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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?

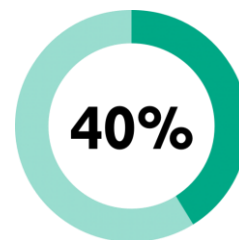
- A. Chennai
- B. Lucknow ☒
- C. Kochi
- D. Varanasi



- ✓ **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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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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1. ISRO's Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1) is a crucial test for which mission?

- A. Aditya L1
- B. Mangalyaan
- C. Chandrayaan-3
- D. Gaganyaan ☒



- ✓ The Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1) is a part of the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) human space mission, Gaganyaan. The purpose of the mission is to demonstrate the ability to launch humans into low earth orbit and safely bring them back to Earth. The TV-D1 is a single-stage liquid rocket that carries the Crew Module (CM) and Crew Escape Systems (CES).

2. Which country recently launched Operation Iron Swords?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Israel ☒
- C. Russia
- D. United States



- ✓ Operation Iron Swords was recently launched by Israel, in response to a surprise attack by Hamas, a Palestinian militant organization. Hamas's attack on Israel resulted in at least 100 casualties and led to claims of hostages taken. Operation Iron Swords targets attackers who have entered Israel and are conducting attacks on civilians and defense forces. The retaliation has led to significant casualties in Gaza.

3. Which is the second state after Bihar to conduct a caste survey?

- A. Rajasthan ☒
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ Rajasthan government has issued an order to conduct a caste survey in the state. It will become the second state in India to carry out such a survey, after Bihar, Bihar had previously unveiled the results of its caste survey on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, revealing that Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) constituted 63 percent of the state's total population.

4. Project Kuiper to provide fast, affordable broadband internet service belongs to which company?

- A. SpaceX
- B. Amazon ☒
- C. BlueOrigin
- D. Google



- ✓ **Project Kuiper is a subsidiary of Amazon that was established in 2019. The goal is to provide fast, affordable broadband to underserved communities. Amazon recently broke ground on a \$120 million pre-launch processing facility in Florida. It also launched the first pair of test satellites for its planned internet service.**

5. The term "Draconid" that was recently in news, is related to __:

- A. Defence System
- B. Meteor Showers ☒
- C. Software Bug
- D. Marine Species



- ✓ **The Draconid meteor shower is active from October 6-10, 2023, with peak activity expected on October 8 and 9. The shower is best seen in the evening. The Draconid meteor shower is named after the constellation Draco. The meteors appear to originate from this part of the sky when viewed from Earth.**

6. Simone Biles, who recently became world's most decorated gymnast ever, is from which country?

- A. United States ☒
- B. Canada
- C. Australia
- D. UK



- ✓ **American gymnast Simone Biles won her 21st world title with all-around gold at the World Gymnastics Championships in Antwerp, Belgium. Biles is now the world's most decorated gymnast ever with 34 medals across world championships and Olympics.**

7. The latest census of Gangetic dolphins was carried out in which wildlife sanctuary of Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Bakhira Sanctuary
- B. Chandra Prabha Wildlife Sanctuary
- C. Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary ☒
- D. Kachhua Sanctuary



- ✓ The latest census of Gangetic dolphins in the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh revealed that there are now 50 dolphins in the river Ganga, up from 41 in the last census in 2020. There are approximately 2,500-3,000 Ganges River dolphins left living in the wild.
- ✓ The Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary and Bhitarkanika saw dolphin count rise to 540 from 342 last year. The Parman River had 35 Gangetic dolphins in 2013 and the number went up to 50 in 2021. The Chilika Lake had 188 Irrawaddy dolphins in 2021, up from 163 in 2020.

8. Which Committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decides the policy repo rate?

- A. Monetary Policy Committee ☒
- B. Financial Inclusion Committee
- C. Regulation Committee
- D. Economic and Policy Research Committee



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to keep key interest rates, projected economic growth, and inflation rates unchanged. The RBI's monetary policy committee (MPC) unanimously decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5%. This is the fourth straight time the RBI has maintained the status quo. The RBI last raised the benchmark repo rate to 6.5% on February 8, 2023. RBI has also decided to extend the payments infrastructure development fund (PIDF) scheme by two years till December 31, 2025.

9. Which state is the host of the humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) exercise?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Goa ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Punjab



- ✓ The three-day annual joint humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) exercise will be held in Goa. Eight other countries from the Indian Ocean region will participate. The focus this year is on disasters caused by climate change, and the tri-services along with the Indian Coast Guard, NDMA, NDRF, NIDM, and National Remote Sensing Agencies will participate in the exercise.

10. Which country's Supreme Court constituted a 'Committee on accessibility' and appointed a sign language interpreter?

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. India ☒
- D. Germany



- ✓ The Supreme Court of India appointed a sign language interpreter to help hearing-impaired lawyers and litigants understand judicial proceedings. The interpreter will be present for all Constitution bench hearings. The appointment of a sign language interpreter will make the judicial system more inclusive and accessible. CJI D Y Chandrachud also constituted a Supreme Court committee on accessibility last year.

11. Which country's hockey team clinched the Asian Games gold medal?

- A. China
B. Pakistan
C. India ☒
D. Japan



- ✓ The Indian men's hockey team qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics after defeating Japan 5-1 in the final of the Asian Games. India's captain, Harmanpreet, scored two goals, while Manpreet, Amit Rohidas and Abhishek scored one goal each. India's win reclaimed the Asian Games gold medal after nine years. India has played 17 matches without a loss, as of now.

12. As per a recent NABARD report, which state topped in terms of savings by self-help groups (SHGs)?

- A. Tamil Nadu
B. Goa
C. Andhra Pradesh ☒
D. Bihar



- ✓ Andhra Pradesh emerged as the top state in terms of savings by self-help groups (SHGs), according to a report by NABARD. Andhra Pradesh SHGs have accumulated savings of Rs 18,606 crore, while Telangana SHGs have saved Rs 5,156 crore. Telangana has a higher percentage of SHGs with outstanding loans (97%) compared to Andhra Pradesh (89%).

13. Which institution releases the 'Sugar Price Index'?

- A. NABARD
B. FAO ☒
C. UNEP
D. FSSAI



- ✓ According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), global sugar prices hit their highest level in almost 13 years in September. The FAO's Sugar Price Index jumped by 9.8% compared to August, the highest point since November 2010. The FAO attributes the increase in sugar prices to

the El Niño weather phenomenon, a climate pattern that occurs on average every two to seven years.

14. Which country is the host of 'Exercise Bright Star'?

- A. India
- B. Egypt ☒
- C. USA
- D. Australia



- ✓ The Indian Air Force's (IAF) MiG-29 fighter jets participated in the Exercise Bright Star in Egypt. It was a biennial multilateral tri-services exercise held at the Cairo Air Base in Egypt. The exercise involved nine countries, including India, in combat training and demonstrations.

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1. Which institution releases the compilation of Statistical Performance Indicators (SPI)?

- A. IMF
- B. World Bank ☒
- C. WEF
- D. ADB



- ✓ The World Bank's compilation of Statistical Performance Indicators (SPI) has ranked India 67 among 174 countries in 2019. The SPI framework focuses on five key pillars of a country's statistical performance: (i) data use, (ii) data services, (iii) data products, (iv) data sources, and (v) data infrastructure. It replaced the Statistical Capacity Indicator (SCI) that the World Bank was publishing since 2004.

2. Nobel Prize in Medicine 2023 was awarded to Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman for their work in:

- A. Hepatitis C Virus
- B. mRNA Vaccines ☒
- C. Human evolution
- D. Receptors for temperature



- ✓ Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman have been honored with the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their groundbreaking work in nucleoside base modifications. Their research paved the way for the creation of highly successful mRNA vaccines against Covid-19. In the future, the technology may also be used to deliver therapeutic proteins and treat some cancer types.

3. R21/Matrix-M, which was recently approved, is the vaccine against which disease?

- A. COVID-19
- B. Malaria ☒
- C. Tuberculosis
- D. Influenza



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended a new vaccine, R21/Matrix-M, for the prevention of malaria in children. It was jointly developed by University of Oxford and Serum Institute of India (SII). The R21 vaccine is the second malaria vaccine recommended by WHO, following the RTS, S/AS01 vaccine, which received a WHO recommendation in 2021. Both vaccines are shown to be safe and effective in preventing malaria in children.

4. 'Statue of Equality', the largest statue of B R Ambedkar outside India, is to be unveiled in which country?

- A. UK
- B. USA ☒
- C. Germany
- D. France



- ✓ The Statue of Equality will be inaugurated by the Ambedkar International Center in Maryland, a state in the United States. It will be the tallest statue of Ambedkar outside India. This statue is a replica of the world's largest Ambedkar statue, located in Hyderabad and which stands 125 feet tall. It was crafted by Ram Sutar, who also created Sardar Patel's 'Statue of Unity' in Gujarat.

5. 'SAMPRITI-XI' is the joint military exercise conducted by India and which country?

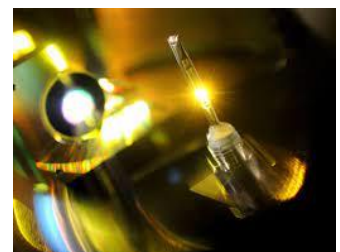
- A. Bangladesh ☒
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Indonesia
- D. Iran



- ✓ India and Bangladesh have commenced the 11th edition of their annual joint military exercise, SAMPRITI, in Umroi, Meghalaya. This exercise, which alternates between the two nations, highlights the strong bilateral defense cooperation between them. SAMPRITI, initiated in 2009, aims to boost interoperability, share tactical expertise, and promote best practices between the Indian and Bangladeshi armies.

6. 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics was given to three Scientists for research in which field?

- A. Electrons in flashes of light ☒
- B. Photons in flashes of light
- C. Neutrons in flashes of light
- D. Phyttons in flashes of light



- ✓ The Nobel Prize in Physics for 2023 has been awarded to Ferenc Krausz, Pierre Agostini, and Anne L'Huillier for their groundbreaking experiments that have led to the creation of attosecond pulses of light. These pulses have opened new avenues for studying the behaviour of electrons within atoms and molecules, revolutionizing the field of electrodynamics in matter.

7. The Indian Air Force is set to replace all MiG-21 squadrons with which aircraft?

- A. LCA Mark 1A ☒
- B. LCA Mark-2
- C. SU-30 MKI
- D. HTT-40



- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to replace all Russian-origin MiG-21 squadrons with the LCA Mark 1A by 2025. This was announced by Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari ahead of the upcoming Air Force Day celebration. The Indian Air Force celebrated its 91st anniversary on October 8 with the theme-"IAF-airpower beyond boundaries".

8. Which state is set to conduct Socio economic Assessment of Indigenous Muslim Communities?

- A. West Bengal
B. Assam ☒
C. Gujarat
D. Bihar



- ✓ The Assam government has announced plans to conduct a socio-economic survey of the state's five indigenous Muslim communities to determine measures for their upliftment. The survey's results will inform the government's efforts to address the comprehensive socio- political and educational needs of these indigenous minority groups.

9. Which city is the host of 'IEA Critical Minerals and Clean Energy Summit in 2023'?

- A. London
B. Paris ☒
C. Rome
D. Vienna



- ✓ The IEA's Critical Minerals Market Review 2023 was released recently at the IEA Critical Mineral and Clean Energy Summit in Paris. It revealed that the market for critical minerals has seen remarkable growth, doubling in size over the past five years to reach \$320 billion in 2022.

10. Which state/UT recently inaugurated the 'Green War Room' to address air pollution?

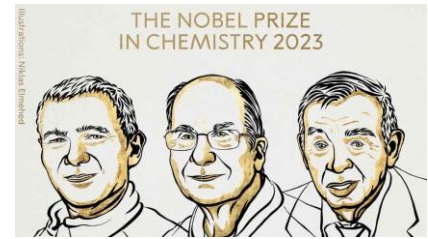
- A. Maharashtra
B. New Delhi ☒
C. Gujarat
D. Bihar



- ✓ The Green War Room was inaugurated recently by the Delhi government. It aims to address air pollution in the national capital by continuously monitoring and executing the Winter Action Plan. In addition, the government has also started deploying 530 water sprinklers to prevent dust pollution at 13 hotspots, and 385 teams will check pollution certificates of vehicles and prevent the plying of overage cars.

11. Which Nobel Prize is awarded in 2023 for creation of 'Quantum dots'?

- A. Physics
- B. Chemistry ☒
- C. Physiology
- D. None of the above



- ✓ **Moungi G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus, and Alexei I. Ekimov have been honored with the 2023 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their groundbreaking contributions in uncovering and creating quantum dots. The luminous characteristics of Quantum dots are harnessed in computer and television displays employing QLED technology, where the letter Q represents quantum dot.**

12. 'Valley Queen' is the first heritage train of which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Goa
- C. Rajasthan ☒
- D. Bihar



- ✓ **Rajasthan's first heritage train named the 'Valley Queen Heritage train' was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This heritage train provides a nostalgic experience by replicating the design of a steam engine. The Valley Queen Heritage Train is the sixth of its kind in India.**

13. Which Union Ministry released 'UMMEED' guidelines?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Education ☒
- D. Ministry of Minority Affairs



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Education (MoE) has unveiled draft guidelines called Understand, Motivate, Manage, Empathise, Empower, Develop (UMMEED). They are designed to prevent student suicides by recommending the formation of wellness teams, training for teachers and families, and prompt responses to students displaying warning signs.**

14. Which country has discovered JuMBOs (Jupiter Mass Binary Objects)?

- A. India
- B. Egypt
- C. USA ☒
- D. Australia



- ✓ NASA's James Webb Telescope has made a remarkable discovery by detecting Jupiter-sized objects in space called JuMBOS (Jupiter Mass Binary Objects). They were discovered during James Webb's survey of the Orion Nebula.

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1. Which institution released the 'Trade and Development Report 2023'?

