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1. Which country holds the G20 Presidency in 2022?

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



- ✓ Environment officials from the Group of 20 nations met at Indonesia's Bali Island for talks on climate action and the global impact of the war in Ukraine. They also discussed the implementation of each G20 nation's contribution to fight climate change and synchronise targets among developing and developed countries.

2. Which institution has released the report incidence, mortality, morbidity and socio-economic burden of snakebite in the country?

- A. AIIMS
- B. ICMR ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. IMA



- ✓ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has released a study on the incidence, mortality, morbidity and socioeconomic burden of snakebite in the country. As per the study, snakes kill more than 45,000 people in India each year, while only 30% of the victims reach hospitals to seek medical treatment. The number of deaths due to venomous snakebites in India is 46,900 per year.

3. Which regulatory body has notified a framework introducing a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) in India?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Securities and Exchange Board of India ☒
- C. Department of Financial Services
- D. Economic Advisory Council



- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has notified a framework introducing a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) in India. The new category of exchange will provide social enterprises an additional avenue to raise funds. The SSE lists non-profit organisations on stock exchanges and provides them with an alternative fund-raising avenue.

4. India recently signed a MoU with which country on biodiversity conservation?

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



- ✓ India has recently approved an MoU with the Government of Nepal on biodiversity conservation, as proposed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The MoU aims to strengthen cooperation in the field of forests, biodiversity conservation, and climate change. It also aims at including the restoration of corridors and interlinking areas and sharing of knowledge and best practices, between the two countries.

5. As per the recent NSO Data, what was India's GDP growth rate in the first quarter (April–June) of this fiscal year 2022–23?

- A. 12.3%
B. 13.5% ☒
C. 14.7%
D. 15.2%



- ✓ As per the recent data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the Indian economy expanded at the quickest pace in a year. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the first quarter (April–June) of this fiscal year grew by 13.5%. This is lower than RBI's projections of 16.2% economic growth. GVA for the first quarter of FY23 (April–June) has come in at 12.7%.

6. World Organ Donation Day is celebrated on which date?

- A. August.11
B. August.13 ☒
C. September.13
D. September.11



- ✓ Every year, August 13 is celebrated as World Organ Donation Day to create awareness about organ donation. The day encourages people to donate organs as Organ failure is one of the major issues faced by people across the world. One can register for organ donation after attaining 18 years of age.

7. Which country hosted the 'Super Garuda Shield Defence Exercise'?

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



- ✓ Over 5000 soldiers from the US, Indonesia, Australia, Japan and Singapore participated in the joint combat exercises on Sumatra Island in Indonesia. The exercise was conducted amid growing Chinese maritime activity in the Indo–Pacific region. This is the largest edition of the exercise since it was launched in 2009.

8. What is the name of India's first Saline Water Lantern?

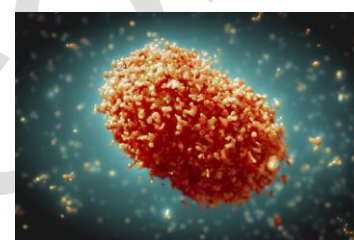
- A. Varthini
- B. Lavanya
- C. Roshni ☒
- D. Keerthy



- ✓ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched India's first Saline Water Lantern 'Roshni', during his visit to SAGAR ANVESHKA, a Coastal Research Vessel. The first-of-its kind lantern uses seawater as the electrolyte between specially designed electrodes to power the LED lamps.

9. What is the official name given to the monkeypox viruses, by the World Health Organisation (WHO)?

- A. Clade ☒
- B. Fleet
- C. Cleo
- D. Halo



- ✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced new names for variants of the monkeypox virus to avoid causing any cultural or social offence. Experts will refer to the former Congo Basin clade (group of variants) in Central Africa as Clade I, and the former West African clade as Clade II. It consists of two sub-clades, Clade IIa and Clade IIb. The monkeypox virus was named when it was first discovered in 1958.

10. As of August 15, 2022, India has how many Ramsar sites?

- A. 75 ☒
- B. 57
- C. 100
- D. 250



- ✓ Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced that India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites, bringing the country's total count to 75. Of the 11 new sites, four are in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two Jammu and Kashmir, and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The 75 Ramsar sites cover an area of 1,326,677 ha in the country.

1. Which Indian state/UT launched the “country’s first virtual school”?

- A. Karnataka
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Telangana
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the ‘country’s first virtual school’ called the ‘Delhi Model Virtual School’, in which students from across India will be eligible for admission in classes 9 to 12. DMVS will be affiliated to the Delhi Board of School Education (DBSE) and no fees will be charged from students. The classes will be conducted through an exclusive platform built by SchoolNet and Google.

2. Which institution conducted the Cyber Security Exercise ‘Synergy’?

- A. CERT-In ☒
- B. Indian Air Force
- C. Defence Research and Development Organisation
- D. Indian Space Research Organisation



- ✓ Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under Ministry of Electronics & IT, in collaboration with Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), successfully designed and conducted the Cyber Security Exercise ‘Synergy’ for 13 Countries. It was conducted as a part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative– Resilience Working Group which is led by India under the leadership of National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS). The theme of the exercise was ‘Building Network Resiliency to counter Ransomware Attacks’.

3. As per the latest NCRB report, the highest number of sedition cases were registered in which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Andhra Pradesh ☒
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ According to the latest NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) report, the highest number of sedition cases was recorded in Andhra Pradesh (29). 76 cases for sedition were registered in 2021 in the country under IPC Section 124A. In 2020, no sedition case was recorded in the state of Andhra Pradesh. There were 1,604 arrests under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act [UAPA].

4. Mikhail Gorbachev, who passed away recently, was a former President of which country?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Russia ☒
- C. Belarus
- D. Bulgaria



- ✓ **Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the former Soviet Union from 1985 until 1991, has passed away at the age of 91. In 1986, Gorbachev made a historic proposal to eliminate all long-range missiles held by the United States and the Soviet Union. It was the beginning of the end of the Cold War. He was also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.**

5. Which state/UT Police is the first in the country to make collection of forensic evidence mandatory?

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



- ✓ **The Delhi Police has become the first police force in the country to make collection of forensic evidence mandatory in crimes punishable with a sentence of more than six years.**
- ✓ **This has been done to increase conviction rate and to integrate the criminal justice system with forensic science investigation. Delhi Police has integrated the Criminal Justice System (ICJS) with forensic science investigation and collaborated with National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar to train its officers.**

6. Which state/UT Police received the most number of awards on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2022?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Punjab
- C. Jammu and Kashmir ☒
- D. Kerala



- ✓ **A total of 1,082 Police personnel were awarded Police Medals on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2022. 347 police personnel have been awarded Police Medal for Gallantry. Jammu and Kashmir Police were awarded 108 medals, the most among states and union territories. Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh are also among the states with highest number of Police Medals for Gallantry in 2022.**

7. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is set to establish a solar project in which country?

- A. Egypt
B. Kenya
C. Cuba ☒
D. South Africa



- ✓ The International Solar Alliance (ISA) in partnership with the Cuban government has floated a tender for setting up a 1150 MW solar project in Cuba. State-owned NTPC is the project management consultant for ISA for setting up the project. The project is part of Cuba's plan to implement 2100 MW of solar projects. It is also the first in ISA's broader solar park programme.

8. William Samoei Arap Ruto was sworn in as the President of which country?

- A. Kenya ☒
B. Ethiopia
C. Nigeria
D. South Africa



- ✓ William Samoei Arap Ruto, the deputy president of Kenya since 2013, has been declared winner of the Presidential election. Ruto won the election by a narrow margin as he received 50.49 percent of the votes. Legal battles are expected as a result of the tightly contested elections. In 2017, the presidential vote was nullified by the Supreme Court, citing reasons of irregularities.

9. Who is the first cricketer to play 600 matches in T20 cricket?

- A. Virat Kohli
B. Kieron Pollard ☒
C. Rohit Sharma
D. Andre Russell



- ✓ West Indies captain Kieron Pollard became the first cricketer to complete 600 matches in T20 cricket. He announced retirement from international cricket in April 2022. Recently, All-rounder Dwayne Bravo scripted history by becoming the first-ever cricketer to clinch 600 wickets in T20 cricket.

10. Durand Cup is associated with which sports?

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



- ✓ Durand Cup, the oldest football tournament in Asia, is scheduled to start from August 16, 2022. The opening match will be played between FC Goa and Mohammedan SC in Kolkata. For the first time in its history, the tournament is being held in multiple cities as West Bengal, Assam and Manipur are hosting the Durand Cup 2022. Indian Oil is the title sponsor of the tournament and the previous edition of Durand Cup 2021 was won by FC Goa.

1. The New Naval Ensign features the national emblem inside which shape?

- A. Green Hexagon
- B. Blue Octagon ☒
- C. Orange Hexagon
- D. White Octagon



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the new Naval Ensign (flag) at Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi. The Indian Flag is placed on the top left of the flag, while a blue octagonal shape that encompasses the national emblem sits atop an anchor on the right, which depicts steadfastness. The octagonal shape has been designed to represent eight directions, depicting the multi-directional reach and of the Indian Navy. The twin golden borders surrounding it are inspired from Chhatrapati Shivaji.

2. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a loan of USD 2.9 billion to which country to tackle its economic crisis?

- A. Iran
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Sri Lanka ☒
- D. Venezuela



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a loan of USD 2.9 billion to Sri Lanka. The country is battling its worst economic crisis since independence in 1948. Sri Lankan President Wickremesinghe, who is also the country's Finance Minister, presented his first budget, which aimed to boost revenue and fight inflation.

3. Which Union Ministry presents Smart Solutions Challenge and Inclusive Cities Awards?

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



Ministry of Housing
and Urban Affairs
Government of India

- ✓ The Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri presented Smart Solutions Challenge & Inclusive Cities Awards 2022. They were launched in April 2022. These awards are an initiative of the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and the United Nations (UN) in India to address city-level accessibility and inclusion challenges faced by persons with disabilities (PwD), women, girls and the elderly.

4. Which organization manufactures Tejas Mark-2 Fighter Jets?

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



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved Tejas Mark-2 Project. It has sanctioned 6,500 crore rupees for designing and developing of Tejas Mark-2 fighter jet. It is manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The advanced version of the indigenous Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA) will feature a series of additions to its flight and fight capabilities. Tejas 2.0 will be equipped with more powerful engines and indigenously developed Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar.

5. Who is the head of the Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on EV battery safety standards?

- A. Nandan Nilekani
- B. Ramesh Chand
- C. Parameswaran
- D. Tata Narsingh Rao ☒



सड़क परिवहन
एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
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सत्यमेव जयते

- ✓ Ministry of Road Transport and Highway constituted an Expert Committee, chaired by Tata Narsingh Rao. He is the Director of International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad. Based on the recommendations of the expert committee report, the Ministry has issued amendments including additional safety requirements related to battery cells, on-board charger, design of battery pack, thermal propagation due to internal cell short circuit leading to fire etc.

6. Mission Swavalamban is a flagship initiative of which institution?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. NABARD
- C. SIDBI ☒
- D. PFRDA



- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched the fifth phase of setting up of 300 Swavalamban Silai Schools across 10 districts of 6 States. This was launched under its flagship initiative Mission Swavalamban. It will cover Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Goa, Puducherry, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to empower women making them independent while pursuing entrepreneurship culture (Udyam Se Azadi).

7. Which institution launched its hackathon– Bima Manthan 2022?

- A. PFRDA
B. IRDAI ☒
C. GIC
D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has invited individuals and institutions to develop technology-driven innovative solutions for automated death claim settlement, curtail miss-selling and other fields related to insurance. This was launched as a part of its first hackathon named 'Bima Manthan 2022' with the theme 'Innovation in Insurance'.

8. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of NaBFID?

- A. Viral Acharya
B. K V Kamath
C. Urjit Patel
D. Rajkiran Rai G ☒



- ✓ Rajkiran Rai G has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) has appointed Rajkiran Rai G as its managing director (MD) for nearly five years. In 2021, the Government of India had appointed K V Kamath as chairperson of the development finance institution (DFI). The government has infused Rs 20,000 crore into NaBFID to start its operations to mobilise investment in infrastructure sector.

9. UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) is a flagship scheme of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of External Affairs
B. Ministry of Civil Aviation ☒
C. Ministry of Electronics and IT
D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ Ministry of Civil Aviation's flagship program Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN (Ude Deshka Aam Nagrik) has completed 5 years of success since the launch of its first flight by Prime Minister on 27th April 2017. The scheme was initiated on 21st October 2016. It provides an enhanced aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in tier II and tier III cities. In the last five years, UDAN has significantly increased the regional air-connectivity in the country. There were 74 operational airports in 2014. Because of the UDAN scheme this number has increased to 141 by now.

10. Which state is the host of the 2nd edition of the North East Olympics in 2022?

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



- ✓ Meghalaya is set to host the 2nd edition of the North East Olympics from Oct. the 30th to Nov. 6th in Shillong. The first edition of Games was held in Manipur in 2018, with 12 disciplines. The Games coincides when Meghalaya is celebrating the 50th year of its Statehood. In this edition, as many as 4,000 participants from eight North Eastern States will compete in 18 disciplines.

1. As per the latest figures from the IMF (September 2022), which country is the fifth largest economy in the world?

- A. UK
- B. India ☒
- C. France
- D. Australia



- ✓ According to figures from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India passed the United Kingdom (UK) to become the fifth-largest economy in the world in the last quarter of 2021. The United States, China, Japan, and Germany are the only nations ahead of India. However, in terms of per capita income, which is a measure of how much money is made per person in a country, India is ranked 122 out of 190 countries.

