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1. What is the theme of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2023'?

- A. Integrity and ethics
- B. Say no to corruption, commit to the Nation ☒
- C. Stay Vigilant; Stay Honest
- D. Information is Power



- ✓ The Vigilance Awareness Week, 2023 is being observed by the Central Vigilance Commission and all institutions across the country from 30th October till 5th November. This year the theme is Say no to corruption, commit to the Nation. Every year Vigilance Awareness Week is observed as an outreach measure to create greater awareness about the importance of integrity and ethics in public life.

2. 'Operation Seshu', which was launched recently, aims to curb the illegal trade of _:

- A. Tortoises
- B. Timber ☒
- C. Exotic Birds
- D. Tusk



- ✓ Union Finance Minister launches phase IV of 'Operation Seshu' to curb the illegal trade of Timber, including Red Sanders. She launched this during the inaugural session of the first ever Global Conference on Cooperation in Enforcement Matters (GCCCEM) in New Delhi. Delegates representing over 40 Custom Organisations participated in the event.

3. Saleemul Huq, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession?

- A. Scientist
- B. Climate Change Expert ☒
- C. Economist
- D. Writer



- ✓ Professor Saleemul Huq, the director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) in Dhaka, passed away at the age of 71. He was an esteemed expert in the fields of climate change, environment, and development. Professor Huq dedicated his work to establishing connections between climate change mitigation, adaptation, and sustainable development, with a focus on developing countries, especially the least developed nations (LDCs).

4. Which institution has mandated 'penny drop' verification for NPS fund withdrawal?

- A. IRDAI
- B. PFRDA ☒
- C. SEBI
- D. RBI



- ✓ The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has made 'penny drop' verification mandatory for the withdrawal of funds by subscribers of the National Pension System (NPS), Atal Pension Yojana and NPS Lite as well as modifications in bank account details. Under the process, Central Recordkeeping Agencies (CRA) check the active status of the savings bank account and match the name in the bank account number with the name in the PRAN or according to the documents submitted.

5. As of 2023, which cricket team is the most successful in ODI World Cups?

- A. India
- B. Australia ☒
- C. England
- D. South Africa



- ✓ India surpassed New Zealand with its 59th win to become the second-most successful team in the ODI World Cups, only behind Australia. Australia holds the record with 73 wins.

6. Sultan of Johor Cup is associated with which sports?

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



- ✓ The Indian junior men's hockey team defeated New Zealand 6-2 to enter the semifinals of the Sultan of Johor Cup. Indian player Amandeep Lakra hit a hat-trick. The Sultan of Johor Cup is an annual, international under-21 men's field hockey tournament held in Malaysia.

7. According to a recent WHO report, 188.3 million people in India suffer from which health condition, while only 37% get diagnosed for it?

- A. Diabetes
- B. Hypertension ☒
- C. Arthritis
- D. Asthma



- ✓ The first district-level study on hypertension in India has identified disparities in healthcare, emphasizing the need for a more targeted approach to address this condition. It estimated that at least 4.6 million deaths in India can be prevented by 2040 if half of those with the condition manage to keep their blood pressure under control. According to a recent WHO report, 188.3 million people in India suffer from hypertension but only 37% get diagnosed, only 30% start treatment, and only 15% manage to keep their blood pressure under control.

8. The 'Hiroshima AI process', which was seen in the news, is associated with which bloc?

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



- ✓ The Group of Seven (G7) industrial nations officially adopted a code of conduct for companies involved in the development of advanced artificial intelligence systems. Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) economies as well as the European Union, kicked off the process in May at a ministerial forum dubbed the 'Hiroshima AI process'. The code aims to promote safe, secure, and trustworthy AI worldwide and will provide voluntary guidance for actions by organizations developing the most advanced AI systems.

9. Scientists have detected which disease in Antarctic region for the first time in Antarctica?

- A. Avian Flu ☒
- B. Anthrax
- C. Foot-and-mouth disease
- D. Bluetongue virus



- ✓ Scientists from the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) have made a significant discovery by detecting the presence of avian flu in the Antarctic region for the first time. This development has raised concerns about the health of remote populations of penguins and seals in the area. The discovery came after reports of potentially symptomatic birds and unexplained deaths, and subsequent tests confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

10. As per a recent study, which planet may have undergone tectonic activity, 4.5 billion to 3.5 billion years ago?

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



- ✓ A recent study suggests that Venus, frequently described as Earth's sister planet, may have undergone tectonic activity approximately 4.5 billion to 3.5 billion years ago. It is proposed that plate tectonics could have played a crucial role in the formation of Venus's carbon dioxide- and nitrogen-rich atmosphere.

11. 'Rashtriya Gokul Mission' is associated with which Union Ministry?

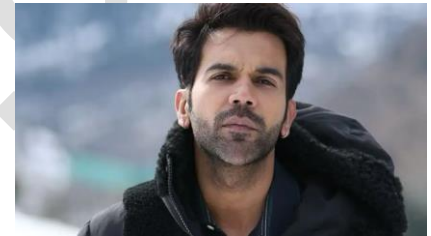
- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying ☒



- ✓ **Rashtriya Gokul Mission, India's flagship program aimed at enhancing indigenous cattle breeds, was launched in 2014. Instead of enhancing the quality of all indigenous breeds as originally intended, the scheme has predominantly promoted one specific indigenous variety, the Gir cow, nationwide. This trend, if left unaddressed, could pose a risk to the genetic purity of indigenous cattle breeds throughout the country.**

12. Which Indian Actor has been recognised as National Icon for voter awareness for the Election Commission of India (ECI)?

- A. Rajinikanth
- B. Kamalhassan
- C. Rajkummar Rao ☒
- D. Vidya Balan



- ✓ **Actor Rajkummar Rao has been recognised as National Icon for voter awareness and education for the Election Commission of India (ECI). The collaboration will encompass a range of activities, including promoting voter awareness in various TV talk shows and digital campaigns by the actor. Last month, the Commission recognised Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar as the National Icon. Earlier, during the 2019 Lok Sabha Elections, M.S. Dhoni, Aamir Khan and Mary Kom had been the ECI National Icons.**

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1. India's first-ever Lavender Farm is constructed in which state/UT?

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



- ✓ India's first-ever Lavender Farm is coming up at Challa village in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district. It is spread over two hectares of land owned by the Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare. A native of Europe, lavender was introduced by the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) in the temperate regions of the Jammu division under the CSIR-Aroma Mission in 2018, and Doda became the birthplace of India's purple revolution.

2. What is the name of the platform launched by Prime Minister on the National Unity Day?

- A. Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) platform ☒
- B. PM YUVA Platform
- C. Meri Maati Platform
- D. Kartavya Platform



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for Amrit Vatika and Amrit Mahotsav Memorial and launched the Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) platform, designed for the country's youth. It was launched at an event marking the culmination of the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign's Amrit Kalash Yatra at Kartavya Path in New Delhi.

3. Project Kusha, India's long-range air defense system project, is under the purview of which institution?

- A. HAL
- B. DRDO ☒
- C. L&T
- D. BHEL



- ✓ India is on track to operationally deploy its own long-range air defense system by 2028-29. This indigenous system is designed to detect and destroy a wide array of threats, including stealth fighters, aircraft, drones, cruise missiles, and precision-guided munitions at ranges of up to 350 km. The ambitious project, known as Project Kusha, is under the purview of the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

4. Which institution was tasked with the preparation of 'Vision India@2047' plan?

- A. NASSCOM
- B. NITI Aayog ☒
- C. RBI
- D. Election Commission of India



NITI Aayog

- ✓ A vision document aimed at making India a developed country is in its final stages and a draft is expected to be ready by December, as per NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam. NITI Aayog was tasked with the consolidation of the ten sectoral thematic visions in July this year including infrastructure, welfare, commerce and industry, technology, and governance. NITI Aayog has also forecasted that India's economy will be worth \$30 trillion in 2047, with a per capita GDP of \$17,590.

5. India launched an 'Innovation Platform' and 'Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Innovation Dialogue', along with which country?

A. Sweden ☒

B. Switzerland

C. Australia

D. Finland



- ✓ India and Switzerland launched the Indo-Swiss Innovation Platform. The platform's launch included an Indo-Swiss Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Innovation Dialogue in Bengaluru. The platform began with a pilot project on antimicrobial resistance. The platform's launch was intended to deepen bilateral collaboration on innovation and make it more strategic.

6. Which institution along with Tel Aviv University, Israel developed an aerogel adsorbent to remove trace pollutants from wastewater?

A. IISc Bengaluru

B. IIT Madras ☒

C. IIT Delhi

D. IIT Kharagpur



- ✓ Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and Tel Aviv University, Israel, have developed an aerogel adsorbent that can remove trace pollutants from wastewater. The aerogel is made of graphene-modified silica and can remove small particles and microorganisms from wastewater.

7. Mayurakshi River flows through which Indian state?

A. Jharkhand ☒

B. Assam

C. Karnataka

D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, inaugurated the longest bridge in the state over the Mayurakshi River in Dumka. The bridge, which cost Rs 198 crore to build, is 2.34 km long and 16 meters wide. It will reduce the distance between various districts and improve connectivity. The river has its source on Trikut Hills in Jharkhand. It flows through Jharkhand and flows into the Hooghly River through two districts of West Bengal.

8. Which Indian city was ranked the fourth most polluted cities in the world, according to IQAir?

- A. Chennai
- B. Delhi ☒
- C. Kolkata
- D. Varanasi



- ✓ Delhi, Mumbai, and Kolkata were ranked the 4th, 7th, and 10th most polluted cities in the world, according to IQAir. Mumbai's air quality has been unhealthy for more than three consecutive days. Based on the 2022 annual average PM2.5 concentration, India was 8th among the world's top 10 most polluted countries. Internationally, in the IQAir survey, Lahore and Beijing were among the top five most polluted cities.

9. Two ancient temple caves were recently discovered near Rajapur, Ratnagiri in which state?

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



- ✓ Two ancient temple caves were discovered near Rajapur, Ratnagiri, in the state of Maharashtra. The caves are believed to have been created in the 5th or 6th century CE. They are older than the Elephanta caves. Ratnagiri is also home to the Ratnagiri Caves, a Buddhist center. The Buddhist monuments were constructed from the 5th century CE onwards, with the last work in the 13th century.

10. Which country is associated with the 'B61-13' Nuclear bomb?

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



- ✓ The United States is planning to build a new nuclear bomb that will be 24 times more powerful than the one dropped on Hiroshima during World War II. The B61-13 would also be almost 14 times bigger than the 25-kiloton bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki.

11. National Unity Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru
- C. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel ☒
- D. Dr B R Ambedkar



- ✓ National Unity Day is celebrated in India on October 31, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first home minister of independent India. Vallabhbhai Patel was born on October 31, 1875. He is credited with merging over 560 princely states into the Union of India after independence.

12. Which country is associated with the 'Shenzhou-16' mission?

- A. Japan
- B. China ☒
- C. South Korea
- D. Israel



- ✓ Three Chinese astronauts, who were in orbit for five months, returned to the Earth. The astronauts were part of the Shenzhou-16 crewed flight mission. They spent their time conducting scientific experiments and carrying out a nearly eight-hour spacewalk. The mission was the last of 11 missions required to assemble the station. The station is expected to operate for around a decade and run experiments in near-zero gravity. The astronauts have successfully grown lettuce, cherry tomatoes, and green onions in the Tiangong space station.

13. 'Meendum Manjappai' is a scheme launched by which Indian state, to curb plastic usage?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin launched 'Meendum Manjappai' scheme to reduce the use of plastic bags, replacing them with cloth bags in 2021. Recently, the Tamil Nadu state environment department has opened a 'Meendum Manjappai' kiosk worth 25 lakh at Besant Nagar beach, Chennai, to create awareness on plastic pollution and to enforce the ban on single-use plastic. It has a cloth bag vending slot and a plastic bottle-crushing machine.

14. 'Rajaji Tiger Reserve' is located in which state/UT?

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



- ✓ The Uttarakhand Cabinet gives nod to set up Rajaji Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation. The primary aim of this foundation is to expedite and facilitate ecological, economic, social, and cultural development within the regions encompassing the Rajaji Tiger Reserve. It also aims to provide alternative livelihood opportunities to the local communities to reduce their dependence on forests.

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1. India procured 'S-400 air defence missile squadron' from which country?

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



- ✓ The Indian Air Force has successfully operationalized three of its S-400 air defense missile squadrons along its borders with China and Pakistan. In 2018-19, India agreed with Russia to procure S-400 missiles worth 35,000 crore. Out of five squadrons that were to be delivered, three were delivered.

2. Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) aims to connect Kolkata Seaport with which country?

- A. Thailand
- B. Myanmar ☒
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Cambodia



- ✓ Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) aims to connect the seaport of Kolkata with Sittwe seaport in Rakhine State, Myanmar by sea. It also includes Inland Water Transport between Sittwe to River Kaladan. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that a cross-border road, part of the ambitious Kaladan Project, which connects South Mizoram's Lawngtlai district with Myanmar's Sittwe port, is on track to be completed by November of this year.

3. Which institution regulates the Co-operative banks in India?

- A. RBI ☒
- B. NABARD
- C. Ministry of Cooperation
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that District Central Co-operative Banks now have the authority to close their unremunerative branches without the necessity for prior permission from the reserve bank of india. However, approval from the Registrar of Cooperative Societies in the respective state will still be required. The cooperative banks were brought under the regulatory framework of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in 2020.

4. Which country is associated with 'Integral Field Ultraviolet Spectroscope Experiment (INFUSE)'?

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



- ✓ **NASA conducted a sounding rocket mission known as the Integral Field Ultraviolet Spectroscope Experiment (INFUSE). This mission was launched from the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico with the aim of studying a stellar event within the Cygnus Loop, a supernova remnant that occurred approximately 20,000 years ago.**

5. With reference to Indian military, what is 'Prachand'?

- A. Drones
- B. Light Combat Helicopter ☒
- C. Anti-ship missile
- D. Submarine



- ✓ **The Indian Army's Light Combat Helicopter (LCH), known as 'Prachand,' has achieved a significant milestone by successfully conducting live firing exercises with 70mm rockets. These exercises were conducted in both day and night conditions at a firing range located near Likabali in Assam, showcasing the LCH's capabilities and versatility.**

6. 'New Bhandu-New Sanand section', which was recently inaugurated, is a part of which Freight Corridor?

- A. Central Dedicated Freight Corridor
- B. Western Dedicated Freight Corridor ☒
- C. Southern Dedicated Freight Corridor
- D. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor



- ✓ **Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 77-kilometer New Bhandu-New Sanand section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor. This infrastructure development will expedite the transportation of goods from ports and manufacturing hubs in the region. This initiative has resulted in the relocation of sixty goods trains that previously utilized passenger rail routes to the freight corridor.**

7. Which North-East institution received a 5G Laboratory from the Government of India?

- A. NIT Mizoram ☒
- B. North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology
- C. NIT Sikkim
- D. North East Institute of Management and Technology



- ✓ The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Mizoram has received a 5G Laboratory from the Government of India. The primary objectives of this 5G Lab at NIT Mizoram will be to develop competencies and advance 5G and beyond technologies. The focus will be on benefiting students and startup communities across the country, with a particular emphasis on the State of Mizoram.

8. 'Agartala-Akhaura cross-border rail link project' connects India with which country?

- A. Nepal
B. Bangladesh ☒
C. Myanmar
D. Thailand



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina together inaugurated the Agartala-Akhaura cross-border rail link project. This railway connection is expected to enhance cross-border trade and substantially decrease the travel time between Agartala and Kolkata via Dhaka.

9. As per the Annual Report on 'Road Accidents in India-2022', which state recorded the highest number of persons killed in road accidents?

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



- ✓ The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has published its Annual Report on "Road Accidents in India-2022." A total of 4,61,312 road accidents occurred in 2022, which claimed 1,68,491 lives, while 4,43,366 people were injured. Tamil Nadu recorded the highest number of road accidents on National Highways in 2022, followed by Madhya Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of persons killed in road accidents.

10. 'Block Proving by Axle Counter (BPAC) system' is associated with which institution?

- A. Indian Army
B. Indian Railways ☒
C. Election Commission of India
D. Indian Air Force



- ✓ The Central Railway has successfully implemented the Block Proving by Axle Counter (BPAC) system in the Vasind-Asangaon section of Mumbai Division. This BPAC system plays a crucial role in ensuring the highest level of safety for train operations.

