Festival
- B. Toronto International Film Festival
- C. Tashkent International Film Festival ☒
- D. Venice International Film Festival



- ✓ Titled the "Pearl of The Silk Road," the Tashkent International Film Festival was inaugurated in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. The festival was initially inaugurated in 1968. India's participation in TIFFEST revolves around the theme 'Showcasing India's Creative Economy'.

10. Who is called the 'Father of Green Revolution' in India?

- A. Verghese Kurien
- B. M S Swaminathan ☒
- C. Dhyan Chand
- D. Vikram Sarabhai



- ✓ MS Swaminathan, legendary agricultural scientist passed away. He was a recipient of Padma Shri in 1967, the Ramon Magsaysay Award for community leadership in 1971, the Padma Bhushan in 1972 and the Padma Vibushan in 1989. He played a crucial role in 'Green Revolution,' a programme that paved the way for jump in production of wheat and rice through adaptation of chemical-biological technology.

11. Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav, a 75 day-long event to celebrate Indian languages was started in which city?

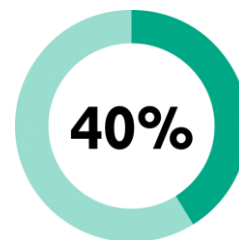
- A. Chennai
- B. Lucknow ☒
- C. Kochi
- D. Varanasi



- ✓ **Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav, a 75 day-long event to celebrate the Indian languages started in Lucknow. Padma Shri awardees and representatives of different Indian languages are taking part in the program. The festival will continue from September 28 to 11 December which is birthday of Famous Tamil poet Subrahmanyam Bharti and celebrated as Indian Languages Day.**

12. As per recent data, states rejected what percent of land claims submitted by tribals under the Forest Rights Act?

- A. 10%
- B. 20%
- C. 30%
- D. 40% ☒



- ✓ **States have rejected nearly 40% of land claims submitted by tribal communities under the Forest Rights Act. Among these, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and West Bengal have the highest rejection rates, with Uttarakhand denying 97% of tribal claims. The latest statistics, were released by the Ministry of tribal affairs, there were 45,54,603 claims submitted totally.**

13. Which institution released the report titled 'Methane emissions in livestock and rice systems'?

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



- ✓ **The "Methane emissions in livestock and rice systems: Sources, quantification, mitigation and metrics" report was released recently by FAO. It revealed that approximately 32% of methane emissions caused by human activities stem from microbial processes taking place during the enteric fermentation of ruminant livestock and the management of manure systems worldwide.**

1. What is the theme of 'World Heart Day 2023'?

- A. Use Heart, Know Heart ☒
- B. Prevent Heart Diseases
- C. Exercise Daily
- D. Healthy Food Habits



- ✓ **World Heart Day is an annual event, observed every year on 29th September. The day is celebrated by organizing various events globally to raise awareness about the heart disease and its preventive measures to manage the cardiovascular diseases. This year, the theme of the 'World Heart Day' is 'Use Heart, Know Heart'.**

2. Which country hosted the 'UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime Ministerial Conference'?

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



- ✓ **Recently, a two-day UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime Ministerial Conference was held at Palermo in Italy. It is organised by the Government of Italy and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNDOC) Secretariat. Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai attended the conference to mark the 20th anniversary of United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crimes (UNTOC).**

3. 'Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency' is a Public Sector Enterprise under which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Power
- B. Ministry of New & Renewable Energy ☒
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ **Recently, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA), India's largest specialized green finance Non-Banking Finance Company has received an upgrade from the 'Schedule B' category to the prestigious 'Schedule A' category among Central Public Sector Enterprises. This elevation in status was formally enacted through an Office Memorandum issued by the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy has officially confirmed this upgrade.**

4. Sko valley, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Ladakh ☒
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs has opened two more border tourist destinations 'Marsemik La and Sko valley' for tourists visiting Ladakh. The previously restricted areas were close to the strategic Chang Chenmo sector north of Pangong lake in Ladakh. Tourists are allowed to trek through this high-altitude valley.

5. Which institution released a Consultation Paper on "Digital Transformation through 5G Ecosystem"?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. NASSCOM
- C. TRAI ☒
- D. CDAC



- ✓ Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recently released a consultation paper on "Digital Transformation through 5G Ecosystem". The aim of this discussion document is to recognize the policy obstacles and propose the appropriate policy structure to accelerate the integration and efficient utilization of emerging technologies, fostering comprehensive and sustainable economic advancement facilitated by the 5G ecosystem.

6. Which institution organises 'Project Udbhav'?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Indian Army ☒
- C. RBI
- D. SEBI



- ✓ The Indian Army, in partnership with the United Service Institution of India (USI), recently organised a hybrid panel discussion as part of Project Udbhav. Project Udbhav, initiated by the Indian Army, is a program designed to reexamine the deep-rooted Indian traditions of statecraft and strategic thinking, drawing insights from ancient Indian texts on statecraft, warfare, diplomacy, and grand strategy.