- A. WEF
- B. IMF
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. UNCTAD ☒



- ✓ According to the latest Trade and Development Report 2023, global economic growth is expected to reach 2.4 percent. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which published this annual report, has characterized this growth as stalled speed. A global recession is typically defined as occurring when the growth rate falls to 2.5 percent or lower.

2. Perseverance rover has recently captured 'Dust devil' in which planet?

- A. Jupiter
- B. Mars ☒
- C. Saturn
- D. Venus



- ✓ Martian dust devil was captured recently by the Perseverance rover. A dust devil on Mars is akin to a dust tornado, resembling the tornadoes observed on Earth, although Martian dust devils are typically smaller in size compared to those on our planet. But the recently captured one was about two kilometres in height.

3. The Union Cabinet has approved setting up of Central Tribal University in which state?

- A. Telangana ☒
- B. Tripura
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Jharkhand



- ✓ Recently, the Union Cabinet gave its nod to establish a Central Tribal University in Telangana through an amendment to the Central Universities Act, 2009. The Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University at Mulugu District in Telangana, will be established with a funding of Rs. 889.07 crore.

4. Which state/UT hosts the 'Sammakka Saralamma Jatara' tribal festival?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Telangana ☒
- D. Bihar



- ✓ Telangana hosts a biennial festival known as the Sammakka Saralamma Jatara, which is renowned as one of the world's largest gatherings of tribal people. This event commemorates the 13th century resistance by a mother-daughter duo against the local rulers who had imposed taxes on the Koya people. The Jatara, or pilgrimage features rituals conducted by Koya priests in adherence to their customs and traditions.

5. Which state/UT banned the cultivation of PUSA-44 paddy variety?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
B. Punjab ☒
C. Assam
D. Kerala



- ✓ Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann announced recently that the state will prohibit the cultivation of the PUSA-44 paddy variety starting from next year, due to its high-water consumption and stubble production. Previously, this variety accounted for 70 to 80 percent of the total paddy cultivation area in the state.

6. Which Union Ministry introduced the 'Drone (Amendment) Rules 2023'?

- A. Ministry of Defence
B. Ministry of Civil Aviation ☒
C. Ministry of Science and Technology
D. Ministry of Home Affairs



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- ✓ The Ministry of Civil Aviation in India has introduced the Drone (Amendment) Rules 2023, which eliminate the mandatory need for a passport to enhance and simplify drone operations in the country. Instead, individuals can provide government-issued identity proof and address proof if they do not possess a passport, as per the Ministry of Civil Aviation statement.

7. Narges Mohammadi, who won 2023 Nobel Prize for Peace, is from which country?

- A. Israel
B. Iran ☒
C. UAE
D. Oman



- ✓ The Norwegian Nobel Committee has honoured Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi with the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize. She is being recognized "For her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all".

8. 'Dakar Declaration 2023', which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Cyber security
- B. Anti-terrorism
- C. Climate Change ☒
- D. Education



- ✓ **Ministers representing the 46 least developed countries (LDCs) released Dakar Declaration on Climate Change 2023, highlighting their anticipations and key concerns in preparation for the 28th Conference of Parties (COP28). The Dakar Declaration underscores the need for immediate worldwide efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions.**

9. Which institution released the report titled 'Children Displaced in a Changing Climate'?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. UNICEF ☒
- C. CRY
- D. Oxfam International



- ✓ **The United Nations Children's Fund –UNICEF recently released a report titled "Children Displaced in a Changing Climate". According to this report, between the years 2016 and 2021, more than 43 million children were forced to relocate due to floods, storms, droughts, and wildfires.**

10. Which organisation supplies the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas fighter aircraft to Indian Air Force?

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



- ✓ **The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed over twin seater variant of LCA Tejas fighter aircraft to Indian Air Force. The LCA Tejas is a state-of-the-art, lightweight, all-weather, multi-role 4.5 generation aircraft. HAL aims to deliver the first eight of the 18 trainers by mid-2024. The Cabinet in 2021 approved procurement of 83 LCA Tejas Mk-1A fighter aircraft at a cost of Rs 45,696 crore.**

11. Kishore Kumar Jena, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

- A. Boxing
- B. Javelin Throw ☒
- C. Shooting
- D. Tennis



- ✓ Star Indian athlete Neeraj Chopra defended his Asian Games title with a season's best throw of 88.88 metres. Another Indian athlete Kishore Kumar Jena took silver with a new personal best of 87.54 metres, past the automatic qualification mark of 85.50m for next year's Paris Olympics.

12. Jon Fosse, who won the 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature, is from which country?

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



- ✓ The 2023 Nobel Prize for Literature has been conferred upon Norwegian author Jon Fosse. He has received this prestigious award "for his groundbreaking plays and prose that articulate the unexpressed." He is known for writing variety of genres including plays, novels, poetry collections, essays, children's books and translations. His debut novel was Raudt, svart published in 1983.

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1. Which organisation releases forecast on global merchandise trade growth?

- A. WEF
- B. IMF
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. WTO ☒



- ✓ The World Trade Organisation (WTO) has scaled down global merchandise trade growth forecast to 0.8 %. The projection is less than 1.7 percent increase forecasted in April. The institution said its 3.3 percent growth projection for 2024 remains unchanged from the previous estimate. WTO expects real world GDP to grow by 2.6 percent at market exchange rates in 2023 and by 2.5 percent in 2024.

2. 'Tokenisation', which was seen in the news, is associated with_:

- A. Cryptocurrency
- B. Payment Security ☒
- C. Biotechnology
- D. Artificial Intelligence



- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced Card-on- File Tokenisation (COFT) in September 2021 and began implementation from October 1, 2022. Tokenisation refers to replacement of actual card details with an alternate code called the token. At present, Card-on-File (CoF) token can only be created through merchant's application or webpage. RBI has now proposed to introduce CoF token creation facilities directly at the issuer bank level.

3. Which country's kabaddi team has clinched the Asian Games title in 2023?

- A. Iran
- B. Indonesia
- C. India ☒
- D. Pakistan



- ✓ Indian men's kabaddi team defeated Iran 33-29 to win the gold medal in the Asian Games 2023, which recently concluded. Indian men team won their 8th Gold medal in the Asian Games. India women's kabaddi team has defeated Taiwan in the final earlier.

4. India signed MoU with which country in Green Hydrogen and Supply Chains?

- A. Argentina
- B. Saudi Arabia ☒
- C. France
- D. Finland



- ✓ India and Saudi Arabia inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Riyadh to collaborate in the fields of electrical interconnections, green and clean hydrogen and supply chains. This MoU aims to establish exchange of electricity during peak times and emergencies; co-development of projects; co-production of green hydrogen and renewable energy; and also establishing secure, reliable and resilient supply chains of materials used in green and clean hydrogen and the renewable energy sector.

5. When is the 'World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day' celebrated?

- A. August 8
B. September 8
C. October 8 ☒
D. October 18



- ✓ World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day, celebrated annually on October 8, is a global initiative aimed at promoting awareness of hydrogen as a clean and sustainable energy source, along with the versatile technology of fuel cells. On the occasion, the R&D Roadmap for the National Green Hydrogen Mission was unveiled by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy. The roadmap, which provides for a budget of Rs. 400 crores, seeks to provide guidance for developing a vibrant research and development ecosystem which can help commercialize Green Hydrogen.

6. Article 110 of the Indian Constitution pertains to which of the following?

- A. Money Bill ☒
B. Executive Powers of Governor
C. Number of seats in the Lok Sabha
D. Hindi as official language



- ✓ Recently, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud revealed that a seven-judge bench will be established to adjudicate on a collection of petitions contesting the government's use of the money bill method to enact specific significant laws. According to Article 110(1) of the Indian Constitution, a bill is classified as a money bill if it exclusively pertains to subjects including taxation, government borrowing, and the allocation of funds from the Consolidated Fund of India, among others.

7. The Over-the-top (OTT) platforms are regulated under which rules in India?

- A. Information Technology Rules ☒
B. Press Council of India (PCI) Rules
C. Cinematograph Rules
D. Copyright Act



- ✓ The Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) issued an interim order, stating that over-the-top (OTT) platforms are not under the jurisdiction of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). Instead, they are regulated by the Information Technology Rules of 2021, which were notified by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity).

8. As per EU Copernicus Climate Change Service, which month of 2023 is recorded as the hottest month globally since 1940?

- A. March
B. May
C. August

D. September ☒



- ✓ 2023 is on track to become the warmest year ever recorded, and there are concerns that 2024 may surpass it. As per the recent data from the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service, September 2023 has set a new record as the hottest month globally since 1940, marking an 83-year high.

9. Which state/UT hosted the 49th All India Police Science Congress?

- A. Kerala
B. Goa
C. Maharashtra

D. Uttarakhand ☒



- ✓ The 49th All India Police Science Congress was held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. With the theme of "Policing in Amrit Kaal", the event is organized by the Uttarakhand Police. The Conference is being organized under the auspices of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).

10. Which organisation launched the "Bale Identification and Traceability System"?

- A. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
B. Cotton Corporation of India ☒
C. Bureau of Indian Standards
D. Food and Agricultural Organisation



- ✓ Ministry of Textiles marked World Cotton Day 2023 on October 7. The theme of this year is "Making cotton fair and sustainable for all, from farm to fashion". Cotton Corporation of India launches "Bale Identification and Traceability System", using Blockchain Technology. Each cotton bale carries a QR code that allows easy tracking of its original source, processing factory, storage details, and associated cotton quality information, including timestamps.

11. Dipika Pallikal and Harinderpal Sandhu, who were seen in the news, play which sports?

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



- ✓ **Dipika Pallikal, Harinder Pal Sandhu won gold medal in Mixed Doubles Squash event defeating the Malaysian pair in finals. Saurav Ghosal won the silver medal in men's singles. Indian men's team also topped the podium. The Indian squad in squash won five medals - two gold, one silver and two bronze in all.**

12. 'Hamas' is a militant group which originated in which country/region?

- A. Syria
- B. Palestine ☒
- C. Iran
- D. Azerbaijan



- ✓ **Palestinian Islamist group Hamas launched the biggest attack on Israel in years, firing at least 5,000 missiles/rockets at it. In retaliation to it, Israel declared a 'war' and launched Operation 'Iron Swords' to neutralise Hamas militants in Gaza. As per the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), more than 1,000 Israelis have been killed in the war on Hamas.**

13. Who is the first Indian pair to win Asian gold medal in badminton?

- A. Satwik and Chirag ☒
- B. PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal
- C. Srikanth and Prannoy
- D. Sai Praneeth and Prannoy



- ✓ **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty earned India's first-ever badminton gold medal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou. Satwik and Chirag, the reigning Commonwealth Games champion, had won a world championship bronze last year. The duo then became the first Indians to win a BWF Super 1000 tournament when it clinched the Indonesia Open in June.**

14. 'National Framework for Climate Services (NFCS)' is led by:

- A. IMD ☒
- B. ISRO
- C. UNEP
- D. UNFCCC



- ✓ The National Framework for Climate Services (NFCS) aims to establish an integrated platform for users of climate information and services. NFCS is led by the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Its goal is to facilitate informed decision-making and the management of climate-related risks in critical sectors such as agriculture, energy, disaster management, health, and water.

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1. Which country launched Europe's first fully private rocket 'Miura-1'?

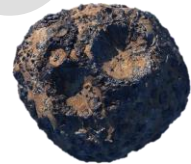
- A. Italy
- B. Spain ☒
- C. Germany
- D. Norway



- ✓ Spain's PLD Space successfully launched the Miura-1 rocket, marking a historic milestone as Europe's first fully private rocket launch. The Miura-1 is a recoverable rocket that was launched from a site in southwest Spain.

2. Which country is set to launch a spacecraft to study the metal-rich asteroid '16 Psyche'?

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



- ✓ NASA is preparing to launch a cutting-edge spacecraft named Psyche on a groundbreaking mission to study the asteroid named '16 Psyche'. This first-of-its-kind endeavour will explore a metal-rich asteroid, providing valuable insights into the formation of rocky objects in our solar system.

3. What is the place of India in the Asian Games 2023 medal-table?

- A. First
- B. Third
- C. Fourth ☒
- D. Sixth



- ✓ India has crossed the 100- medal mark for the first time in Asian Games this year. India gave its best-ever performance at the Asian Games this year with 28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze. With its medal tally at 107, India is ranked fourth in the list. China topped the table with 383 medals including 201 gold medals, while Japan and Korea got 188 and 190 medals respectively.

4. Which Indian armed Force unveiled its new ensign on its 91st anniversary on 8 October?

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



- ✓ The Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari unveiled a new Ensign for the force, as it marked its 91st anniversary. It is also celebrated as the Air Force Day on October 8. The new ensign includes the Air Force Crest in the top right corner of the Ensign, towards the fly side. To mark the day, the IAF organised Air Force Day parade and air display in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

5. 'Jivitputrika festival', which was seen in the news, is celebrated in which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
B. Rajasthan
C. Bihar ☒
D. Jharkhand



- ✓ At least twenty-two individuals tragically lost their lives in separate incidents while swimming in rivers and ponds in Bihar, due to drowning. The incident happened when they were bathing in rivers and ponds for Jivitputrika festival. Women in Bihar fast for the well-being of their children during this festival.

6. Watermeal, which was seen in the news, is _____?

- A. Smallest Flowering plant ☒
B. Largest Flowering plant
C. Smallest fruit
D. Largest fruit



- ✓ Scientists from Mahidol University in Thailand have been investigating the potential of watermeal, which is the smallest flowering plant on Earth, as a potential source of nutrition and oxygen for astronauts. This research was conducted at the European Space Agency's (ESA) ESTEC technical center in the Netherlands.

7. India celebrated the 10th edition of Innovation Day along with which country?

- A. Switzerland
B. Finland
C. Sweden ☒
D. UK



- ✓ The 10th edition of the India Sweden Innovation Day Meeting was held in New Delhi recently. This year, nine Swedish companies made a visit to India under the India-Sweden Innovations Accelerator. In 2023, both the countries are commemorating the 75th anniversary of the diplomatic relations and Fifth anniversary of the Sweden-India Joint Declaration on Innovation Partnership for a Sustainable Future.