11. Which country has dispatched a new scientific expedition team to build its fifth research station in Antarctica?

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



- ✓ China has dispatched a new scientific expedition team to build its fifth research station in Antarctica. The expedition includes two Chinese icebreaker research ships and a cargo ship carrying more than 460 personnel. The team will conduct climate change studies and help complete construction of the station. The station will provide communications for China's scientific polar observation satellites.

12. According to official data, what percent of rural households in India were provided tap water connections under Jal Jeevan Mission?

- A. 60%
- B. 70% ☒
- C. 85%
- D. 95%



- ✓ According to official data, 70% of rural households in India have been provided tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission. This means that 13,47,50,894 households out of the 19,24,26,914 rural households in the country have been provided tap water connections. The Jal Jeevan Mission is an initiative of the Government of India under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The main objective of the project is to provide functional tap connections to each household.

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1. Which Indian city has been added to the 'UNESCO Creative Cities Network', in Literature category?

A. Madurai

B. Kozhikode ☒

C. Mysuru

D. Kurnool



- ✓ **Two Indian cities, Gwalior and Kozhikode, have recently become part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network. Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior made the cut in the 'Music' category, while Kerala's Kozhikode has earned its place in the list in the 'Literature' category. Globally, 55 cities joined the UNESCO Creative Cities Network on World Cities Day, which was observed on October 31.**

2. Which organisation released the 'Impact of Disaster on Agriculture and Food Security'?

A. NABARD

B. NITI Aayog

C. FAO ☒

D. UNEP



- ✓ **According to a report from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) titled 'The Impact of Disaster on Agriculture and Food Security,' there has been a significant increase in the frequency of extreme disaster events over the past five decades. In the 1970s, the world experienced approximately 100 disaster events per year. However, in the last two decades, that number has risen to around 400 disasters annually on a global scale. This trend highlights the growing challenges and risks that disasters pose to agriculture and food security worldwide.**

3. Which football player has won the Ballon d'Or prize for the best player?

A. Lionel Messi ☒

B. Erling Haaland

C. Kylian Mbappe

D. Cristiano Ronaldo



- ✓ **Lionel Messi won the eighth Ballon d'Or of his career, while Spain's World Cup-winning star Aitana Bonmati took the women's prize. 36-year-old Messi won his first Ballon d'Or in 2009. He is now three counts ahead of his old rival Cristiano Ronaldo. Norway's Erling Haaland and French footballer Kylian Mbappé were placed second and third in the list.**

4. Which organisation released a report, which states that Indian Farmers faced \$169 Billion Implicit Tax due to Export Measures in 2022?

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



- ✓ The most recent assessment on agricultural policy and support worldwide by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has highlighted that in 2022, Indian farmers incurred an implicit tax of \$169 billion. This tax was a result of export bans, duties, or permits imposed on various commodities, including wheat and rice, in an effort to stabilize prices for consumers. As a consequence of these measures, the overall market price support (MPS) for farmers in 2022 turned negative.

5. Which is the first country to successfully sterilize and vaccinate its entire stray dog population?

- A. Nepal
- B. Indonesia
- C. Bhutan ☒
- D. Thailand



- ✓ Bhutan proudly announces its status as the world's first nation to successfully sterilize and vaccinate its entire stray dog population. This achievement comes after a 14-year-long dog population control initiative known as the National Dog Population Management and Rabies Control Project, which has effectively sterilized and vaccinated more than 150,000 stray dogs since its inception.

6. Lucy Spacecraft was launched by NASA, to observe which celestial body?

- A. Moon
- B. Jupiter
- C. Asteroids ☒
- D. Meteors



- ✓ Lucy is a NASA space probe on a twelve-year journey to eight different asteroids. Lucy Spacecraft came within 430 kilometers of the small asteroid named Dinkinesh. Dinkinesh is less than 1 kilometer wide, making it so small that it is nearly imperceptible from Earth. The first images returned by Lucy reveal that the small main belt asteroid Dinkinesh is actually a binary pair. The team estimates that the larger body is approximately 790 metres at its widest, while the smaller is about 220 metres in size.

7. Ganymede is the largest moon of which planet?

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



- ✓ **NASA's Juno mission has achieved a notable milestone by detecting mineral salts and organic compounds on the surface of Ganymede, which is Jupiter's largest moon. This important data was collected using the Jovian InfraRed Auroral Mapper (JIRAM) spectrometer during a close flyby of Ganymede. These findings are of great significance because they will provide valuable insights into Ganymede's origins and the composition of its deep ocean.**

8. Which state released the draft State Energy Efficiency Action Plan?

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



- ✓ **The draft State Energy Efficiency Action Plan for Kerala suggests that the state has the potential to achieve significant energy savings by the year 2030. This can be accomplished through various measures such as increasing the adoption of electric vehicles, promoting green buildings, and enhancing energy efficiency in households and industries.**

9. Which institution launched the net-zero transition charter for private sector?

- A. UNEP
- B. FAO
- C. COP-28 ☒
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ **The COP-28 Presidency launched 'Net-Zero Transition Charter: Accountability Mobilisation for the Private Sector', it recognises the important role the private sector must play in combating climate change. COP28 Presidency has called for a collaborative approach to reduce emissions by 43 percent in the next seven years. COP28 will be held in Dubai between Nov.30 and Dec.12.**

10. India signed a MoU with which gulf country to strengthen Education Ties?

- A. Oman
- B. Bahrain
- C. UAE ☒
- D. Saudi Arabia



- ✓ In Abu Dhabi, India's Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, and his UAE counterpart signed a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The main objective of this MoU is to strengthen the existing educational cooperation between the two countries. It aims to facilitate the mobility of students and faculty, thereby promoting collaboration in the field of education.

11. India resumed negotiations for Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ECTA), with which country after five years?

A. Sri Lanka ☒

B. Indonesia

C. Singapore

D. Malaysia



- ✓ India and Sri Lanka have resumed negotiations for the Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ECTA) after a five-year hiatus. The 12th round of negotiations took place in Sri Lanka recently, signalling renewed efforts to advance economic and technological cooperation between the two countries.

12. Which city is the host India-US 2+2 meeting in 2023?

A. New Delhi ☒

B. Chennai

C. New York

D. Chicago



- ✓ The India-US 2+2 meeting is scheduled to be held in New Delhi in November 2023. The meeting will be held amid global turbulence and it will address differences over Canada's allegations against India. US Secretary of State Antony J Blinken and Defence Secretary Lloyd J Austin will be visiting India next week for the India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will host the two visiting US Cabinet ministers.

13. 'Bletchley Declaration', which was released recently, is associated with which field?

A. Cryptocurrency

B. Artificial Intelligence ☒

C. Economy

D. Climate Change



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14. What is India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in October 2023?

- A. Rs 1.65 lakh crore
- B. Rs 1.72 lakh crore ☒
- C. Rs 1.82 lakh crore
- D. Rs 1.92 lakh crore



- ✓ India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections in October 2023 increased by 13.4% to Rs. 1,72,003 crores. The growth was driven by a rebound in imports. The GST revenue collection for October 2023 is second highest ever, next only to April 2023.

15. Which state/UT has established fact-checking unit (FCU), after Kerala and Karnataka?

- A. Tamil Nadu ☒
- B. Odisha
- C. Punjab
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has issued an order to establish a fact-checking unit (FCU) as a measure to counter the dissemination of misinformation, hate speech, and fake news. As per the Government Order, this unit will consist of 80 staff members and will have the primary objective of addressing misleading content across various media platforms, with a particular focus on addressing such issues on social media platforms. Iyan Karthikeyan has been appointed as the Project Director of this fact-checking team.

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1. Which city is the host of 'World Food India 2023'?

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



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India officially opened World Food India 2023 at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital, New Delhi. During the event, the PM disbursed seed capital assistance to over one lakh self-help groups (SHGs) and inaugurated a "food street". The first edition of the event was held in 2017.

2. Which institution released the '2023 Adaptation Gap Report'?

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



- ✓ In 2021, climate adaptation funding from public multilateral entities (such as the World Bank) and bilateral sources (from developed to developing nations) experienced a 15% decrease, as revealed in the 2023 Adaptation Gap Report by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). This decline occurred despite the commitments made at the 26th COP to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. These commitments aimed to double the support for adaptation finance from 2019 levels, targeting an annual sum of approximately \$40 billion by 2025.

3. 'State of Climate Services' is an annual report released by which institution?

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



- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization's annual report on the State of Climate Services for this year centers its attention on the topic of health. The report emphasizes the critical requirement for customized climate-related information and services to assist the healthcare sector in coping with increasingly severe weather conditions, deteriorating air quality, changing patterns of infectious diseases, and challenges related to food and water security.

4. Which institution launched a Market study on Cement sector in India?

- A. NHA
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Competition Commission of India ☒
- D. RBI



- ✓ The Competition Commission of India (CCI), chief national competition regulator in India, is initiating a pan-India comprehensive nationwide Market Study on the Cement sector. It aims to study the market trends including inter alia trends in cement price, cost, production, capacity, capacity utilisation and profitability among others.

5. Which country hosted the 'International Convention on Sustainable Trade and Standards' in 2023?

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



- ✓ The Quality Council of India (QCI), an autonomous organization under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, held the International Convention on Sustainable Trade and Standards (ICSTS) in New Delhi. This event was organized by the India National Platform on Private Sustainability Standards and hosted by QCI in partnership with the United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards (UNFSS).

6. Which institution released 'Hunger Hotspots Outlook Report'?

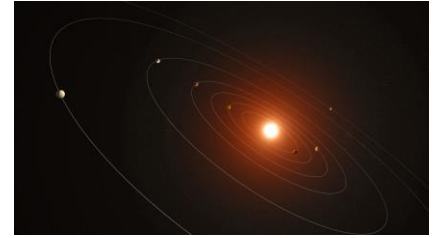
- A. FAO-WFP ☒
- B. UNEP-FAO
- C. FAO-NABARD
- D. World Bank-NABARD



- ✓ The report, titled 'Hunger Hotspots' for the period between November 2023 and April 2024, was published recently. The new report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) indicates that acute food insecurity is expected to deteriorate in 18 hunger hotspots until April 2024. These hotspots encompass 22 countries or territories, including two regional clusters.

7. 'Kepler-385', which was seen in the news, is a?

- A. Asteroid
- B. Seven-planet System ☒
- C. Satellite
- D. Star



- ✓ Astronomers used NASA's retired Kepler space telescope data to find an intriguing seven-planet system, Kepler-385, where all planets are bigger than Earth but smaller than Neptune. Such planets are uncommon in the universe, and Kepler-385 is one of the few systems known to have more than six confirmed planets or planet candidates.

8. Which South-Indian state cleared to take up a comprehensive caste-based census?

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



- ✓ Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has cleared a proposal to take up a comprehensive caste-based census in the State. The cabinet decided to implement a new land allotment policy for setting up industries. It also ratified the State Investment Promotion Board's (SIPB) approval of fresh investments worth 19,037 crore in various sectors.

9. Srihari Nataraj, who is seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Swimming ☒
- C. Chess
- D. Tennis



- ✓ Olympian Srihari Nataraj finished the 37th National Games with eight golds, including four in the team relays. Karnataka's Dhinidhi Desinghu (100m free) and Kerala's Harshitha Jayaram (100m breaststroke) also broke Games' record in individual events.

10. India recently signed a Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement with which country?

- A. Oman
- B. Bahrain
- C. Italy ☒
- D. Saudi Arabia



- ✓ India and Italy sign Mobility and Migration. Partnership Agreement to facilitate movement of workers, students. With a population of around 1,80,000, the Indian diaspora in Italy is the third-largest in Europe, following the UK and the Netherlands.

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1. Which country is the host of World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA) 2024?

A. India ☒

B. China

C. Bangladesh

D. Saudi Arabia



- ✓ India is going to host the World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA) next year, said Union Communication & IT Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw. Held every four years, the World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA) is the governing conference of the ITU Standardisation Sector (ITU-T), one of the three world conferences of the International Telecommunication Union and as such, the United Nations system.

2. Saima Wazed, the next Regional Director for the World Health Organization's South-East Asia region, is from which country?

A. India

B. Bangladesh ☒

C. UAE

D. Myanmar



- ✓ Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's daughter, Saima Wazed, was nominated as the next Regional Director for the World Health Organization's South-East Asia region. Saima Wazed defeats Shambu Acharya, a public health veteran from Nepal, in a vote held during the 76th session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia Region.

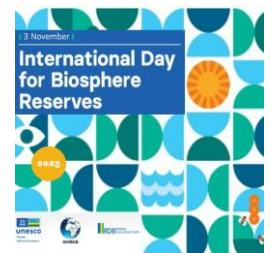
3. When is the 'International Day for Biosphere Reserves'?

A. November 1

B. November 3 ☒

C. November 5

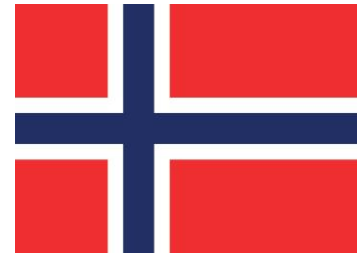
D. November 7



- ✓ In the year 2022 at the 41st Session of UNESCO's general Conference, it was decided that November 3 would be celebrated worldwide as the International Day for Biosphere Reserves. Biosphere Reserves are protected areas, meant for the conservation of plants and animals. Human beings also depend on these protected areas for their livelihood activities. There are 738 biosphere reserves in 134 countries and there are 18 notified biosphere reserves in India.

4. Which country is funding India's 'Hunger Project' and promote food security in Uttarakhand?

- A. France
- B. UK
- C. Canada
- D. Norway ☒



- ✓ Norway will help fund India's 'Hunger Project' and help strengthen women leaders to protect the environment and promote food security in Uttarakhand. The duration of the project would be three years, until September 2026 with a budget of 44.7 million. The project organizes capacity-building training for elected women representatives and federations, focusing on strengthening van panchayats (forest councils).

5. Which Indian state bagged the Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023?

- A. Assam
- B. Kerala ☒
- C. Goa
- D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ Kerala bagged the prestigious Global Responsible Tourism Award 2023, for its sustainable and women-inclusive initiatives successfully promoted by the state's Responsible Tourism Mission. The Global Responsible Tourism Awards, which cater to Africa, India and Latin America regions, were given in six categories including Tackling Plastic Waste; Meaningful Connections; Local Sourcing - Craft and Food; Addressing Climate Change; Diversity and Inclusion and Nature-Positive Tourism.

6. Which is the first foreign company that has bagged 100% FDI in India's defence projects?

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Saab ☒
- D. General Dynamics



- ✓ Sweden's Saab has become the first foreign company that has bagged 100% FDI in India's defence projects. According to a report, Sweden's Saab will set up a new facility in the country that will manufacture shoulder-fired rockets. Currently, India allows only 74% FDI in the defence sector under the automatic route. Beyond that, clearance can be obtained on a case-by-case basis.

7. *Cnemaspis rashidi* is the name of which new species discovered in the Western Ghats recently?

- A. Spider
- B. Turtle
- C. Gecko ☒
- D. Butterfly



- ✓ A new species of gecko has been discovered in the Western Ghats near Rajapalayam in Viridhunagar district of Tamil Nadu. Senior scientist Amit Sayyed of Wildlife Protection and Research Society, Maharashtra, who led a team of researchers from different parts of the country, has named the previously undocumented species as *Cnemaspis rashidi* after his father, Prof. Rashid Sayyed.

8. Which country is associated with 'Arrow missile defense system'?

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



- ✓ Israel's Arrow missile defense system has intercepted a ballistic missile launched by Iranian proxies in Yemen, marking a significant achievement in missile defense technology. Developed in collaboration with the US and Israel, the system demonstrated its capability to defend against a range of ballistic missiles.

9. As of 2023, which country is the world's largest supplier of rare earths?

- A. India
- B. Brazil
- C. China ☒
- D. Australia



- ✓ China, the world's largest supplier of rare earths, has been promoting the development of the rare earths industry for over 60 years. China has raised its rare-earth metal production quota for 2023 by 14% over last year to 240,000 tonnes. It aims to support its booming electric vehicle (EV) industry. China has the world's largest reserves of rare earths.

10. 'M-Kavach 2' is a bot removal tool developed by which institution?

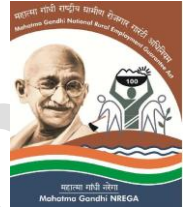
- A. NIC
- B. C-DAC ☒
- C. HAL
- D. EIL



- ✓ The name of C-DAC, Hyderabad developed Android devices bot removal tool is 'M-Kavach 2'. The name of e-Scan developed bot removal tool for Android devices is 'eScan CERT-In Bot Removal'. Bots are automated software programs that are designed to perform repetitive tasks automatically. They can be used for various purposes, such as spamming, data scraping, or performing malicious activities.