7. Which institution organised the conference on 'Millets for Military Ration & Specific Nutritional Requirements'?

- A. DRDO ☒
- B. HAL
- C. NABARD
- D. FAO



- ✓ The Conference on 'Millets for Military Ration & Specific Nutritional Requirements' was inaugurated recently. It was held in Mysuru, Karnataka. The conference has been organised by Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), the Mysuru-based laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). It will deliberate on adoption of millets- based food for the Services, preservation and storage for sustained nutritional and food security among others.

8. What is the age of consent under the POCSO Act, 2012?

- A. 18 ☒
- B. 19
- C. 20
- D. 21

18

- ✓ The Law Commission of India's Report No. 283 on 'Age of Consent under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012' was submitted recently to the Union Law Minister. It has advised against changing the existing age of consent, which is 18 years under the POCSO Act, to exempt sexual acts among adolescents from criminal law.
- ✓ Instead, it recommends introducing "guided judicial discretion in sentencing" for cases involving those aged 16 to 18 to ensure a balanced approach that safeguards the child's best interests.

9. Which Union Ministry has mandated Aadhaar authentication of jail visitors?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs ☒
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Finance



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MINISTRY OF
HOME AFFAIRS

- ✓ Recently, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued a notification permitting prison authorities nationwide to voluntarily conduct Aadhaar authentication for all visitors of inmates to verify their backgrounds. The ministry issued a notification to verify the antecedents of the visitors of prison inmates.

10. Who is the head of the 'Law Commission of India', as of 2023?

- A. Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi ☒
- B. Justice KT Shankaran
- C. Professor Anand Paliwal
- D. Professor DP Verma



- ✓ **The Law Commission of India has expressed support for enabling the registration of electronic First Information Reports (e-FIRS). The commission headed by former Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi recommended this in its 292nd report. It stated that this approach would address the problem of delayed FIR registration, allowing citizens to report crimes immediately and enhancing transparency.**

11. The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to procure 'Prachand' Light Combat chopper with which institution?

- A. HAL ☒
- B. DRDO
- C. BHEL
- D. BDL



- ✓ **The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to procure 156 additional 'Prachand' Light Combat choppers with the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. They will be deployed at both the China and Pakistan front by the IAF and the Indian Army.**

12. K.N. Shanth Kumar has been appointed as the Chairperson of which institution?

- A. Press Trust of India ☒
- B. Press Information Bureau
- C. Central Bureau of Investigation
- D. Central Reserve Police Force



- ✓ **K N Shanth Kumar of The Printers (Mysore) was elected Chairman of the Press Trust of India's Board of Directors for a one-year term. He was also Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC), a member of the Executive Committee of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) for more than 20 years. This is the second time that he is serving as the Chairman of the Board of PTI, the last time being 2013 to 2014.**

13. Which is the authorised seller of electoral bonds in India?

A. RBI

B. SBI ☒

C. NITI Aayog

D. Election Commission of India



- ✓ The government announced the 28th tranche of electoral bond sales to be undertaken over a ten-day window starting October 4 and closing on October 13, at all authorised branches of the State Bank of India. The bonds were introduced in January 2018 as a means "to cleanse the system of political funding in the country".

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1. Which Union Ministry organised the 'Technology and Bharatiya Bhasha Summit'?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Education ☒
- C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D. Ministry of Culture



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MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION

- ✓ The two-day Technology and Bharatiya Bhasha Summit was organized as a part of the Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav, by the Union Ministry of Education in New Delhi. The aim of the Summit was to facilitate a smooth transition from the current education ecosystem to one rooted in Indian languages, in line with the vision of NEP 2020 and to set the course for a technologically bright future for Indian languages in education.

2. NABARD listed 'Social Bonds' on Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and the funds raised would be used to refinance which scheme?

- A. PMAY
- B. PM SVANIDHI
- C. Jal Jeevan Mission ☒
- D. PMGSY



- ✓ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) announced the listing of its 'Social Bonds' on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). The bank had raised 1,040 crore through this offering. The funds would be used to refinance the Jal Jeevan Mission (the Union government's drinking water project) in Telangana.

3. Kiran Baliyan clinched India's first medal in 72 years in which game, at the Asian Games?

- A. Weight Lifting
- B. Shot put ☒
- C. Fencing
- D. Swimming



- ✓ Meerut-based Kiran Baliyan clinched the country's first medal in women's shot put in 72 years. Baliyan threw to a distance of 17.36m in her third attempt to finish third behind the Chinese duo of Olympic champion Lijiao Gong and Jiayuan Song.