8. When is the 'National Current Good Manufacturing Practice Day (CGMP Day)' celebrated?

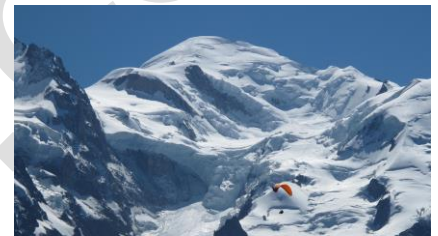
- A. 10 October ☒
- B. 12 October
- C. 14 October
- D. 15 October



- ✓ Indian government along with the Indian Drugs Manufacturers' Association (IDMA) celebrated the first ever National Current Good Manufacturing Practice Day (CGMP Day) on 10 October, GMP, as mandated by the World Health Organization (WHO), prescribes essential standards to enhance product quality. There are around 10,500 drug manufacturing units in India, out of which only 2,000 have WHO GMP certification.

9. Mont Blanc, which was seen in the news, is the highest mountain in which country?

- A. UK
- B. France ☒
- C. Italy
- D. Argentina



- ✓ Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in France, has experienced a reduction in its height. It is the Alps' highest peak and the highest mountain in Europe outside of the Caucasus range. It lost more than two meters (6.5 feet) in height over the past two years. This decrease in height has been linked to the effects of climate change affecting the region.

10. "Together for Trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future" is the theme of which day celebrated on October 9?

- A. World Communication Day
- B. World Post Day ☒
- C. World Internet Day
- D. World Telephone Day



- ✓ World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October. The event was declared by the 1969 Universal Postal Congress in Tokyo to mark the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union's (UPU) creation in 1874. Theme for World Post Day 2023 is "Together for Trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future."

11. The 2023 edition of CHAKRAVAT 2023 exercise is being hosted by the Indian Navy at which state/UT?

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



- ✓ **CHAKRAVAT 2023 is the annual joint HADR exercise that involves the participation of all three Services, Paramilitary Forces, as well as several disaster response organisations, NGOs, academic institutions and international organisations. The 2023 edition of the event will enhance collaboration among national stakeholders and include participation from eight countries in the Indian Ocean Region.**

12. Which institution releases the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Annual Report?

- A. International Labour Organisation
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. National Statistical Office ☒
- D. Employee Provident Fund Organisation



- ✓ **The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Annual Report 2022-2023 was released recently by the National Statistical Office. A decreasing Trend in Unemployment Rate (UR) for persons of age 15 years and above was noted.**
- ✓ **In rural areas, Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) increased from 50.7% in 2017-18 to 60.8% in 2022-23 while for urban areas it increased from 47.6% to 50.4%. In rural areas, Worker Population Ratio (WPR) increased from 48.1% in 2017-18 to 59.4% in 2022-23 while for urban areas it increased from 43.9% to 47.7%.**

13. Nauka, which was seen in the news, is a laboratory of which country in the International Space Station?

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



- ✓ **Nauka, also known as the Multipurpose Laboratory Module-Upgrade (MLM), serves as the primary laboratory in the Russian Orbital Segment of the International Space Station. It is utilized for experiments, the storage of scientific instruments, and can function as a backup service module for the ISS. Its name, "Nauka," means "science" in Russian. Recently, a coolant leak originated from external backup radiator circuit of the Nauka module.**

14. Professor Claudia Goldin was conferred the Nobel Prize in Economics 2023 for her research in_:

- A. Women's labour market outcomes ☒
- B. Behavioural Economics
- C. Poverty
- D. Unemployment among women



- ✓ Professor Claudia Goldin has been recently conferred the Nobel Prize in Economics 2023. It recognized her comprehensive research on women's contribution to the labor market. Claudia Goldin is an American economic historian and labour economist, who is currently a Professor of Economics at Harvard University.

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1. 'Puja Special Tram', which was seen in the news, is associated with which state/UT?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. West Bengal ☒



- ✓ 'Puja Special Tram' has been created to commemorate the UNESCO Heritage designation for Durga Puja and to mark the 150th anniversary of Kolkata tramways. It travels along the Tollygunge-Ballygunge route, from Durga Puja to the new year. Kolkata's iconic trams have been playing through the city since 1873.

2. Which state launched 'Rozgar Prayag Portal'?

- A. Assam
- B. Uttarakhand ☒
- C. Bihar
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the 'Rozgar Prayag Portal' during the Uttarakhand Youth Mahotsav-2023 event held at Dehradun. The government has created this portal with the goal of offering employment opportunities within the state to the youth.

3. 'SHRESHTA Scheme', which was seen in the news, was launched by which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment ☒
- B. Ministry of Labour and Employment
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Power



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has introduced the "Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas" (SHRESHTA) as a step to encourage education and improve the socio- economic status of Scheduled Castes (SCs).
- ✓ SHRESHTA's main goal is to extend the coverage of government development programs and rectify service gaps in areas predominantly inhabited by SCs within the education sector.

4. Which city is the host of 'Ninth P-20 summit' in India?

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



- ✓ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th P20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. The summit was hosted by the Parliament of India under the framework of India's G20 Presidency with the theme of 'Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future'.

5. NLC India secured a contract to develop an 810 MW Solar Photovoltaic Power Project in which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
B. Rajasthan ☒
C. Bihar
D. Jharkhand



- ✓ NLC India Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) operating under the Ministry of Coal, has secured a contract to develop an 810 MW Solar PV project in collaboration with Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Nigam Limited (RRVUNL).
- ✓ NLCIL has achieved full allocation of the 810 MW project, which was put up for tender by RRVUNL in December 2022, to contribute to the development of RRVUNL's massive 2000 MW Ultra Mega Solar Park located in Pugal Tehsil, Bikaner District, Rajasthan.

6. Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG) is located in which state/UT?

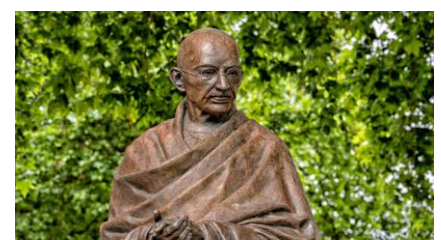
- A. Jammu and Kashmir
B. Uttar Pradesh ☒
C. Himachal Pradesh
D. Sikkim



- ✓ Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG) is a premier research Institute of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), an autonomous organization under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education. It is located in Uttar Pradesh. ICAR-CIRG signed a memorandum of understanding with Heifer India, to enhance goat productivity, offer advanced training in breeding and healthcare practices, and promote sustainability across the goat value chain.

7. An eight-foot-tall statue of Mahatma Gandhi was revealed at Tolstoy Farm in which country?

- A. Switzerland
B. Finland
C. South Africa ☒
D. UK



- ✓ An eight-foot-tall statue of Mahatma Gandhi was revealed at Tolstoy Farm, the commune he established during his early 20th-century legal career in South Africa. The clay statue now stands

alongside substantial busts of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, all crafted by sculptor Jalandharnath Rajaram Channole from the Sevagram Ashram in India.

8. Which country launched the 'Protocol for Identification and Management of Malnutrition in Children'?

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



- ✓ The 'Protocol for Identification and Management of Malnutrition in Children' was unveiled recently by the Indian Government. It is the outcome of the collaboration between Union Women and Child Development Ministry, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Ayush. It provides detailed steps for identification and management of malnourished children at the Anganwadi level, including decision making regarding referral, nutritional management and follow-up care.

9. The 'Electoral Bonds Scheme' was launched in which year in India?

- A. 2016
- B. 2018 ☒
- C. 2021
- D. 2023

2018

- ✓ Recently, the Supreme Court announced that it will consider petitions challenging the electoral bonds program on October 31. This scheme, initiated in 2018, introduced a system for contributing electoral bonds, which are interest-free bearer instruments to donate money anonymously to political parties in India.

10. Baiga tribal group, which was seen in the news, are found in which state?

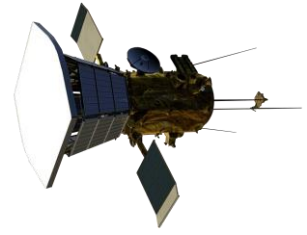
- A. Bihar
- B. Karnataka
- C. Madhya Pradesh ☒
- D. Kerala



- ✓ The Baiga Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) achieved habitat rights, making them the second group to receive such rights in the state, following the Kamar group this year. They are ethnic groups found in Madhya Pradesh, including Chhattisgarh. A total of 19 Baiga villages, comprising 6,483 individuals from 2,085 families, were granted habitat rights.

11. 'Parker Solar Probe' is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ **NASA's Parker Solar Probe has accomplished an extraordinary milestone, racing through the Solar System at a staggering velocity of 635,266 kilometers per hour. This milestone was attained during the probe's 17th orbit around the Sun, while it continues to gather essential data on the Sun's charged particle winds and magnetic fields.**

12. When is the 'National Ayurveda Day' celebrated in India?

- A. 10 October
- B. 10 November ☒
- C. 10 December
- D. 10 January



- ✓ **The Union Minister of Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal, inaugurated a month-long celebratory initiative commemorating the 8th National Ayurveda Day throughout India. The Ayurveda Day is celebrated on 10 November on the theme 'Ayurveda for everyone on every day'. It is celebrated across India as a mark of respect to Lord Dhanvantari, who is said to be the God of Ayurveda.**

13. What is the name of the National Cyber Security Exercise, organised by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)?

- A. Bachao 2023
- B. Bharat NCX 2023 ☒
- C. Caution NCX 2023
- D. Aware NCX 2023



- ✓ **The National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) has initiated the second edition of the National Cyber Security Exercise, named 'Bharat NCX 2023.' Bharat NCX 2023 aims to offer extensive training to senior management and technical personnel from government and critical sector organizations, in addition to public and private agencies, to strengthen India's cybersecurity infrastructure and preparedness.**

14. *Sparambabus Sindhudurg*, which was recently discovered, is a species of:

- A. Snake
- B. Spider ☒
- C. Gecko
- D. Frog



- ✓ **Sparambabus Sindhudurg is a newly discovered species of jumping spider. It was found in the Kudal region of Sindhudurg district in Maharashtra. Sparbambus sindhudurg is the second species in the Sparbambus genus and is the first-ever record of this genus in India.**

15. Which state houses India's first bamboo- based biorefinery?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Kerala
- C. Assam ☒
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **The Assam biorefinery is a joint venture between Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), a public sector oil company in Assam and its Finnish partners Chempolis and Fortum. This biorefinery, with a total investment of 40 billion rupees, is anticipated to have an annual output of 50,000 tonnes of ethanol, 16,000 tonnes of furfural, and 11,000 tonnes of acetic acid.**

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1. The 'MMDR Act', which was seen in the news, is associated with which sector?

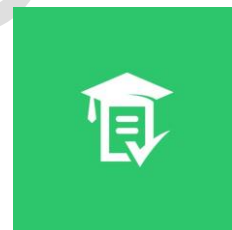
- A. Medicines and Medications
- B. Mines and Minerals ☒
- C. Machines and Machineries
- D. Movies and Magazines



- ✓ The Union Cabinet granted approval for the modification of the Second Schedule of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (commonly referred to as the 'MMDR Act'). This amendment is focused on establishing royalty rates for three crucial and strategic minerals: Lithium, Niobium, and Rare Earth Elements (REES).

2. What is the name of the autonomous organization formed to promote youth development in India?

- A. Youth Skill India
- B. Mera Yuva Bharat ☒
- C. Young India
- D. Study in India



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has given nod to establish an autonomous organization known as Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat). This body is designed to function as a comprehensive facilitator, leveraging technology to promote both the development of youth and youth-led development.

3. The cashew of which state/UT recently got its Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

- A. Kerala
- B. Goa ☒
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ Recently, the Goan cashew received GI tag. A Geographical Indication (GI) tag is granted to products that originate from a particular geographical area, denoting distinctive features and attributes. The cashew derived from the Portuguese name 'caju' or 'kaju' in Konkani. The Goan cashew is organic and better in taste and it has a unique flavour.

4. What is the name of the operation launched by India, to bring back its citizens from Israel and Palestine?

- A. Operation Ajay ☒
- B. Operation Abhay
- C. Operation Atal
- D. Operation Arun



- ✓ India declared the initiation of "Operation Ajay" recently, which aims to bring back Indian citizens from both Israel and Palestine. According to estimates, around 18,000 Indians are currently residing in Israel. The attacks against Israel by Hamas militants from Gaza and Israel's retaliation has left thousands of people dead and injured.

5. Which region has been referred to as the 'World's Largest Open-Air Prison' by various international entities?

- A. Taiwan
- B. Syria
- C. Gaza ☒
- D. Iran



- ✓ Gaza, a narrow territory between the Mediterranean Sea, Israel, and Egypt, with a population of over two million Palestinians, has been subject to an air, land, and sea blockade since 2007. This extended period of occupation and the ongoing blockade have led to numerous references to Gaza as an open-air prison by various international entities, UN experts, rights groups, intellectuals, and even former British Prime Minister David Cameron.

6. 'White Goods', which are sometimes seen in the news, refer to?

- A. Milk products
- B. Air-conditioners and LED lights ☒
- C. Palm products
- D. Cryptocurrencies



- ✓ The government has updated the regulations for the Rs 6,238 crore production-linked incentive scheme (PLI) for white goods. Under the new guidelines, companies chosen for the program must provide a certificate from a registered cost accountant, verifying related party sales and determining the arm's length price in order to qualify for the scheme's benefits. The white goods PLI program is designed to encourage domestic manufacturing of air conditioners and LED lights.

7. 'V2X technology', which was seen in the news, is related to:

- A. Computer Graphics
- B. Automobile ☒
- C. Printing Currency notes
- D. Electronic Gadgets



- ✓ An eight-foot-tall statue of Mahatma Gandhi was revealed at Tolstoy Farm, the commune he established during his early 20th-century legal career in South Africa. The clay statue now stands alongside substantial busts of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, all crafted by sculptor Jalandharnath Rajaram Channole from the Sevagram Ashram in India.