11. What is the FY24 budget outlay for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)?

- A. 40,000 crore B. 60,000 crore ☒
C. 80,000 crore D. 90,000 crore



- ✓ The Finance Ministry released 10,000 crore in urgent assistance for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). The funds were released to meet unexpected increased expenditure under the rural job guarantee scheme. The funds will be available until the first batch of supplementary demands for grants is approved by parliament at its next session. The unusual move came after 95% of the FY24 budgetary outlay of 60,000 crore for the MGNREGS was exhausted well before the commencement of the winter session of parliament.

12. Which country won the Sultan of Johar Cup title in 2023?

- A. India
B. Pakistan
C. Germany ☒
D. Australia



- ✓ Germany lifted their second Sultan of Johar Cup trophy after 11 years by beating Australia 3-1. Goalkeeper HS Mohith made a crucial save in the penalty shootout as the Indian junior hockey team edged arch-rival Pakistan 6-5 to bag the bronze medal at the Sultan of Johar Cup.

13. Who has been sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner of India?

- A. Praveen Kumar Srivastava
B. Heeralal Samariya ☒
C. Nitin Agarwal
D. R Hari Kumar



- ✓ Information Commissioner Heeralal Samariya was sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to him at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Heeralal Samariya was currently serving as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

14. Which institution inaugurated its Zanzibar (Africa) campus in Tanzania?

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



- ✓ IIT Madras (IIT-M) formally inaugurated its Zanzibar (Africa) campus. Zanzibar is an island off the Eastern coast of Africa and belongs to Tanzania. The island has been a key port in the trading routes between the West and the East for centuries. Preeti Aghalayam is the Dean of the School of Engineering and Science and Director-in-charge, Zanzibar Campus, IIT Madras.

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1. Which institution released the '2024 Asia- Pacific Human Development Report'?

- A. ADB
- B. AIIB
- C. UNDP ☒
- D. WEF



- ✓ The 2024 Asia-Pacific Human Development Report was recently released by the UNDP. As per the report, the share of the population living in multidimensional poverty fell from 25 to 15 per cent between 2015-16 and 2019-21. The report also mentions that India has emerged among top countries with high income and wealth inequality. In India, between 2000 and 2022, per capita income soared from \$442 to \$2,389 while women are only 23 per cent of the labour force.

2. When was the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) scheme launched in India?

- A. 2016
- B. 2018
- C. 2020 ☒
- D. 2022



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced an extension of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) free ration scheme for another five years. The PMGKAY was introduced in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide 5 kg free foodgrains to eligible ration card holders under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA).

3. Which is the first port in the country to handle 16 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo in a month?

- A. Kandla Port
- B. Mundra Port ☒
- C. Cochin Port
- D. Chennai Port



- ✓ Mundra Port in Gujarat became the first port in the country to handle 16 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo in a month in October 2023. This was the highest volume ever handled by any port in India. Mundra Port is owned by the Adani Group. It has a capacity to handle 338 MMT of cargo per year, which is the largest among all operational ports in India.

4. Which Union Ministry launched "Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign"?

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| A. Ministry of Jal Shakti | B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Ministry of Women and Child Development | D. Ministry of Education |



- ✓ Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA) launches "Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign" under its flagship scheme Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). It was launched in partnership with the Ministry's National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM). Odisha Urban Academy is the knowledge partner.

5. Which entertainment channel collaborated with the Ministry of Women and Child Development to support the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative?

- A. Sun
B. Star
C. Colors ☒
D. Zee



- ✓ Colors has collaborated with the Ministry of Women and Child Development to support the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative. The channel aims to address the issue of girlchild abandonment, through the launch of the new TV show 'Doree'.

6. What is Ilyushin-38 Sea Dragon, which was seen in the news?

- A. Maritime Patrol aircraft ☒
B. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
C. Chopper
D. Light Combat Aircraft



- ✓ The Indian Navy's Ilyushin-38 Sea Dragon Long Range Maritime Patrol aircraft bid farewell after 46 years of glorious service to the nation. INAS 315 was commissioned in 1977 with the Induction of IL-38 aircraft heralding a modern era of airborne Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance and Anti-Submarine Warfare in the Navy. Two of these aircraft will remain stationed permanently at the National Maritime Heritage Museum, Lothal, Gujarat and at Nipani in Karnataka.

7. India held the 'Education and Skill Council (AIESC) meeting' with which country?

- A. USA
B. France
C. Australia ☒
D. UAE



- ✓ The first Australia India Education and Skill Council (AIESC) meeting was recently held at IIT Gandhinagar. The AIESC, earlier the Australian India Education Council (AIEC), is a bi-national body established in 2011 to guide the strategic direction of the education, training and research partnerships between the two countries. 5 MoUs were exchanged between Australian and Indian Higher Education institutions to facilitate greater academic, research and skill collaborations.

8. As per the International Labour Organisation (ILO) data, what is the rank of India, in terms of average number of hours per week for each employed person?

- A. Second
- B. Sixth ☒
- C. Tenth
- D. Fifteenth

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- ✓ Indians are the sixth most hardworking out of 163 countries in the world. The ranking is based on taking the average number of hours per week for each employed person in India, which works out to 47.7 hours, according to the latest International Labour Organisation (ILO) data of April 2023. But Indians work less than smaller countries with small populations such as Bhutan, the Congo, Lesotho, and Gambia.

9. Which cricketer equalled record of Sachin Tendulkar at 49 ODI centuries?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli ☒
- C. Ravindra Jadeja
- D. KL Rahul



- ✓ Virat Kohli equals record of Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar at 49 ODI centuries. He also becomes the second batter, after Sachin Tendulkar (6976), to score 6000 runs in ODIs in India. It took Tendulkar 451 ODI innings to get to 49 tons while Virat Kohli reached the milestone in just his 277th innings, in his 289th match.

10. Which country won the 'Women's Asian Champions Hockey Trophy' in 2023?

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



- ✓ Indian women's team defeated title holders Japan 4-0 to lift its second Asian Champions Trophy title. India overcame the two-time champions through goals from Sangita Kumari (17th minute), Neha (46th), Laremsiami (57th) and Vandana Katariya (60th). India won their maiden Asian Champions Trophy title in 2016 in Singapore, while Japan bagged the crown twice, in 2013 and 2021.

11. Which city is the host of the 54th International Film Festival of India?

- A. Kochi
- B. Goa ☒
- C. Chennai
- D. Guwahati



- ✓ The 54th International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2023. British film 'Catching Dust' will be opening at the festival while the American film 'The Featherweight' will be the closing movie. Turkish film About Dry Grasses will be the midfest movie.
- ✓ Hollywood star Michael Douglas will be honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFI this year. During the 9-day festival, more than 270 films will be showcased. The opening Film in the feature section is a Malayalam film, Aattam, and in the non-feature section is Andro Dreams from Manipur.

12. What is the name of the packaged wheat flour at a subsidized rate launched by the Union Government?

- A. Namo Atta
- B. Bharat Atta ☒
- C. India Atta
- D. Swadeshi Atta



- ✓ The Union government launched packaged wheat flour at a subsidized rate that can be bought by all consumers. This aims to control the food prices during the festive season when demand for commodities rises. These agencies will sell the flour, branded Bharat Atta, at a cut price of 27.50 a kilogram, against a market price of 32-34 a kilogram.

13. Which male tennis player clinched the Paris Masters title?

- A. Novak Djokovic ☒
- B. Carlos Alcaraz
- C. Daniil Medvedev
- D. Stefanos Tsitsipas



- ✓ World No. 1 Novak Djokovic clinches record- extending seventh Paris Masters title, in a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Grigor Dimitrov in the final. Djokovic has not lost a match since his defeat to Carlos Alcaraz in the Wimbledon final in July. Novak Djokovic began a record-extending 398th week as the top-ranked player in the latest ATP Rankings.

14. Which chess player won the FIDE Grand Swiss Open title?

- A. R Praggnanandhaa
- B. Vidit Gujrathi ☒
- C. D Gukesh
- D. Koneru Humpy



- ✓ Indian chess players Vaishali and Vidit Gujrathi win FIDE Grand Swiss women's and open titles. Vaishali, along with her younger brother Praggnanandhaa, became the first brother-sister duo to qualify for the respective Candidates. She also became the first Indian to win the Grand Swiss.

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2. NASA's Curiosity rover was launched to study which celestial body?

- A. Sun
- B. Mars ☒
- C. Mercury
- D. Jupiter



- ✓ NASA's Curiosity rover completed 4,000 Martian days on Mars on November 7, 2023. The rover landed on Mars' Gale Crater on August 5, 2012. Its mission is to study whether ancient Mars had the conditions to support microbial life. The car- sized rover has travelled almost 32 km on Mars and drilled its 39th sample, a rock nicknamed "Sequoia". The rover is 10 feet long, 9 feet wide, and 7 feet tall.

3. Who is the first athlete to win the Fashion Icon award by Council of Fashion Designers of America?

- A. Mary Kom
- B. Serena Williams ☒
- C. Simone Biles
- D. Virat Kohli



- ✓ Tennis player, Serena Williams, who retired from tennis last year, is the first athlete to win the Fashion Icon award by Council of Fashion Designers of America. The award was presented to her by Kim Kardashian, a CFDA honoree last year, for her contributions to American fashion.

4. As per a recent survey, what percent of people consume news via social media platforms?

- A. 16%
- B. 36%
- C. 56% ☒
- D. 76%

56%

- ✓ The United Nations raised a warning about the escalating problem of online disinformation and hate speech and unveiled a strategy to limit its dissemination. A survey uncovered that around 56 percent of internet users consumed news via social media platforms, UN says.

5. Which city is the host of 'World Travel Market - 2023' event?

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



- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, is actively participating in the World Travel Market (WTM) 2023 in London. The primary objective of this participation is to showcase a diverse range of tourism products and a series of transformative experiences for travellers to India. This initiative is being presented under the theme 'Incredible India! Visit India Year 2023.'

6. Which country is the host of 'World Local Production Forum'?

- A. The Netherlands ☒
B. India
C. Sri Lanka
D. UK



- ✓ An Indian delegation, headed by Bhagwant Khuba, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, is taking part in the second World Local Production Forum, which is being held in the Netherlands. The World Local Production Platform was established under the auspices of the WHO (World Health Organization) with the objective of expanding access to medicines and various other health technologies.

7. What is 'Pralay', which was recently flight tested?

- A. Tactical ballistic missile ☒
B. Intercontinental ballistic missile
C. Anti-tank missile
D. Surface-to-air missile



- ✓ Recently, India conducted a successful test of the 'Pralay' tactical ballistic missile off the coast of Odisha. During the test, the missile demonstrated its capability by covering its entire range of approximately 500 kilometers. The test was deemed highly successful, with the missile meeting all expected parameters and performing as intended.

8. Which country supplies 'Hermes-900 drones' to India?

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



- ✓ The introduction of Heron Mark-2 drones and the upcoming addition of Hermes-900 drones will significantly enhance the surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities of the Indian Army. The Indian Army recently inducted the Heron Mark 2 drones from Israel which can be equipped with strike capabilities in the northern sector.

9. What is the name of the aerial exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force across the northeastern states?

- A. Poorvi Akash ☒
- B. Sampriti
- C. Vikas
- D. Sudharsan



- ✓ The Indian Air Force conducted a significant aerial exercise called 'Poorvi Akash' across the northeastern states along the China border. This exercise involved joint operations with the Indian Army and featured the use of advanced and lethal weapons systems, including the 'Sudarshan' S-400 air defense missile systems. The exercise aimed to enhance the preparedness and coordination of the Indian armed forces in the region.

10. When is 'National Cancer Awareness Day' observed?

- A. November.03
- B. November.05
- C. November.07 ☒
- D. November.09



- ✓ 'National Cancer Awareness Day' is observed in India on November 7 every year since 2014 to create public awareness about early detection, prevention, and treatment of cancer. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), cancer is the second leading cause of death worldwide, representing nearly 1 in 6 deaths globally.

11. Which cricket team won the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy?

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



- ✓ Punjab recorded a 20-run win over Baroda in the final of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy. It was the first time they have the national T20 title. The 61-ball 113 from Anmolpreet Singh and another 27-ball 61 by Nehal Wadhwa helped Punjab, who had won their last national title in 1993 when they won the Ranji Trophy.

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1. As per WHO's 2023 Global TB report, which country accounted for the highest number of tuberculosis (TB) cases in the world in 2022?

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



- ✓ India accounted for the highest number of tuberculosis (TB) cases in the world in 2022, representing a staggering 27 percent of the global burden, as revealed by the new World Health Organization (WHO) 2023 Global TB report released. According to the report, India recorded 2.8 million (28.2 lakh) TB cases in 2022, with a case fatality ratio of 12 per cent. Featuring data from 192 countries and areas, the report reveals that 7.5 million people were diagnosed with TB in 2022.

2. 'The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA)' is the flagship report of which institution?

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



- ✓ Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released its flagship report, the State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA). Although current agrifood systems provide nourishment and sustain economies, they also impose huge hidden costs on health and the environment - the equivalent of at least \$10 trillion annually. The figure represents nearly 10 per cent of global Gross Domestic Product (GDP), according to the 2023 edition of the report which covers 154 countries.

3. Which institution releases the 'Production Gap report'?

- A. UNEP ☒
- B. IMF
- C. FAO
- D. AIIB



- ✓ The United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Production Gap report has been released in anticipation of the COP28 climate conference. It warns that global fossil fuel production over the next seven years is projected to exceed more than double the levels required to stay within the climate goals outlined in the 2015 Paris climate agreement, including the crucial target of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

4. What is the name of the brand recently launched by National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL)?

- A. Namo Organics
- B. Bharat Organics ☒
- C. India Fresh
- D. Swadeshi Organics



- ✓ Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched the 'Bharat Organics' brand of the newly launched National Cooperative Organics Ltd (NCOL). It will have as many as 20 products in the market by December 2023. NCOL will pass on 50 per cent of its profit earned over the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of any crop directly into the bank account of the farmers, while the rest will be used for the growth of the organization.

5. World Local Production Forum is an initiative of which institution?

- A. WEF
- B. UNDP
- C. World Bank
- D. WHO ☒



- ✓ An Indian delegation is in the Netherlands to participate in the second World Local Production Forum (WLPF) meeting. WLPF is a platform created at the initiative of WHO, to increase access to medicines and other health technologies. India and Netherlands sign a Memorandum of Intent to cooperate on medical product regulation, and enhancing the quality of medical products.

6. As per World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) study, which country has the highest rise in patent filing by resident applicants in 2022?

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



- ✓ India's patent applications by resident applicants jump by 31.6% in 2022 as compared with the previous year, as per the latest study released recently by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). This rise is the highest of any country in 2022. With 55,718 resident patent applications in 2022, India's numbers grew faster than other competing countries that include Switzerland (6.1 per cent), China (3.1), and Austria and the UK (both at 2.5 per cent).

7. Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ The International Energy Agency (IEA), based in Paris, has emphasized in its World Energy Outlook 2023 report that India's Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) of 2017, specifically aimed at commercial buildings, distinguishes it from other developing economies, where energy efficiency in building infrastructure lags behind. The ECBC was introduced by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), a part of the Ministry of Power, in 2007, with a subsequent update in 2017. Presently, 23 states in India have implemented regulations to enforce compliance with the ECBC.

8. What is the name given to the emissions, which occur when fossil fuels are burned, and resulting emissions are released into atmosphere?

- A. True Emissions
- B. Unabated Emissions ☒
- C. Original Emissions
- D. Unfiltered Emissions



- ✓ As nations convene for the COP28 climate summit scheduled for late November in Dubai, their objective of expediting the transition away from fossil fuels is likely to bring about discussions centering around an ill-defined term: "unabated". "Unabated" emissions occur when fossil fuels are burned, and the resulting emissions are released into the atmosphere, contributing to the ongoing acceleration of global warming.

9. As per WHO-ILO report, nearly 1 in 3 deaths from non-melanoma skin cancer is caused by which factor?

- A. Using mobile phones
- B. Working Under Sun ☒
- C. Smoking
- D. Consuming Alcohol



- ✓ Nearly 1 in 3 deaths from non-melanoma skin cancer is caused by working under the sun, according to joint estimates by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO). The research calls for action to prevent this serious workplace hazard and the loss of workers' lives it causes. According to the estimates, in 2019 alone, almost 19 000 people in 183 countries died from non-melanoma skin cancer due to having worked outdoors in the sun. The majority (65%) were male.