2. India's first-ever 'Night Sky Sanctuary' is set to come up in which state/UT?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. New Delhi
- C. Ladakh ☒
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ The Department of Science & Technology (DST) has undertaken to set up India's first-ever 'Night Sky Sanctuary' in Ladakh which will be completed within next three months. The Dark Sky Reserve will be located at Hanle, Ladakh as a part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. It will boost Astro-tourism in India. An MoU was signed among the UT administration, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA).

3. National Green Tribunal (NGT) smashed a Rs 3500 crore fine on which state government for violating waste management rules?

- A. New Delhi
- B. West Bengal ☒
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Assam



National Green Tribunal

- ✓ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked the West Bengal government to pay Rs 3,500 crore as 'compensation' for violating the norms for the management of solid and liquid waste. The Bengal government has the option to seek a review by the tribunal or move the Supreme Court. The bench has asked the state to deposit the amount within two months dedicated to solid waste management in the state and it will be operated according to the directions of the Chief Secretary.

4. Which is the venue of the 30th Southern Zonal Council meeting held recently?

- A. Thiruvananthapuram ☒
- B. Chennai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 30th Southern Zonal Council meeting in Thiruvananthapuram. In the meeting, 26 issues were discussed, 9 issues were resolved and 17 issues were reserved for further consideration. The main objectives of the Zonal Council meeting are settlement Centre– State disputes and inter–state disputes through mutual agreement, promotion of regional cooperation between States, among others.**

5. Who has been nominated as executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority?

- A. Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- B. Justice D Y Chandrachud ☒
- C. Justice N V Ramana
- D. Justice U U Lalit



- ✓ **Justice D Y Chandrachud, the second senior–most judge in the Supreme Court, has been nominated as executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority. President Droupadi Murmu nominated Justice Chandrachud to head the NALSA as executive chairman under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. The Chief Justice of India is the patron–in–chief of the NALSA.**

6. Who has been recommended as the Chairman of NABARD by FSIB?

- A. Sarada Kumar Hota
- B. Mohammad Mustafa ☒
- C. K V Kamath
- D. Sivasubramanian Ramann



- ✓ **The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommended Mohammad Mustafa as the Chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The final decision on the recommendation would be taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. NABARD is the apex regulatory body for overall regulation of regional rural banks and apex cooperative banks in India.**

7. Which is the first country in the world to make menstrual period products free for all?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Scotland ☒
- C. Germany
- D. Finland



- ✓ Scotland has become the first country in the world to make menstrual period products free for all. Products will be distributed through councils and education providers as per the Period Products Act. There is now a legal duty on local authorities to provide free items such as tampons and sanitary pads to anyone who needs them.

8. Which Union Ministry implements 'NAMASTE' central sector scheme?

- A. Ministry of External Affairs
B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
C. Ministry of Rural Development
D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ 'NAMASTE' is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) as a joint initiative with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). It seeks to ensure safety and dignity of sanitation workers in urban India by enhancing their occupational safety through capacity building and access to safety gear and machines.

9. Mandla, which became the fully 'functionally literate' district in the country, is located in which state?

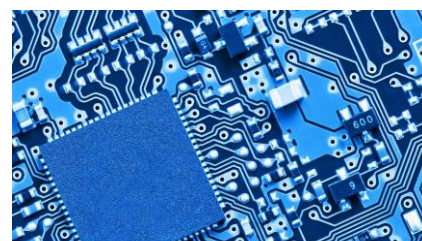
- A. Kerala
B. Gujarat
C. Madhya Pradesh ☒
D. Telangana



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Mandla region has become the first fully 'functionally literate' district in the country. A person is called functionally literate when they are able to write their own name, to count and read and write in Hindi. The region rolled out a major campaign in 2020 to educate the people in the region.

10. Which countries are included in the 'Chip 4' meeting along with USA?

- A. Taiwan, South Korea and Japan ☒
B. China, Taiwan and South Korea
C. Thailand, Taiwan and South Korea
D. Australia, China and Taiwan



- ✓ 'Chip 4' meeting is a meeting of the four chip manufacturing nations including the United States, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan. However, Taiwan announced that it has not been informed about the 'Chip 4' meeting. Taiwan is a major semiconductor producer and home to the world's largest contract chip maker. The group is described as the gathering as U.S.-led group of major microchip manufacturers.

1. Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of which country?

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



- ✓ **Leader of the Conservative Party Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. The 47-year-old leader beat her rival, former finance minister Rishi Sunak in an internal leadership contest of the ruling Conservative party, after Boris Johnson's resignation in July. Liz Truss will be only the UK's third female Prime Minister following Theresa May and Margaret Thatcher.**

2. What is the name of the mascot for the 36th National Games Ahmedabad?

- A. Sher
- B. Savaj ☒
- C. Vikas
- D. Leo



- ✓ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the mascot and the anthem for the 36th National Games in Ahmedabad. The mascot is named as 'Savaj' which means cub in Gujarati. The theme of the anthem is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. The National Games will be organised from September 29 to October 12, across six cities in the state.**

3. Which state hosted the 'Conclave of State Science & Technology (S&T) Ministers'?

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



- ✓ **The Gujarat Science Conclave of State Science & Technology (S&T) Ministers is set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Science City, Ahmedabad. The conclave will include discussions on the theme of 'Doubling Private Sector investment in R&D by 2030'. All States and UTs will be asked to have individual STI policy on the lines of National STI policy.**

4. Which is the first country to approve needle-free, inhaled version of COVID-19 vaccine?

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



- ✓ China became the first country to approve a needle-free, inhaled version of a Covid-19 vaccine made by Tianjin-based CanSino Biologics. China approved CanSino's Ad5-nCoV for emergency use as a booster vaccine. The inhaled version can stimulate cellular immunity and induce mucosal immunity to boost protection without intramuscular injection.

5. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed a former president of which country as his new special envoy for Afghanistan?

- A. Kyrgyzstan ☒
- B. Pakistan
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Thailand



- ✓ U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed a former president of Kyrgyzstan as his new special envoy for Afghanistan. Roza Otunbayeva, who also served as foreign minister of Kyrgyzstan, replaces Deborah Lyons, who stepped down in June this year.

6. 'Dahi-Handi' has been announced as the official sport of which state?

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



- ✓ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced that 'Dahi-Handi' will be recognised as an official sport in the state. The 'Govindas' who participate will get jobs under the sports category and the state will provide life insurance cover of ₹10 lakhs for all participants and insurance ₹5 lakhs if they end up being partially handicapped. 'Dahi-Handi' also known as 'Gopalakala' is a ritual held during Janmashtami festival.

7. Which financial services company has appointed 4 Indian badminton stars as its ambassadors?

- A. Paypal
- B. Mastercard ☒
- C. Visa
- D. American Express



- ✓ Mastercard has partnered with Indian badminton stars Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and appointed them as brand ambassadors in India. The winners of the Thomas Cup 2022 and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will spread awareness about the safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India.

8. Who is the author of the autobiography titled 'Madam Sir'?

- A. Manjari Jaruhar ☒
- B. Kiran Bedi
- C. Kanchan Chaudhary
- D. R Sreelekha



- ✓ **'Madam Sir' is the auto-biography of Manjari Jaruhar, one of the first five women police officers in India. She is the recipient of the government of India's Police Medal for meritorious service. She was also the first women police officer from the state of Bihar, when she was selected for the IPS in 1976. She retired as Special Director General of the CISF, and is presently an advisor to Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).**

9. Which is the venue of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023?

- A. Madurai
- B. Chennai
- C. Mumbai
- D. Indore ☒



- ✓ **The External Affairs Ministry of India announced that the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9th January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community in the development of India. It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on the same day in the year 1915.**

10. When is the 'Akshay Urja Diwas' celebrated in India?

- A. August.15
- B. August.20 ☒
- C. September.15
- D. October.15



- ✓ **Every year, August 20 is observed as the Akshay Urja Diwas to raise awareness on development and efficient use of renewable energy in India. The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The day was first organised by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in 2004.**

1. Which cities have joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities?

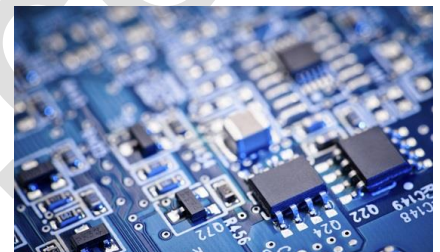
- A. Warangal, Thrissur and Nilambur ☒
- B. Mysuru, Varanasi and Jaipur
- C. Kochi, Mysuru and Varanasi
- D. Kanchipuram, Dolavira and Mysuru



- ✓ Warangal from Telangana and Thrissur and Nilambur from Kerala have joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC). 77 cities from 44 countries joined the list recently, which includes 294 cities from all around the world. The cities have been included in recognition of their outstanding efforts to promote lifelong learning across their communities at local level.

2. The Government has approved an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in which city?

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



- ✓ The government has approved an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in Pune at a cost of Rs 500 crore. The proposal, approved by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, is expected to attract investments of up to Rs 2,000 crore. The cluster will be set up over an area of 297 acres.

3. 'Indira Gandhi Shehari Rojgar Guarantee Yojana' is an initiative of which state/UT?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ Rajasthan is set to launch the country's first employment guarantee scheme for the urban poor named Indira Gandhi Shehari Rojgar Guarantee Yojana. It will start on September 9th with a budget of Rs 800 crore. The scheme aims to provide 100 days of guaranteed employment to the urban poor, especially those who lost their jobs during the CO VID-19 pandemic.

4. ISRO partnered with which country's space agency in space technology during Bengaluru Space Expo?

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



- ✓ Six MoUs signed between Indian and Australian space start-ups at Bengaluru Space Expo. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Australian Space Agency (ASA), have decided to partner to develop space technology markets for both India and Australia. ASA is an entity responsible for the development of Australia's commercial space sector.

5. PM SHRI Yojana, which was launched recently, is associated with which field?

- A. Electronics
B. Export
C. Education ☒
D. Research and Development



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana. Under the scheme, 14,500 schools from across the country will be upgraded as PM-SHRI schools. They will have a modern and transformational method of imparting education. The PM SHRI Schools will showcase all components of the National Education Policy 2020.

6. Kukrail forest area, which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state/UT?

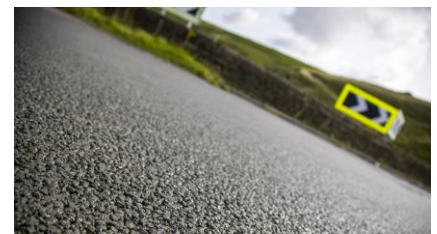
- A. Kerala
B. Uttar Pradesh ☒
C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Maharashtra



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved a night safari park in Lucknow district's Kukrail forest area. Under the project, the government will establish a zoological park and night safari in the 2,027-hectare forest in the forest area. The Uttar Pradesh government has identified 56 ecotourism sites in the state's 56 districts under its One District, One Destination scheme, to boost ecotourism and increase employment opportunities.

7. The Border Road Organization (BRO) pilot steel slag road is to be built in which state?

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



- ✓ The Border Road Organization (BRO) has planned to build steel slag road in Arunachal Pradesh on a pilot project basis. The Steel Slag Road, which can survive heavy rain and difficult weather conditions, is the first of its kind project of the BRO. This Road project will help to connect the strategic locations in the Northeast India.

8. Which company has commissioned a new green hydrogen plant at Hazira, Gujarat?

- A. ONGC
- B. BHEL
- C. L&T ☒
- D. BPCL



- ✓ Engineering major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) commissioned a new green hydrogen plant at Hazira in Gujarat. The company signed a joint venture with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and ReNew Power for the production of green hydrogen. The plant will produce 45 kg of green hydrogen daily, which will be used for consumption in the company's Hazira manufacturing complex.

9. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in which country?

- A. Paraguay ☒
- B. Iran
- C. Oman
- D. Qatar



- ✓ India's Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay. He also visited a place called 'Casa de la Independencia' from where the South American country's Independence movement started more than two centuries ago.

10. Which Indian airport is set to be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh?

- A. Chandigarh International Airport ☒
- B. New Delhi International Airport
- C. Cochin International Airport
- D. Mumbai International Airport



- ✓ Punjab and Haryana have agreed to name Chandigarh International Airport after Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh. Both the states had a decade-old tussle for renaming the international airport. Earlier Punjab Vidhan Sabha had passed a resolution to name the airport as 'Shaheed-E-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali'. The Haryana Vidhan Sabha passed a resolution on renaming the terminal, with the use of 'Chandigarh'.

1. The Union Environment Ministry approved the New Coastal Zone Management Plan for which state?

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



- ✓ Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change recently approved the New Coastal Zone Management Plan for Karnataka. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for various works worth Rs 3,800 crore at Goldfinch city in Karnataka. Karnataka is the first State in southern India and only the second state in the country to get the Plan prepared and approved as per the new Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification.

2. As of March 2022, what is India's external debt, as per the Finance Ministry's data?

- A. USD 220 billion
- B. USD 420 billion
- C. USD 620 billion ☒
- D. USD 820 billion



- ✓ The External Debt Management Unit (EDMU) in the Department of economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, has released 28th edition of the Status Report on India's External Debt 2021–22. India's external debt, at US\$ 620.7 billion as at end–March 2022, grew by 8.2 per cent over US\$ 573.7 billion as at end–March 2021. While 53.2 per cent of it was denominated in US dollar, Indian rupee denominated debt, estimated at 31.2 per cent, was the second largest. External debt as a ratio to GDP fell marginally to 19.9 per cent as at end–March 2022 from 21.2 per cent a year ago.
- ✓ Foreign currency reserves as a ratio to external debt stood slightly lower at 97.8 per cent as at end–March 2022 than 100.6 per cent a year ago. The long–term debt estimated at US\$ 499.1 billion, constituted the largest chunk of 80.4 per cent, while the short–term debt, at US\$ 121.7 billion, accounted for 19.6 per cent of the total.