8. Which state recently inaugurated its first building built using 3D printing technology named 'Amaze-28'?

- A. Bihar
- B. Karnataka
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Kerala ☒



- ✓ **Named Amaze-28, Kerala's first building built using 3D printing technology has been inaugurated recently. The building, with an area of 380 square feet, one-room summer house, was designed as a demonstration project and was completed in just 28 days. The project was completed by Kera State Nirmiti Kerndra with the support of Tvasta, a Chennai-based construction tech start-up.**

9. Which institution released the report titled 'Mental Health of Refugees and Migrants'?

- A. UNICEF
- B. WHO ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Amnesty International



- ✓ **A report titled 'Mental Health of Refugees and Migrants: Risk and Protective Factors and Access to Care' was released recently by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The global study of asylum seekers and refugee children indicates that behavioural disorders could have a higher prevalence among younger migrants, with younger age groups (6-14 years) experiencing notably more severe issues than their older counterparts (15-17 years).**

10. As per Wildlife Trust of India, which is the most endangered amphibian genus in India?

- A. Dancing Frog ☒
- B. True Frog
- C. Tree Frog
- D. Cascade Frog



- ✓ **The Wildlife Trust of India has identified the dancing frogs found exclusively in the Western Ghats as the most endangered amphibian genus in India. It is also the fifth most threatened genus in the world with 92% of its species in the threatened category. The organisation made the analysis based on the second edition of the Global Amphibian Assessment, which was released recently.**

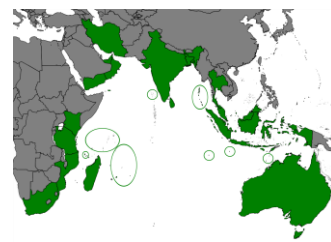
11. Which country is the chair of the Indian Ocean Rim Association, for two years 2023-2025?

A. India

B. Sri Lanka ☒

C. Indonesia

D. Australia



- ✓ The Indian Ocean Rim Association includes 23 countries from Africa, West Asia, South Asia, South East Asia, Australia and states situated in and around the Indian Ocean. Sri Lanka took charge as Chair this year from Bangladesh, for a period of two years 2023 to 2025. India took charge as the Vice-Chair. The 26-year-old organisation is the brainchild of former South African President Nelson Mandela.

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1. What is the rank of India in the 'Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2023'?

- A. 101
- B. 111 ☒
- C. 121
- D. 131



- ✓ In the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2023, India is ranked 111 out of 125 countries, indicating that its progress in combating hunger has stagnated since 2015. With a score of 28.7 in the 2023 Global Hunger Index, India has a level of hunger that is classified as 'serious'.

2. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised India's growth forecast in the fiscal year 2023-24 to:

- A. 6.5%
- B. 6.3% ☒
- C. 6.0%
- D. 5.8%



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on October 10 made an upward revision in its fiscal year 2023-24 growth forecast for India. The country is likely to grow at 6.3 percent, instead of 6.1 percent as projected in the previous forecast. Earlier, the World Bank in October retained India's growth forecast at 6.3 percent, citing the robust services activities. In September, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) also predicted India to grow at 6.3 percent.

3. Which country inaugurated the 82-km 'Padma Bridge Rail Link Project'?

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



- ✓ Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday inaugurated the 82-km Padma Bridge Rail Link, the country's largest infrastructure project built under China's Belt and Road Initiative. The project is estimated to cost Taka 39,246.80 crore, with the Exim Bank of China providing a loan of Taka 21,036.70 crore.

4. Which organisation conducts the 'Passport to Earning (P2E)' Initiative?

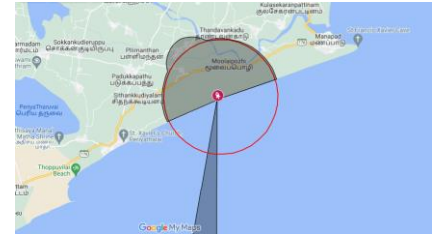
- A. DPIIT
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. UNICEF ☒
- D. World Bank



- ✓ UNICEF's worldwide learning-to-earning program, Passport to Earning (P2E), has successfully trained and certified over one million young individuals in India, focusing on areas such as financial literacy and digital productivity. It focusses on providing them with crucial skills and pathways toward achieving financial independence.

5. Kulasekarapattinam, associated with ISRO'S second spaceport, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ The second spaceport of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), will come up in about two years at Kulasekarapattinam in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu. It will be dedicated exclusively for Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLVS) developed by the private sector. About 2,000 acres has been acquired and handed over to ISRO.

6. Which state/UT is the host of the 16th Agricultural Science Congress (ASC) in 2023?

- A. Goa
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying- Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the 16th Agricultural Science Congress (ASC) at Kochi, Kerala. Renowned agricultural economists, scientists, policymakers, academicians, farmers and entrepreneurs attended the event. Organised by the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), the Congress is being held for the first time in Kerala, hosted by the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute.

7. 'Krish, Trish and Baltiboy' Animated Series, which was recently launched, is associated with _:

- A. Financial Literacy
- B. Internet Security
- C. Freedom Fighters ☒
- D. Sports



- ✓ Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur launched KTB-Bharat Hain Hum Animation Series. Krish, Trish and Baltiboy KTB will present the story of the freedom fighters and their struggle for Independence in a unique way. The Bharat Hain Hum Animation Series will commence in Doordarshan, Amazon Prime Video and Netflix.

8. Union Cabinet has approved MoU between India and which European country on cooperation in the field of Digital Technologies?

- A. France ☒
- B. Italy
- C. Germany
- D. Norway



- ✓ Union Cabinet has approved Memorandum of Understanding between India and France on cooperation in the field of Digital Technologies. Cabinet also approved the MoU between India and two countries - Papua New Guinea and Trinidad & Tobago- on cooperation in sharing successful Digital Solutions.

9. Which state announced a new Samadhan scheme with waivers and concessions for traders?

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



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government announced a new Samadhan scheme with waivers and concessions for the settlement of the pending tax dues of about 25,000 crores, of which a majority are under the erstwhile Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax and other legacy tax legislations. The new Samadhan scheme, seeks to put an end to the pending tax arrears, disputes and appeals between the traders and the State commercial tax department.

10. What is the theme of 'World Sight Day 2023'?

- A. Love Your Eyes at Work ☒
- B. Night Blindness
- C. Color Blindness
- D. Donate Your Eyes



- ✓ The World Sight Day is observed annually on the second Thursday of October. It is a global event meant to draw attention to blindness and vision impairment. This year it falls on 12th October. 'Love Your Eyes at Work' is the theme of this year.

11. 'Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 Campaign' aims to vaccinate children up to which years of age?

- A. 3
- B. 5 ☒
- C. 6
- D. 8



- ✓ The Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 (IMI 5.0) campaign, with a particular emphasis on enhancing the vaccination coverage for Measles and Rubella, completed all three rounds. This campaign encompasses all districts in the country and targets children up to 5 years of age. During the initial two rounds of IMI 5.0, more than 34 lakh children and 6 lakh pregnant women received vaccine doses nationwide.

12. 'Nilgiri Tahr' is the state animal of which state/UT?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin initiated 'Project Nilgiri Tahr' from the Secretariat in Chennai, a venture designed to safeguard the State Animal. This project, funded with 25 crores, seeks to enhance knowledge of the Nilgiri Tahr's population, distribution, and habitat, reintroduce the species to its historical environments, address immediate threats, raise public awareness, and establish eco-tourism activities at specific locations.

13. Which organisation launched the 'Sagar Maitri initiative'?

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO ☒
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ The DRDO's oceanographic research ship 'INS Sagardhwani' has set sail for the Sagar Maitri Mission-4, aiming to promote scientific collaborations with nations around the Indian Ocean Rim in the field of Ocean Research & Development. 'The Sagar Maitri initiative, introduced by DRDO, aligns with 'Safety and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR),' aimed at enhancing cooperation in socio-economic areas and fostering scientific engagement, particularly in ocean research, with countries along the Indian Ocean Rim (IOR).

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1. Sivasankari, who received the 'Sarasvati Samman 2022', is a famous author of which language?

- A. Tamil ☒
- B. Malayalam
- C. Telugu
- D. Kannada



- ✓ Noted author and activist Sivasankari was honoured with the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2022 for her memoir written in Tamil, Surya Vamsam. The Saraswati Samman was instituted by the KK Birla Foundation and Sivasankari is the 32nd recipient of the award. The Saraswati Samman, given annually for outstanding literary works in 22 Indian languages.

2. Which city hosted the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) in 2023?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) in New Delhi. The two-day summit was preceded by a Parliamentary Forum on Mission LIFE. Apart from the G20 countries, 10 other countries were invited to the conference. The theme of the 9th P20 Summit was 'Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future'.

3. What is India's retail inflation recorded in the month of September?

- A. 7.02%
- B. 6.02%
- C. 5.02% ☒
- D. 4.02%



- ✓ India's retail inflation, in terms of the Consumer Price Index CPI, eased to a three-month low in September, to 5.02 %. Moreover, the inflation came below RBI's upper tolerance band of 2% -6%. RBI has clarified that it is targeting inflation of 4% and a figure of below 6% may not suffice as a condition for easing its lending rates.

4. Which institution has initiated a pilot programme for wholesale digital rupee in call money market?

- A. SEBI
- B. RBI ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. NPCI



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) initiated a pilot program for the wholesale segment of its central bank digital currency (CBDC) in the interbank call money market. As per media reports, nine banks, including four public sector banks and five private sector banks, are participating in the e-rupee call money pilot. This is the second use case of testing wholesale CBDC, the first being the government securities market introduced in November last year.

5. Which country played the host of the 8th BRICS International Competition Conference 2023?

- A. Brazil
- B. India ☒
- C. China
- D. South Africa



- ✓ The 8th BRICS International Competition Conference 2023 (BRICS ICC 2023), was hosted by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in New Delhi. Joint Statement signed by the BRICS competition authorities called for alignment towards fostering competition-driven growth and socio-economic progress. CCI handed over the baton to South Africa for the 9th BRICS International Competition Conference to be held in 2025.

6. India resumed its passenger ferry service with which country, after a gap of nearly four decades?

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



- ✓ An international, high-speed passenger ferry service between Nagapattinam on the eastern coast of Tamil Nadu and Kankesanthurai in the northern province of Sri Lanka, has resumed, after a gap of nearly four decades. The high-speed craft (HSC) Cheriyaapani, embarked on its journey from the Nagapattinam port with 50 passengers and 12 crew members.

7. Which Union Ministry confers the National Intellectual Property Awards in India?

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



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- ✓ Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal conferred the National Intellectual Property Awards at the National Intellectual Property Conference 2023 held in New Delhi. The Union Minister informed that India has improved its ranking in the global innovation index from 81st position in 2014 to 40th position this year.

8. India handed over the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) Presidency to which country in 2023?

- A. Brazil ☒
- B. Italy
- C. Germany
- D. Norway



- ✓ Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla handed over the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) Presidency to the President of the Chamber of Deputies of Brazil, after successfully concluding the Ninth P20 Presidency. The Ninth P20 Summit was being hosted by Parliament of India in cooperation with Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on October 13-14, 2023 in New Delhi.

9. Which state is the host of Asian Women's Hockey Championship in 2023?

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



- ✓ Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren unveiled the mascot- Juhi and the trophy of Asian Women's Hockey Championship in Ranchi. Around 13 countries will take part in the international hockey championship beginning from October 27 to November 14 in Ranchi.

10. Which city is the host of 2028 Olympics?

- A. Paris
- B. Rome
- C. Los Angeles ☒
- D. Geneva



- ✓ Five sports, including cricket will be included in the 2028 Los Angeles Games after gaining the approval of the International Olympic Committee. Lacrosse, squash, flag football and baseball-softball, proposed for inclusion by LA Games organisers, also received approval.

11. World Students Day is celebrated in India to mark birth anniversary of which leader?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam ☒
- C. Satish Dhawan
- D. Kamarajar



- ✓ **World Students' Day** is celebrated on October 15 every year to mark birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's. It aims to honour former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's contributions to the field of education. Called the **Missile Man of India**, he was an eminent scientist and administrator who worked for more than four decades with the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

12. When is the National Space Day celebrated in India?

- A. August 21
B. August 23 ☒
C. August 25
D. August 27



- ✓ **The Union Government** announced the observation of August 23rd every year as the **National Space Day** to commemorate the success of the Chandrayaan 3 mission. It was on Aug 23rd this year that the Chandrayaan 3 mission undertook a successful landing on the South Pole of the Moon.

13. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated NIMSR, the first medical college of which state?

- A. Manipur
B. Nagaland ☒
C. Meghalaya
D. Assam



- ✓ **Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya** recently inaugurated the **Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR)** in Kohima. It is the first medical college in the northeastern state. NIMSR, Kohima is affiliated with Nagaland University.

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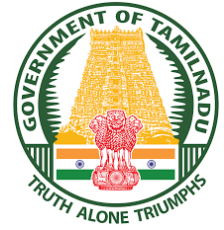
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1. The UK government has collaborated with which Indian state for its 'Smart district' project?

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



- ✓ The UK and Tamil Nadu collaborate on a smart technology project for sustainable water, waste, and resource management. The UK-backed 'Smart district' project aims to address global sustainability challenges by deploying sensors across the district, gathering real-time data on water and waste management, and environmental quality in the state.

2. When is the 'World Food Day' celebrated?

- A. October 2
- B. October 5
- C. October 12
- D. October 16 ☒



- ✓ October 16 is observed as World Food Day every year. It is celebrated by organisations which are involved in alleviating hunger and improving food security. The World Food Day was established in 1945 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). For the year 2023, the theme of the World Food Day is- "Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind",

3. Pallikaranai marshland, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

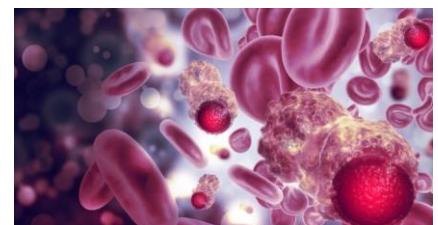
- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. West Bengal
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ Pallikaranai marshland, located in Chennai, in the state of Tamil Nadu has started welcoming first set of migratory birds. Garganey, northern pintail, northern shoveler, common teal, western yellow wagtail, grey-headed lapwing, common sandpiper, and wood sandpiper have arrived. Raptors, such as red-necked falcon, osprey, and greater-spotted eagle were also sighted.