10. Pusa-44, which was seen in the news, belongs to which crop variety?

- A. Cotton
- B. Wheat
- C. Rice ☒
- D. Sugarcane



- ✓ The Supreme Court directed the Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan governments to ensure that the burning of crop stubble be stopped forthwith. It also mentioned that a particular kind of paddy grown mostly in Punjab was seen as major causes of stubble burning and the resultant pollution problems in the National Capital Region. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann had earlier said Pusa-44 variety would be banned from next year.

11. Which term refers to warming of ocean surface in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean?

- A. El Nino ☒
- B. La Nina
- C. Continental pattern
- D. Monsoon pattern



- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) announced that the current El Niño weather pattern will persist until at least April 2024. This extended duration is contributing to rising temperatures in a year that is already on course to become the hottest on record. According to the WMO, there is a 90% probability that this naturally-occurring phenomenon will endure throughout the northern hemisphere winter.

12. Astronomers successfully identified distinct indications of atomic oxygen in which celestial body?

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



- ✓ Astronomers, following thorough examination of Venus's atmosphere, have successfully identified distinct indications of atomic oxygen within the planet's daylight region, located above its noxious cloud cover. This discovery of oxygen on the dayside provides valuable insights into the intricate dynamics and circulation patterns within Venus's atmosphere.

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1. "Building trust in science" is the theme of which special day celebrated on November 10?

- A. World Education Day
- B. World Science Day for Peace and Development ☒
- C. World Youth Development Day
- D. World Students Day



- ✓ **International Week of Science and Peace is celebrated annually from November 9 to 15. It was first observed in 1986 as part of the observance of the International Year of Peace. The week was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1988. World Science Day for Peace and Development 2023 is celebrated on November 10. The theme for this year's celebration is "Building trust in science".**

2. India undertook BONGOSAGAR-23 and CORPAT exercises with the Navy of which country?

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



- ✓ **The 4th edition of the Bilateral Exercise, BONGOSAGAR-23, and the 5th edition of the Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the Indian and Bangladesh Navies took place in the Northern Bay of Bengal. During this exercise, ships and aircraft from both navies jointly patrolled along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) and engaged in maritime exercises to boost interoperability.**

3. What is the name of world's first robot CEO?

- A. Tina
- B. Mika ☒
- C. Yo-yo
- D. Harry



- ✓ **Dictador, a brand based in Colombia's Cartagena, has appointed Mika, who is manifested as a robot. Mika is a research project between Hanson Robotics and Dictador. It has been customised to represent company value. Hanson Robotics also created Sophia, the popular humanoid robot.**

4. As per RBI guidelines, what is the maximum value of goods and services traded through payment aggregator?

- A. Rs 10 lakh
- B. Rs 25 lakh ☒
- C. Rs 50 lakh
- D. Rs 1 crore



- ✓ 'PayGlocal, a cross-border focused payments platform provider, has received in principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a payment aggregator (PA) licence. After next round of checks and clearances from the central bank, the company can onboard merchants on its platform for online payment processing. The maximum value of goods and services traded should not exceed Rs 25 lakh.

5. What is the amount, the Union Government plans to borrow through green bonds in the current financial year?

- A. Rs 10000 crore
B. Rs 20000 crore ☒
C. Rs 50000 crore
D. Rs 75000 crore

- ✓ The RBI has issued a notification allowing NRIs to invest, without any restrictions, in the Government's Sovereign Green Bonds issued for 2023-24. The government plans to borrow Rs 20,000 crore through green bonds in the current financial year. Examples of green projects include renewable energy, clean transportation and green buildings.

6. When is the 'National Education Day' celebrated every year in India?

- A. November 9
B. November 11 ☒
C. November 13
D. November 15



- ✓ National Education Day is celebrated every year on November 11 across India to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad who was the first education minister of independent India. He was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1992. Abul Kalam Azad was born on November 18, 1888. He was a freedom fighter, educationist, scholar and senior leader of the Indian National Congress.

7. Which state legislative assembly approved a legislation that increases the reservation for SC/ST/EBC and OBC from 50% to 65%?

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



- ✓ The Bihar Legislature collectively approved a legislation that increases the reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs), and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in educational entities and public employment from 50% to 65%. Taking into account the current 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), the total reservation will now stand at 75%.

8. Which city is the host of 'International Convention on Millets'?

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



- ✓ **International Convention on Millets was recently organized in Bhubaneswar. The purpose of the convention is to devise a worldwide strategy for millets, with Odisha leading the initiative. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the two-day international convention with the theme "Millets - Ancient Grains for Modern Challenges" by planting a sapling.**

9. Which north-east state approved legislation maintaining a 33 percent reservation for women in urban local bodies?

- A. Assam
- B. Nagaland ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. West Bengal

33%

- ✓ **Recently, the Nagaland Legislative Assembly unanimously approved legislation maintaining a 33 percent reservation for women in urban local bodies. This has been a divisive issue, halting municipal elections in the state for nearly twenty years. However, the Nagaland Municipal Bill 2023 has removed the reservation for women in the position of chairperson in municipal bodies.**

10. Ixchiq, which was recently approved, is the vaccine for which disease?

- A. COVID-19
- B. Dengue
- C. Chikungunya ☒
- D. Malaria



- ✓ **The United States approved the first-ever vaccine for chikungunya called Ixchiq. Chikungunya is a disease caused by a virus transmitted through the bites of infected mosquitoes. The vaccine, produced by Valneva Austria GmbH, is given in a single dose to people over 18 who are at increased risk of exposure to the virus.**

11. DAY-NRLM signed a MoU with which organisation to enhance the capacity of women entrepreneurs?

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



- ✓ Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) under the Ministry of Rural Development and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which is set to span two years. The primary focus of this collaboration is to demonstrate on-the-ground activities that establish a reliable and sensitive support structure for the capacity enhancement of women entrepreneurs (WES).

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1. Who is the singer of 'Abundance in Millets' song, which has been nominated for the Grammy award?

- A. Falguni Shah ☒
- B. Udit Narayan
- C. A. R. Rahman
- D. Shankar Mahadevan



- ✓ The song 'Abundance in Millets', featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi, sung by singer Falguni Shah and her husband Gaurav Shah, has been nominated in the best global music performance category at the 2024 Grammy Awards. The song was created to raise awareness of the super-grain as another potential key to minimizing world hunger.

2. Which Union Ministry released the 'Digital Advertisement Policy, 2023'?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting ☒
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of External Affairs



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BROADCASTING

- ✓ Ministry of Information and Broadcasting approved the Comprehensive "Digital Advertisement Policy, 2023". It aims to empower the CBC (Central Bureau of Communications) to conduct campaigns in the digital media realm. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting also released the draft Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill, 2023.

3. Which state passed a Bill, which increases the total reservation in the state to 75%?

- A. Kerala
- B. Bihar ☒
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Bihar Assembly unanimously passed a Bill to increase reservation for Backward Classes, Extremely Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes from the existing 50% to 65%. With the 10% Economically Backward Class (EWS) quota, the Bill will push reservation in Bihar to 75%. The Supreme Court bench in 1992, upheld the OBC quota.

4. Which institution releases the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth data in India?

- A. NSO ☒
- B. DPIIT
- C. SIDBI
- D. RBI



- ✓ India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth fell to a three-month low of 5.8% in September from 10.34% in August due to slower activities in the manufacturing, mining, and electricity sectors. According to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the manufacturing sector output, which has the highest weight in the IIP, grew by 4.5% in September 2023, compared to 9.3% in August 2023.

5. Baler, which was seen in the news, is a device associated with which field?

- A. Meteorology
B. Agriculture ☒
C. Robotics
D. Semiconductor manufacturing



- ✓ A baler is a device used for the off-site handling of agricultural crop residue. In Punjab, there are currently approximately 2,000 baler machines in operation, with 1,268 of them benefiting from significant subsidies ranging from 50% to 80% through the Central Government's Crop Residue Management (CRM) initiative.

6. As per a recent study, which planet will be temporarily invisible from the Earth in 2025?

- A. Neptune
B. Jupiter
C. Saturn ☒
D. Uranus



- ✓ Saturn's rings, in 2025, will appear to vanish from sight from the Earth. This temporary vanishing act is attributed to Saturn's tilt and an optical illusion. Astronomers discovered at least 13 moons of Saturn during ring plane crossings in history, including the well-known Titan, Enceladus and Mimas.

7. Arignar Anna Zoological Park, which was seen in the news, is in which district?

- A. Chennai
B. Chengalpattu ☒
C. Kanchipuram
D. Villupuram



- ✓ Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur received a pair of Himalayan black bears from the Jambu Zoo, Jammu and Kashmir. In the exchange, Arignar Anna Zoological Park will provide a pair of Bengal tigers. Also known as the Vandalur Zoo, it is a zoological garden located in the Chengalpattu district that is lying in southwestern part of Chennai.

8. Which Union Ministry is associated with 'Nayi Chetna - 2.0'?

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



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- ✓ 'Nayi Chetna - 2.0' will be launched on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – Nov.25. Nine ministries will support Ministry of Rural Development's National Campaign against Gender-based Violence. It will be observed across 34 Indian states and UTS till Dec.23.

9. Which institution released the report on 'Report on Management of Foreign Exchange Reserves'?

- A. RBI ☒
- B. SEBI
- C. NHB
- D. NPCI



- ✓ The share of India's foreign currency assets deployed in overseas securities rose to 81.43 per cent by September from 80.76 per cent in March, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Report on Management of Foreign Exchange Reserves. The share of money kept in deposits with other central banks and the Bank for International Settlement (BIS) declined to 13.49 per cent at the end of September from 14.82 per cent at the end of March 2023.

10. Scientists have produced an infant 'chimera' of which species?

- A. Monkey ☒
- B. Goat
- C. Rabbit
- D. Dog



- ✓ Researchers in China have produced an infant 'chimeric' monkey by injecting a monkey embryo with stem cells from a genetically distinct donor embryo. The resulting animal is the first live-born chimeric primate to have a high proportion of cells originating from donor stem cells. This could ultimately benefit medical research and the conservation of endangered species.

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1. Which city made a world record of lighting 22.23 lakh earthen lamps on the eve of Diwali?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Ayodhya ☒
- C. Mysuru
- D. Bhopal



- ✓ **Ayodhya made a world record when about 22.23 lakh earthen lamps were lit during Deepotsav celebrations on the eve of Diwali. In 2022, more than 17 lakh diyas were lit across the ghats of Ram ki Pairi. The city, which is located on the bank of the Saryu River, broke its own world record.**

2. 'Knowledge, Healthcare, Innovation, and Research (KHIR) City' is associated with which state/UT?

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



- ✓ **The Karnataka government aims to attract Rs 40,000 crore of investment in the areas of healthcare, innovation, and knowledge sectors, besides creating 80,000 jobs in the proposed KHIR City. The government of Karnataka met industry think tanks to conceptualise the development of a Knowledge, Healthcare, Innovation, and Research (KHIR) City on the outskirts of Bengaluru. The new investment region will be spread over 2,000 acres within 60 km from Bengaluru.**

3. The Government of India signed a \$400 million policy-based loan with which institution to support urban services?

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



- ✓ **The Government of India signed a \$400 million policy-based loan with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support its urban reform agenda for creating high quality urban infrastructure, improving service delivery, and promoting efficient governance systems. While Sub- programme 1 approved in 2021 with a financing of \$350 million established national-level policies and guidelines to improve urban services, Sub-programme 2 is supporting investment planning and reform actions at the state and urban local body (ULB) levels.**

4. What is India's headline retail inflation rate in October 2023?

- A. 3.87%
- B. 4.87% ☒
- C. 6.87%
- D. 8.87%



- ✓ India's headline retail inflation rate fell to 4.87 percent in October, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, due to the combination of a favourable base effect and cooling prices of some items. Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation in September this year was 5.02 percent. The Reserve Bank of India expects headline retail inflation to average 5.6 percent in the last quarter of 2023 and 5.4 percent in 2023-24 as a whole.

5. 'The Fourth Committee', sometimes seen in the news, is associated with which organisation?

- A. World Economic Forum
- B. United Nations ☒
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. World Bank



- ✓ The Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization) of the United Nations General Assembly passed six draft resolutions through recorded votes. These resolutions were related to the Middle East situation, including the Palestinian issue. India supported a resolution denouncing Israeli settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory by voting in favour of it.

6. 'Mars Sample Return mission' is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ The Mars Sample Return mission by NASA, considered one of the most intricate space endeavors, is at risk due to escalating expenses that could lead to a budgetary crisis for the space agency. The objective of the Mars Sample Return mission is to gather rock samples from Mars utilizing unmanned probes and robotic rovers.

7. During the 19th meeting of Conference of the Parties (COP19) to CITES, members were advised to prioritize which animal as a species of utmost importance?

- A. Bengal Tiger
- B. Jaguar ☒
- C. Cheetah
- D. African Elephant



- ✓ During the COP19 to CITES, the participating countries received instructions to promptly implement thorough and effective measures to combat the poaching of jaguars. Additionally, they were advised to prioritize the jaguar as a species of utmost importance in their enforcement efforts, focusing on actions against wildlife crimes.

8. Which organisation launched 'Anticipatory Action and Response Plan'?

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



- ✓ The Anticipatory Action and Response Plan was launched recently by the Food and Agricultural Organisation. According to the plan, there is an immediate requirement for approximately USD 160 million to provide assistance to more than 4.8 million individuals until March 2024.

9. Which institution released the 'Towards Eliminating Plastic Pollution by 2040: A Policy Scenario Analysis'?

- A. NITI Aayog
B. World Bank
C. UNEP
D. OECD ☒



- ✓ 'Towards Eliminating Plastic Pollution by 2040: A Policy Scenario Analysis' was released recently by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) ahead of the third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC3). In 2022, a recent interim report reveals that approximately 21 million metric tonnes (MT) of plastic entered the global environment.

10. 'St Petersburg Declaration' is associated with which species?

- A. Tiger ☒
B. Goat
C. Rabbit
D. Dog



- ✓ St Petersburg Declaration in 2010 saw 13 tiger range countries commit to reversing the decline of the species population and double their numbers by 2022. As per recent data, the global tiger population has experienced a notable rise of 60 percent, reaching a total of 5,870 tigers. Countries such as Bhutan, Myanmar, Cambodia, Lao-PDR, and Vietnam observed a decrease in their tiger populations, resulting in a challenging situation for the Tiger Range Countries (TRCS) in Southeast Asia.

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1. As per a recent UN report, which region was ranked as World's Worst Region for Water Scarcity?

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



- ✓ A recently released United Nations report revealed that South Asia is experiencing a greater number of children facing hardships due to severe water scarcity exacerbated by climate change than any other region globally. According to a report from the UN children's agency, an astonishing 347 million children under the age of 18 are affected by high or extremely high-water scarcity in South Asia, which is the highest figure among all global regions.

2. Which Union Ministry proposed to establish Cyber Security and Management Systems regulations?

- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways ☒
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology



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- ✓ The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has put forth a proposal to establish consistent Cyber Security and Management Systems (CSMS) regulations for specific categories of both passenger and commercial four-wheeled vehicles to safeguard their operations against cyber threats. In a draft document titled 'Approval of vehicles with regards to Cyber Security and Cyber Security management system,' MORTH outlined that the process for vehicle type approval concerning cyber security should be initiated by the vehicle manufacturer or their officially accredited representative.

3. What is the rank of India in the OBI Inclusiveness Index?

- A. 107
- B. 117 ☒
- C. 123
- D. 128



- ✓ India is ranked 117th in the list of 129 countries in the world in the inclusiveness index published by the Othoring and Belonging Institute (OBI) at California University, United States. Smaller countries like Bangladesh (106) and Israel (115) were placed better than India.
- ✓ The index examines inclusivity in terms of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and the general population using several measures. India was ranked last (129) in religion inclusiveness, 121st in gender, 108th in disability, 87th in race, 40th in the general population, and 39th in LGBTQ. New Zealand finished first in the index for the second consecutive year.

4. Which organisation unveiled the Operational framework for building climate resilient and low carbon health systems?

- A. UNEP
- B. FAO
- C. WHO ☒
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ **World Health Organization (WHO) has unveiled a new Operational framework for building climate resilient and low carbon health systems. Released in the lead up to the upcoming United Nations Framework Convention on Climate (COP-28), this comprehensive Framework is designed to enhance the resilience of health systems while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions to help safeguard the health of communities worldwide.**

5. As per recent data, which city topped in terms of completion of projects, fund usage and other criteria under Smart Cities Scheme?