3. Which country inaugurated Maitree Super Thermal Power Project, constructed under India's concessional financing scheme?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina jointly unveiled Unit–I of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Project.

- ✓ The project is being constructed under India's concessional financing scheme. It will add 1320 MW to Bangladesh's National Grid. Seven agreements, including on water resources, railways, science and technology, space technology was exchanged between the Prime Ministers.

4. Which company developed iNOVACC, India's first intranasal Corona vaccine?

- A. BioCon
B. Dr Reddy's Lab
C. Bharat Biotech ☒
D. Serum Institute of India



- ✓ The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) approved the country's first intra-nasal Covid-19 vaccine for restricted emergency use in those aged above 18 years. The vaccine named 'iNOVACC' was developed by Bharat Biotech and it is the only the second such vaccine in the world after CanSino Biologics' vaccine in China, to get regulatory approval. iNOVACC is a chimpanzee adenovirus vectored recombinant nasal vaccine.

5. India conducted a Cyber Security Exercise part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative, in collaboration with which country?

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



- ✓ India's National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the UK Government in collaboration with BAE Systems successfully conducted the Cyber Security Exercise for 26 Countries. The exercise has been conducted as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group, which is being led by India under the leadership of National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC).

6. Which is the venue of 'National Conference of Women Police'?

- A. New Delhi
B. Lucknow ☒
C. Shimla
D. Mysuru



- ✓ A two-day 'National Conference of Women Police' is being organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) in Shimla in collaboration with Himachal Police. The conference will showcase the achievements of women police officers and discuss challenges faced by them. It will also discuss the new roles and responsibilities of women in terms of emerging technologies and crimes.

7. India recently concluded a 'Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)' with which country, with the participation of INS Sumedha?

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



- ✓ **INS Sumedha participated with HMAS Anzac in the exercise reaffirming the strong navy-to-navy links and interoperability between Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy. INS Sumedha is an indigenously built Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel. It is part of the Indian Navy's initiative to hoist 'Tiranga' on all continents as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.**

8. Which neighbouring country is experiencing its longest ever drought?

- A. Myanmar
B. China ☒
C. Sri Lanka
D. Nepal



- ✓ **A month-long heatwave and record low rainfall have resulted in China's longest-ever drought along the Yangtze, the country's longest river. Lakes such as the Dongting Lake and tributaries have diminished as a result of the drought, exposing riverbeds. Low river levels have reduced the ability of hydro-electric power stations in the area to generate energy.**

9. Which country is the host of 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' military exercise?

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



- ✓ **South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years with a resumption of field training 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' in South Korea. The annual summertime exercise has been renamed Ulchi Freedom Shield this year by the South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol. Aim of this field training is to normalize the combined exercises.**

10. Which is the venue of 'Silk Mark Expo', which was recently inaugurated?

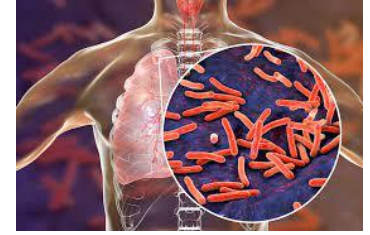
- A. New Delhi ☒
B. Chennai
C. Mussoorie
D. Kanchipuram



- ✓ **Union Minister of State for Textiles Darshana Jardosh inaugurated the Silk Mark Expo in New Delhi. The expo is being organised by the Silk Mark Organisation of India under Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles. Silk Mark is a quality assurance label launched by government to determine that the product is made up of pure natural silk.**

1. 'Ni-kshay 2.0 portal', which was launched recently, is associated with which disease?

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



- ✓ Indian President Droupadi Murmu is set to launch the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan 'Ni-kshay 2.0' portal. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has set a target for eradication of tuberculosis by 2025. Nikshay 2.0 is a digital platform for community support for the persons with TB. It provides additional patient support to improve treatment outcome of tuberculosis patients.

2. Which state launched 'Pudhumai Penn Scheme', to provide monthly financial assistance for female students to complete UG programmes?

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



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government launched the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme, also known as the 'Pudhumai Pen Scheme'. It provides a monthly grant of Rs 1,000 to female students to pursue a bachelor's degree, diploma, ITI, or any other recognised course. Those who attended government schools from Class 6 to 12 will be eligible for the financial aid.

3. As per the policy for long-term leasing of railway land for PM Gati Shakti, what is the tenure up to which land lease is provided?

- A. 10
- B. 15
- C. 25
- D. 35 ☒



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a policy for long-term leasing of railway land for the PM Gati Shakti programme. The new policy will facilitate to provide land lease for a longer period of up to 35 years as against five years at present. The new policy will enable the development of infrastructure and more cargo terminals. It has also cut down land lease fee from 6 percent to 1.5 percent.

4. Which state celebrates September 9 as 'Himalaya Diwas'?

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



- ✓ **Himalaya Diwas is celebrated every year on 9th September in the state of Uttarakhand, with an aim to conserve Himalayan ecosystem and region. It was officially declared as Himalaya Day in 2015 by the state's then Chief Minister. In 2014, the then Chief Minister Harish Rawat officially declared September 9 as 'Himalaya Diwas', to be celebrated across the State to spread the message of conservation of the Himalayan ecosystems.**

5. Which Indian chess player has recorded third consecutive win in his career against Magnus Carlsen?

- A. Gukesh D
- B. Praggnanandhaa R ☒
- C. Vidit Gujrathi
- D. Nihal Sarin



- ✓ **17-year-old Indian chess prodigy, R. Praggnanandhaa recorded a third consecutive win in his career against the Norwegian great Magnus Carlsen. Praggnanandhaa defeated the reigning 5-time World Chess Champion in his final match at the FTX Crypto Cup. Carlsen went on to win the FTX Crypto Cup while the Indian Grand Master finished at second place in the tournament.**

6. 'Mithila Makhana', which was awarded geographical indication (GI) tag, is cultivated in which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Bihar ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ **The government has recently awarded geographical indication (GI) tag to 'Mithila Makhana', to help farmers get the maximum price for their produce. Its botanical name is 'Euryale Ferox Salisb' and it is a special variety of aquatic fox nut. Mithila Makhana is cultivated in the Mithila region of Bihar and some parts of Nepal. It is the fifth product from Bihar after Bhagalpur's Jardalu Mango, Katarni Dhaan (rice), Nawada's Maghai Paan and Muzaffarpur's Shahi Litchi.**

7. Which Indian has been appointed to the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel?

- A. Alkesh Kumar Sharma ☒
- B. Nandan Nilekani
- C. K V Kamath
- D. Kris Gopalakrishnan



- ✓ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed senior Indian bureaucrat Alkesh Kumar Sharma to the inaugural Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel. He is among 10 distinguished digital governance experts selected from across the globe. He is a 1990 batch IAS officer from Rajasthan and a former Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat. He has earlier served the UNDP as the national project director for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

8. As per the National Family Health Survey 2019–'21, what is India's sex ratio at birth?

- A. 110
- B. 108 ☒
- C. 105
- D. 101



- ✓ As per a recent study by the think tank Pew Research Center, India's sex ratio at birth, the number of girl children born for every 100 boys, has normalised slightly. The data from the National Family Health Survey 2019–'21 shows that the sex ratio at birth narrowed from 109 boys per 100 girls in 2015–'16 to 108 boys per 100 girls in 2019–'21. The average annual number of baby girls 'missing' in India also fell from about 4.8 lakh in 2010 to 4.1 lakh in 2019.

9. Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant has commenced production in which Indian state/UT?

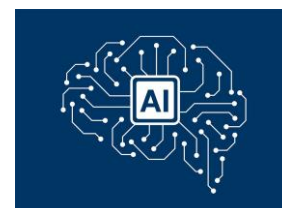
- A. Punjab ☒
- B. Kerala
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant in the Sangrur district of Punjab has recently started commercial production. The Bio-gas is being supplied to the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) outlet. Punjab Energy Development Agency has allocated 42 additional CBG projects based on paddy straw and other agro-residue to prevent stubble burning.

10. Which country is the host of Global AI Summit?

- A. Australia
- B. Saudi Arabia ☒
- C. France
- D. Spain



- ✓ Saudi Arabia is set to organise the second edition of the Global AI Summit in September this year, under the theme 'Artificial Intelligence for the Good of Humanity'. The upcoming event will be participated by experts from government agencies and major technology companies around the world. It will discuss a number of topics, with the aim of finding solutions to the current challenges and maximizing the use of the AI technologies.

1. What is the rank of India in the UNDP's Human Development Index 2021?

- A. 121
B. 125
C. 129
D. 132 ☒

132

- ✓ India ranked 132nd among 191 countries and territories in the 2021 Human Development Index (HDI). As per a report by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), decline in the country's performance from its previous level due to a fall in life expectancy. In the 2020 report, India had ranked 131st among 189 countries and territories.

2. Which sportsperson of India recently became 'Diamond League Champion'?

- A. P V Sindhu
B. Neeraj Chopra ☒
C. H S Prannoy
D. Hima Das



- ✓ Neeraj Chopra created history when he became the first Diamond Trophy winner from India, with a throw of 88.44 metre. Chopra had earlier won the Lausanne Diamond League with an 89.08-meter throw. He recorded 89.30m at Paavo Nurmi Games, while he clinched a historic silver medal at the World Championships in July.

3. Which businessperson was ranked first in the Fortune India's list of 'India's Richest' for 2022?

- A. Mukesh Ambani
B. Gautam Adani ☒
C. Cyrus Poonawala
D. Adi Godrej



- ✓ According to a Fortune India's list of 'India's Richest' for 2022, Gautam Adani was ranked first with the wealth of Rs 10.29 trillion. The wealth of 142 billionaires based in India is collectively worth USD 832 billion (Rs 66.36 trillion). Asia's richest man Gautam Adani recently overtook Amazon founder Jeff Bezos to become the third richest person in the world, according to Forbes real-time billionaires list.

4. Which state launched a multi-purpose online portal called 'Residents Safety and Security Act'?

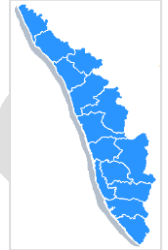
- A. West Bengal
B. Meghalaya ☒
C. Sikkim
D. Odisha



- ✓ The Meghalaya Government launched a multi-purpose online portal 'Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA)'. The digitisation process would connect more than 6,000 villages and localities across Meghalaya to the online system. This aims to ensure the safety and security of the residents, gathering intelligence inputs for better delivery of numerous government services.

5. Which state/UT is set to build the country's first 'Education Township'?

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



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government has announced that it is set to build an education township in the state. The move will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place. It will also provide accommodation and other facilities to students and teachers.

6. Prime Minister inaugurated Asia's biggest private hospital in which state/UT?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Haryana ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Amrita hospital in Haryana's Faridabad. It has been constructed over a period of six years with funding from the Mata Amritanandmayi Math. The hospital with 81 specialities is claimed to be the largest private hospital in the country and Asia, when completed. It has a dedicated seven-storey research block and eight centres of excellence.

7. Which institution has developed a fermentation method to produce a sugar substitute called 'Xylitol'?

- A. IISc Bengaluru
- B. IIT Guwahati ☒
- C. IIT Madras
- D. NIT Warangal



- ✓ IIT Guwahati researchers have developed an ultrasound-assisted fermentation method to produce a sugar substitute called 'Xylitol'. It is developed from sugarcane bagasse, the residue left after crushing of sugar cane. The product also overcomes the limitations of chemical methods of synthesis and the time delays associated with traditional method of fermentation. It also has potential anti-diabetic and anti-obesogenic effects.

8. Which state has launched its 'Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022'?

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



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu has launched its Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022 at the Footwear & Leather Sector Conclave. The state accounts for 26 per cent of national leather manufacturing output and 48 per cent of exports. The policy will offer a special package for footwear and leather products (FLP) manufacture and incentives for FLP Design Studios. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin also laid the foundation stone for a 400-crore Mega Footwear Manufacturing Park at Ranipet.**

9. 'New India: Selected Writings 2014–19', which was released recently, is a book of compiled writings of which leader?

- A. Sushma Swaraj
- B. Arun Jaitley ☒
- C. Manohar Parrikar
- D. Atal Bihari Vajpayee



- ✓ **Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu launched a book titled 'New India: Selected Writings 2014–19. It has articles penned by Arun Jaitley, who served as the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs of the Government of India from 2014 to 2019. The book was launched on the BJP leader's third death anniversary.**

10. Who received the 2022 UNESCO Peace Prize in recognition of efforts to welcome refugees?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Angela Merkel ☒
- D. Volodymyr Zelensky



- ✓ **German Chancellor Angela Merkel received the 2022 UNESCO Peace Prize 'in recognition of her efforts to welcome refugees'. Merkel received the Félix Houphout-Boigny-UNESCO Peace Prize for her 'courageous' decision to welcome more than 1.2 million migrants in 2015, particularly those from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Eritrea.**

1. Which Union Ministry organised the 'EU-India Green Hydrogen Forum'?

- A. Ministry of Power
- B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ☒
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry



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- ✓ **The first EU-India Green Hydrogen Forum was organized jointly by the Delegation of the European Union and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. It was launched in cooperation with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Hydrogen Europe. The event brought together EU-India businesses to discuss joint projects on hydrogen and international hydrogen trade.**

2. Which state has set up a Committee on Uniform Civil Code headed by judge Ranjana Prakash Desai?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand ☒
- D. Karnataka

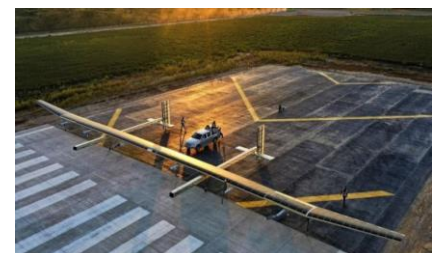


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- ✓ **A committee headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai was set up by the Uttarakhand government to prepare a draft of Uniform Civil Code. The Committee has recently launched a web portal to invite feedback and suggestions from people. People of the state can log into the portal and share their suggestions, grievances and complaints.**

3. Qimingxing-50 is the name of first fully solar-powered unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) of which country?