4. NexCAR19, which was seen in the news, is associated with the treatment of which disease?

- A. Cancer ☒
- B. COVID-19
- C. Tuberculosis
- D. HIV



- ✓ ImmunoACT, a company incubated at IIT Bombay and supported by Laurus Labs, has obtained approval from the Indian drug regulatory body -CDSCO, for its CAR-T cell therapy known as NexCAR19 (actalycabtagene autoleucel). This approval allows for the treatment of specific types of blood cancers. NexCAR19 is the first humanized CD19-targeted Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cell (CAR-T) therapy developed in India to receive approval.

5. What is India's Rank in Global Pension Index 2023?

- A. 35
- B. 45 ☒
- C. 55
- D. 85



- ✓ According to the 15th annual Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI), India ranked 45th out of 47 countries. India's overall index value increased from 44.4 in 2022 to 45.9 in 2023.
- ✓ The improvement was primarily attributed to enhancements in the adequacy and sustainability sub-indices. India was ranked 41st out of 44 in 2022. The Netherlands' retirement income system regained the top spot on the list, with Iceland and Denmark taking second and third places respectively.

6. Which Union Ministry is associated with the 'IndiaAI report'?

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



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- ✓ Seven different AI Working Groups within the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) have presented the inaugural IndiaAI report. This document will function as the blueprint that will steer the growth and evolution of India's artificial intelligence landscape. Global India AI summit will be held on 10th December 2023.

7. Which bloc has recently adopted a roadmap on the regulation of crypto assets?

- A. EU
- B. G20 ☒
- C. ASEAN
- D. G7



- ✓ Finance ministers and central bank governors (FMCBG) from G20 nations adopted a roadmap for regulating crypto assets at their meeting at Marrakesh in Morocco. It was created based on the

synthesis paper prepared by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Financial Stability Board.

8. Louise Gluck, who passed away recently, was associated with which field?

- A. Art
- B. Literature ☒
- C. Business
- D. Politics



- ✓ Louise Gluck, the renowned American poet and Nobel laureate in literature for 2020, has passed away at the age of 80. She became the 16th woman to receive the Nobel Prize in literature and the first American poet to win the honour since TS Eliot more than 70 years earlier. She won several awards including the Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for her collection The Wild Iris.

9. Which actor won the 'Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award' of India?

- A. Michael Douglas ☒
- B. Morgan Freeman
- C. Tom Hanks
- D. Will Smith



- ✓ Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur announced that Hollywood's veteran star Michael Douglas will be conferred with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at IFFI (International Film Festival of India) Goa 2023. The International Film Festival of India 2023 will take place in Goa from November 20 to 28.

10. Which country is the host of 'Cambrian Patrol Competition 2023' International Military Exercise?

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



- ✓ The Indian Army achieved a significant milestone by securing a gold medal at the 2023 Cambrian Patrol Competition, an international military exercise held in Wales, UK. A team from the 3/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) represented the Indian Army in this prestigious event. The competition involved 111 teams, completing a challenging 60 km course in less than 48 hours.

11. Christopher Luxon has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Australia
- B. New Zealand ☒
- C. Papua New Guinea
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ Former airline executive Christopher Luxon is set to become the next Prime Minister of New Zealand. His centre-right National Party in coalition with the right-wing ACT Party secured enough seats to form a new government in the general election. Luxon has emerged as a leader amid the cost-of-living crisis and three-decade high inflation in New Zealand.

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1. Which city is the host of 'World Health Summit 2023'?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Berlin ☒
- C. Rome
- D. New York



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- ✓ The World Health Summit is a global health conference and network that gathers participants from various sectors including politics, science, the private sector, and civil society worldwide to shape the course for a healthier future by fostering innovative solutions for improved health and well-being for everyone. This year, the event is scheduled to occur in Berlin, Germany, and online focusing on the theme 'A Defining Year for Global Health Action'.

2. Which organisation released the report titled 'The Impact of Disasters on Agriculture and Food Security'?

- A. NABARD
- B. IMF
- C. FAO ☒
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The report titled "The Impact of Disasters on Agriculture and Food Security" was released recently by the Food and Agriculture Organisation. It indicates that natural disasters have caused approximately \$3.8 trillion in losses in crop and livestock production over the past three decades, with the largest portion of these economic losses occurring in Asia.

3. Vizhinjam port, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

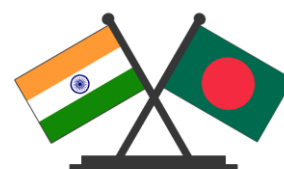
- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ The vessel 'Zhen Hua 15', which began its journey from a port in Shanghai, China, at the end of August, reached Vizhinjam Seaport in Kerala. It became the first ship to berth at the under-construction port. The 7,600-crore mega infrastructure project is being implemented on a public-private partnership (PPP) model with funding from the state government, Centre, and the Adani Ports Private Limited.

4. SAMPRITI-XI Military Exercise is held between India and which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh ☒
- C. France
- D. Iran



- ✓ The 11th edition of the bilateral Military Exercise SAMPRITI-XI between India and Bangladesh has concluded. The exercise began at the Joint Training Node, Umroi in Meghalaya. This exercise, alternately organised by both countries, signifies strong bilateral defence cooperation initiatives.

5. Where is the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) headquartered?

A. Paris ☒

B. Rome

C. Colombo

D. Tokyo



- ✓ The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, has provided a self-declaration confirming that 26 poultry compartments are free from High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).
- ✓ This self-declaration was officially endorsed by WOAH on October 13, 2023, coinciding with World Egg Day. WOAH is an intergovernmental organisation founded in 1924, coordinating, supporting and promoting animal disease control. It is headquartered in Paris.

6. Leechubagan reservoir is associated with which state/UT?

A. West Bengal

B. Odisha

C. Assam ☒

D. Sikkim



- ✓ Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma of Assam has officially opened the Leechubagan reservoir, which is a component of the South-Central Guwahati Water Supply Project. This project's primary objective is to ensure the provision of clean and safe drinking water to the residents of Guwahati.

7. Garba is the traditional dance form of which state/UT?

A. Gujarat ☒

B. Andhra Pradesh

C. Karnataka

D. Assam



- ✓ On the second day of Navratri, people across the state of Gujarat danced to Garba, Gujarat's traditional dance form. It is a community circle dance. During Navratri, many traditional garbas are performed around a centrally lit lamp or a picture or statue of the Goddess.

8. Which institution launched "Eat Right Creativity Challenge for Millets"?

- A. FCI
- B. NABARD
- C. FSSAI ☒
- D. FICCI



- ✓ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) marked World Food Day 2023 by launching the "Eat Right Creativity Challenge for Millets". This national-level initiative is designed to encourage the consumption of millets and raise awareness of their health benefits, particularly among school children, with the aim of ultimately benefiting the broader community.

9. Which city is the host of 'Global Maritime India Summit 2023'?

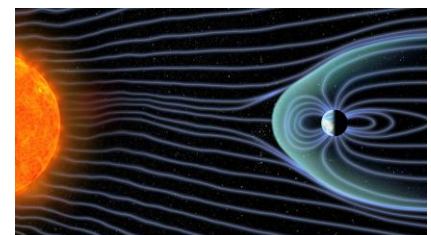
- A. Panaji
- B. Mumbai ☒
- C. New Delhi
- D. Visakhapatnam



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the third edition of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023 (GMIS 2023), which is scheduled to take place in Mumbai. He also unveiled 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047' - a blueprint for the Indian Maritime blue economy. This significant maritime event is being organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways.

10. 'Singing Plasma Waves' have been identified for the first time around which planet recently?

- A. Mercury ☒
- B. Venus
- C. Mars
- D. Uranus



- ✓ Researchers have made a discovery by identifying and documenting enigmatic "singing" plasma waves encircling the planet Mercury. Although similar waves have previously been detected around Earth, Jupiter, and Saturn, and observed near Uranus and Neptune, this marks the inaugural detection of "whistling" sound waves from Mercury's magnetic field.

11. 'Guidance' is the nodal agency for investment promotion of which state?

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



- ✓ 'Guidance', the nodal agency for investment promotion of Tamil Nadu, has received the United Nations Promotion Award 2023. It was awarded for Excellence in Scaling Up Energy Transition Investments at the 8th World Investment Forum held at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

12. India's wholesale price index (WPI) figure is published by?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
B. National Statistical Office
C. NITI Aayog
D. Reserve Bank of India



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- ✓ The wholesale price index (WPI) is published by the Economic Adviser in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. India's wholesale prices stayed in deflationary mode for the sixth month in a row this September, at -0.26%. The dip in the deflation rate from previous month was largely driven by fuel and power prices.

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1. 'APAAR' Account Registry, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Capital Market
- B. Automobile
- C. Cryptocurrency
- D. Academics ☒



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- ✓ The Union Education Ministry has recently issued instructions to the States to initiate the implementation of the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry, abbreviated as 'APAAR.' The Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR), also known as 'One Nation, one student ID,' functions as an Education Ecosystem Registry, which is also referred to as an 'EduLocker.'

2. Which institution released the 'High Cost of Cheap Water' Report?

- A. WWF ☒
- B. UNEP
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. WAPCOS



- ✓ On the occasion of World Food Day, which falls on October 16th, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) unveiled a report titled "The High Cost of Cheap Water." The recently published report warns that a growing global water crisis poses a threat to economic value, food security, and sustainability, with an estimated \$58 trillion at risk.

3. 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047', which was recently unveiled, is associated with which field?

- A. Coal Industry
- B. Maritime Industry ☒
- C. Electronics Manufacturing
- D. Artificial Intelligence



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during the inauguration of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023 via video conference, introduced the 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047. This long-term plan for India's maritime blue economy highlights strategic efforts to improve port infrastructure, encourage sustainability, and foster global cooperation.

4. What is the theme of 'Ayurveda Day 2023'?

- A. Ayurveda for One Health ☒
- B. Integrated Medicine
- C. Vasudaiva Kutumbakam
- D. Ayurveda Amrit Kaal



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Ayush has announced that the 'Ayurveda Day', scheduled to be on November 10, 2023. It will be observed on an international scale, with participation expected from around 100 countries worldwide. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Ayurveda for One Health,' and it is set to become a global event.

5. Which organisation has introduced the 'Advanced Traffic Management System'(ATMS) in 2023?

- A. NHAI ☒
B. NASSCOM
C. AAI
D. Indian Railways



- ✓ The National Highways Authority of India has introduced new and forward-thinking standards and specifications for its Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) in 2023. This update is designed to leverage the latest developments in artificial intelligence technology. The primary goal of this initiative is to improve road safety, decrease incident response times, and enhance digital enforcement on national highways and expressways.

6. When is the 'International Day for the Eradication of Poverty' observed?

- A. October 10
B. October 15
C. October 17 ☒
D. October 19

INTERNATIONAL
DAY for the
ERADICATION
of POVERTY
17 OCTOBER



- ✓ According to a report from the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), the reduction in poverty is projected to occur at a slower pace than previously estimated. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on October 17. The paper warns that by 2030, more than 600 million people could be experiencing extreme poverty, and the progress made before the pandemic might deteriorate, resulting in a population of 665 million suffering from undernourishment.

7. Which Union Ministry launched 'Apna Chandrayaan Portal'?

- A. Ministry of Defence
B. Ministry of Education ☒
C. Ministry of External Affairs
D. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports



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- ✓ Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan, has inaugurated the web portal 'Apna Chandrayaan.' This portal offers activity-based support materials such as quizzes, puzzles, etc., designed for school students who are interested in Mission Chandrayaan-3.

8. What is the name of the programme launched by Skill Development Ministry as a precursor to WorldSkills programme?

- A. India Skills 2023-24 ☒
- B. Bharat Udyam 2023-24
- C. Skill Enhance 2023-24
- D. Skill Hike 2023-24



- ✓ **Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan, officially launched IndiaSkills 2023-24 and honored the winners of World Skills 2022. He called for increasing the number of participants to 2.5 million from 0.25 million last year, IndiaSkills is the precursor to the WorldSkills, the largest skill competition in the world, held once every two years, conducted by WorldSkills International.**

9. Kati Bihu is a festival celebrated in which state/UT?

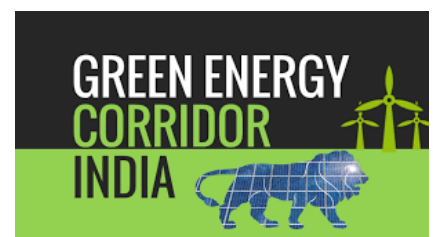
- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam ☒
- C. Kerala
- D. Goa



- ✓ **Kati Bihu is a festival celebrated in Assam. It marks the relocation of rice saplings and is known as Kongali Bihu. There are another two Bihu festivals celebrated in Assam - Bhogali or Magh Bihu is observed in January and Rongali or Bohag Bihu is observed in the month of April.**

10. Green Energy Corridor for a 13 GW Renewable Energy Project has been approved for which state/UT?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Ladakh ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Pondicherry



- ✓ **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the project on Green Energy Corridor (GEC) Phase-II - Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) for 13-gigawatt (GW) Renewable Energy (RE) project in Ladakh. The project is targeted to be set up by FY30 with a total estimated cost of 20,773.70 crore and Central Financial Assistance at 40 per cent of the project cost at 8,309.48 crore, as per the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE).**

11. Which Indian actor was conferred the 53rd Dada Saheb Phalke Award in 2023?

- A. Kamal Haasan
- B. Mohan Laal
- C. Waheeda Rehman ☒
- D. Manorama



- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Film Awards for the year 2021 under various categories at the 69th edition of the ceremony. Veteran Bollywood actor, Waheeda Rehman was conferred with the 53rd Dadasaheb Phalke Award in the year 2023.