- A. Surat ☒
- B. Madurai
- C. Tiruchirappalli
- D. Mysuru



- ✓ **The Smart Cities Mission approaches its June 2024 deadline. As per the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry data, about 22% of total projects (1,745 of 7,947) that account for 33% of the total cost are still ongoing. As of November 10, Surat (Gujarat) topped in terms of completion of projects, fund usage and other criteria, followed by Agra (UP), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Varanasi (UP) and Bhopal (MP) in the top five. Union Territories (UTS) and cities in Northeastern states are among the lowest 10 performers out of the 100 cities involved in the initiative.**

6. As per IQAir's AQI Data, which was the most polluted city in the world with an air quality index (AQI) of 287?

- A. Dhaka
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Tokyo
- D. Washington



- ✓ **A day after Deepavali was celebrated in most parts of the country, three Indian metropolises featured on the list of the most polluted cities in the world, according to a ranking by Swiss air purifier company, IQAir.**

- ✓ On November 13, Delhi was the most polluted city in the world with an air quality index (AQI) of 287 followed by Lahore, Pakistan, at 195. Mumbai, at 153, and Kolkata, 166, were also present among the top 10 of the most polluted cities. The IQAir's AQI measures data from 109 countries.

7. Which institution secured the top position in India in QS Asia University Rankings 2024?

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



- ✓ Quacquarelli Symonds released QS Asia University Rankings 2024. IIT Bombay has secured the top position in India and 40th position in overall Asia. Similarly, IIT Delhi stood second among Indian institutes and secured 46th rank overall. Peking University of China topped the Asia ranking list by securing Rank 1 followed by the University of Hong Kong in the second position and the National University of Singapore in the third place. A record 148 Indian universities found their place in the QS Asia University Rankings 2024.

8. SHAKTI Policy, which was seen in the news, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Coal ☒
B. Ministry of MSME
C. Ministry of Science and Technology
D. Ministry of Power



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- ✓ The Ministry of Coal has announced an amendment to the SHAKTI Policy (Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala (Coal) Transparently in India). It allows power plants, including private generators without Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), to be granted coal linkage for a minimum of three months and up to a maximum of 1 year.

9. Which institution releases the index number of wholesale price in India on monthly basis in India?

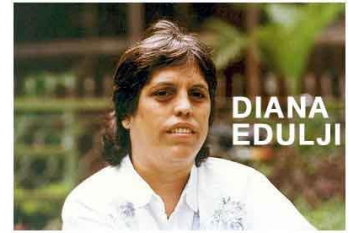
- A. RBI
B. NSO
C. DPIIT ☒
D. Ministry of Finance



- ✓ DPIIT releases index number of wholesale price in India on monthly basis on 14th of every month. The annual rate of inflation based on all India Wholesale Price Index (WPI) number is (-) 0.52% (Provisional) for the month of October, 2023 (over October, 2022) against (-) 0.26% recorded in September, 2023. The negative rate of inflation in October, 2023 is primarily due to fall in prices of chemicals and chemical products, electricity, textiles, basic metals, food products, etc. as compared to the corresponding month of previous year.

10. Diana Edulji, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

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



- ✓ Former captain Diana Edulji became the first Indian woman cricketer to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame. Another Indian cricketer Virender Sehwag and Sri Lankan World Cup winner Aravinda de Silva were also made members of ICC Hall of Fame for their achievements during their playing career.

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1. Jharkhand was formed as the 28th state of India in which year?

- A. 1998
- B. 2000 ☒
- C. 2002
- D. 2010



- ✓ November 15 marks the Jharkhand Foundation Day. It was formed as the 28th state on November 15, 2000. Every year November 15th is celebrated as the Jharkhand Foundation Day across the state. Before this, the state was part of southern half of Bihar.

2. Mount Etna, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

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



- ✓ Mount Etna in Italy, renowned as one of the world's most active volcanoes, had raised public concerns due to its eruption the previous year. This volcanic activity has a long history, with recorded eruptions dating back to 1500 B.C., totaling over 200 eruptions since then.

3. Which Indian has been shortlisted for men's 'World Athlete of the Year' award?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Neeraj Chopra ☒
- C. Satwik Reddy
- D. R Praggnanandhaa



- ✓ Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was shortlisted for men's 'World Athlete of the Year' award. The 25-year-old Indian was one of the five athletes shortlisted for the prestigious honour. The other male athletes in the final list are USA's Ryan Crouser (shot put), Sweden's Mondo Duplantis (Pole vault), Kenya's Kelvin Kiptum (marathon) and USA's Noah Lyles (100m/200m).

4. Which city is the host of 'Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD)'?

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



- ✓ The Indian Navy's annual top-tier international conference, known as the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD), is scheduled to take place in New Delhi. This event comes shortly after the Goa Maritime Conclave 2023, which was organized by the Indian Navy and took place in Goa.

5. Which institution releases the 'World Energy Employment 2023 report'?

- A. FAO
B. WEF
C. IEA ☒
D. UNEP



- ✓ The World Energy Employment 2023 report was released by the International Energy Agency. As per the report, with 35 million jobs worldwide, clean energy has exceeded the number of jobs available in the traditional fossil fuel sector (32 million) for the first time in 2021. The report shows that clean energy jobs are steadily maintaining the lead and are also growing at more than 3.6 times the rate of fossil fuel jobs.

6. What is the target for direct tax collection for 2023-24, as mentioned in the Budget 2023-24?

- A. Rs 8.23 trillion
B. Rs 16.23 trillion
C. Rs 10.23 trillion
D. Rs 18.23 trillion ☒



- ✓ The 2023-24 budget has pegged direct tax collection at Rs 18.23 trillion, 9.75 per cent higher than Rs 16.61 trillion in the last fiscal. The government will exceed the Rs 18.23 trillion direct tax collection target set for the current fiscal, as per Central Board of Direct Taxes. As per government data, the net direct tax collection between April 1 and November 9 this fiscal has grown 22 per cent to Rs 10.60 trillion.

7. 'Sadar festival' is celebrated in which state/UT?

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



- ✓ Hyderabad is preparing for the Sadar festival, an annual event celebrated by the people every year on the second day following Diwali. This festival, also known as Dunnapothula Panduga (Festival of the Buffalo Cattle), is a carnival dedicated to buffaloes.

8. Arabian sparrow seer fish and Russell's spotted seer fish were discovered in which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. India ☒
- D. China



- ✓ Researchers from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) have identified two additional high-value species of seer fish in Indian waters. One of these species, the Arabian sparrow seer fish (*Scomberomorus avirostrus*), is entirely new to the field of science, while the other, Russell's spotted seer fish (*Scomberomorus leopardus*), has been resurrected as a distinct species.

9. *Cyrtodactylus vairengtensis* is a newly discovered species of Gecko endemic to which Indian state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Mizoram ☒
- D. Jharkhand



- ✓ *Cyrtodactylus vairengtensis* is a newly discovered species of Gecko endemic to Mizoram. This brings the number of gecko species in the state to six and 22 across the country. The new species has been named after the town in Mizoram where it was found, while the common name suggested for the new species is 'Vairengte bent-toed gecko'. There are 335 gecko species across the world, of which 42 are found in India.

10. Which country signed an agreement with India to supply its Igla hand-held anti-aircraft missile?

- A. USA
- B. Russia ☒
- C. France
- D. UAE



- ✓ Russia has signed an agreement with India to supply its Igla hand-held anti-aircraft missile to the country. According to the pact, Russia will also allow domestic production of the Igla anti-aircraft missile system in India. From 2016-2021, Russia accounted for over 50% of India's arms imports.

11. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is celebrated on the birth anniversary of which leader?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Dr B.R.Ambedkar
- C. Birsa Munda ☒
- D. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee



- ✓ November 15 is celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, also known as Tribal Pride Day, to honour the birth anniversary of the tribal freedom fighter, Birsa Munda. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also launched the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' from Ulihatu village in Jharkhand on the day.

12. When is the 'World Diabetes Day' observed?

- A. September 14
B. October 14
C. November 14 ☒
D. December 14



- ✓ Globally, an estimated 422 million adults were living with diabetes in 2014, compared to 108 million in 1980. The global prevalence of diabetes has nearly doubled since 1980, rising from 4.7% to 8.5% in the adult population. 'World Diabetes Day' is observed on November 14 every year. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23 is access to diabetes care.

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1. Which state is the host of the '9th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023'?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Haryana ☒
- C. Goa
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ The 9th India International Science Festival (IISF) for 2023 is scheduled to take place in Faridabad, Haryana, from January 17th to January 20th, 2024. This edition's theme is centered around "Science and Technology Public Outreach in Amrit Kaal." IISF 2023 will have a total of 17 themes to showcase scientific achievements offering benefits to participants and the general public.

2. N Sankaraiah, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession?

- A. Administration
- B. Politics ☒
- C. Sports
- D. Science



- ✓ N Sankaraiah, a prominent freedom fighter and a founding member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), as well as one of the most influential leaders in the Left movement passed away at the age of 102. He first joined the Communist Party of India (CPI) in the 1940s, became a key organizer in Tamil Nadu, serving as the party's Madurai district secretary in 1944.

3. Which institution releases the annual Greenhouse Gas Bulletin?

- A. UNEP
- B. FAO
- C. WMO ☒
- D. CPCB



- ✓ According to the 19th annual Greenhouse Gas Bulletin, greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere reached unprecedented levels in 2022, and there is no indication of this upward trend coming to a halt. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a branch of the United Nations, has reported that in the previous year, levels of the three primary greenhouse gases responsible for climate warming namely carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide, all reached record-breaking levels.

4. As per data collected by National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), which gender underwent 81% of total Organ Transplants from 1995 to 2021?

- A. Men ☒
- B. Women
- C. Third gender
- D. No data



- ✓ Data collected by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) reveals that between 1995 and 2021, a significant gender disparity existed among organ recipients in India. Out of a total of 36,640 patients who underwent transplants during this period, a staggering 29,695 of them were men, underscoring the prevailing gender imbalance in healthcare seekers.

5. Anoop Singh, a member of 15th Finance Commission was appointed as the Distinguished Fellow of which institution?

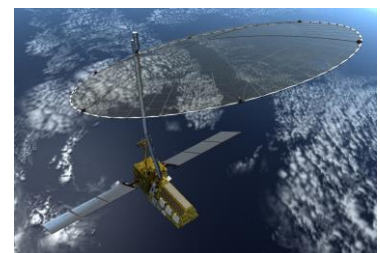
- A. RBI
- B. NITI Aayog ☒
- C. NABARAD
- D. Election Commission of India



- ✓ NITI Aayog, the leading policy think tank of the Indian government, has recently welcomed the appointment of four Distinguished Fellows, each serving for a duration of one year. The four new members are Anoop Singh, OP Agarwal, Ajai Chowdhry and V Lakshmikumaran. Anoop Singh has been a member of the Fifteenth Finance Commission and has also worked with the International Monetary Fund as director of the Asia Pacific department.

6. 'NISAR' is the collaborative earth-observing radar satellite between _?

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



- ✓ NISAR, the collaborative earth-observing radar satellite between NASA and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has completed a rigorous 21-day test designed to assess its performance under extreme temperatures and the vacuum of outer space, as confirmed by NASA. This thermal vacuum test was conducted at ISRO's Satellite Integration and Test Establishment in Bengaluru.

7. "Innovation Handshake" agenda, is associated with which two countries?

- A. China and US
- B. US and India ☒
- C. India and China
- D. India and Pakistan



- ✓ **Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal jointly led an industry roundtable to formally introduce the "Innovation Handshake" agenda, as previously announced by US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June. The "Innovation Handshake" represents a shared commitment to enhance the startup ecosystem and foster collaboration in Critical and Emerging Technologies between India and the United States.**

8. Which organisation has introduced a roadmap to eliminate tuberculosis in children?

- A. UNICEF
- B. WHO ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. UNEP



- ✓ **The World Health Organization (WHO) has introduced a roadmap to eliminate tuberculosis in children, with a novel emphasis on pregnant and postpartum women affected by the disease. The roadmap asks countries to provide 90 per cent of people at high risk of developing TB with access to preventive treatment by 2027.**

9. Who is the first cricketer in the world to score 50 ODI centuries?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Virat Kohli ☒
- C. David Warner
- D. Matthew Hayden



- ✓ **Virat Kohli becomes first batter in the world to score 50 ODI centuries, as he breaks Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 centuries. Virat Kohli reached the landmark 50th ODI century at the ongoing ICC Men's Cricket World Cup semi-final match against New Zealand. He also becomes first batter to score 700 runs in single World Cup edition, ahead of Sachin Tendulkar who has the next best run haul with 673 runs in 2003 World Cup.**

10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Janjaatiya Adivasi Nyaya Mahabhiyaan from which state?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Janjaatiya Adivasi Nyaya Mahabhiyaan, PM JanMan on the occasion of third Janjaatiya Gaurav Diwas at Khunti district of Jharkhand. The 24,000-crore rupee scheme aims to benefit and saturate the families and habitations with basic facilities. The Prime Minister also released the 15th instalment of about 18000 crore rupees under PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi, during the occasion.

11. Kashmir saffron has bloomed for the first time in which state/UT in 2023?

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



- ✓ Kanthallur, a village in Idukki known for its cool season vegetable and fruit framing and tourism, has added one more crop with the successful trial cultivation of saffron. The Kashmir saffron has a huge market all over the country, which has bloomed for the first time in Kerala. The farming was under the guidance of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Idukki.

12. Who is the recipient of the first-ever 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award'?

- A. Salman Rushdie ☒
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Joe Biden
- D. Vladimir Putin



- ✓ World-renowned author Salman Rushdie has been awarded the first-ever 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' by the Vaclav Havel Center. This was Rushdie's first public appearance since he was stabbed during a literary festival in New York in August 2022. Rushdie was also the recipient of the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade.

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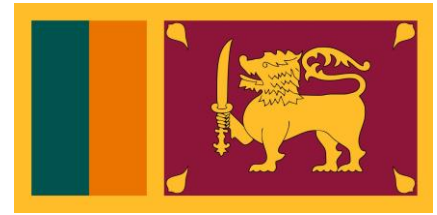
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1. Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023 is organised between India and which country?

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



- ✓ The ninth edition of the Joint Military exercise "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023" between India and Sri Lanka has begun in Pune. The Indian contingent consists of 120 personnel, primarily comprising troops from the MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY Regiment. On the Sri Lankan side, personnel from the 53 Infantry Division are participating. Additionally, 15 individuals from the Indian Air Force and five from the Sri Lankan Air Force are also taking part in this exercise.

2. As of 2023, which country is the world's biggest polluter?

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



- ✓ Recently, the United States and China unveiled an agreement aimed at boosting clean energy, reducing reliance on fossil fuels, and curbing emissions contributing to global warming. This announcement is of great significance as it involves the United States, historically the largest contributor to climate pollution, and China, which presently holds the title of the world's biggest polluter. Combined, they are responsible for approximately 38% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

3. Which institution released the report titled 'Sand and Dust Storms: A Guide to Mitigation, Adaptation, Policy, and Risk Management Measures in Agriculture'?

- A. UNEP
- B. FAO ☒
- C. WMO
- D. CPCB



- ✓ According to a report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) titled "Sand and dust storms: A Guide to Mitigation, Adaptation, Policy, and Risk Management Measures in Agriculture," sand and dust storms pose a significant obstacle to achieving 11 out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Sand and dust storms are meteorological events involving powerful and turbulent winds that lift numerous small particles to significant altitudes.

4. The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially recognized which condition as a grave global health threat?

- A. Loneliness ☒
- B. Social Exclusion
- C. Racism
- D. Casteism



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially recognized loneliness as a significant global health concern and has initiated multiple efforts to combat this pervasive issue. WHO has formed an international commission to address the problem, with leadership roles held by Dr. Vivek Murthy, the US surgeon general, and Chido Mpemba, the youth envoy at the African Union Commission.

5. With reference to Indian defence sector, what is 'Amini'?

- A. Anti-submarine warfare craft ☒
- B. Anti-ship missile
- C. Choppers
- D. Patrol Vessel



- ✓ 'Amini,' which is the fourth vessel in the Anti- submarine warfare Shallow Water Craft (SWC) Project consisting of eight ships, was launched at Larsen and Toubro, Kattupalli. The contract for constructing these eight ASW SWC ships was signed between the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata in 2019.