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



- ✓ **China has successfully tested its first fully solar-powered unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). Named 'Qimingxing-50', the UAV can fly for months and can function even as a satellite if required. It is the first large-sized UAV powered only by solar energy. This technology will promote China's Defence prowess. It can also be used in the field of renewable energy and aeronautical engineering.**

4. Which state is the host of first 'National Conference on Sustainable Coastal Management in India'?

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



- ✓ Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the first National Conference on Sustainable Coastal Management in India in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The Conference was focused on enhancing climate resilience of India's coastal communities. It was attended by officials from all 13 coastal states of India with focus on the three interrelated themes of coastal and marine biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation and coastal pollution.

5. India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' was inaugurated in which state/UT?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Odisha
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Bihar ☒



- ✓ Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' on the Falgu River. It is a vast stretch of sand dunes. He also inaugurated the steel foot over bridge for the convenience of visitors who visit during Pitripaksha Mela. "The dam has been built at an estimated cost of Rs 324crore with the guidance from IIT (Roorkee).

6. Which country launched the world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains?

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



- ✓ Germany launched the world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains, replacing 15 diesel trains that previously operated on non-electrified tracks. The 14 trains use hydrogen fuel cells to generate electricity under the USD 92 million project. The trains manufactured by French company Alstom are operated by a regional rail company.

7. India's first 3D-printed post office is set to come up in which city?

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru ☒
- C. Cochin
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ IIT Guwahati researchers have developed an ultrasound-assisted fermentation method to produce a sugar substitute called 'Xylitol'. It is developed from sugarcane bagasse, the residue left after crushing of sugar cane. The product also overcomes the limitations of chemical methods of synthesis and the time delays associated with traditional method of fermentation. It also has potential anti-diabetic and anti-obesogenic effects.

8. Which is the venue of the fourth edition of the India Clean Air Summit (ICAS)?

- A. New Delhi
B. Gandhi Nagar
C. Bengaluru ☒
D. Jaipur



- ✓ The fourth edition of the India Clean Air Summit (ICAS) began in Bengaluru. The summit has been organised by think-tanks Centre for Air Pollution Studies (CAPS) and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP). Several experts from different parts of the world are set to discuss an integrated approach to resolve air pollution and climate change.

9. Which subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) has been amalgamated with BPCL?

- A. Bharat Gas Resources Limited ☒
B. Bharat Petroresources Limited
C. Petronet LNG Limited
D. Indraprastha Gas Limited



- ✓ Bharat Gas Resources Ltd (BGRL), a 100 per cent subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), has been amalgamated with the parent. The order approving the amalgamation was issued by the Corporate Affairs Ministry. The scheme of amalgamation has become effective on August 16.

10. Arjun Erigaisi, who was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

- A. Kabaddi
B. Tennis
C. Chess ☒
D. Basketball



- ✓ India's Grand Master Arjun Erigaisi won the Abu Dhabi Masters chess title by scoring two back-to-back victories. As per the live ranking, Arjun is placed at a career-best 24th and third among Indians behind Viswanathan Anand (12th) and D Gukesh (20th).

1. Which Indian city is the host of 'National Defence MSME Conclave and Exhibition'?

- A. Gandhi Nagar
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Kota ☒
- D. Visakhapatnam



- ✓ The two-day National Defence MSME Conclave and Exhibition was recently inaugurated in Kota, Rajasthan. The Conclave is being organized for the first time in the state. Several defence equipment including T-90 and BMP-2 tanks, artillery guns, sniper and machine guns and military bridges are displayed in the exhibition. Many start-ups and MSMEs are displaying their products.

2. Who is the winner of the US Open Tennis Tournament 2022?

- A. Casper Ruud
- B. Carlos Alcaraz ☒
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Rafael Nadal



- ✓ Spanish teenage Tennis player Carlos Alcaraz beat Norway's Casper Ruud in the US Open final to claim his maiden Grand Slam title. After his first ever appearance at major final, the young player rose to the top of the world rankings. The 19-year-old player has won six ATP Tour singles titles and two Masters 1000 titles.

3. Which Indian Armed Force conducted the 'Parvat Prahar' Exercise?

- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Army ☒
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police



- ✓ The Indian Army is conducting a 20-day long exercise named Parvat Prahar. It is conducted amid the disengagement process between India and China in the Gogra-Hot Springs area on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande reviewed exercise Parvat Prahar. The disengagement process follows the talks between the corps commanders of India and China.

4. Where was the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 held?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Greater Noida ☒
- C. Amritsar
- D. Nainital



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 in Greater Noida. Indian dairy industry accounts for about 23% of global milk, producing around 210 million tonnes annually. Various schemes have led to an increase of milk production by more than 44% in the last eight years.

5. India recently pulled out of which pillar of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)?

- A. Fair Economy Pillar
B. Trade Pillar ☒
C. Clean Economy Pillar
D. Supply Chains Pillar



- ✓ India pulled out of the trade-related negotiations of the United States-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal confirmed India's decision of not joining the trade pillar of IPEF. The IPEF Ministerial Meet was recently hosted by the United States.

6. Which states top the country in terms of food-grain production, as per recent data?

- A. Punjab and Uttar Pradesh
B. Punjab and Haryana ☒
C. Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal
D. Punjab and West Bengal



- ✓ As per recent data, Punjab and Haryana are among the top States in terms of food-grain production and yield. Uttar Pradesh and some western and southern States have the highest production of non-food grains. Foodgrain includes rice, wheat, pulses and coarse cereals while non-foodgrains include oilseeds, cotton, sugarcane and jute. The net sown area has reduced in Odisha, Maharashtra and Bihar, while it has gone up in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh.

7. Which Indian company has partnered with UNESCO to promote the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India?

- A. Tata Consultancy Services
B. Royal Enfield ☒
C. Reliance Industries
D. Mahindra and Mahindra



- ✓ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and India's leading Motorcycle brand Royal Enfield have partnered to promote and safeguard the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, starting with the Himalayas. India is one of the 178 countries to have adopted the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre' in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Punjab ☒
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Telangana



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre' in Punjab's Mohali district. Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to treat all types of cancers. The hospital has been built at a cost of over ₹660 crore by Tata Memorial Centre.

9. What is the name of India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-1)?

- A. Vikram
- B. Vikrant ☒
- C. Karikalan
- D. Rajendran



- ✓ The Indian Navy has announced that India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-1) will be commissioned on September 2. As per the Navy, the warship will be christened 'Vikrant' and it will mark a milestone of realisation of Nation's commitment towards self-reliance. The ship was first launched in August 2013 while the sea trials began in August 2021.

10. How many tribal districts have been selected for focused interventions to eradicate TB?

- A. 25
- B. 50
- C. 75 ☒
- D. 100



- ✓ The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Central TB Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have now selected 75 tribal districts, for focused interventions to eradicate Tuberculosis. This decision has been taken after door-to-door TB screening of over 68,000 villages in tribal districts held over the past six months.

1. What is the retail inflation in August in India, as per the official data?

- A. 6.5%
- B. 7.0% ☒
- C. 7.5%
- D. 8.0%



- ✓ India's retail inflation rose to 7% in August from 6.71% in July due to higher food prices. The consumer price index-based inflation is above the RBI's target level of 6% for the eighth month in a row. As per the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), India's industrial production rose 2.4% in July, while the IIP had grown 11.5% in July 2021. Food inflation soared as prices of essential crops like wheat, rice and pulses were driven higher.

2. FAO and World Food Program warned recently about acute food insecurity in which neighbouring country of India?

- A. Myanmar
- B. Sri Lanka ☒
- C. Nepal
- D. Afghanistan



- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) warned in a new report that around 6.3 million people in Sri Lanka are facing moderate to severe acute food insecurity. Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM) report also warned that their situation is expected to worsen if adequate life-saving assistance and livelihood support is not provided.

3. India is set to reintroduce Cheetahs from Namibia in which National Park?

- A. Kuno Palpur National Park ☒
- B. Jim Corbett National Park
- C. Ranthambore National Park
- D. Kaziranga National Park



- ✓ India is set to re-introduce Cheetahs from South Africa's Namibia in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno Palpur National Park. After the Cheetahs arrive in the National Park, they will stay in smaller enclosures during the quarantine phase before being shifted to the bigger ones. Cheetahs went extinct in India in 1952 and the 'African Cheetah Introduction Project in India' was started in 2009.

4. Which organisation in its report stated that 50 million people worldwide are stuck in 'modern slavery'?

- A. FAO B. IMF
C. ILO ☒ D. WEF



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- ✓ The United Nations' International Labour Organization (ILO) released a report, in which it stated that 50 million people worldwide are stuck in 'modern slavery'. The number of people trapped in forced labour or forced marriage and other crises has rose by one fifth in recent years to about 50 million on a single day. The study was conducted along with the Walk Free Foundation.

5. What is the share of government health expenditure in GDP in 2018–19?

- A. 0.85 %
B. 1.01 %
C. 1.28 % ☒
D. 2.0 %



- ✓ As per the findings of the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India for 2018–19, there has been an increase in the share of government health expenditure in the total GDP of the country. The share has increased from 1.15% in 2013–14 to 1.28% in 2018–19. In 2017–18, it was at 1.35 %. The share of Government Health Expenditure in Total Health Expenditure has also increased in 2018–19 at 40.6%.

6. India signed a MoU with which country on interim water of the Kushiya River?

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



- ✓ India and Bangladesh held the meeting of the Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) in New Delhi where the countries finalised MoU on interim water of the Kushiya River. The meeting was held after 12 years of long gap, according to a statement released by Ministry of Jal Shakti. Both sides welcomed the finalization of the design and location of water intake point on the Feni River to meet the drinking water needs of Tripura's Sabroom town.

7. Which country has spotted Carbon di oxide in the atmosphere of an exo-planet?

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



- ✓ The James Webb Space Telescope has spotted carbon dioxide in the atmosphere of a planet in another solar system. The finding marks the first detailed scientific result published from the new telescope. It also shows new possibilities of finding the same greenhouse gas in the atmospheres of smaller, rockier planets that are similar to the Earth.

8. Who is the first Indian sportsperson to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title?

- A. P V Sindhu
B. Dhanalakshmi
C. Neeraj Chopra ☒
D. Hima Das



- ✓ Tokyo Olympics Gold medallist Neeraj Chopra has won the javelin throw competition at the Lausanne Diamond League. With the best throw of 89.08 metre, Neeraj became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title. The League is an annual series of elite track and field athletic competitions. Neeraj has been qualified for the Diamond League Finals at Switzerland and also qualified for the 2023 World Championships.

9. Dr. Asghar Wajahat, who was conferred with the Vyas Samman Award, is a writer of which language?

- A. Urdu
B. Hindi ☒
C. Kannada
D. Gujarati



- ✓ The 31st Vyas Samman Award was conferred to Hindi writer Dr. Asghar Wajahat in New Delhi. He has been chosen for the prestigious award for his play Mahabali focused on Mughal emperor Akbar and poet Tulsidas. The Vyas Samman is given by K K Birla Foundation for outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.

10. 'Vajra Prahar 2022' is a Defence Exercise held between India and which country?

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



- ✓ The 13th edition of the India–US Joint Special Forces Exercise Vajra Prahar 2022 was carried out at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh. The exercise includes training in Air Borne Operations, Special Operations and Counter Terrorism operations. This annual exercise is hosted alternatively between India and the United States. The 12th edition was conducted at Washington (US) in 2021.

1. Who is the head of the Committee constituted by the Finance Ministry to address issues faced by venture capital (VC) and private equity (PE)?

- A. Ajay Tyagi
- B. Mahalingam
- C. M Damodaran ☒
- D. Subash Chandra Garg



- ✓ The Finance Ministry constituted an expert committee headed by former SEBI chief M. Damodaran to examine and suggest measures to address regulatory issues to scale up investments by venture capital (VC) and private equity (PE). Other members of the committee include G Mahalingam, former whole-time member of SEBI and executive director of RBI; representatives from CBIC; Income tax Department; NCAER among others. FY23 budget proposed to set up such a committee.

2. How many drugs are included in the 'National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)'?

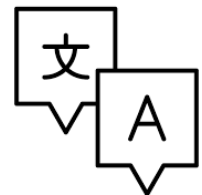
- A. 84
- B. 184
- C. 284
- D. 384 ☒

384

- ✓ Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched National Lists of Essential Medicines (NLEM) 2022. NLEM ensures accessibility of affordable quality medicines and helps in reduction in Out-of-Pocket Expenditure on healthcare for the citizens. 384 drugs have been included in this list with addition of 34 drugs, while 26 from the previous list have been dropped.