12. Which Asian country has recently eradicated lymphatic filariasis (LF)?

- A. India
- B. Nepal
- C. Laos ☒
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos) has successfully eradicated lymphatic filariasis (LF). This achievement marks the country's second triumph over a neglected tropical disease (NTD) in just six years, following the elimination of trachoma as a public health concern in 2017.

13. Which state launched the 'Mittayi' scheme to offer free insulin therapy to Diabetes patients?

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



- ✓ The Kerala State government, through the Kerala Social Security Mission, initiated the 'Mittayi' scheme in 2018. This program aimed to offer free insulin therapy and continuous glucose monitoring devices to individuals suffering from Type 1 diabetes.
- ✓ Approximately 1,200 children under the age of 18 in Kerala do not qualify for the State government's 'Mittayi' scheme designed to assist individuals with Type 1 diabetes. This exclusion is due to their parents' annual income exceeding 2 lakhs.

14. Which is the partner country of 'World Food India 2023' Event?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. France
- C. The Netherlands ☒
- D. Austria



- ✓ New Delhi is the host of the second edition of World Food India 2023, scheduled to take place from November 3 to November 5 at Pragati Maidan. This event is being organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI). The Netherlands is the 'Partner Country' in this edition of World Food India, while Japan and Vietnam are the 'Focus Countries'.

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1. What is the name of the programme launched to enhance connections among young individuals from diverse States of India?

- A. Hamara Bharat
- B. Yuva Sangam ☒
- C. PM Yuva
- D. Atmanirbhar Bharat



- ✓ **Yuva Sangam is a program established by the Government of India with the objective of enhancing the interpersonal connections among young individuals hailing from diverse States and Union Territories of India. Recently, the registration portal for the third phase of Yuva Sangam, a part of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) initiative, was officially launched.**

2. Tropical Deep-sea Neutrino Telescope (Trident), which was seen in the news, is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ **A Chinese research group has initiated the construction of an enormous neutrino telescope in the South China Sea called Tropical Deep-sea Neutrino Telescope (Trident), which is named Hailing (Ocean Bell) in Chinese. This telescope is poised to become the world's most extensive "ghost particle" detector and will be positioned at a depth of 3,500 meters beneath the ocean's surface.**

3. Which comet is also referred to as the 'Orionid meteor shower'?

- A. Halley's Comet ☒
- B. Encke Comet
- C. Hyakutake Comet
- D. Hale-Bopp Comet



- ✓ **Halley's Comet is about to treat skywatchers with a spectacular display of 'shooting stars' for the first time in 37 years. These meteor showers will seem to emanate from the Orion constellation, specifically just above the renowned Orion Belt comprised of three bright stars. Consequently, they are referred to as the Orionid meteor shower.**

4. Namdapha, Pakke and Kamlang are the tiger reserves of which state/UT?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C. Assam
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Arunachal Pradesh cabinet has given its approval for the amendment of the Arunachal Pradesh State Industrial and Investment Policy 2020. The cabinet also approved the constitution of the Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) as per the guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for three tiger reserves: Namdapha, Pakke and Kamlang.

5. Which state government has announced to conduct a caste census for Backward Classes?

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



- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh government is set to commence a caste census for Backward Classes around November 15. This initiative is aimed at improving services and support for the 139 communities falling under this category.

6. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare asked states to conduct Digital Crop Survey from_?

- A. January 2024
B. April 2024
C. July 2024 ☒
D. September 2024



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- ✓ The Indian government has urged states and Union Territories to transition to a Digital Crop Survey system, starting from July 2024. The Economics, Statistics, and Evaluation Division (ESED), a part of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, has completed guidelines for generating agricultural production estimates and has communicated them to the states and Union Territories. At present, the collection and compilation of crop statistics is manual except in a few states, resulting in delay and manual errors.

7. Karthikeyan Murali, who was seen in the news, is located in which sports?

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



- ✓ The 24-year-old Indian chess grandmaster, Karthikeyan Murali, achieved a remarkable victory against the world's top-ranked player, Magnus Carlsen. This win, in the classical chess format during the ongoing Qatar Masters, stands as just the third instance in which an Indian player has emerged victorious against Carlsen.

8. With respect to Indian Air Force, what is 'Virupaaksha'?

- A. Missile
- B. Radar ☒
- C. Submarine
- D. GPS module



- ✓ In an effort to enhance its fleet of Russian-origin Su-30 MKI combat aircraft, the Indian Air Force is preparing to install an indigenous advanced radar known as 'Virupaaksha.' This move represents a significant step towards the indigenization of the military sector, reflecting India's commitment to developing its own defense capabilities.

9. Operation Chakra-2, which was seen in the news, is associated with which institution?

- A. Central Vigilance Commission
- B. Central Bureau of Investigation ☒
- C. Election Commission of India
- D. Supreme Court of India



- ✓ The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has carried out searches at 76 sites across India in connection with Operation Chakra-2. This operation involves the investigation of five distinct cases related to cyber-enabled financial frauds, including one case involving a cryptocurrency fraud amounting to Rs 100 crore. The CBI initiated these actions based on information provided by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), FBI, Interpol, and various other international agencies.

10. Raghubar Das, the new Governor of Odisha, is the former Chief Minister of which state/UT?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Jharkhand ☒
- C. Gujarat
- D. Pondicherry



- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has designated Raghubar Das, the former Chief Minister of Jharkhand, as the new governor of Odisha. Raghubar Das is set to take over the position from Ganeshi Lal, a former Haryana Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) president and minister, who had been serving as the governor of Odisha since May 2018.

11. Pink bollworm is a pest affecting which crop?

- A. Jute
- B. Cotton ☒
- C. Rubber
- D. Coffee



- ✓ Cotton crops in North Indian states like Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan are currently experiencing a severe infestation of pink bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*). Even the genetically modified pest-resistant variety known as Bt Cotton (Bollgard II seed) is succumbing to the very pest it was designed to withstand.

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1. 'Anubhav Portal', which was seen in the news, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions ☒
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship



- ✓ The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare is hosting the Anubhav Awards 2023 Ceremony in New Delhi. The Anubhav Portal, initiated in March 2015 following the directive of the Prime Minister, offers a digital platform for retiring or retired government employees to present and highlight their noteworthy contributions, share their experiences of government service, and provide recommendations for enhancing governance.

2. What is the brand name of the Cotton launched by Union Textiles Ministry?

- A. Kasturi Cotton Bharat ☒
- B. Kriya Cotton Bharat
- C. Texo Cotton Bharat
- D. Namo Cotton Bharat



- ✓ Union Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal has unveiled the website for "Kasturi Cotton Bharat. The newly launched website serves as a digital platform to offer essential information and updates regarding the Kasturi Cotton Bharat initiative. The Kasturi Cotton Bharat is a joint initiative by the Ministry of Textiles, the Cotton Corporation of India, Trade Bodies and Industry.

3. Which state/UT inaugurated 'Mission Mahila Sarathi'?

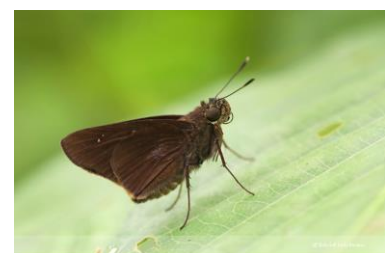
- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C. Kerala
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated "Mission Mahila Sarathi" recently in Ayodhya. Under the scheme, 51 buses of the state transport corporation will be operated by women drivers and conductors.

4. 'Paintbrush swift' is the name of which rare species?

- A. Snake
- B. Butterfly ☒
- C. Frog
- D. Dragonfly



- ✓ The 'Paintbrush swift butterfly', a rare species in the western Himalayas, has been photographed and recorded for the first time in Himachal Pradesh's Chamba district. Himachal Pradesh is home to approximately 430 butterfly species, accounting for roughly 25% of the total butterfly species found in India.

5. Which ship-building company delivered INS Imphal, the third ship of Project 15B-Class of stealth guided missile destroyers?

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders ☒
- B. Cochin Shipyard
- C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- D. Hindustan Shipyard



- ✓ Recently, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) delivered the INS Imphal, the third ship of the Project 15B Class of stealth guided missile destroyers, to the Indian Navy. The project was completed four months ahead of schedule. Notably, the INS Imphal was the first naval warship to be commissioned with accommodation facilities for women officers and sailors.

6. 'Project UDBHAV', which was seen in the news, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Defence ☒
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Power



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- ✓ Union Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated 'Project UDBHAV' during the Indian Military Heritage Festival. This project, a joint effort between the Indian Army and the USI (United Service Institution of India), aims to explore and delve into the ancient military doctrines and traditions that have shaped India's military heritage.

7. Which country hosted a 'Peace Summit' regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict in October 2023?

- A. Turkey
- B. Greece
- C. Egypt ☒
- D. France



- ✓ At a Cairo summit hosted by Egypt, Arab leaders denounced the Israeli bombardment of Gaza, while European leaders emphasized the need to protect civilians. Due to the absence of Israel and senior U.S. officials, there was no consensus reached on measures to contain the ongoing violence. The conflict has resulted in thousands of casualties and a humanitarian crisis in the Gaza enclave, home to 2.3 million people.

8. Rafah border crossing, which was seen in the news is an exclusive crossing point between_?

- A. Israel and Gaza Strip
- B. Egypt and Gaza Strip ☒
- C. Israel and Jordan
- D. Israel and Lebanon



- ✓ **The Rafah Border Crossing, also known as Ma'bar Rafah in Arabic, serves as the exclusive crossing point between Egypt and the Gaza Strip. It is currently the only point that is not controlled by Israel where civilians can enter and exit Gaza by land.**

9. 'Church of Saint Porphyrius', which was seen in the news, is an orthodox church located in which city?

- A. Gaza ☒
- B. Jerusalem
- C. Rome
- D. Vatican City



- ✓ **An Israeli airstrike targeted a building near the historic Church of Saint Porphyrius in Gaza, which is part of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem. The church suffered significant damage as a result of this strike. It is the oldest active church in the city as it was consecrated 1600 years ago, and is named after 5th century Saint Porphyrius, known for Christianizing the pagan city of Gaza.**

10. Which countries jointly conducted a joint anti-submarine exercise called 'Silent Shark'?

- A. Japan and South Korea
- B. USA and South Korea ☒
- C. China and Russia
- D. Egypt and Israel



- ✓ **South Korea, together with Japan and the United States, held a joint aerial exercise near the Korean peninsula, marking the first such collaboration between the three countries. The drill aimed to expand the countries' response capabilities against North Korea's nuclear and missile threats. South Korean and U.S. navies completed a joint anti-submarine exercise called Silent Shark.**

11. 'Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought' is awarded by?

- A. United Nations
- B. European Union ☒
- C. Amnesty International
- D. International Court of Justice



- ✓ Masha Amini, who died controversially last year after being arrested by cultural police in Iran, has been awarded the European Union's highest human rights award, the Shakharov Prize, posthumously. Vilma Ned de Escorcia, who fought for human rights in Nicaragua, and Catholic priest Ronaldo Ivarez have also been selected for this year's award. This award has been given since 1988 in honor of Andrei Shakharov, a human rights activist of Soviet Russia.

12. Indian Navy conducted 'Exercise Prasthan 2023' in which city?

- A. Visakhapatnam
B. Kakinada ☒
C. Panaji
D. Gandhinagar



- ✓ 'Exercise Prasthan 2023' was conducted by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Andhra Pradesh, under the Eastern Naval Command, to ensure the security of offshore development areas in Kakinada. The exercise involved multiple organizations, including the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, oil operators, port authorities, and state agencies. Various scenarios, such as terrorist attacks and oil spills, were simulated to test the efficacy of security mechanisms.

13. Dhordo, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Bihar
B. Gujarat ☒
C. Assam
D. Goa



- ✓ Dhordo, a village in Gujarat, has received a prestigious accolade from the United Nations World Tourism Organisation as the "best tourism village." Situated within the expansive Great Rann of Kutch, Dhordo village in Gujarat has gained prominence for its hosting of the annual Rann Utsav.

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1. What is the name of the first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) of India?

- A. Sadharan Bharat
- B. NaMo Bharat ☒
- C. Antodaya Bharat
- D. Ganga Bharat



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the country's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) NaMo Bharat. The priority section of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Corridor was also inaugurated. The RRTS was earlier named RapidX train. RRTS is a new rail with a speed of 180 Kmph.

2. Which country is India's biggest trading partner during April-September in fiscal 2023-24?

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



- ✓ The United States has emerged as India's biggest trading partner during April-September this fiscal. The US was India's biggest trading partner in 2022-23. The bilateral trade between India and the US has declined by 11.3 per cent to \$59.67 billion during April-September 2023 against \$67.28 billion in the same period last year. Similarly, the two-way trade between India and China also dipped by 3.56 per cent to \$58.11 billion.

3. "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023" was organised between the armies of which countries?

- A. India and Malaysia ☒
- B. India and Sri Lanka
- C. India and Myanmar
- D. India and France



- ✓ The joint bilateral training exercise "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023" between the Indian and Malaysian Army has officially started at Umroi Cantonment in India. The Malaysian Army contingent includes troops from the 5th Royal Battalion of the Malaysian Army, while the Indian contingent is represented by a battalion of THE RAJPUT REGIMENT. The previous edition of this exercise took place in Malaysia in 2022.

4. Which institution hosted the Bharat National Cyber Security Exercise (NCX) 2023?

- A. NASSCOM
- B. National Security Council Secretariat ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. National Informatics Centre



- ✓ **Bharat National Cyber Security Exercise (NCX) 2023** was organized by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), Government of India (GoI), in strategic partnership with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU). Bharat NCX 2023 hosted the prestigious Bharat NCX CISOS Conclave, with a gathering of over 200 Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs).