6. Which state organises the 'Unboxing BLR Habba (UBH)' festival?

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



- ✓ Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar announced the Unboxing BLR Habba (UBH) 2023. The festival is set to be hosted by Bengaluru from December 1. The inaugural edition of the annual city-wide festival will include a diverse range of events, spanning arts, culture, literature, heritage, technology, environment, design, dance, music, theatre, exhibitions, and more.

7. Which state has organised a seven-month ecotourism session for tiger reserves and wildlife sanctuaries?

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



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh launched a seven-month ecotourism session for tiger reserves and wildlife sanctuaries for 2023-24. UP Forest Corporation, responsible for governing ecotourism in the state, allowed a considerable reduction in charges for jungle safaris and accommodations at departmental facilities compared to previous years, to attract a larger crowd.

8. Which High Court created a record in disposal of cases with the highest-ever Case Clearance Rate (CCR) of 114% in 2022?

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



- ✓ Madras High Court has created a record in disposal of cases by registering its highest-ever Case Clearance Rate (CCR) of 114% in 2022 as against 109% in 2021. The High Court had registered a Case Clearance Rate (CCR) of 106.21% in 2018, 112.77% in 2019 and 103.23% in 2020 too despite the COVID-19 outbreak when court hearings were held through virtual mode. The rate increased to 109% in 2021 and reached the all-time high of 114% in 2022.

9. Mohamed Muizzu is the President of which country?

- A. Maldives ☒
- B. Mauritius
- C. Singapore
- D. Malaysia



- ✓ Dr. Mohamed Muizzu has been sworn in as the eighth President of the Republic of Maldives in a ceremony held at Male. Minister of Earth Sciences Kiren Rijiju represented India at the swearing-in ceremony. Dr. Muizzu had defeated outgoing President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih in the runoff elections held in September.

10. South India's first biobank has been launched in which city?

- A. Chennai
- B. Hyderabad ☒
- C. Kochi
- D. Mysuru



- ✓ A biobank houses tissue samples of a lakh healthy people to enable researchers study the onset and progression of diseases. The 20-crore state-of-the-art biobank, the first in south India and only the third such facility in the country was launched in Hyderabad. It would serve as a repository for future collaborative research to map onset and progress, prevention and reversal of diseases.

11. Ministry of Ayush signed the Traditional and Complementary Medicine 'Project Collaboration Agreement' with_:

- A. UNICEF
- B. WHO ☒
- C. FAO
- D. World Bank



- ✓ WHO and the Ministry of Ayush signed the Traditional and Complementary Medicine 'Project Collaboration Agreement'. This agreement will mainstream Traditional and Complementary Medicine into India's National Health System. The first contract was signed in 2016 to take Traditional Medical systems like Yoga, Ayurveda, Unani, and Panchakarma to the global level and the second contract was signed in 2017 to strengthen the system of Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha medical systems.

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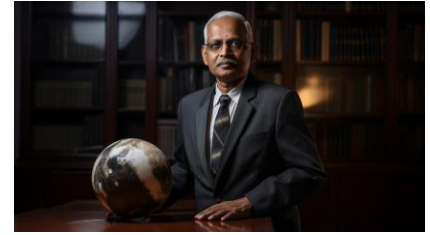
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1. Who is the first recipient of Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award?

- A. Dr Mathavaraj S ☒
- B. P Veeramuthu Vel
- C. Ritu Karidhal
- D. Kalpana Kalahasti



- ✓ **Dr Mathavaraj S of the UR Rao Satellite Centre of ISRO has become the first recipient of Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award. The award comprises a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, which is currently the highest cash prize in science and technology, and a citation. He designed the powered descent trajectory of Chandrayaan-3 mission. The award was instituted by the Goa government.**

2. Which country hosted the 'Voice of the Global South Summit' recently?

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



- ✓ **India recently hosted the second 'Voice of the Global South Summit' (VOGSS) in the virtual format. The first summit was held on 12-13 January 2023. The term 'global South' was first used by Carl Oglesky, a leftist American author and political activist in 1969.**

3. Which is the Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year for 2023?

- A. Hallucinate ☒
- B. Manipulate
- C. Backfire
- D. Depression



- ✓ **The Cambridge Dictionary team chose hallucinate as its Word of the Year 2023 as it recognized that the new meaning gets to the heart of why people are talking about AI. The Cambridge Dictionary added new AI-related definitions to the dictionary, including large language model (or LLM), generative AI (or GenAI), and GPT.**

4. As per a CDC-WHO Report, around 11 lakh children in India missed their first dose of the ____ vaccine?

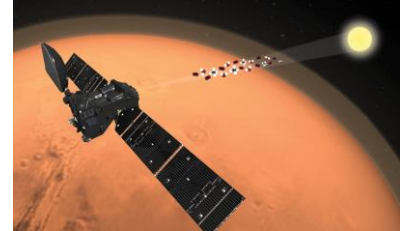
- A. COVID-19
- B. Measles ☒
- C. Pneumonia
- D. Rubella



- ✓ In 2022, an estimated 11 lakh children in India missed their vital first dose of the measles vaccine as said in CDC-WHO Report. India is among the 37 countries that witnessed large or disruptive outbreaks, reporting 40,967 measles cases in 2022, according to the report. This puts India among 10 countries with the highest number of children who did not receive the first shot.

5. ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter Mission is associated with which space agency?

- A. NASA
B. ESA ☒
C. ISRO
D. JAXA



- ✓ Scientists have detected a soft green glow in the night sky of Mars that can be seen with our human eyes. The European Space Agency's (ESA) ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter mission while orbiting around Mars spotted the Martian night sky filled with light in the optical spectrum. As per the scientists, the light is so bright in the polar regions that there is a possibility of human explorers seeing it if the night sky is clear of clouds.

6. Who was appointed as the Director of the Special Protection Group (SPG)?

- A. Alok Sharma ☒
B. Pankaj Singh
C. R Hari Kumar
D. Manoj Pande



- ✓ Senior IPS officer Alok Sharma was appointed the director of the Special Protection Group (SPG), the elite security unit responsible for the security of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Alok Sharma, a 1991-batch IPS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre who is currently working as Additional Director General in the SPG.

7. Production Linked Incentive scheme (PLI) Scheme 2.0 For IT Hardware is related to which Union Ministry?

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



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- ✓ Union Cabinet had approved PLI Scheme 2.0 for IT hardware in May 2023. This scheme covers laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, Servers and Ultra Small Form Factor devices. Applications of 27 IT hardware manufacturers have been approved recently. IT hardware of well-known brands such as Acer, Asus, Dell, HP, Lenovo, etc will be manufactured in India.

8. Deep Space Optical Communications (DSOC) experiment is associated with which space agency?

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



- ✓ NASA's Deep Space Optical Communications (DSOC) experiment has achieved a milestone by successfully transmitting data via laser to and from beyond the moon for the first time. The experiment, aboard the Psyche spacecraft, has set a new record for the farthest-ever demonstration of optical communications. This achievement paves the way for higher-data-rate communications that can support future missions, including sending humans to Mars.

9. 'FOSCOS' is the portal of which institution?

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



- ✓ Food safety regulator FSSAI has launched the Food Safety Compliance System (FOSCOS) portal in four regional languages, apart from Hindi and English, in order to enhance user experience and accessibility. The portal is now available in Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu and Marathi, apart from Hindi and English. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) also plans to launch the portal in Kannada, Punjabi, Malayalam, Assamese, Bengali and Odia soon.

10. Which writer won the JCB Prize for Literature for his novel 'Fire Bird'?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Perumal Murugan ☒
- C. Salman Rushdie
- D. Jeya Mohan



- ✓ Tamil writer Perumal Murugan has won the coveted JCB Prize for Literature for his novel, 'Fire Bird', an English translation of his Tamil novel 'Aalandapatchi'. The JCB Literary Prize award carries Rs 25 lakh to the author and an additional Rs 10 lakh to the translator. The novel was translated into English by Janani Kannan.

11. Sheynnis Palacios, who was crowned Miss Universe for the year 2023, is from which country?

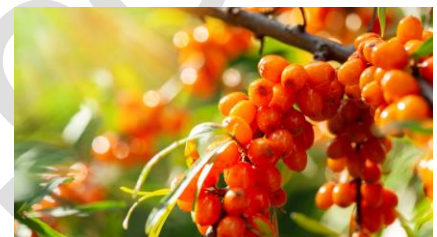
- A. Malta
- B. Nicaragua ☒
- C. Italy
- D. Spain



- ✓ Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palacios has been crowned Miss Universe for the year 2023, marking her country's first win at the international beauty pageant. The 72nd edition of the Miss Universe pageant was held in El Salvador. Palacios is a 23- year-old mental health activist and audiovisual producer from Managua, Nicaragua.

12. Which state/UT received Geographical Indication tag for 'Sea Buckthorn'?

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



- ✓ The Geographical Indication Registry, operating under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, has officially granted the GI tag to Ladakh for 'Ladakh Sea Buckthorn'. Ladakh earlier received GI tag for Apricot (Raktsey Karpo), Pashmina, and Ladakhi Wood Carving. Sea Buckthorn, one of the most profitable crop of UT Ladakh having 90% production from Ladakh in India.

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1. Which state is the host of the 'Global Fisheries Conference India 2023'?

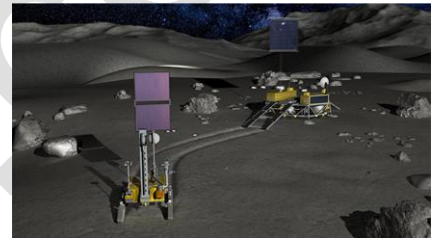
- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Global Fisheries Conference India 2023, a two-day major event, will be organized in Gujarat Science City in Ahmedabad. With the theme 'Celebrating Fisheries and Aquaculture Wealth,' the conference aims to unite key stakeholders on a single platform to engage in productive discussions, share market insights, and facilitate networking opportunities.

2. 'LUPEX' is the joint effort between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and _?

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



- ✓ LUPEX is the fourth moon mission to try a 90° landing with a 350 kg rover. The mission is a joint effort between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Japanese space agency JAXA. LuPEX will land the rover on the dark side of the moon, which is rarely explored. The rover will explore a 1 km x 1 km area for about 100 Earth days. Chandrayaan-3 included a 30 kg rover.

3. The Dhillio festival, which was seen in the news, is celebrated in which state/UT?

- A. Odisha
- B. Goa ☒
- C. Telangana
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ Dhillio is an ecofeminist festival celebrated in the Western Ghats of Goa. The festival's fervour is also felt in the forested villages of Joida in Karnataka. These villages are home to the Goan Kunbi community members, whose ancestors had migrated to Joida during the Portuguese era to escape persecution.

4. Article 163 and Article 200, which were seen in the news, is associated with which Constitutional position?

- A. Governor ☒
- B. President
- C. Vice President
- D. Election Commissioner



- ✓ Article 163 of the Constitution addresses the general powers of the Governor, whereas Article 200 specifically focuses on the grant of assent to Bills. The recent decision by Tamil Nadu's Governor R N Ravi to withhold assent to 10 pending Bills has sparked new legal inquiries into the extent of the Governor's powers. At least four states governed by the opposition, including Tamil Nadu approached the Supreme Court, seeking its involvement in clarifying the parameters of the Governor's authority in the legislative process.

5. Kangaroo care, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

- A. Defence
B. Childcare ☒
C. Politics
D. Animal Welfare



- ✓ Kangaroo care also known as skin-to-skin contact, involves holding a premature or low birth weight baby against the parent's bare chest. This practice provides numerous benefits such as physical development, breastfeeding facilitation, and emotional attachment. World Prematurity Day is observed on 17 November each year to raise awareness of preterm birth and the concerns of preterm babies and their families worldwide.

6. Who are the recipients of the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2022?

- A. IMA and Trained Nurses Association of India ☒
B. AIIMS and IMA
C. Dr M Srinivas
D. Dr V Shanta



- ✓ The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development, 2022 was jointly awarded to the Indian Medical Association and the Trained Nurses Association of India. Former Vice-President Hamid Ansari presented the awards. Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi heads the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.

7. Which state released an exclusive book on its snakes?

- A. Himachal Pradesh ☒
B. Madhya Pradesh
C. Assam
D. Kerala



- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu released a book on 'Snakes of Himachal Pradesh'. It was compiled and edited by Principal of State Institute of Health and Family Welfare. The book contains the photographs of snakes found at different places in the state. The team

caught snakes in forests with the permission of the wildlife wing of the Forest department, took their venom and DNA samples before leaving them back in the same habitat.

8. Which state is the host of 11th edition of International Tourism Mart?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Meghalaya ☒
- C. Assam
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ The 11th edition of International Tourism Mart is being organized by the Union Tourism Ministry of India. It is held at Shillong, Meghalaya. The event will include an exclusive session dedicated to business meetings between local North Eastern stakeholders and domestic and international buyers. The eight North Eastern States would participate in this event.

9. Which actor was conferred with 'Special Recognition for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema' at the IFFI festival?

- A. Madhuri Dixit ☒
- B. Kamal Haasan
- C. Rekha
- D. Rajinikanth



- ✓ Bollywood Actor Madhuri Dixit was bestowed with the 'Special Recognition for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema' Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India. Over the course of a career that spans four decades, she has appeared in over 70 films.

10. Which country has won the ODI Cricket World Cup Title for the most time, as of 2023?

- A. West Indies
- B. Australia ☒
- C. India
- D. England



- ✓ Australia defeated India in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad and clinched the ODI World Cup for the sixth time. India had 10 successive victories in the tournament and Virat Kohli won the Player of the Tournament Award.

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1. World Heritage Week is observed every year during which month?

- A. January
- B. April
- C. September
- D. November ☒



- ✓ World Heritage Week is observed every year from November 19 to November 25. The week aims to promote the conservation of culture and heritage across the globe. It celebrates the heritage sites recognised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In India, the festival is observed by the Archaeological Survey of India.

2. Which country hosted the 'APEC Informal Leader's Dialogue'?

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



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- ✓ Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, participated in the Investor Forum of the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) and Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF). The Forum was also attended by Ministers and senior officials from IPEF partner countries. The Minister participated at the APEC Informal Leader's Dialogue in San Francisco, in the United States.

3. Luc Frieden is the new Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Israel
- B. Ukraine
- C. Luxembourg ☒
- D. Maldives



- ✓ Luxembourg's former finance minister Luc Frieden has become the country's new prime minister, leading a government coalition of his Christian democratic party and the liberal party of former Prime Minister Xavier Bettel. Frieden's Christian Social People's Party (CSV), Luxembourg's long-dominant centre-right party, won the election last month, leaving the former coalition of liberals, socialists and greens without a majority.

4. Which Union Ministry has unveiled the 'National Pharmacy Commission Bill, 2023'?

- A. Union Health Ministry ☒
- B. Union MSME Ministry
- C. Union Chemicals & Fertilisers Ministry
- D. Union Power Ministry



स्वास्थ्य एवं
परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
सत्यमेव जयते

- ✓ The Union Health Ministry has unveiled the draft National Pharmacy Commission Bill, 2023, with the intention of revoking the Pharmacy Act of 1948 and substituting the Pharmacy Council of India with a national commission. The proposed bill is designed to establish a pharmacy education system that enhances access to quality and affordable pharmaceutical education.

5. Which institution launched India's first information platform tailored for incubators and accelerators?

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



- ✓ The Centre for Research on Start-ups and Risk Financing (CREST), an Institute of Eminence Research Centre at IIT Madras, announced the creation of India's first information platform tailored for incubators and accelerators. Developed in collaboration with YNOS, a start-up incubated at IIT Madras, the platform provides extensive information about incubators and accelerators. These entities play a crucial role in supporting startups as they navigate the uncertainties of the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

6. As per WHO, which condition would lead to 10 million annual deaths worldwide, by 2050?

- A. Diabetes
B. Cancer
C. Antimicrobial resistance ☒
D. Hypertension



- ✓ The World Health Organization's South-East Asia regional office has warned that antimicrobial resistance (AMR) results in approximately 1.27 million deaths globally each year, with an estimated 389,000 casualties in South Asia. Without immediate action, the WHO predicts that by 2050, AMR could lead to 10 million annual deaths worldwide, causing significant economic repercussions, including a potential decrease of up to 3.8% in global exports and a rise of \$1 trillion in healthcare-related costs.