3. Which city is the host of 'All-India Official Language Conference' held in 2022?

- A. Surat ☒
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Pune



- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah participated in the All-India Official Language Conference in Gujarat's Surat. The conference is being organised on the occasion of Hindi Day, which is celebrated annually on September 14 across the country.

4. Which planet disappeared from sight on Sep.14, due to a phenomenon called 'Lunar occultation'?

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



- ✓ The sixth planet from the sun, Uranus appeared to pass directly behind Earth's moon, going out of sight for three and a half hours. The disappearing act is also known as the lunar occultation of Uranus. Only viewers in Europe, northern Africa and western Asia were at the exact right angle to see the phenomenon.

5. 'Swachh Sagar' portal, which was recently launched, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Union Ministry of Earth Sciences ☒
- B. Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Union Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Union Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ Union Minister for Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh unveiled a dedicated website to give further boost to the ongoing Coastal Clean-Up campaign. The awareness campaign 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' will culminate on 'International Coastal Clean-up Day'. Dr. Singh also launched the campaign Logo-Vasuki, as a part of ongoing pan-India Coastal Clean-Up campaign.

6. The Indian Coast Guard conducted 'SAREX-22' National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise in which city?

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



- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted the 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 in Chennai. ICG Dornier planes demonstrated ways of rescuing passengers from ships and aircraft during emergencies. The theme of this edition of the biennial exercise is "Capacity Building towards Marine Passenger Safety".

7. The world's longest branch canal in the world has been inaugurated in which state/UT?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Narmada canal that will bring water to Kutch from the Narmada Sarovar dam in south Gujarat. The 357.18-km long Kutch Branch Canal (KBC) that stretched from the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Dam in Narmada district, to the last of the villages of Gujarat's Mandvi taluka. Built at the cost of Rs 6493 crore, KBC has been claimed as the longest branch canal in the world.

8. National Cancer Grid (NCG) is an initiative of the Government of India through which department?

- A. Department of Atomic Energy ☒
B. Department of Science and Technology
C. Department of Health and Family Welfare
D. Department of Health and Research



- ✓ The National Cancer Grid (NCG) is an initiative of the Government of India through the Department of Atomic Energy and its grant-in-aid institution, the Tata Memorial Centre. The National Cancer Grid (NCG) has recently established the Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (KCDO) to promote use of digital technologies and tools to improve cancer care across India. NCG has over 270 hospitals in its network across India, at present.

9. The Indian Army began the reconstruction of the 150-year-old Bailey Bridge over the Sukhtawa River in which state?

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



- ✓ The Indian Army began the reconstruction of the 150-year-old Bailey Bridge over the Sukhtawa River, which collapsed earlier in April. It is on the Bhopal –Nagpur Highway. The Army is using the technique, which is used to build bridges in hilly areas. The bridge will be 93 feet long and 10.50 feet wide. It will be very strong and can sustain even 40 tonnes of weight.

10. 'The Centre for Medical Skills for paramedical staff' is set to come up in which state/UT?

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



- ✓ 'The Centre for Medical Skills for paramedical staff' is set to come up at Babadam in West Garo Hills of Meghalaya. The Meghalaya Cabinet approved the construction of Centre that will be built at the cost of Rs 152 crores. The Medical Skill Hunar Hub will have space for 2500 students with several facilities including hostel, Pharmaceutical College, Paramedical College and Skill Development Centre.

1. Which country is the host of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2022?

- A. India
- B. Kazakhstan ☒
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Uzbekistan



- ✓ **The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit is being held in Samarkand in Uzbekistan. It is SCO's first in-person summit in after two years. The summit will also see the participation of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The meeting aims to deliberate on regional security challenges, boosting trade and energy supplies among other issues.**

2. Shoonya Campaign, which was seen in the news, is aimed at which process?

- A. Reduce Air Pollution by banning crackers
- B. Reduce Air Pollution by using Evs ☒
- C. Promote Rain Water Harvesting
- D. Promote Afforestation



- ✓ **Shoonya is an awareness campaign to reduce air pollution by promoting the use of electric vehicles (EVs) for ride-hailing and deliveries. NITI Aayog held a forum to commemorate the one-year anniversary of Shoonya, India's zero pollution e-mobility campaign. During the event, the National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Energy Storage report was also launched.**

3. Which Indian zoological park tops the Central Zoo Authority's recent rankings?

- A. Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai
- B. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling ☒
- C. Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru
- D. Thiruvananthapuram Zoo



- ✓ **As per the list released by the Central Zoo Authority based on management and effectiveness, the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling was given the highest percentage of 83. The Red Panda is one of the top attractions of the Zoo, besides Himalayan Black Bear, Snow Leopard, Goral and Himalayan Thar. The Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Chennai has secured the second position, followed by the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens in Mysore.**

4. Which country is the host of FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022?

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



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet of India approved the Signing of Guarantees for hosting Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Under 17 Women's World Cup 2022 in India.**
- ✓ **The prestigious FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup will be held for the first time in India between 11 and 30 October, 2022. India had earlier hosted the FIFA Under-17 Men's World Cup 2017. The matches will be played in Navi Mumbai, Goa and Bhubaneswar while teams from 16 countries will participate in the event.**

5. Which country is the host of the World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022?

- A. Spain
- B. Germany
- C. Denmark ☒
- D. Hungary



- ✓ **International Water Association (IWA) World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022 is hosted by Copenhagen, Denmark. The Indian Delegation launched a Whitepaper on 'Urban Wastewater Scenario in India' at the International Exhibition. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, Ministry of Jal Shakti and National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), international agency Innovation Centre Denmark (ICDK) and academia Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) prepared the whitepaper.**

6. Which Indian state/UT launched the 'Mahila Nidhi', loan scheme for social and economic development of women through loans?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha



- ✓ **Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched 'Mahila Nidhi', a loan scheme for the social and economic development of women through loans. The scheme was launched on the occasion of Women's Equality Day. Under the scheme, easy credit will be available to women for starting new businesses and expanding their business. In the state budget 2022-23, the government announced to set up 'Mahila Nidhi' through Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council.**

7. Which pharma company launched India's first indigenously developed qHPV against cervical cancer?

- A. Dr Reddy's Lab B. Serum Institute of India ☒
- C. Biocon D. Bharat Biotech



- ✓ The Department of Biotechnology in partnership with the Serum Institute of India is set to launch India's first indigenously developed Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV) against cervical cancer. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), India accounts for about a fifth of the global burden for cervical cancer with 1.23 lakh cases and around 67,000 deaths every year.

8. 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah' is observed every year during which month?

- A. July B. August
- C. September ☒ D. December



- ✓ India observes National Nutrition Week from September 1 to September 7 every year to raise awareness about the importance of consuming nutritious food.
- ✓ Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 across the nation from 1st to 30th September. This year, the objective of the 'Poshan Maah' is to celebrate 'Poshan Maah' through Gram Panchayats as Poshan Panchayats with key focus on 'Mahila aur Swasthya' and 'Bacha aur Shiksha'.

9. Who is the author of the book "Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence"?

- A. K V Kamath B. Urjit Patel
- C. Ashutosh Ranavikar ☒ D. Arundhati Bhattacharya



- ✓ Dr Ashutosh Ranavikar, Director in the DEPR of RBI has authored a book titled "Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence". The books attempt to capture developments in the Indian banking sector over the last 75 years. It describes how the banking sector displayed great resilience during South-East Asian crisis of the late '90s, global meltdown of 2008, the taper-tantrums of 2013–14 among other crises.

10. What is the name of the national single-window source for all assessment-related information of education boards?

- A. NIPUN B. STARS
- C. PARAKH ☒ D. KALAM



- ✓ PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) was announced in the National Educational Policy (NEP). The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and the state education boards are collaborating to draw up a 'benchmark framework' to bring uniformity across state and central boards. PARAKH will be the national single-window source for all assessment-related information. It will oversee the periodic tests like the National Achievement Survey (NAS) and State Achievement Survey.

1. 'The Green Fins Hub', the first-ever global marine tourism industry platform, is associated with which institution?

- A. WEF
- B. IMF
- C. UNEP ☒
- D. UNICEF



- ✓ **The Green Fins Hub is the first-ever global marine tourism industry platform. The tool has been developed by The Reef-World Foundation in partnership with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The tool helps to overcome sustainability challenges in the marine conservation tourism industry. It helps operators to make simple changes to their daily practices, keep track of their annual improvements and communicate with their communities and customers.**

2. Roger Federer, the veteran Tennis player, represents which country?

- A. France
- B. Switzerland ☒
- C. Serbia
- D. Italy



- ✓ **Roger Federer, regarded as one of the greatest Tennis players in the world, announced that he is retiring from professional tennis at age 41. The former World No. 1 from Switzerland announced that the upcoming edition of the Laver Cup will be his final ATP tournament. Federer has played more than 1500 matches over 24 years, winning 20 Grand Slam titles. He became the oldest World No. 1 at the age of 36 in 2018.**

3. Which state has announced India's first 'Breakfast scheme for government school students'?

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



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin launched the breakfast scheme for government school students from class 1 to 5 in Madurai. The Chief Minister announced that several studies have concluded that breakfast programmes led to improvement in learning skills and school attendance. The first-ever noon meal scheme was launched in 1922 in Chennai by the Justice Party, the precursor to the Dravidian movement.**

4. Which institution organised the 'ANGAN 2022' Conference?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Bureau of Energy Efficiency ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Central Board of Indirect Taxes



- ✓ **The second edition of the international conference ANGAN 2022 (Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat) was recently held on the title "Making the Zero-Carbon Transition in Buildings". ANGAN 2.0 is being organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, in collaboration with Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC) under the Indo-Swiss Building Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP). The Conference had discussions related to building energy efficiency and reducing carbon emission from buildings.**

5. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, is associated with which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers ☒
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ **Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, more than 8,700 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras have been opened across the country. They sell quality generic medicines, surgical equipment in affordable prices. It is implemented by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers said in a statement. The government recently launched diabetes drug Sitagliptin and its combinations at rates as low as Rs 60 per pack of ten, at Janaushadhi Kendras.**

6. Which state launched the, 'CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana'?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha



- ✓ **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched 'CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana', on the occasion of National Sports Day. Under the scheme, 1950 boys and 1950 girls will be given sports scholarships. Chief Minister Sports Development Fund will be established to give financial benefits while Malchang game will also be included in the game policy.**

7. Which Indian air carrier has joined a sustainable initiative spearheaded by the World Economic Forum?

- A. Air India B. IndiGo ☒
- C. Spicejet D. Vistara



- ✓ India's air carrier IndiGo has joined a sustainable initiative spearheaded by the World Economic Forum (WEF). The airline has become a signatory to the 'Clear Skies for Tomorrow', India Coalition campaign. The 'Clean Skies for Tomorrow' launched in 2019, provides a mechanism for top executives and public leaders, for transition to sustainable aviation fuels.

8. Dugar Hydroelectric Project, which was seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- A. Assam
- B. Himachal Pradesh ☒
- C. West Bengal
- D. Telangana



- ✓ State-owned hydro power major NHPC has signed an agreement with the Himachal Pradesh government for the implementation of 500 MW Dugar Hydroelectric Project. Earlier, a MoU for 449 MW Dugar Hydro Electric Project was signed between NHPC and government of Himachal Pradesh. Dugar Hydroelectric Project is expected to generate 1,759.85 million units in a year.

9. When is the 'National Small Industry Day' is observed?

- A. August.27 B. August.30 ☒
- C. September.27 D. September.30



- ✓ Every year, the National Small Industry Day is observed on August 30 in India. The Ministry of Small-Scale Industries declared this day as National Small Industry Day in 2001. The day is celebrated to encourage the development of small-scale businesses for the economic development of the country. This was an initiative by the Government of India which made for the growth of small-scale industries in the country.

10. Mikhail Gorbachev, who passed away recently, was a former President of which country?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Russia ☒
- C. Belarus
- D. Bulgaria



- ✓ Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the former Soviet Union from 1985 until 1991, has passed away at the age of 91. In 1986, Gorbachev made a historic proposal to eliminate all long-range missiles held by the United States and the Soviet Union. It was the beginning of the end of the Cold War. He was also awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.

1. What is India's logistics cost as a proportion of GDP, as of 2022?

- A. 9–10 %
- B. 13–14 % ☒
- C. 15–16 %
- D. 19–20 %



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Logistics Policy (NLP), which aims to promote seamless movement of goods across the country, by reducing logistics cost. It also aims to improve its competitiveness of Indian goods in domestic as well as global markets. India's logistics cost as a proportion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is estimated to be around 13–14 per cent.

2. Which country is the host of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2023?

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



- ✓ Uzbekistan handed over the rotating presidency of the eight-member Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to India in Samarkand. The SCO has eight full members, including its six founding members, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India and Pakistan joined as full members in 2017.

3. Vigyan Pragati, which received the National Rajbhasha Kirti Award, is a science magazine released by which institution?

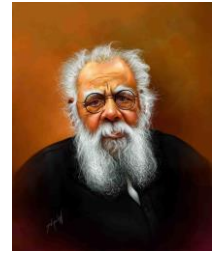
- A. ISRO
- B. BARC
- C. CSIR ☒
- D. AIIMS



- ✓ Vigyan Pragati is a popular science magazine released by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The magazine has received the National Rajbhasha Kirti Award at the Second All India Rajbhasha Sammelan held at Surat from Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs. 'Vigyan Pragati' magazine aims at communicating Science and Technology to the masses in simple language.