5. Which country hosted the 7th edition of Future Investment Initiative (FII) in 2023?

- A. USA
B. UK
C. Saudi Arabia ☒
D. India



- ✓ **Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal** attended the 7th Edition of Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh. He met several dignitaries from the host country of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Piyush Goyal addressed the 7th Edition of FII in one of the plenary sessions titled "The Coming Investment Mandate". India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) was established in 2019.

6. Which Indian institution is associated with the country's Foreign Exchange Management?

- A. SEBI
B. RBI ☒
C. Ministry of Finance
D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India** has notified the amendment in Foreign Exchange Management (Debt Instruments) Regulations, 2019. Under this amendment, Russia, along with 21 other countries, can now invest in dated Government Securities and Treasury Bills through a rupee account. Russia has been hit by its mounting surplus rupee problem.

7. Which Indian cricketer became the fastest batter to reach 2000 ODI runs?

- A. K L Rahul
B. Shubman Gill ☒
C. Ravindra Jadeja
D. Ruturaj Gaikwad



- ✓ **Shubman Gill** became the fastest batter to reach 2000 ODI runs, after he achieved the feat in the match against New Zealand. Hashim Amla had set the record in his 40th innings back in 2011 against India. Gill reached the milestone in his 38th ODI innings.

8. Who is the first Indian cricketer to bag two five-wicket hauls in the World Cup?

- A. Jasprit Bumrah
- B. Mohammed Shami ☒
- C. R Ashwin
- D. Hardik Pandya



- ✓ Mohammed Shami's five-wicket haul against New Zealand made him the first Indian to bag two five-wicket hauls in the history of the ODI World Cup. He is now the ninth bowler overall to take two five-fors in ODI World Cups. Shami was India's second-highest wicket-taker in the 2019 World Cup, in which he picked his first five-wicket haul against England.

9. NCEL is the newly established export body under which Union Ministry?

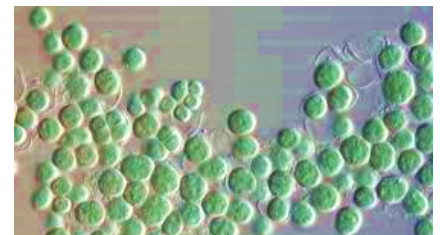
- A. Ministry of Commerce
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Cooperation ☒
- D. Ministry of Finance



- ✓ The National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) is the recently established central body overseeing exports within the cooperative sector, under Ministry of Cooperation. It has already secured orders amounting to Rs 7,000 crore. Union Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah also released the logo, website and brochure of NCEL

10. What is the special attribute of '*Chroococcidiopsis cubana*' bacteria?

- A. Cleans Pollutants
- B. Produces Oxygen ☒
- C. Enhances Tree Growth
- D. Used in Solar Panels



- ✓ Researchers are investigating an innovative approach to produce oxygen on Mars by utilizing a type of desert-dwelling bacteria called *Chroococcidiopsis cubana*. These microorganisms have the ability to thrive in harsh environments by harnessing sunlight, absorbing carbon dioxide, and generating oxygen through their metabolic processes. This concept offers a potential solution for generating a sustainable oxygen supply for future Mars missions and human colonization efforts.

11. As per a recent study, the age of which celestial body has been recalculated to be at least 4.46 billion years?

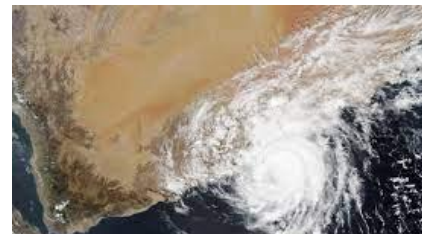
- A. Sun
- B. Moon ☒
- C. Earth
- D. Mars



- ✓ According to a recent study, the age of the Moon has been recalculated to be at least 4.46 billion years, extending its previously estimated age by 40 million years. This adjustment in age was made possible through the examination of lunar crystals retrieved by Apollo astronauts in 1972, providing insights into the Moon's formation timeline.

12. Which country named the 'Cyclone Tej', which developed in the Arabian Sea?

- A. Pakistan
B. India ☒
C. Nepal
D. Bangladesh



- ✓ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has reported that a cyclone named Tej developed in the Arabian Sea, while deep depression in the Bay of Bengal caused another cyclone, named Hamoon. India is witnessing twin cyclonic storms for the first time after 2018. The name for Cyclone Tej was given by India while Iran named Cyclone Hamoon which stands for marshlands in Persian language.

13. Rampur Hound, Himachali Shepherd, Gaddi, Bakharwal, and the Tibetan Mastiff are the breeds of which animal?

- A. Sheep
B. Dog ☒
C. Horse
D. Cattle



- ✓ The Central Armed Police Forces such as the BSF, CRPF, and CISF are preparing to enlist Indian dog breeds for police tasks with trials already underway for breeds like the Rampur Hound. These Indian dog breeds, including the Rampur Hound, Himachali Shepherd, Gaddi, Bakharwal, and the Tibetan Mastiff, are anticipated to be deployed soon in various police duties. These tasks may include detecting suspects, locating narcotics and explosives, and patrolling areas at high risk.

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1. Aaraattu festival, which was seen in the news, is a famous festival of which state?

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



- ✓ The 'Aaraattu' festival has a rich tradition of being celebrated at the Sree Padmanabha Swamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram. The uniqueness of the 'Arattu' festival is that the head of the royal family of the erstwhile Travancore kingdom still escorts the idols of deities during the procession in traditional attire. The Aarattu Festival is celebrated twice each year.

2. When is the World Development Information Day celebrated?

- A. October 22
- B. October 24 ☒
- C. October 27
- D. October 30



- ✓ The World Development Information Day is celebrated by the United Nations (UN) on October 24. This day aims to draw the attention of the world to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them. This day coincides with the United Nations Day, celebrated to commemorate the day UN began operating in 1945.

3. Which organisation released the 'International Migration Outlook 2023'?

- A. IMF
- B. OECD ☒
- C. WEF
- D. World Bank



- ✓ The International Migration Outlook: 2023 was released recently by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). It revealed that Indians, who are prominent in terms of migration to OECD countries, also top the list when it comes to obtaining foreign citizenship.

4. What is the theme of 'World Polio Day 2023'?

- A. A healthier future for mothers and children ☒
- B. Eradicate poliomyelitis
- C. Polio Free Earth
- D. Polio Free Villages



- ✓ World Polio Day is observed to raise awareness against the poliomyelitis disease. World Polio Day highlights the global efforts to end poliomyelitis (polio) worldwide. Polio is a life-threatening disease caused by the poliovirus. The theme for World Polio Day 2023 is "A healthier future for mothers and children."

5. Borneo Island, which was seen in the news, is located in which continent?

- A. North America
B. Asia ☒
C. Africa
D. Europe



- ✓ Borneo, a giant island in Southeast Asia's Malay Archipelago, is shared by two Malaysian states, Indonesian Kalimantan and the tiny nation of Brunei. Scientists have made a remarkable discovery of an ancient tectonic plate known as the Pontus plate, which had vanished from the Earth's surface at least 20 million years ago. Fragments of this crust were located in the South China Sea, near Borneo Island.

6. Which Indian space startup developed the 'Vikram-1 rocket'?

- A. Dhruv Aerospace
B. Skyroot Aerospace ☒
C. Pixxel Aerospace
D. Bharat Space



- ✓ Skyroot Aerospace, a space start-up, revealed its domestically developed Vikram-1 rocket recently. This rocket is expected to commence satellite delivery missions to low Earth orbit in the early part of next year. Vikram-1 is designed as a multi-stage launch vehicle with the capability to transport payloads of approximately 300 kg to Low Earth Orbit.

7. Which state has the highest population of Snow Leopard Count in India?

- A. Assam
B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
C. Uttarakhand
D. Sikkim



- ✓ A five-year scientific estimation has revealed that Himachal Pradesh is home to 75 snow leopards, which is the highest in India. The estimation was conducted as part of the Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India. In India, they are found in the Himalayan states of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, besides Himachal Pradesh. The highest densities of snow leopards were found in the trans-Himalayan regions of Spiti and Pin valley.

8. 'Bathukamma' is the state festival of which state?

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



- ✓ The State festival of Telangana, known as 'Batukamma' (flower-festival) was observed in several villages located along the Andhra Pradesh border. Every year this festival is celebrated as per the Sathavahana calendar for nine days. People illuminate their homes and adorned them with flowers and rangolis, celebrating the festival in a traditional and festive manner.

9. Which neighbouring country has granted approval for the issuance of free visa to citizens of several countries including India?

- A. Sri Lanka ☒
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Vietnam
- D. Thailand



- ✓ The Sri Lankan Cabinet has granted approval for the issuance of free visas to citizens of India, China, Russia, Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, and Thailand. This initiative has been launched as a pilot project with immediate effect and will be in operation until March 31, 2024. It aims to rebuild the debt-trapped island nation's tourism sector.

10. When was the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) founded?

- A. 1948
- B. 1962 ☒
- C. 1975
- D. 1982



- ✓ The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Raising Day is celebrated on October 24 every year to commemorate the founding of the force in 1962. After the Indo-China war, the specialised security force was constituted to guard the border at high altitudes. There are around 85,000 personnel in ITBP at present.

11. India's first Nano DAP (Liquid) Plant has been inaugurated in which state?

- A. Gujarat ☒
- B. Bihar
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Punjab



- ✓ **Union Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated IFFCO's Nano DAP (Liquid) Plant at Kalol in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. IFFCO's Kalol unit will produce about 42 lakh bottles of green Technology-based Nano DAP. While a bag of conventional DAP costs around 1300 rupees, the farmers can get one bottle of nano liquid DAP for 600 rupees.**

12. Jamrani Dam Multipurpose Project is associated with which state?

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



- ✓ **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved inclusion of Jamrani Dam Multipurpose Project of Uttarakhand under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana- Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP). PMKSY-AIBP is a scheme under Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.**

13. 5T (Transformational Initiatives) scheme is associated with which state?

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha ☒
- C. Assam
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **VK Pandian, who served as the private secretary to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, is the newly-appointed position as Chairman of 5T (Transformational Initiatives) and 'Nabin Odisha'. He had opted for voluntary retirement from his civil service career. This appointment grants him the rank of a cabinet minister and allows him to work directly under the state's Chief minister.**

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1. Which company has initiated the production of 'Reference' petrol and diesel?

- A. BPCL
- B. HPCL
- C. IOC ☒
- D. REC



- ✓ The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has initiated the production of specialized 'reference' petrol and diesel, marking the first occurrence of such production in India. These fuels possess elevated specifications and hold significant importance for the calibration and testing processes conducted by automobile manufacturers and testing agencies like the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) and the Automotive Research Association of India.

2. Competition Commission of India (CCI) is a statutory body under which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of External Affairs
- B. Ministry of Corporate Affairs ☒
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ Competition Commission of India (CCI) is a statutory body within the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and is responsible for enforcing the Competition Act, 2002. Recently, the Competition Commission of India has earned a coveted position within the prestigious 18-member steering committee of The International Competition Network. The steering committee serves as the highest governing body of the ICN.

3. Indian Army's first Vertical Wind Tunnel has been constructed in which state/UT?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Punjab
- C. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- D. Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ Indian Army's inaugural Vertical Wind Tunnel (VWT) has been inaugurated at the Special Forces Training School (SFTS) located in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. This state-of-the-art wind tunnel is aimed to enhance and improve the Combat Freefall (CFF) skills of armed forces personnel.

4. Pablo Picasso is a celebrated artist from which country?

- A. USA
- B. Spain ☒
- C. Italy
- D. Australia



- ✓ On October 25th, the 142nd birthday of the celebrated Spanish artist Pablo Picasso (1881-1973) is observed. His artistic legacy includes a vast collection of paintings, sketches, etchings, sculptures, and pottery. He spent most of his adult life in France.

5. 'ISI7017 (Part 2/ Sec 7): 2023', which was recently approved by BIS, is associated with which product?

- A. Solar Panel
B. Electric Vehicle Charger ☒
C. Disposable Plastics
D. Sterilizers



- ✓ The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has approved an indigenously developed AC and DC combined charging connector standard for light electric vehicles (LEVS) such as scooters, bikes, and rickshaws. The new standard, ISI7017 (Part 2 / Sec 7): 2023, has been developed through collaboration among NITI Aayog, the Department of Science and Technology, electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy, and various other government and industry stakeholders.

6. RBI has instructed banks to appoint how many whole-time director in addition to the managing director on their boards?

- A. One ☒
B. Two
C. Three
D. Four



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed banks to enhance their senior management teams by appointing a minimum of one whole-time director in addition to the managing director on their boards. The regulatory authority has specified a deadline of four months for banks to submit their proposals for these appointments.

7. Which category of diseases account for 66 per cent of all deaths in India?

- A. Communicable Diseases
B. Non-Communicable Diseases ☒
C. Neglected Tropical Diseases
D. Hereditary diseases



- ✓ Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) account for 66 per cent of all deaths in India, of which 22 per cent were premature deaths in 2019. As per a recent analysis by ICMR, India is expected to fall short of WHO and UN Goals for reducing premature deaths from NCD.

8. Flamingo Project, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Environment
- B. Evolution of Universe ☒
- C. Cyber Security
- D. Mathematics



- ✓ Astronomers have carried out the biggest ever computer simulations to investigate how the universe evolved. The project, named Flamingo, calculated the evolution of all components of the universe including ordinary matter, dark matter and dark energy. It seeks to examine and contrast a simulated universe with the established reality by incorporating recent data obtained from advanced telescopes.

9. 'Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope' is associated with which space agency?

- A. NASA ☒
- B. ISRO
- C. ESA
- D. JAXA



- ✓ NASA is set to launch its Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope to perform humanity's deepest-ever peek into the heart of Milky Way Galaxy. The telescope will monitor the vast expanse of space for 'tell-tale flickers' for secrets that may change our understanding of the world. It is expected to potentially set a new record for the most distant explanted ever discovered.