7. S Venkitaramanan, who passed away recently, had served as the head of which institution?

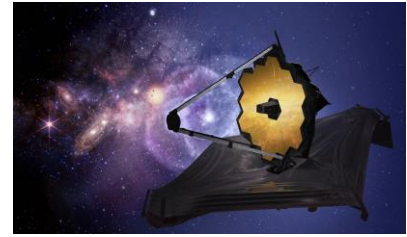
- A. Election Commission of India
B. Reserve Bank of India ☒
C. Supreme Court
D. BCCI



- ✓ Former RBI governor S. Venkitaramanan passed away recently at the age of 92. Venkitaramanan, a member of the Tamil Nadu cadre of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), assumed the position of RBI Governor in December 1990 amidst the balance of payment crisis. He initiated banking sector reforms and made the initial change in the exchange rate system by moving towards a dual exchange rate system.

8. James Webb Space Telescope detected a Cosmic Delivery System of which particles?

- A. Dust
- B. Pebble ☒
- C. Snow
- D. Titanium



- ✓ In a recent study, the James Webb Space Telescope from NASA has detected a sophisticated cosmic supply chain involving ice-covered pebbles drifting inward from the outer Solar System. This observation supports the longstanding theory that these pebbles are transporting water to planets in the process of formation closer to their respective stars.

9. 'Lost City Hydrothermal Field' was discovered above which Ocean?

- A. Indian Ocean
- B. Atlantic Ocean ☒
- C. Pacific Ocean
- D. Antarctic Ocean



- ✓ Discovered in 2000 in the Atlantic Ocean, the Lost City Hydrothermal Field, situated over 700 meters beneath the ocean surface, holds mystery. With a history of at least 120,000 years, this environment reveals a unique interaction between the upthrusting mantle and seawater. However, the delicate ecosystem faces a significant threat as Poland secures mining rights in the nearby regions of the Lost City.

10. Zika, which was seen in the news, is transmitted by _?

- A. Bat
- B. Mosquito ☒
- C. Monkey
- D. Dog



- ✓ A 64-year-old woman in the Yerawada area of Pune has been found to be infected with Zika, a mosquito-borne disease. Zika virus is primarily transmitted by infected mosquitoes of the Aedes (Stegomyia) genus, mainly Aedes aegypti, in tropical and subtropical regions.

11. What is the theme of 'World Television Day 2023'?

- A. Accessibility ☒
- B. Communication
- C. Inclusion
- D. Awareness



- ✓ 'World Television Day 2023' is observed globally on November 21 to highlight the crucial role of visual media and its growing influence on decision-making.

- ✓ The invention of television is credited to Scottish engineer John Logie Baird in 1924. In 1996, the UN held the first World Television Forum, designating November 21 each year as World Television Day. The theme for this year is Accessibility. National telecast in India began in 1982.

12. Which Indian received NASA IMPACT Planet Award 2023?

- A. Dr Sujit Roy ☒
- B. Akhilesh Tuteja
- C. Balaji Srinivasan
- D. Umesh Sachdev



- ✓ Dr Sujit Roy, Co Founder, BrainAlive received NASA IMPACT Planet Award 2023 for his outstanding contribution to the Geospatial AI Foundation Model project. Dr Sujit Roy has over 10 years of experience of R&D in Machine Learning and Computational Neuroscience in global research organizations like NASA Impact and University of Manchester.

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1. Which institution released the '14th Emissions Gap Report 2023'?

- A. UNEP ☒
- B. FAO
- C. World Bank
- D. WEF



- ✓ **The 14th Emissions Gap Report 2023 was released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). As per the report, even if the existing nationally determined contributions (NDC), both conditional and unconditional, are fulfilled by 2030, the global temperature is projected to rise by 2.5°C, surpassing the 2°C target established by the Paris Agreement.**

2. 'Vajra Prahar 2023' is a joint exercise between which countries?

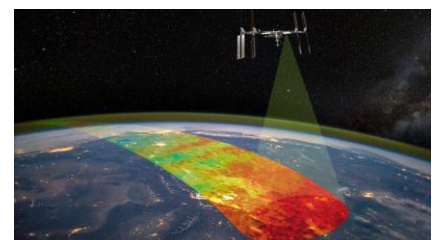
- A. India and Sri Lanka
- B. India and the United States ☒
- C. India and UK
- D. India and France



- ✓ **Vajra Prahar 2023 is a joint exercise of the special forces of India and the United States. It is being organized in Meghalaya's Umroi Cantonment. The Indian Army contingent is led by Special Forces personnel from the Eastern Command. The first edition was conducted in the year 2010 in India.**

3. Atmospheric Waves Experiment (AWE) is associated with which space agency?

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



- ✓ **NASA is gearing up to launch the Atmospheric Waves Experiment (AWE), a mission designed to investigate a crucial factor influencing space weather - Earth's atmospheric conditions. The focus of the study will be on Atmospheric Gravity Waves (AGWs), which is a specific type of vertical wave.**

4. Ganymede, Callisto, and Europa are the moons of which planet?

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



- ✓ **The Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) probe by the European Space Agency (ESA) is set to make history by utilizing a double gravity assist from both Earth and the Moon to propel itself toward**

Jupiter. Launched earlier this year, the spacecraft is on a mission to study not only the gas giant Jupiter but also its three icy moons with the potential for oceans-Ganymede, Callisto, and Europa.

5. Which Indian Mission seeks to bring back lunar samples to the Earth?

- A. Chandrayaan-3
- B. Mangalyaan-2
- C. Chandrayaan-4 ☒
- D. Gaganyaan



- ✓ **The Chandrayaan-4 Mission seeks to bring back lunar samples to Earth. For the return journey to Earth, the mission would require two launch vehicles, each carrying four distinct modules: the Transfer module, Lander Module, Ascender Module, and Re-entry module.**

6. Joseph Boakai has been elected as the President of which country?

- A. Liberia ☒
- B. Argentina
- C. UAE
- D. USA



- ✓ **Joseph Boakai recently won the Liberia Presidential election. Boakai secured victory with 50.64 percent of the vote, surpassing the 49.36 percent garnered by former international football star Weah. Weah is the first African footballer to win both FIFA's World Player of the Year trophy and the Ballon d'Or.**

7. Which Indian has been elected as the Vice- Chair of the UN Panel of Auditors?

- A. K Venugopal
- B. Girish Chandra Murmu ☒
- C. Vinod Rai
- D. Shashikant Sharma



- ✓ **The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Girish Chandra Murmu, has been elected as the Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of Auditors for the upcoming year. Murmu participated in the sixty-third session of the Panel of External Auditors, held at the UN headquarters in New York.**

8. Who is the first Indian woman to receive the 'International Emmy Directorate Award'?

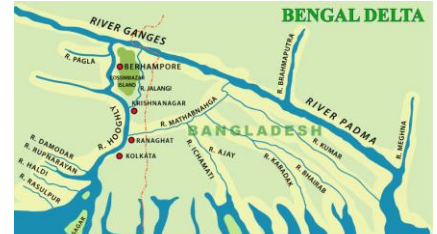
- A. Ekta Kapoor ☒
- B. Zoya Akhtar
- C. Sudha Kongara
- D. Juhi Chawla



- ✓ **International Emmy Awards 2023, Indian actor- comedian Vir Das, clinched the Emmy in the Best Comedy category for his Netflix stand-up special, "Vir Das: Landing." Multi-talented producer Ekta Kapoor received the prestigious International Emmy Directorate Award for her "significant contribution to the world of arts and entertainment," making her the first Indian woman to achieve this distinction.**

9. Which waterway is declared as 'National Waterway-1'?

- A. Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghy River ☒
- B. Brahmaputra River (Dhubri-Sadiya)
- C. Krishna River (Vijayawada-Muktyala)
- D. Mandovi River



- ✓ **The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Amazon have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate the movement of cargo and transportation of customer shipments and products through inland waterways, specifically utilizing the Ganga River (National Waterway 1). This collaborative effort aims to leverage the efficiency and sustainability of water transport to enhance logistics, reduce environmental impacts, and foster economic growth.**

10. Which city is the host of 8th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS)?

- A. Pune
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mysuru



- ✓ **Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister, has officially opened the 8th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) in New Delhi. This three-day summit, conducted by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga), is scheduled from November 22 to 24, 2023.**

11. Which country is the host of the 'ASEAN- India Millet Festival 2023'?

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



- ✓ **The ASEAN-India Millet Festival 2023 has commenced in South Jakarta, Indonesia, in November 2023. The primary objective of this festival is to foster awareness and cultivate a market for millets and millet-based products among the member states of the ASEAN region.**

12. Which country is the host of the Joint Military Exercise AUSTRAHIND-23?

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



- ✓ The Indian Armed Forces contingent, consisting of 81 personnel are set to participate in the second edition of the Joint Military Exercise AUSTRAHIND-23. The exercise is scheduled to take place in Perth, Australia. Exercise AUSTRAHIND was instituted in 2022 and the first edition was conducted in Mahajan, Rajasthan.

13. 'AGNI' initiative, which was launched recently by CCRAS, is associated with which sector?

- A. Defence
- B. Thermal Power
- C. Ayurveda ☒
- D. Steel



- ✓ The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences (CCRAS), under the Ministry of Ayush, has initiated "Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative" (AGNI) to advance research and validate Ayurvedic practices through scientific methods. This program is specifically designed for physicians practicing Ayurveda, aiming to integrate evidence-based appraisal into mainstream Ayurvedic approaches.

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1. Which state has received Geographical Indication (GI) tag for cashews?

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



- ✓ The Geographical Indication (GI) tag for cashews was given to Goa recently. It ensures that only cashew products from Goa can be labeled as "Goan Cashew". The GI tag protects the authenticity of Goan cashews. This can help prevent nuts imported from Africa from being sold as Goan cashews.

2. Which state has announced the ghol species as the state fish?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ The state government of Gujarat has announced the ghol species as the state fish of Gujarat at the Global Fisheries Conference India 2023. The ghol, also known as the blackspotted croaker, is highly valued for its swim bladder, which is used in cosmetics. It is also considered a delicacy and has claimed medicinal properties. Gujarat's annual fish export stands at Rs 5,000 crore, accounting for 17% of India's fish exports.

3. Noa-Dihing music frog is a newly discovered species found in which state?

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



- ✓ Noa-Dihing music frog is a newly discovered species found in the Namdapha-Kamlang landscape of Arunachal Pradesh. It has been named after the Noa-Dihing River. The 380 kilometre-long Noa Dihing or Burhi Dihing is a large tributary of the Brahmaputra River.

4. Which Union Ministry launched the 'SATHEE' portal?

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B. Ministry of Education ☒
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Finance



शिक्षा मंत्रालय
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- ✓ **SATHEE (Self-Assessment Test and Help for Entrance Exams) online coaching platform has been launched by the Ministry and the IIT- Kanpur. Ministry of Education (MoE) asked all States to encourage aspirants to utilise the newly launched portal for exam preparation. SATHEE is an open learning platform available to students at no Cost.**

5. 'Vajra Prahar' is the joint exercise between India and which country?

- A. USA ☒
- B. Myanmar
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Nepal



- ✓ **The 14th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise "Vajra Prahar 2023"s commenced at the Joint Training Node, Umroi, Meghalaya. The Indian Army contingent is led by Special Forces personnel from the Eastern Command. The first edition was conducted in the year 2010 in India.**

6. Which fish is introduced in India to tackle the mosquito-related issues?

- A. Mosquito fish ☒
- B. Pomfret Fish
- C. Catla Fish
- D. Cat fish



- ✓ **Over the past few months, both governmental and non-governmental entities in Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Punjab have introduced mosquitofish into regional water sources as a measure to tackle the mosquito-related issues reported by the locals. In Visakhapatnam, officials are planning to release an additional six lakh mosquitofish, building on the earlier release of around 20 lakh a few months ago.**

7. As per World Health Organization (WHO), how many beds are advised per 1000 people, as healthcare infrastructure?

- A. 1
- B. 3 ☒
- C. 5
- D. 10

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- ✓ **As per the Global Healthcare Report, India is currently grappling with a shortage of 2 billion square feet of healthcare infrastructure to adequately serve its population of 1.42 billion. The World Health Organization (WHO) advises a ratio of 3 beds per 1000 people, indicating that India requires an additional 2.4 million beds to meet the recommended standards.**

8. Which institution is associated with Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion (RISE) accelerator program?

A. DIIIT

B. Atal Innovation Mission ☒

C. SEBI

D. NASSCOM



- ✓ The Atal Innovation Mission, a part of NITI Aayog, introduced the Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion (RISE) accelerator program in New Delhi. This initiative is designed to assist startups and small to mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) focused on circular economy technologies and solutions, fostering collaboration between India and Australia.

9. Which organisation is associated with the first domestically developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Short Range (NASM-SR)?

A. HAL

B. DRDO ☒

C. ISRO

D. L&T



- ✓ In collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the Indian Navy accomplished successful Guided Flight Trials of the first domestically developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Short Range (NASM-SR). The trials, conducted from a Seaking 42B helicopter in Visakhapatnam, mark a significant stride toward attaining self-reliance in specialized missile technology, encompassing seeker and guidance technologies.

10. Pankaj Advani, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

A. Table Tennis

B. Squash

C. Billiards ☒

D. Athletics



- ✓ Indian cueist Pankaj Advani has clinched the IBSF World Billiards Championship title for 26th time, beating compatriot Sourav Kothari in the final. The 38-year-old, who defeated Kothari recently in the longer format of 1000-point, won the earlier editions in 2005, 2008, 2014, and 2018.

11. Who is the first woman judge of the Supreme Court?

A. Justice Fathima Beevi ☒

B. Justice Sujata Manohar

C. Justice Ruma Pal

D. Justice Gyan Sudha Misra



- ✓ Justice Fathima Beevi, the first woman judge of the Supreme Court recently passed away at the age of 96. Justice Fathima Beevi was also the first Muslim woman to be appointed to the higher judiciary in the country and the first woman to become a Supreme Court Justice in an Asian country.

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1. Which Union Ministry is associated with 'National Gopal Ratna Awards'?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying ☒
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ The National Gopal Ratna Awards were presented recently, as part of the National Milk Day celebration in 2023 by Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying. The primary aim is to acknowledge and motivate individuals such as farmers engaged in the rearing of indigenous animals, artificial insemination technicians, and cooperative societies, milk producer companies, and dairy farmer producer organizations contributing to this sector.

2. 'Surya Kiran' is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

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



- ✓ The Nepal Army contingent, consisting of 334 personnel, has arrived in India to take part in the 17th edition of the Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN. This annual event is conducted alternately in India and Nepal. The exercise is scheduled to take place in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, and will span from November 24 to December 7, 2023.

3. Which country has been declared as the Chair of the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) for the year 2024?

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



- ✓ During its 63rd council meeting, the International Sugar Organisation (ISO), based in London, declared India as the Chair of the organization for the year 2024. The primary focus will be on uniting member nations to embrace more sustainable practices in sugarcane cultivation, sugar and ethanol production, and optimizing the utilization of by-products.

4. India formalized Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on semiconductors with which bloc?

- A. G20
- B. G7
- C. European Union ☒
- D. ASEAN



- ✓ India and the European Union formalized a Memorandum of Understanding on semiconductors. The agreement was finalized during a discussion between leaders of the EU-India Trade and Technology Council (TTC). As part of the understanding, the EU highlighted that it will involve the exchange of information concerning granted public subsidies, contributing to transparency and cooperation in the field of semiconductors between the two entities.

5. India's first sloth bear rescue centre is located in which state?

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



- ✓ The sloth bear rescue centre at Bannerghatta National Park (BNP), initiated in 2000 in Karnataka, acknowledged as the second-largest sloth bear rescue centre globally, has marked its 18th year of operation. The sloth bear rehabilitation centre is the first such functioning centre for rescued sloth bears from keepers of dancing bears in India.

6. Ariane 6 rocket was developed by which space agency?

- A. NASA
B. ESA ☒
C. JAXA
D. ISRO



- ✓ Ariane 6 is a European expendable launch system being developed by Ariane Group on behalf of the European Space Agency. Europe's recently developed Ariane 6 rocket has successfully passed a significant full-scale trial, marking a milestone in its testing phase. Arianespace, working on behalf of the European Space Agency, is responsible for the development of the Ariane 6 rocket.

7. Which institution hosts the 'National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX)'?

- A. National Green Tribunal
B. Central Pollution Control Board
C. Indian Coast Guard ☒
D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ To assess and verify their approach to pollution response, the Indian Coast Guard collaborated with various government and private entities and inaugurated the 9th edition of the multi-agency National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX) in Vadinar, Gujarat. The practical sea-based segment and evaluation of real-world capabilities were organised off the coast of Vadinar.