4. Which state celebrates 'Social Justice Day' on the birthday of reformist leader E V Ramasamy (Periyar)?

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



- ✓ Tamil Nadu government celebrates the birthday of reformist leader E V Ramasamy (Periyar) as 'Social Justice Day' in the state. On that day every year, employees in all government offices including the State Secretariat would take pledges to follow values based on the leader's ideals which include, brotherhood, equality, self-respect and rationalism.

5. Which institution leads the Coastal Clean-up Day Campaign in India?

- A. NCC
- B. Indian Coast Guard ☒
- C. Indian Navy
- D. NSS



- ✓ The International Coastal Clean-up Day (ICC) is observed worldwide on the third Saturday of September. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has led this campaign in India since 2006. This year, the Coast Guard cleaned beaches at 75 locations across the country as part of the International Coastal Clean-up Day and 'Swachh Sagar Abhiyan'. ICG's efforts align with the programme of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, 'Swachh Sagar-Surakshit Sagar.'

6. Which ship building company has been conferred with the Green Channel Certification by Ministry of Defence?

- A. Goa Shipyard
- B. Cochin Shipyard
- C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers ☒
- D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders



- ✓ Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE), has been conferred with the coveted Green Channel Certification by Ministry of Defence. It is one of the leading Public Sector Undertaking and Mini-Ratna Category 1 Shipyard. The certification was conferred for supply of Portable Steel Bridges (Bailey Type) of various configurations to Indian Army.

7. Which company has announced to build India's first and one of the world's largest Carbon Fibre plants at Hazira, Gujarat?

- A. TATA Power
B. Reliance Industries ☒
C. NTPC
D. GAIL



- ✓ **Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani announced to build India's first and one of the world's largest Carbon Fibre plants at Hazira, Gujarat. The plant will have a capacity of 20,000 MTPA based on Acrylonitrile feedstock. Ambani announced an investment of ₹75,000 crore over the next five years to expand capacities in existing and new value chains including Polyester value chain, Vinyl chain, and New Materials.**

8. Which state/UT recorded the highest number of cybercrime incidents in 2021?

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



- ✓ **As per the data released by the National Crime Records Bureau, the number of cybercrime incidents in 2021 has gone up by 18.4 per cent since 2019. The number of such cases against women has risen at 28 per cent. Out of the 52,974 incidents reported in 2021, 20.2 per cent were reported as cases of crime against women. Karnataka had the highest share with 2,243 cases, followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.**

9. Which Union Ministry launched the 'GENESIS initiative'?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ☒
C. Ministry of MSME
D. Ministry of Education



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- ✓ **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched the Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups (GENESIS) initiative in July 2022, with an outlay of more than Rs 750 crore. Under the scheme, the central government will promote over 10,000 startups in the next five to six years. GENESIS is a National Deep-tech Startup Platform, to support and create successful startups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities of India.**

10. Which state/UT approved the Handicrafts Policy-2022?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
B. Rajasthan ☒
C. Himachal Pradesh
D. Karnataka



- ✓ **The State cabinet of Rajasthan approved the Handicrafts Policy-2022 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. The objective of Rajasthan Handicrafts Policy 2022 is to empower 6 lakh craftsman and artisans across the state. Under the new policy National-level Handicrafts Week will be organised every year in December and artisans will be felicitated.**

1. 'District Disability Rehabilitation centre (DDRC)' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒
- B. Ministry of Law and Justice
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ **Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar virtually inaugurated 9 model District Disability Rehabilitation centres (DDRC), which had been upgrading to model DDRCs. DDRCs were established to provide effective rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities (PwDs) for the last twenty years.**

2. Which city is the host of 'Global Clean Energy Action Forum'?

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



- ✓ **Union Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh is set to lead an Indian delegation at Global Clean Energy Action Forum at Pittsburg in the US. Ministers from over 30 countries will participate in the event to discuss ways to accelerate clean energy innovation and deployment.**

3. Which state has announced to set up NITI Aayog-like state-level institution?

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



- ✓ **Maharashtra government has announced that it is planning to set up an institution on the lines of NITI Aayog. The institution would be responsible to perform comprehensive data analysis and make decisions on various sectors in the state. NITI Aayog has also carried out an extensive study on similar issues and developed a tool, where inter-related data from various departments is analysed for a better decision-making process.**

4. As of 2022, which country is the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka?

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



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- ✓ India has become the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka by disbursing a total of USD 968 million in loans in four months of 2022, surpassing China. China has maintained its position as the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka in the past five years from 2017 to 2021. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been the largest multilateral lender in the past five years by disbursing an amount of USD 610 million in 2021.

5. Who is the first Indian to win four medals at World Wrestling Championships?

- A. Vinesh Phogat
B. Bajrang Punia ☒
C. Babita Kumari
D. Gita Phogat



- ✓ India's Bajrang Punia recently won bronze in men's 65 kg category at World Wrestling Championships in Belgrade. With this medal, Bajrang Punia becomes first Indian to win four medals at world wrestling championships. He won bronze in 2013, silver in 2018 and bronze in 2019. Another Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat captured a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category.

6. What is the theme of the 'World Coconut Day 2022'?

- A. Growing coconut for a better future and life ☒
B. Nutritional benefits of Coconut
C. Sustainable Nature of Coconut
D. Consuming Coconut and Eradicating Malnutrition



- ✓ September 2 is observed as World Coconut Day across the world. This year's theme for World Coconut Day is 'Growing coconut for a better future and life. Coconuts are some of the most popular and versatile food product in the world. This day highlights the significance of coconuts in our daily lives and its benefits for health.

7. Ramon Magsaysay Awards are associated with which field?

- A. Journalism
B. Social Service ☒
C. Sports
D. Theatre Art



- ✓ Ramon Magsaysay Award is also regarded as Asia's version of the Nobel Prize. Named after the late Philippine president, it is presented annually to individuals or organizations in Asia who undertakes selfless service and transformational actions. This year's award has been presented to four people across the world for their selfless service to the people of Asia.

8. Alappuzha, which recently became a fully digital banking district, is in which state?

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



- ✓ Alappuzha has become the fifth fully digital banking district in the State of Kerala. This was declared by Reserve Bank of India (RBI). As part of the initiative, at least one digital transaction facility, such as debit-credit card, Internet banking, mobile banking, UPI etc, has been enabled in 26 lakh bank accounts in 29 banks in the district. Banking services in Thrissur, Kottayam, Palakkad and Kasaragod have already become digital.

9. Who is the head of the restructured SEBI its high-level panel on cyber security (September 2022)?

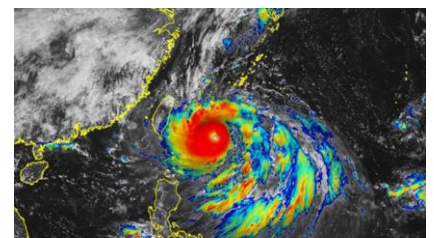
- A. Navin Kumar Singh ☒
- B. Ajay Tyagi
- C. Nandan Nilekani
- D. Subhash Chandra Garg



- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has restructured its high-level panel on cyber security. The committee, which has now six members, will be chaired by Navin Kumar Singh, DG at National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC). The Steering committee has been given the task of overseeing and providing guidance on cyber security initiatives for SEBI as well as for the capital market.

10. Which country is hit by the strongest tropical storm of 2022, dubbed Super Typhoon 'Hinnamnor'?

- A. China
- B. Philippines
- C. Japan ☒
- D. New Zealand



- ✓ The strongest tropical storm of 2022, dubbed Super Typhoon 'Hinnamnor', has been moving across the western Pacific Ocean with wind speeds of up to 241 kilometres per hour. It was classified as the category 5 typhoon, the highest classification on the scale. The typhoon is expected to develop further, as it moves towards the Japanese islands. Japan's Meteorological Agency has warned of flooding, heavy downpour, landslides and thunderstorm warnings.

1. 'Maya', which was seen in the news, is the world's first cloning of which animal?

- A. Wild Arctic Wolf ☒
- B. One-horned Rhino
- C. Lion-tailed Macaque
- D. Great Indian Bustard



- ✓ A Beijing-based gene firm successfully cloned a wild Arctic wolf for the first time in the world. The wild Arctic wolf is also called as the white wolf or polar wolf. The animal is native to the High Arctic tundra of Canada's Queen Elizabeth Islands.
- ✓ The cloning is regarded as a milestone achievement in conserving rare and endangered species. Maya's donor cell came from skin sample of wild female Arctic wolf, while its oocyte came from a female dog. Maya's surrogate mother is a beagle dog.

2. Which state has launched a web portal named 'CM Da Haisi' (Inform to CM)?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur ☒
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh recently launched a web portal named 'CM Da Haisi' (Inform to CM). It seeks to receive complaints and grievances from the general public. The complainants can also check the status of their complaints. The Public Grievances Redressal and Anti-Corruption Cell at CM Secretariat will also use the portal to collaborate with the concerned departments.

3. 'Astana' is the new Capital of which country?

- A. Turkmenistan
- B. Kazakhstan ☒
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Uzbekistan



- ✓ Kazakhstan's President Kassym Jomart Tokayev has signed a law limiting presidential terms and reverting to the old name of the country's capital to Astana. The bill extends presidential mandates to a seven-year term, from five. It also bars any president from running for a second term in office. The bill also reinstated the capital's name to Astana, whose name was changed to Nur-Sultan in 2019, in honour of outgoing President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

4. India, the UAE and France held their first trilateral Foreign Ministers' meeting in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Dubai
- C. New York ☒
- D. Paris



- ✓ India, the UAE and France held their first trilateral Foreign Ministers' meeting in New York on the sidelines of a UN General Assembly (UNGA) session. The Ministers discussed contemporary ways of doing diplomacy with a focus on active exchange of ideas between strategic partners and UNSC members. India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also met UN General Assembly President and had bilateral meetings with his counterparts from across the world.

5. Which Indian city is the host of 'Global Fintech Conference' in 2022?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Mumbai ☒
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ Global Fintech Fest is being organized by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the Payments Council of India (PCI) and the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC). It was attended by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. The finance minister called upon fintech industry to take advantage of opportunities in green finance for building a sustainable financial environment.

6. Where was the 'Thai Trade Expo' held in India in 2022?

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



- ✓ The Thai trade centre in Chennai launched its first trade expo in Hyderabad, with the aim to build stronger ties between Telangana and Thailand. The trade expo will focus on building business relations between Thai companies and Hyderabad business community. An MoU that was earlier signed between the Government of Telangana and the Ministry of Commerce, Thailand to increase bi-lateral trade.

7. Bhitarkanika National Park, which was seen in the news, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ **Bhitarkanika National Park is located in the state of Orissa. It houses several rare and endangered varieties of wildlife species. A record 3,700 saltwater crocodiles were born in Bhitarkanika National Park recently from 122 nests. As per reports, last year, around 2,500 crocodiles were born from 84 nests.**

8. Which country is the host of the multilateral command Exercise Vostok – 2022?

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



- ✓ **A multilateral strategic and command Exercise Vostok – 2022 has begun in Russia. The exercise is aimed at coordination among other participating military contingents and observers. The Indian Army contingent comprising of troops from 7/8 Gorkha Rifles undertakes joint drills including joint field training exercises, combat discussions, and firepower exercises.**

9. Dharamshala, where the Tibetan Democracy Day is celebrated, is located in which Indian state/UT?

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



- ✓ **Tibetan Democracy Day is celebrated on September 2, to mark the inception of the Tibetan government-in-exile in Dharamshala. The Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), Tibetan government-in-exile in Dharamshala, governs over 1 lakh refugees across the world. It is the home of the Dalai Lama and all the Tibetans in exile. This year, the 62nd anniversary of Tibetan Democracy Day was celebrated.**

10. What is the name of the Hydrogen that is produced from a carbon-free nuclear power?

- A. Green Hydrogen B. White Hydrogen
C. Pink Hydrogen ☒ D. Orange Hydrogen



- ✓ **The Carbon-free hydrogen produced from a carbon-free nuclear power is referred as the Pink Hydrogen. Pink hydrogen can also be manufactured via electrolysis, where the electricity supplied by nuclear power plants. To manufacture green hydrogen, where electrolyzers are supplied by and electricity is supplied by a wind or solar farm.**

1. IHCI is a Hypertension Control Initiative launched by which country?

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



- ✓ **'India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)' is a hypertension intervention under the National Health Mission of India. It is a collaborative initiative of Union Health Ministry, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), state governments and World Health Organization–India. IHCI won the '2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award' was announced at the UN General Assembly side event.**

2. Which Union Ministry is associated with 'Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill'?

- A. Ministry of Law and Justice
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs ☒
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment



- ✓ **The Central government notified the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022, which would enable investigating Police Officers to collect the biometric details of prisoners. The law was passed by the Parliament in April 2022. The law also empowers a magistrate to order the documenting of measurements or photographs of a person during the probe of an offence.**

3. Which institution has unveiled a detailed framework for Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?

- A. RBI
- B. SEBI ☒
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Union Finance Ministry



- ✓ **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has unveiled a detailed framework for Social Stock Exchange (SSE). It specifies minimum requirements for a Not-for-Profit Organisation (NPO) for registration and disclosure requirements. The capital markets regulator SEBI earlier notified rules for Social Stock Exchange (SSE) to provide social enterprises with an additional avenue to raise funds.**

4. SCALE App, which was launched recently, provides skill-development solutions for employees of which field?

- A. Textile
- B. Automobile
- C. Leather ☒
- D. Electronics



- ✓ Union Minister of Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan launched the SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) app. It provides a one-stop solution for skilling, learning, assessment, and employment needs of the leather industry. He launched the application during a visit to CSIR–Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai.