10. Which state/UT is the host of 37th National Games in 2023?

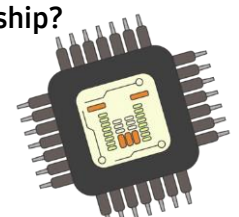
- A. Goa ☒
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Kerala
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 37th edition of the National Games in Panaji, Goa. More than 10,000 athletes will compete in the event in over 43 sports disciplines across 28 venues. The National Games are being held in Goa for the very first time.

11. India has collaborated with which country on Semiconductor Supply Chain Partnership?

- A. Australia
- B. Sweden
- C. Japan ☒
- D. Israel



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between India and Japan on Japan-India Semiconductor Supply Chain Partnership.

- ✓ The MoC intends to strengthen cooperation between India and Japan towards enhancement of semiconductor supply chain, recognizing the importance of semiconductor for the advancement of industries and digital technologies.

12. Which cricketer has an average above 50, among those with aggregate of 10000-plus runs in international cricket?

- A. Rohit Sharma
B. Virat Kohli ☒
C. Glenn Maxwell
D. David Warner



- ✓ As of 2023, there are only four batters with the distinction of aggregating 26000 runs in their international cricket career. Virat Kohli, against Bangladesh, became the latest to join this elite list in fewest number of innings (567) among those in the list. He is also the only cricketer with an average of 50-plus among the 91 players with an aggregate of 10000-plus runs in international cricket, at 53.99.

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1. 'Banni festival', which was seen in the news, is an annual religious festival celebrated in which state/UT?

- A. Odisha
- B. Bihar
- C. Andhra Pradesh ☒
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ At least three people died, while over 90 people were injured during a traditional stick fight festival, also regionally known as Banni festival, in Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool district. The Banni festival is celebrated on the night of Vijayadasami on the account of the victory of Lord Mala Malleswara Swamy and Goddess Parvati over Mani and Mallasura.

2. The European Union (EU) and India conducted their first joint naval exercise in which place?

- A. Gulf of Guinea ☒
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. South China Sea
- D. Gulf of Finland



- ✓ The European Union (EU) and India recently conducted their first joint naval exercise in the Gulf of Guinea. The exercise followed the third meeting of the EU-India Maritime Security Dialogue in Brussels. During the exercise, Indian Navy's INS Sumedha, an Offshore Patrol Vessel, was joined by three EU Member States' ships in the Gulf of Guinea.

3. Which city hosted the 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Bengaluru
- C. New Delhi ☒
- D. Chennai



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress, at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. It was organised with the theme of 'Global Digital Innovation,' Reliance Jio Infocomm demonstrated India's first satellite-based giga fibre service 'JioSpaceFiber' to provide high- speed broadband services to previously inaccessible geographies within India.

4. As per a recent study, population of peafowls has increased exponentially across which Indian state / UT?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Goa
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Indian peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*), regarded as the national bird, is listed under Schedule-I of the Wildlife Protection Amendment Act, 2022, with the highest degree of protection. As per a recent study, population of peafowls has increased exponentially across Tamil Nadu in the last five to 10 years. There are also growing incidents of peafowl deaths in farms across Tamil Nadu, mostly due to poisoning.

5. Which country hosted the 'International Travel Exhibitions- Asia'?

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



- ✓ India's Ministry of Tourism participates in International Travel Exhibition Asia, Singapore. This year has been declared as the Visit India Year 2023 to position India as a preferred destination at the targeted potential international markets. The aim is to showcase the tourism products and series of transformative experiences for travellers to India under the theme 'Incredible India! Visit India Year 2023'.

6. Which is the major Kharif crop in India?

- A. Rice ☒
- B. Wheat
- C. Maize
- D. Moong



- ✓ Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has released first Advance Estimates of production of major Kharif crops for 2023-24. Area under Rice, the major Kharif crop is estimated to be higher by around 2 Lakh Hectare over previous year final estimate and by around 4.5 Lakh Hectare over average Rice Area. Its production is also estimated to be higher by about 1 lakh tonnes as compared to average Kharif Rice production.

7. What is the position of India in medal tally of Asian Para Games 2023?

- A. One
- B. Three
- C. Fifth ☒
- D. Seventh



- ✓ India created history at the Asian Para Games 2023, ending the event with their best-ever performance of 111 medals in Hangzhou. This year's figure is more than the 72 medals in 2018, includes 29 gold medals, 31 silver and 51 bronze. In the overall leaderboard, India finished in 5th position which is also their best-ever standing.

8. As per 'UNU-EHS Interconnected Disaster Risks report, which Indian states have risk of critical groundwater depletion?

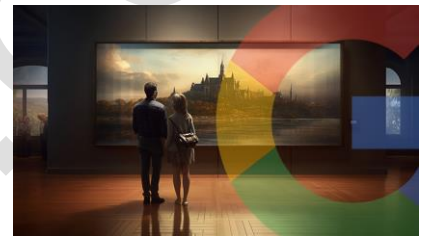
- A. Punjab & Haryana ☒
- B. Maharashtra & Madhya Pradesh
- C. Odisha & Chhattisgarh
- D. Bihar & Jharkhand



- ✓ The 2023 Interconnected Disaster Risks report from the United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), based in Bonn, Germany, was published recently. It focussed on the northwestern region, particularly Punjab and Haryana, and highlights the risk of groundwater depletion reaching a critical point.

9. Which technology company introduced "About this image" fact-check tool?

- A. Google ☒
- B. Amazon
- C. Apple
- D. Microsoft



- ✓ Google has introduced the "About this image" fact-check tool to English language users worldwide in its Search feature. This tool is designed to assist users in locating reliable information about the images they encounter on the internet. It serves as a convenient means for individuals to verify the credibility and context of online images.

10. Which compound is used in the recent Cloud seeding experiment conducted in Maharashtra?

- A. Sodium Chloride
- B. Calcium Chloride ☒
- C. Potassium Chloride
- D. Magnesium Chloride



- ✓ The Cloud seeding experiment conducted in Maharashtra's Solapur region has yielded results indicating 18% higher rainfall than the usual levels. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in Pune and other institutes conducted the study. Hygroscopic flares of calcium chloride particles were released at the convective cloud base to trigger rainfall.

11. Which country leads the renewable electricity production across the world?

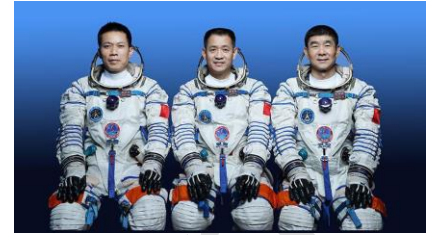
- A. Australia ☒
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Israel



- ✓ Recently, Australia's primary electricity grid surpassed a 70% share of renewable energy for the first time. Australia holds a global leadership position in renewable electricity production and boasts the highest per capita adoption of rooftop solar systems worldwide.

12. 'Taikonauts', which was seen in the news, is a term referring astronauts of which country?

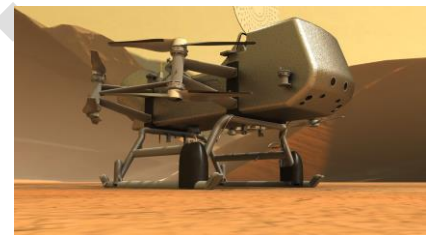
- A. Russia
B. China ☒
C. Japan
D. Israel



- ✓ Chinese astronauts are sometimes called taikonauts. The youngest-ever team of Chinese astronauts embarked on their journey to China's space station. The spacecraft, known as Shenzhou-17 or "Divine Vessel," along with its three crew members, launched atop a Long March-2F rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China.

12. 'Dragonfly rotorcraft lander' is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ NASA's Dragonfly rotorcraft lander will be employed for a mission to investigate Saturn's moon, Titan, which is known for its dense atmosphere and low gravity, making it an ideal place for aerial exploration. Dragonfly, a nuclear-powered drone roughly the size of a car, has been specifically designed by NASA for the purpose of studying the intricate chemistry that serves as the foundation for life.

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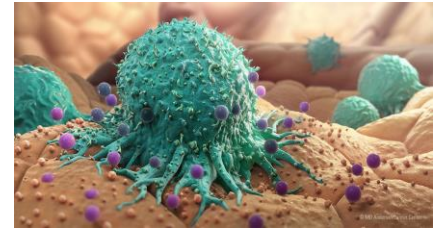
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1. As per a recent study, which Indian state has the highest cancer incidence rate in the country?

- A. Odisha
- B. Bihar
- C. Mizoram ☒
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ In spite of being the country's second least populated State, Mizoram exhibits the highest incidence rate of cancer in India. The latest evidence from an 18-year trend study notes a consistent rise in cancer incidence and mortality in Mizoram, with stomach cancer emerging as the primary cause of cancer-related deaths among men, while lung cancer is the primary cause of deaths among women.

2. The Hostile Activity Watch Kernel (HAWK) system, is associated with which state?

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



- ✓ Karnataka, along with the Wildlife Trust of India, has launched the Hostile Activity Watch Kernel (HAWK) system. It is a special software for wildlife crime management. Data of 35,000 cases of wildlife crime and forest offences have been uploaded, so far. The system will include forest and wildlife offenses.

3. iPhone maker Wistron approved the sale of its India unit to which Indian company?

- A. Reliance Industries
- B. TATA Electronics ☒
- C. Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing
- D. Videocon Industries



- ✓ Taiwan-based Wistron announced that its board had approved the sale of its India unit, Wistron InfoComm Manufacturing to the Tata Group. Wistron assembles Apple Inc.'s iPhone devices and components for these smartphones in Bengaluru and Hosur. Tata Electronics is set to purchase the Wistron subsidiary for \$125 million.

4. Which company launched India's inaugural satellite-based gigabit broadband service?

- A. Reliance Jio Infocomm ☒
- B. Bharti Airtel
- C. Vodafone Idea (Vi)
- D. BSNL



- ✓ Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited introduced JioSpaceFiber, India's inaugural satellite-based gigabit broadband service. The aim is to provide high-speed internet connectivity to remote regions of India that were previously underserved or inaccessible.

5. 'PM eBus Sewa scheme' which was approved recently, aims to deploy how many e-buses?

- A. 1000
B. 10000 ☒
C. 1 lakh
D. 1 million



- ✓ The Union government is set to release tenders for 3,000 electric buses as part of the PM eBus Sewa scheme, out of the total 10,000 buses planned. This initiative, approved by the Cabinet in August, aims to integrate 10,000 electric buses into the public transportation systems of 169 eligible cities. The scheme will cover cities of 3 lakh and above population as per census 2011.

6. Which day is celebrated to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the landing of Indian forces in Kashmir?

- A. Vijay Diwas
B. Shaurya Diwas ☒
C. Veer Diwas
D. Bharat Diwas



- ✓ The Indian Army celebrated 'Shaurya Diwas' to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the landing of Indian forces in Kashmir, a historic event that marked the first civil-military victory of Independent India. This event took place when Indian Army troops arrived at Budgam Airport to remove Pakistani forces from Jammu and Kashmir, following the signing of the Instrument of Accession between Maharaja Hari Singh and the Republic of India.

7. 'Numismatics' is the study of?

- A. Numbers
B. Coins ☒
C. Soils
D. Birds



- ✓ Numismatics is the study of coins and other currency units and is usually associated with the collection of rare coins. The 105th National Annual Conference of the Numismatic Society of India commenced in Shimla. It was organized by the Himachal Pradesh State Museum, has drawn the attendance of scholars, delegates, and students interested in numismatics.

8. Which country hosted the 3rd Edition of North East India Festival?

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



- ✓ The 3rd edition of the North East India Festival kicked off in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The festival aims to enhance and strengthen the ties between India and Vietnam, focusing on areas such as academics, trade, business, and culture.

9. 'Amrit Kalash Yatra Trains' are flagged off under which campaign?

- A. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
- B. Meri Mati Mera Desh ☒
- C. YUVA
- D. Atmanirbhar Bharat



- ✓ The 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' (MMMD) campaign is a tribute to the soldiers of the Indian Army who sacrificed their lives for their nation. Under the campaign, 'Amrit Kalash Yatra Trains' are flagged off. During this Yatra, urns containing soil from various districts will be collected, symbolizing the soil of the city, and the journey will conclude at the National War Memorial.

10. Which element, rarer than Platinum, has been discovered using NASA's James Webb Space Telescope?

- A. Tellurium ☒
- B. Cerium
- C. Yttrium
- D. Europium



- ✓ Astronomers made a remarkable discovery of tellurium, an element even rarer than platinum on Earth, located approximately 1 billion light- years away. This discovery was made possible through observations conducted using NASA's advanced James Webb Space Telescope.

11. Which country hosted the 7th edition of Joint Military exercise, 'KAZIND-2023'?

- A. India
- B. Kazakhstan ☒
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Iran



- ✓ Indian Army and Indian Air Force contingent comprising 120 personnel departed for Kazakhstan to take part in the 7th edition of Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND-2023' at Otar in Kazakhstan. The Joint Exercise between India and Kazakhstan was instituted as 'Exercise PRABAL DOSTYK' in 2016.
- ✓ After the second edition, it was upgraded to a company-level exercise as 'Exercise KAZIND'. The Exercise has been further upgraded as a Bi-service Exercise this year by including the Air Force component.

12. Which metro rail company won the 'City with Best Green Transport Initiative' in Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference?

- A. Kolkata Metro B. Kochi Metro ☒
- C. Chennai Metro D. Bengaluru Metro



- ✓ The 16th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition 2023 was organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in New Delhi. Srinagar Smart City Limited receives award for Best Public Transport System. Jabalpur City Transport Services Limited awarded for its 'Innovative Financing Mechanism' while 'City with Best Green Transport' Initiative is Kochi Metro Rail Limited for their Kochi Water Metro project.

13. Which state won the basketball title in the National Games?

- A. Punjab ☒
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Odisha
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Punjab defeated Tamil Nadu to win the men's basketball title in the National Games due to Amjot Singh's 42 points. While Kerala beat Karnataka and took the women's trophy, thanks to R Sreekala's 29 points.

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