8. Which Indian city launched 'Safe City Command Centre' to curb crimes against women?

A. Lucknow

B. Bengaluru ☒

C. Patna

D. New Delhi

I ♥ Bengaluru

- ✓ Bengaluru Safe City Command Centre was inaugurated recently by the Karnataka Chief minister Siddaramaiah. The command center is built with the cost of 660 crores under Nirbhaya Yojana. While the central government contributed 60 per cent of the project cost, the state government spent another 40 per cent on it.

9. Which state/UT received Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Kishtwar Saffron?

A. Sikkim

B. Jammu and Kashmir ☒

C. Arunachal Pradesh

D. Assam



- ✓ In Jammu and Kashmir, the Saffron of the mountainous Kishtwar district, which is cultivated and harvested in the higher reaches, has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry. The spice is grown in some parts of the Kishtwar region of Jammu, along with parts of Kashmir. It is also a key cash crop in Kishtwar. Kishtwar's saffron production area is called locally as Mandal.

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

A. Accelerating Change ☒

B. Improved sanitation systems

C. Access to sanitation

D. Access to water

ACCELERATING
CHANGE

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

11. How many Indians feature in the 'BBC 100 Women List 2023'?

A. 3 ☒

B. 4

C. 5

D. 7

3

- ✓ The BBC 100 Women List 2023 focuses on women's rights globally and includes the activists and women leaders like Michelle Obama, Amal Clooney and Timnit Gebru. Three Indian women, including Bollywood actress Dia Mirza and captain of India's national women's cricket team Harmanpreet Kaur, National Geographic photographer Arati Kumar-Rao have made it to the BBC 100 Women List 2023.

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1. Which country inaugurated the world's largest single-site solar power plant 'Al Dhafra' Project?

- A. Israel
- B. UAE ☒
- C. Iran
- D. Oman



- ✓ The United Arab Emirates has inaugurated the world's largest single-site solar power plant ahead of the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28). The 2-gigawatt Al Dhafra project is located 35 kilometers from Abu Dhabi city. The plant is expected to displace 2.4 million tonnes of carbon emissions annually.

2. What is the mascot of the maiden Khelo India Para Games 2023?

- A. Vikas
- B. Ujjwala ☒
- C. Uday
- D. Udaan



- ✓ First-ever Khelo India Para Games 2023 logo and mascot was launched by Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. 'Ujjwala'- a sparrow, was unveiled as the official mascot of Khelo India - Para Games 2023. Since 2018, a total of 11 Khelo India Games have been successfully held. Over 1400 participants from across 32 states and union territories are expected to participate in the maiden Khelo India Para Games in 7 categories.

3. Which state is associated with 'Ungalai Thedi, Ungal Ooril' scheme?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu is set to launch a novel scheme Ungalai Thedi, Ungal Ooril (In your town, looking for you), to redress the grievances of the general public. Under the initiative, every District Collector will visit and stay in a taluk for one day in a month to inspect government offices in that area and listen to the grievances of the general public.

4. Which country announced generic medicine for four rare diseases including Gaucher's Disease and Wilson's Disease?

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



- ✓ India's Union Health Ministry said the production of four generic cost-effective medicines has begun in the country to bring down the high cost and provide relief to patients with rare diseases. These drugs are now available in the market for the treatment of four rare diseases: Tyrosinemia Type 1, Gaucher's Disease, Wilson's Disease and Dravet-Lennox Gastaut Syndrome.

5. Which country's embassy recently announced its permanent closure in India?

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



- ✓ Almost two months after it announced the shutting down of its operations, the Afghanistan embassy in New Delhi announced its permanent closure and asked the Indian government to allow the flag of the erstwhile Afghan republic to be hoisted on the premises. The permanent closure is owing to persistent challenges from the Indian government, as per a statement released by Afghanistan's ambassador to India.

6. Which country launched "Malligyong-1" spy satellite?

- A. Ukraine
B. Israel
C. North Korea ☒
D. Malaysia



- ✓ North Korea has said it successfully launched a military spy satellite on its third attempt in six months. The reconnaissance satellite Malligyong-1 was accurately put on its orbit, after it was launched from the Sohae Satellite Launching Station.

7. World Health Organisation (WHO) confirmed sexual transmission of mpox, or monkeypox, in which country?

- A. Kenya
B. Russia
C. Congo ☒
D. Argentina



- ✓ World Health Organisation (WHO) confirmed sexual transmission of mpox, or monkeypox, in Congo for the first time. WHO has officially classified monkeypox (mpox), an infectious disease caused by the monkeypox virus (MPXV), as a sexually transmitted disease (STD).

8. Which Asian country announced to provide visa-free entry to citizens of 6 countries?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. China ☒
- C. Singapore
- D. Thailand



- ✓ Citizens of France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Malaysia will be allowed to enter China for up to 15 days without a visa. Citizens from these six countries entering China for business, tourism, visiting relatives and friends, or transiting for no more than 15 days will not need a visa from 1 December to 30 November next year.

9. Indian firm Merlinhawk signed Italy's Vega Composites to set up a manufacturing and design facility in which defence corridor?

- A. Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor ☒
- B. Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor
- C. Maharashtra Defence Industrial Corridor
- D. Rajasthan Defence Industrial Corridor



- ✓ Indian firm Merlinhawk Aerospace signed a joint venture agreement with Italy's Vega Composites to establish a manufacturing and design facility in the Tamil Nadu defence corridor. The strategic joint venture is aimed at tapping the growing market of India.

10. Which country announced phased introduction of biogas blending?

- A. Russia
- B. India ☒
- C. China
- D. Sri Lanka



- ✓ The Indian government has announced a phased introduction of blending compressed biogas with natural gas. Starting at 1% from April 2025, this initiative aims to reach a 5% blend by 2028. India, which is one of the world's largest importers of oil and gas, ships in about half of its overall gas consumption and wants to cut its imports cost.

11. Which Union Ministry instituted the National Metallurgist Award?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Steel ☒
- D. Ministry of Power



इस्पात मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
STEEL

- ✓ National Metallurgist Award-2022 was awarded by the Union Ministry of Steel. Five distinguished metallurgists were being conferred with the coveted NMA 2022 in five categories. Dr Kamachi Mudali Uthandi was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award, while Dr Debashish Bhattacharjee was awarded the National Metallurgist Award.

12. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed in which month?

A. November ☒

B. December

C. January

D. March



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has designated November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual campaign that begins on 25 November and ends on International Human Rights Day on 10 December.

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1. Meitei Mayek Script is associated with which state?

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



- ✓ **Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh unveiled the Diglot Edition of the Constitution of India in the Manipuri Language, using the Meitei Mayek Script, in Imphal. The launch event took place on the occasion of Indian Constitution Day, which fell on November 26.**

2. Which High Court said that 'the right to speedy justice is a Fundamental Right'?

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



- ✓ **Madhya Pradesh High Court has said that 'the right to speedy justice is a Fundamental Right' while rejecting a plea against the executive order of the Chief Justice asking district courts to dispose of 25 of their oldest cases every quarter. If a court fails to dispose of 25 of its oldest cases in a quarter, the remainder will be added to their target in the next quarter, as per the order. There was a prolonged strike by lawyers across Madhya Pradesh against the order.**

3. Kambala Race is a traditional event held in which state?

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



- ✓ **Kambala is a traditional folk sport predominantly observed in the coastal districts of Karnataka, particularly in areas where Tulu speakers constitute the majority. Kambala races were hosted recently by Bengaluru and lakhs of people visited the venue to watch the event. Kambala has in the past been banned by the Supreme Court, but the Karnataka government amended legislation to allow the races to go on.**

4. Which country supplies C295 defence transport aircraft to India?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. USA
- D. Spain ☒



- ✓ In 2021, the Indian Air Force signed an agreement with Airbus for 56 C295 military transport aircraft. Around 16 of these aircraft will be acquired from final assembly line in Spain. Spain announced that it is ready to supply more C295 defence transport aircraft to India if it requires.
- ✓ This week 'Spain-India Forum' was organised in New Delhi and this was the first time the forum was being held in India. Spain is on board for Indo-Pacific-Mediterranean partnership with India as the key partner.

5. What is the new name of Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres?

- A. Ayushman Arogya Mandir ☒
- B. NaMO Ayushman Mandir
- C. Bharat Arogya Mandir
- D. Naya Bharat Mandir



- ✓ The government has decided to rename the Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres as 'Ayushman Arogya Mandir' and the Union Health Ministry has sent a letter to the states and Union territories to implement the rebranding exercise by end of this year. National Health Mission (NHM) logo is to be retained in the rebranded centres. The rebranded AB-HWCs will also have a new tagline 'Arogyam Parmam Dhanam'.

6. As per the Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2023 report, production of which product witnessed a negative growth in 2022-23?

- A. Milk
- B. Egg
- C. Meat
- D. Wool ☒



- ✓ The 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2023' report was released by the Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during National Milk Day event. It is based on the Animal Integrated Sample Survey (March 2022 to February 2023). Production of milk, egg and meat has significantly increased in 2022-23 over the past five years, though wool output during the same period has witnessed a negative growth.

7. Ingenuity is an autonomous helicopter operating on which celestial body?

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



- ✓ Ingenuity, nicknamed Ginny, is a small autonomous helicopter presently operating on the planet Mars. It is part of NASA's Mars 2020 mission. The Ingenuity helicopter has recently set records for airspeed and flight endurance on the Red Planet.

8. Nauradehi Sanctuary with the Durgavati Sanctuary are located in which state/UT?

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



- ✓ The central government has issued a notification approving the proposal to merge the Noradehil Sanctuary with the Durgavati Sanctuary of the Damoh district, creating a vast tiger reserve spanning 2,300 square kilometres. Damoh district in Madhya Pradesh is set to become home to the country's largest tiger reserve.

9. Which state signed MoU with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to increase milk production to 39 lakh litres per day?

- A. Jharkhand
B. Odisha
C. Assam ☒
D. Sikkim



- ✓ To revitalize the rural areas of the state through dairy farming, the Assam government has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for the comprehensive enhancement of the state's dairy sector. The objective is to elevate milk production to 39 lakh litres per day in the state in the near future.

10. Ramkumar Ramanathan, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

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



- ✓ Tennis player Ramkumar Ramanathan, a member of the Indian Davis Cup team, clinches Grand Double Title. Tamil Nadu star Ramkumar, ranked 642 on the ATP ranking list, recorded a 6-0, 6-4 victory against the 874th ranked National Champion Vishwakarma, in the all-Indian men's singles finals of the MSLTA \$25000 Men's ITF Tennis Championship 2023.

11. Angkor Wat, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- A. Myanmar
- B. Bhutan
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Cambodia ☒



- ✓ Angkor Wat, located in Cambodia, is now considered the eighth Wonder of the World, beating Italy's Pompeii. The title of the eighth Wonder of the World is given to outstanding buildings or projects, and Angkor Wat has gained this recognition. Built by King Suryavarman II in the 12th century, it has intricate carvings on its walls tell stories from Hindu and Buddhist myths.

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1. Which institution released the 'FASTER 2.0' portal?

- A. Election Commission of India
- B. Supreme Court of India ☒
- C. DPIIT
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud launched the portal 'FASTER 2.0', which will promptly inform jail authorities about court orders to release prisoners. The portal, 'FASTER 2.0', is live and allows immediate intimation to the concerned authorities. The CJI launched another initiative, a Hindi version of the e-SCR portal, on which the Supreme Court's judgements can be accessed.

2. Which city is the host of the World Climate Action Summit 2023?

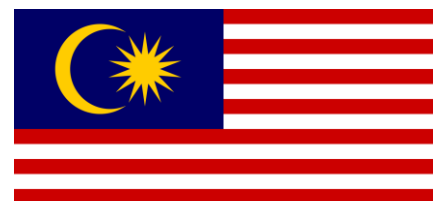
- A. New Delhi
- B. London
- C. Dubai ☒
- D. Colombo



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to pay a two-day visit to Dubai this week to attend World Climate Action Summit, which is part of the 28th meeting of the United Nations 'Conference of the Parties' on climate, known as COP28. The global summit on climate change would focus on reducing emissions and supporting developing countries in dealing with extreme weather events.

3. Which Asian country announced visa-free entry for citizens of China and India for 30 days?

- A. Thailand
- B. Vietnam
- C. Malaysia ☒
- D. Singapore



- ✓ Malaysia will scrap entry visa requirements for citizens of China and India visiting the nation beginning December 1, according to Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim. Chinese and Indian nationals may stay for up to 30 days visa-free. This would be subject to security screening, he added. Malaysia is counting on extra tourist arrival and their spending to support economic growth.

4. Which country launched "Guide on Gender- Inclusive Communication"?

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



- ✓ India's Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Minority Affairs Smriti Zubin Irani launched the Guide on Gender-Inclusive Communication. It is a collaborative effort by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), the National Gender and Child Centre (NGCC), Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie, along with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and UN Women.

5. Rat hole mining, which was seen in the news, is prevalent in which state?

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



- ✓ Rat hole mining, which is used in Uttarkashi tunnel rescue, is a method of extracting coal from narrow and horizontal seams. Meghalaya predominantly engages in rat hole mining because of the difficult terrain and nature of coal available in this region.
- ✓ The term "rat hole" refers to the narrow pits dug into the ground typically just large enough for one person to descend and extract coal. Rat hole mining poses significant safety and environmental hazards. Additionally, the mining process can cause land degradation, deforestation, and water pollution. The National Green Tribunal banned the practice in 2014.

6. Paul Lynch, who received the 2023 Booker Prize, is from which country?

- A. USA
B. UK
C. Ireland ☒
D. Australia



- ✓ Irish author Paul Lynch received this year's Booker Prize for his dystopian novel 'Prophet Song' at a ceremony at Old Billingsgate. This is his fifth novel which narrates the story of protagonist Eilish Stack, who struggles to protect her family in Ireland slowly tipping into Totalitarianism. Paul Lynch is the fifth Irish writer to win the Booker Prize in its 54-year history.

7. Classic Imperial tourist vessel was inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A. Goa
B. Kerala ☒
C. Puducherry
D. Andaman & Nicobar Islands



- ✓ Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched Classic Imperial, said to be the first and biggest-of-its-kind tourist vessel built in Kerala. The 50-metre-long air-conditioned

vessel that adheres to safety norms specified by the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) and can carry up to 150 passengers.

8. Albatross (*Appias albina*), which was seen in the news, belongs to which species?

- A. Cattle
- B. Duck
- C. Butterfly ☒
- D. Snake



- ✓ Butterfly migration from the Eastern Ghats and plains towards the Western Ghats, an annual phenomenon coinciding with the onset of the Northeast monsoon, was below par this year. Before the onset of the Northeast monsoon, butterflies from the subfamily Danainae, such as Blue Tiger, Dark Blue Tiger, Double-branded Crow, and Common Crow (Tigers and Crows) fly towards the west. Observers noticed local movement of Common Albatross (*Appias albina*), a butterfly species from the family Pieridae, in large numbers from hills of Anaikatti and the Nilgiris towards Sirumugai forest range and Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve during the second week of November.

9. As per WHO estimates, what percent of women experience physical and/or sexual violence in her lifetime?

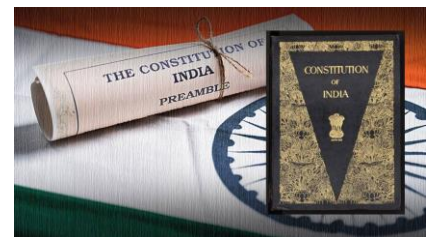
- A. 50%
- B. 33.33% ☒
- C. 12.5%
- D. 10%



- ✓ WHO's most recent estimates, launched in March 2021, show that almost 1 in 3 women worldwide experiences physical and/or sexual violence in her lifetime. Most of this is in the form of intimate partner violence. November 25, the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women, marks the beginning of the annual activist-led campaign, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The campaign lasts until 10 December, observed every year as Human Rights Day.

10. When is Constitution Day observed in India?

- A. November.25
- B. November.26 ☒
- C. November.27
- D. November.28



- ✓ Constitution Day is observed across the country to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India on 26th November, 1949 as well as to honour and acknowledge the contribution of Founding Fathers of the Constitution.

- ✓ The Government of India declared 26 November as Constitution Day in 2015, on the 125th birth anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. The aim of celebrating the day was to encourage people to follow the constitutional values in their lives.

11. National Milk Day is observed in India, in which month?

- A. June
B. September
C. November ☒
D. December



- ✓ Every year, National Milk Day is celebrated on November 26, to create awareness of the importance of consumption of milk. National Milk Day commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the architect of India's White Revolution.

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