5. As per the recent Asian Development Outlook (ADO) update, what is the 2022–23 growth projection for India's economy?

- A. 8.2% B. 7.6%
C. 7.0% ☒ D. 6.8%



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently released a supplement to its Asian Development Outlook (ADO). As per the report, the 2022–23 growth projection for India's economy was slashed to 7% from 7.5% estimated in April. The report says that India's inflation has turned out to be more persistent than expected, and led to a sharp tightening in monetary policy, eroding consumers' purchasing power.

6. The United Nations has released a report on alleged human rights abuses in which country?

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



- ✓ China has responded to a United Nations report on alleged human rights abuses in its north-western Xinjiang region targeting Uyghurs and other mainly Muslim ethnic minorities. The report has been in the works for years and was released recently. The report claims that more than 1 million ethnic minority members were forcibly sent to re-education centers.

7. Jigyasa 2.0 program, which was seen in the news, recently is associated with which field?

- A. Finance
B. Science and Technology ☒
C. Sports
D. Music



- ✓ 'Jigyasa for Renewable Fuel program' under Jigyasa 2.0 program was successfully organized for the school students of Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior at CSIR–Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun. The main objective of the program is to give an exposure to different technologies developed for the utilization of non-edible vegetable oils, used cooking oil and waste plastic to different types of fuels.

8. Which Indian state recently allowed the sale of locally made wine?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Mizoram ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ The Mizoram cabinet allowed the locally grown grapes to be processed as wine and sold in the market freely. Natural grapes are mainly grown in Champhai and Hnahlan areas in eastern Mizoram. The Chief Minister announced that the Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Draft Rules, 2022 should be continued to be implemented strictly in the state.

9. RBI is set to run the pilot projects for digitalisation of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) in which states?

- A. Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- B. Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh ☒
- D. Madhya Pradesh and Kerala



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India will run the pilot projects for digitalisation of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) lending from this month in the select districts of Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The project is being developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH). It aims to make KCC-based lending more efficient by reducing costs and turn-around time for borrowers, and improving credit flow to the rural population.

10. When is the National Teachers Day celebrated in India?

- A. September.05 ☒
- B. September.10
- C. September.15
- D. September.20



- ✓ Every year the Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 across India. It commemorates the birth anniversary of our first Vice President of India and the second President of India, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was born on September 5 in the year 1888. The Teachers' Day was first observed in the year 1962. World Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is an international day held annually on 5 October.

1. What is the upper limit of the 'UPI Lite' payment transaction?

- A. Rs.1000
- B. Rs.500
- C. Rs.200 ☒
- D. Rs.100



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das recently launched three key digital payment initiatives at the Global Fintech Fest 2022. The initiatives include RuPay Credit Card on UPI, UPI LITE, Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments. Through UPI Lite on BHIM App, users will be able to make small-value transactions in near-offline mode. The upper limit of a UPI Lite payment transaction will be ₹200.

2. When is the 'International Day of Sign Languages' observed every year?

- A. 20th September
- B. 23rd September ☒
- C. 25th September
- D. 27th September



- ✓ The UN General Assembly declared 23 September as the International Day of Sign Languages to raise awareness of importance of sign language in realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. It commemorates the day on which the World Federation of the Deaf was established in Rome in 1951. The International Day of Sign Languages was first celebrated in 2018 as part of the International Week of the Deaf.

3. Kigali Amendment, which was seen in the news, is related to which action?

- A. Increase Use of Electric Vehicles
- B. Reduction of hydrofluorocarbons ☒
- C. Increase Renewable Energy Consumption
- D. Phasing out Coal plants



- ✓ US Senate recently ratified Kigali Amendment to the 1987 Montreal Protocol on ozone pollution, to limit use of refrigerants.
- ✓ The international agreement requires participating nations to phase down production and use of hydrofluorocarbons, also known as HFCs, by 85% over the next 14 years. More than 130 countries, including China, India and Russia, have formally ratified the agreement.

4. 'Moonlighting', which was seen in the news, is related to which field?

- A. Space Science
- B. Employment ☒
- C. Psychology
- D. Finance



- ✓ Indian IT major Wipro has terminated the services of 300 employees, who were found to be working for its competitors simultaneously. The act is also called as 'Moonlighting'. Companies worry that this practice might create a conflict of interests, data breaches, and mis-use of company's Intellectual Property (IP) and assets.

5. 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme is an initiative of which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. Ministry of Tourism ☒
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Communications



- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism had identified 15 tourist circuits under its Swadesh Darshan scheme including Ramayana Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Coastal Circuit and Desert Circuit among others. Union Tourism and Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy announced a special tourist train to cover the 'Ambedkar Circuit'.
- ✓ The train will visit key sites associated with Dr BR Ambedkar including Mhow (his birthplace called Dr. Ambedkar Nagar in Indore), London (where he resided and studied), Nagpur (also studied here), Delhi (where he passed away) and finally Mumbai (where he was cremated.)

6. Which Indian city was ranked second in the Asia Pacific region in the top tech hubs list?

- A. Bengaluru ☒
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ According to a report by Cushman and Wakefield, Bengaluru ranked second in the Asia Pacific region in the top tech hubs list and is only behind China's Beijing. The report titled 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate', studied 115 different 'tech cities' across the globe. Three other Indian cities, Chennai, Delhi and Hyderabad were in the next three ranks. Mumbai and Pune were at eighth and ninth position in a list of 14 cities from the APAC.

7. Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of which country?

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



- ✓ **Leader of the Conservative Party Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. The 47-year-old leader beat her rival, former finance minister Rishi Sunak in an internal leadership contest of the ruling Conservative party, after Boris Johnson's resignation in July. Liz Truss will be only the UK's third female Prime Minister following Theresa May and Margaret Thatcher.**

8. What is the name of the mascot for the 36th National Games Ahmedabad?

- A. Sher
- B. Savaj ☒
- C. Vikas
- D. Leo



- ✓ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the mascot and the anthem for the 36th National Games in Ahmedabad. The mascot is named as 'Savaj' which means cub in Gujarati. The theme of the anthem is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. The National Games will be organised from September 29 to October 12, across six cities in the state.**

9. Which state inaugurated Schools of Excellence and Model Schools Scheme, based on the schools of Delhi?

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



- ✓ **The Tamil Nadu government inaugurated the Schools of Excellence and Model Schools Scheme, broadly based on the schools of Delhi. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the scheme in Tamil Nadu in the presence of his counterpart M K Stalin. As many as 26 Schools of Excellence and 15 Model Schools are covered under the scheme, in the initial phase. 'Thagaisal Palligal' and 'Mathiri Palligal' are the official Tamil names for the SoE and Model Schools.**

10. Which Former President won the best narrator Emmy Award for his documentary series 'Our Great National Parks'?

- A. Barack Obama ☒
- B. Emmanuel Macron
- C. Ramnath Kovind
- D. Shinzo Abe



- ✓ **Former USA President Barack Obama won the best narrator Emmy Award for his Netflix documentary series 'Our Great National Parks'. Barack Obamas' production company, Higher Ground, is behind the series on national parks around the world. The former President has already received two Grammy awards. He becomes only the second US president in history to win an Emmy.**

1. Which is the first e-commerce company to set up solar farms in India?

- A. Walmart
- B. Amazon ☒
- C. Flipkart
- D. ebay



- ✓ Amazon announced its first solar project in India with three new solar farms in Rajasthan, with a combined energy capacity of 420 megawatts (MW). Amazon aims to use 100% renewable energy across its business by 2025. The Indian project includes a 210-MW project to be developed by ReNew Power, a 100-MW project to be developed by Amp Energy India, and a 110-MW project to be developed by Brookfield Renewable Partners.

2. Defence Ministry signs deal for dual role Surface-to-Surface BrahMos missile with which company?

- A. Dassault Aviation
- B. Dhruv Aerospace
- C. DRDO
- D. BAPL ☒



- ✓ Defence Ministry signed deal for dual role Surface-to-Surface BrahMos missile with BAPL (BrahMos Aerospace Pvt. Ltd). The additional dual -role (land and anti-ship) capable BrahMos missiles will be acquired at Rs 1,700 crore under 'Buy-Indian' category. BrahMos Aerospace (BAPL) is a joint venture between India and Russia.

3. Which state is the host of the 'National Conference of Environment Ministers'?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Conference of Environment Ministers in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat. The two-day conference will have six thematic sessions with topics focusing on LiFE, Combating Climate Change; PARIVESH –Single Window System for Integrated Green Clearances ; Forestry Management; Prevention and Control of Pollution; Wildlife Management ; Plastics and Waste Management.

4. Which is the first Indian bank to get Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approval for rupee trade?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. UCO Bank ☒
- D. Federal Bank



- ✓ India's Public sector lender UCO Bank is the first bank to receive the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) approval for rupee trade. The Kolkata-based bank will open a special vostro account with Gazprombank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees. In July, RBI announced its decision to allow Indian banks to settle trade in Indian currency. RBI also allowed trade settlements between India and other countries, including Sri Lanka and Russia.

5. Who is the author of the book titled 'The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World'?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. S Jaishankar ☒
- C. Arun Jaitley
- D. Raghuram Rajan



- ✓ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently launched the Gujarati translation of his book, "The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World" in Gujarat. The original version of the book in English was launched in the year 2020. India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar seeks to address the question of 'what should be the direction of India's foreign policy as the global order changes?' in the book.

6. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated mechanization and industrialization projects worth Rs 3,800 crores in which city?

- A. Mysuru
- B. Mangaluru ☒
- C. Pune
- D. Kochin



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of mechanization and industrialization projects worth Rs 3,800 crores in Mangaluru. He inaugurated a project for mechanisation of containers and other cargo undertaken by the New Mangalore Port Authority, and laid foundation stone of projects worth around ₹1,000 crore undertaken by the port. He also inaugurated two projects undertaken by Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL).

7. Which country is the host of the 'World Health Summit for Pride of Homoeopathy'?

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



- ✓ The first edition of 'World Health Summit for Pride of Homoeopathy' was held in Dubai with the theme "Diseases caused by climate change and global warming". The summit aimed to promote homoeopathic system of medicine, drugs, and practices. The summit was virtually addressed by Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State of Environment Forest & Climate change.

8. Which Indian state/UT has successfully set up 'Bio-Villages'?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Tripura ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Tripura government has successfully set up five 'Bio-Villages' for promoting sustainable development, climate change mitigation and climate adaption. As per the Compendium of Best Practice on Climate Action from Indian states, in Tripura, over 500 households have been benefited with the successful implementation in five 'Bio-Villages'. The concept of 'Bio-Village' was introduced by the Directorate of Biotechnology, Tripura in 2018 for promoting organic farming.

9. Aravindh Chithambaram, who was seen in the news, plays which sports?

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



- ✓ Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram recently became champion in the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament. Seven Indians finished in the top 10 while R Praggnanandhaa shared the second spot with five others including Abhijeet Gupta, Jaykumar Sammed Shete and S P Sethuraman.

10. Which state won the first rank in the implementation of Poshan Abhiyan scheme, as per a recent NITI Aayog Report?

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



- ✓ Niti Aayog released a report titled 'Preserving Progress on Nutrition in India: Poshan Abhiyan in Pandemic Times'. As per the report, Maharashtra won the top rank among states in the implementation of the Poshan Abhiyaan scheme. Andhra Pradesh came second and Gujarat is at the third rank. Andhra Pradesh is first in 100 per cent recruitment of human resources required for implementation of Poshan during Covid. It also tops in the distribution of mobile phones to Anganwadi workers.

1. As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report 2020, what is the Under five mortality rate in 2020, in India?

- A. 25 B. 32 ☒
C. 37 D. 40

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- ✓ As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020 released on September 22, 2022 by Registrar General of India (RGI), India has been witnessing progressive reduction in IMR, U5MR and NMR. Under-five mortality rate was recorded at 32 per 1000 live births in 2020 against 35 per 1000 live births in 2019. Infant Mortality rate (IMR) has also registered 2-point decline to 28 per 1000 live births in 2020 from 30 per 1000 live births in 2019.

2. India exported the first consignment of plant-based meat products from which state?

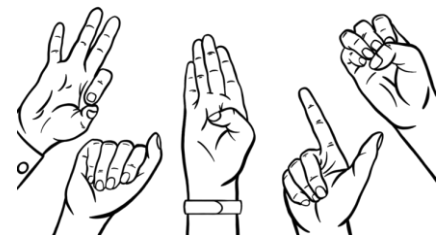
- A. Bihar
B. Gujarat ☒
C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Karnataka



- ✓ India has exported the first consignment of plant-based meat products from Kheda district of Gujarat to California in the United States. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Authority (APEDA) facilitated the export of the first consignment of plant-based meat products under the Vegan Food category. APEDA has planned to promote a variety of vegan food products to Australia, Israel, New Zealand, and others.

3. What is the name of the Indian Sign Language dictionary mobile application recently launched?

- A. ISL Seekho App
B. Sign Learn App ☒
C. Bharat Sign App
D. India Sign Language App



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched an Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary mobile application called 'Sign Learn'. It is based on the Indian sign language dictionary of the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) which contains 10,000 words. ISLRTC signed MoU with NCERT to convert NCERT textbooks from classes 1 to 12 into the Indian Sign Language to make the textbooks accessible to children with hearing disabilities.

4. Which country has discovered 'Lunar crystal named 'Changesite-(Y)' on the Moon?

- A. Israel B. China ☒
C. USA D. UAE



- ✓ Researchers in China have discovered a new type of crystal in the volcanic debris of the near side of the moon. They also discovered potential fuel source for production of clean and efficient energy on Earth. The small, transparent crystal has been named Changsite-(Y), after the Chinese moon goddess Chang'e.