4. Which country is the host of Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2023?

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



- ✓ The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2023 was inaugurated in New Delhi by the Ministry of Tourism. The PATA is a not-for-profit organization, which aims to promote responsible travel and tourism development in the Asia Pacific region.

5. Which spacecraft successfully escaped the sphere of earth's influence, after Mars Orbiter Mission?

- A. Aditya-L1 ☒
- B. One Web India-2
- C. NVS-01
- D. DS-SAR



- ✓ Aditya-L1 spacecraft has travelled beyond a distance of 9.2 lakh km from Earth, successfully escaping the sphere of earth's influence, after the Mars Orbiter Mission. The spacecraft will remain in a halo orbit around L1, about 1.5 million km from Earth, to observe the Sun's corona and other aspects without interruptions.

6. Who has been nominated as the Ambassador for 'War Against Waste' in Jammu & Kashmir?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Vidya Balan
- C. Captain Bana Singh ☒
- D. Viswanathan Anand



- ✓ Directorate of Rural Sanitation, Jammu and Kashmir, has announced the nomination of country's highest gallantry awardee, the Param Vir Chakra recipient, Captain Bana Singh as Ambassador for 'War against Waste' in Jammu & Kashmir. Theme of the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS 2023) campaign is 'Garbage Free India' with focus on visual cleanliness and welfare of Safai Mitras.

7. Which Ministry introduced Quality Control Orders for medical-textile products?

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



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- ✓ Union Ministry of Textiles introduced Quality Control Orders for six medical-textile and 20 agro-textile products. In Medical textiles like Sanitary Pads and baby diapers, self-help groups are exempted from QCO while Micro and Small units are given relaxation for 1 year.

8. Online gaming companies will charge 28% GST on full value of bets, with effect from which date?

A. October 1, 2023 ☒

B. January 1, 2024

C. April 1, 2024

D. October 1, 2024



- ✓ From October 1, online gaming companies will charge 28% GST on full value of bets, while offshore platforms would also be required to have GST registration to operate in India. The notification was released by the Union Finance Ministry though many states are yet to pass amendments in their respective state GST Laws.

9. Mohamed Muizzu was elected as the President of which country?

A. Mauritius

B. South Africa

C. Maldives ☒

D. Israel



- ✓ Front runner and Opposition candidate Mohamed Muizzu was recently elected President of the Maldives. The opposition candidate beats the incumbent President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, who is considered pro-India.

10. India recently signed 'Social Security Agreement' with which country?

A. Sri Lanka

B. Argentina ☒

C. Australia

D. France



- ✓ India and Argentina signed an agreement to ensure legal rights of professionals in each other's domain that will assist in risk-free international mobility. As per the Embassy of India, the 'Social Security Agreement' is aimed at ensuring rights of the growing number of Indian nationals employed in various Indian and international concerns in Argentina as well as for Argentine nationals seeking employment in India.

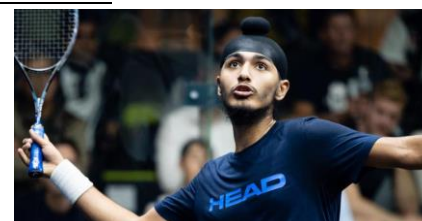
11. Abhay Singh, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

A. Cricket

B. Squash ☒

C. Hockey

D. Chess



- ✓ The Indian men's squash team created history as they defeated Pakistan to clinch gold at the ongoing 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou. Abhay Singh defeated Noor Zaman to win 11-7, 9-11, 8-11, 11-9, 12-10 in the third and final contest. India won a men's team squash gold in the 2014 edition of the games, while the Pakistan last claimed gold in 2010 in Guanzhou.

12. Rutuja Bhosale, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

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



- ✓ The mixed doubles pair of Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale beat Chinese Taipei pair En-shuo Liang and Tsung-hao Huang in the finals to clinch gold at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou. Earlier, another Indian duo Ramanathan Ramkumar and Saket Myneni bag silver in the men's doubles.

13. 'Yashaswini' is a group of women bikers of which institution?

- A. Indian Navy
B. CRPF ☒
C. CISF
D. Indian Army



- ✓ Chief Minister Shri Conrad K Sangma flagged off the cross-country bike expedition by Yashaswini, a group of CRPF women bikers from Shillong. The CRPF, in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development is organising this bike rally to celebrate women power in the country.

14. What is the GST collection in India in the month of September?

- A. Rs 1.627 lakh crore ☒
B. Rs 1.527 lakh crore
C. Rs 1.427 lakh crore
D. Rs 1.727 lakh crore



- ✓ India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections improved 2.3% over August revenues to touch 1,62,712 crores. However, the growth in gross GST revenues slowed to a 27-month low of 10.2% in September, from around 10.8% in the previous two months. This is the fourth time that the gross GST kitty has crossed the 1.60 lakh crore mark in 2023-24, the Finance Ministry said.

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