5. 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan' programme is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ☒
C. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
D. Ministry of Renewable Energy



- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) will launch the 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan' programme under National Clean Air Programme 2019 (NCAP). Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan will rank 131 cities in the country for implementing City Action Plans prepared as part of NCAP to reduce air pollution up to 40 per cent by 2025–26.

6. Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande was conferred with the honorary rank of General of which country?

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



- ✓ Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande was conferred with the honorary rank of General of Nepal Army by President of Nepal Bidhya Devi Bhandari. The ceremony was part of the unique tradition between the Armies of both the countries. General Pande is on a four-day official visit to Nepal. He also handed over non-lethal military aids including Artillery Equipment, Mine Protected Vehicles, Medical Stores and Horses to Nepal Army.

7. Who is the head of the 'Committee for drafting of the national cooperative policy document'?

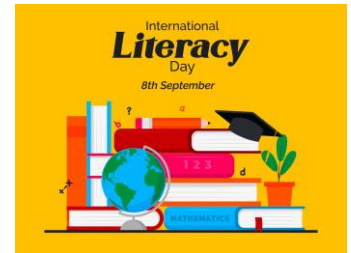
- A. Amit Shah
B. Suresh Prabhu ☒
C. L K Advani
D. Murli Manohar Joshi



- ✓ The Union Cooperative Ministry announced the constitution of a committee for drafting of the national cooperative policy document. The 47-member committee will be headed by former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu. The existing National Policy on Cooperatives was formulated in 2002. At present, India has around 8.5 lakh co-operative societies with a member base of around 29 crore.

8. "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces" is the theme of which special day celebrated on September 8?

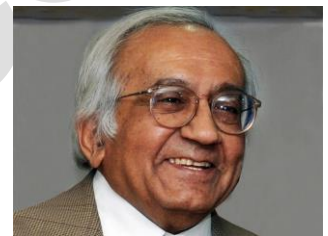
- A. International Education Day
- B. International Literacy Day ☒
- C. International Culture Day
- D. International Community Learning Day



- ✓ **International Literacy Day is observed every year on September 8 to highlight the importance of literacy and to focus on issues that exist and affect local communities around us. September 8 was proclaimed as International Literacy Day (ILD) by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1966. The theme for International Literacy Day this year is 'Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces'.**

9. Who is the head of the Committee recently set up to review the current gas pricing formula?

- A. Suresh Prabhu
- B. Kirit Parikh ☒
- C. Jitendra Singh
- D. Hardeep Singh Puri



- ✓ **The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has set up a committee under noted energy expert Kirit Parikh to review the current gas pricing formula. There have been concerns over rising global natural gas prices increasing energy and industrial costs. The committee has been asked to submit the report by the end of this month.**

10. Nilivurallu and Chaya Someshwaralayam, which were proposed for UNESCO Heritage tag, are located in which state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Punjab
- C. Gujarat
- D. Telangana ☒



- ✓ **Telangana has proposed two monuments with architectural magnificence for UNESCO World Heritage tag. The Nilivurallu megalithic burial site and Chaya Someshwaralayam were proposed for the recognition. The state has already achieved the World Heritage tag for the Kakatiya Rudreshwara temple (Ramappa temple).**

1. As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report, which state had the lowest sex ratio in India in 2018–20?

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Haryana
- D. Uttarakhand ☒



- ✓ According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020, released by the Registrar General of India (RGI), Uttarakhand's sex ratio at birth was found to be the worst in the country at 844. Sex Ratio is the number of females per 1,000 males. Kerala's ratio was the best, at 974. The report stated that India's overall sex ratio at birth had gone up by 3 points to 907 in 2018–20 from 904 in 2017–19. It was 907 in rural areas and 910 in urban areas.

2. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Swachh Toycathon' programme?

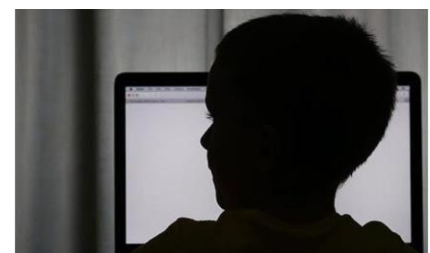
- A. Ministry of Housing And Urban Affairs ☒
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- D. Ministry of Labour and Employment



- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has recently launched the Swachh Toycathon under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav. The competition is a convergence between the National Action Plan for Toys (NAPT) and Swachh Bharat Mission phase two (SBM 2.0). It aims to explore solutions for the use of waste in manufacturing toys. The Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar is the knowledge partner for the programme.

3. Operation 'Megha Chakra', which was seen in the news, is associated with which institution?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Central Bureau of Investigation ☒
- C. Indian Coast Guard
- D. Central Vigilance Commission



- ✓ As part of Operation 'Megha Chakra', the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) carried out searches at 56 locations in 19 states and a UT in connection with two cases of circulation of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) online. The recent searches were based on inputs from Interpol Singapore and intelligence obtained during Operation Carbon, conducted last year against peddlers of CSAM on Internet.

4. Which state has created a memorial for rhinos using ashes named as 'Abode of the Unicorns'?

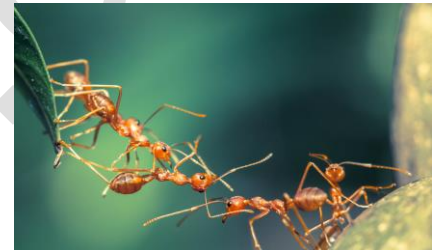
- A. West Bengal
- B. Assam ☒
- C. Odisha
- D. Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Statues of three rhinos created using ashes collected from rhino horns burnt by the Assam Government were launched at Kaziranga National Park in Assam. A year ago, on World Rhino Day, Assam Government burnt around 2500 rhino horns that were collected by the conservation authorities from poachers and illegal traders. The memorial, which consists of three rhino sculptures— an adult male, an adult female and a calf, is named as 'Abode of the Unicorns'.

5. As per a recent study, which species across the world collectively constitute about 12 million tonnes of dry carbon?

- A. Mosquitoes
- B. Ants ☒
- C. Bees
- D. Butterflies



- ✓ As per a recent study, ants present across the world collectively constitute about 12 million tonnes of dry carbon. The number of ants across the world is estimated about 20 quadrillion or 20 thousand million million. They collectively weigh more than wild birds and mammals combined.

6. Subroto Cup, which was seen in the news, is associated with which sports?

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



- ✓ The 61st edition of the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament began after a gap of two years. It is regarded as the most prestigious football tournament for schools all over the country. The tournament is organised by the Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society along with the Indian Air Force. A total of 92 schools representing 25 States and UTs of India along with the Air Force School, Bangladesh are competing in the tournament.

7. Which state/UT announced a ban on production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers till January 1, 2023?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Sikkim
- D. Himachal Pradesh

- ✓ Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai announced that the ban on production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers will be extended till January 1, 2023. The decision has been taken to contain the pollution during the festival season. The ban has been also been extended to online sale of firecrackers. An action plan is set to be drawn to ensure strict enforcement of the ban. The AAP also launched the 'patakhe nahi diye jalao' campaign to create awareness against bursting of firecrackers.

8. Which state bagged the International Tourism award for 'best destination for culture'?

- A. Tamil Nadu
B. Kerala
C. West Bengal ☒
D. Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association, an affiliate of the UN World Tourism Organization, will confer West Bengal with the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'. The award will be presented in Berlin at the World Tourism and Aviation Leaders' Summit. The UNESCO heritage status was earlier conferred to West Bengal's Durga Puja. .

9. Which Indian bank launched a 'Rainbow Savings Account' exclusively for the transgender community?

- A. ESAF Small Finance Bank ☒
B. AU Small Finance Bank
C. YES Bank
D. Kotak Mahindra Bank



- ✓ ESAF Small Finance Bank launched a 'Rainbow Savings Account' exclusively for the transgender community. The account hosts a lot of features, including high savings rate and advanced debit card facilities. The Kerala-based institution was founded as a small finance bank in 2017.

10. Mohenjo Daro, the UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located in which country?

- A. India
B. Afghanistan
C. Pakistan ☒
D. Kazakhstan



- ✓ A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruins of Mohenjo Daro is located in southern Sindh province of Pakistan near the Indus River. An unprecedented monsoon season has killed hundreds of people in Pakistan and this condition has posed a threat to the archeological site of Mohenjo Daro dating back 4,500 years, which were discovered in 1922.

1. What is the new target for reduction in particulate matter concentration in cities under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) by 2026?

- A. 25%
- B. 30%
- C. 40% ☒
- D. 50%

40%

- ✓ Union Environment Ministry has set a new target of 40 percent reduction in particulate matter concentration in cities covered under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) by 2026. The earlier target of 20 to 30 percent reduction by 2024 has been updated. Twenty cities have met the national standards for annual average PM10 concentration (60 microgram per cubic metre). Under NCAP, city-specific action plans are prepared.

2. What is 'InvenTiv', an event which was seen in the news recently?

- A. Employment Fair
- B. Research and Development Fair ☒
- C. Skill Development Fair
- D. Start-Up Fair



- ✓ Twenty-three Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) will organise a mega research and development fair called "InvenTiv". The event is aimed at creating holistic awareness around research and innovation projects being done in the institution. It will also seek collaborations with universities and institutes, industry and the IITs for better development of the innovations.

3. 'National Anti-Corruption Commission bill' is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ Australia's attorney general recently introduced the National Anti-Corruption Commission bill. The National Anti-Corruption Commission is a body to investigate and report on serious or systemic corruption in the public sector. It will be led by a commissioner, who will serve one fixed term of five years. NACC has a broad jurisdiction to investigate commonwealth ministers, parliamentarians, staff, the heads and employees of commonwealth agencies, government contractors and their employees, defence force members, statutory office holders among others.

4. Which are the districts where Tamiraparani river mainly flows?

- A. Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi ☒
- B. Madurai and Sivagangai
- C. Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari
- D. Salem and Erode



- ✓ The Tamiraparani River originates from the Pothigai hills of the Western Ghats in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research and the Environment (ATREE) researchers initiated the restoration of the Tamiraparani River under the 'TamiraSES' project. It aims to enable conditions for native biodiversity to flourish and enhance multiple ecosystem services.

5. Which Union Ministry/ Ministries developed the 'JALDOOT' app?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj ☒
- C. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ JALDOOT app has been jointly developed by Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj. This app will be used across the country to capture the water level of selected wells in a village. Manual monitoring of water levels in open wells will be measured twice by Jaldoots, (officers assigned to measure the water levels). They will upload geo-tagged photographs through the app.

6. Jhabua power plant, which was recently acquired by NTPC, is located in which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh ☒
- C. Punjab
- D. Chhattisgarh



- ✓ India's largest integrated power producer NTPC has successfully acquired Jhabua Power Limited (JPL) through Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process for Rs 925 crore. The process initiated by National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata, (NCLT). This is the first acquisition of a power asset by NTPC through NCLT route. JPL has an operational thermal power capacity of 600 MW located in Madhya Pradesh.

7. Which city hosted the inaugural 'Shikshak Parv Conclave'?

- A. Bengaluru B. New Delhi ☒
- C. Varanasi D. Gandhi Nagar



- ✓ **Shikshak Parv is being to felicitate the Teachers and to take National Education Policy 2020 forward. The beginning of Shikshak Parv was marked with an inaugural conclave organised by Ministry of Education, CBSE, AICTE and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in New Delhi. During the occasion, 'Report on National Mental Health Survey', 'National Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Study report' and 'Screening Tools Mobile App for Specific Learning Disabilities – Prashast' were launched.**

8. Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away recently, was the monarch of Britain for how many years?

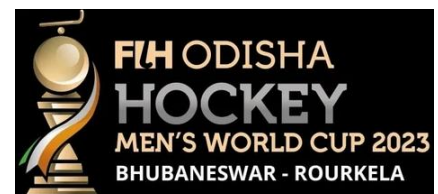
- A. 30
- B. 45
- C. 60
- D. 70 ☒



- ✓ **Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away recently at the age of 96, ascended the royal Britain throne in the year 1952. As of now, she is the longest serving monarch, who reigned for 70 years. The Queen became the UK's longest-serving monarch in 2015, when she surpassed the record of Queen Victoria, who had ruled from 1837 to 1901. Her eldest son, Charles, succeeds her on the throne as King Charles III.**

9. Which Indian state/UT hosts the Hockey Men's World Cup 2023?

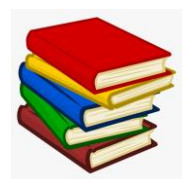
- A. Tamil Nadu B. New Delhi
- C. Odisha ☒ D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **The Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 will take place at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar and at the Bisra Munda Stadium in Rourkela in January, 2023. The draw of the tournament was held recently in Bhubaneswar. Belgium is the reigning champion of the world cup, as it defeated Netherlands in 2018 to win its first ever title. The 16 participating teams, including India, Japan, England and Australia, will be divided among four pools.**

10. Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Kalam no Carnival' Book Fair in which city?

- A. Mumbai B. Ahmedabad ☒
- C. Varanasi D. Rameswaram



- ✓ **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inauguration ceremony of 'Kalam no Carnival' Book Fair organised by Navbharat Sahitya Mandir in Ahmedabad. The traditional exhibition helps in expanding the literature and knowledge of Gujarat.**

1. Which state has been awarded 'Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022'?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh ☒
- C. Karnataka
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has been awarded Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022 for adding various health facilities to health facility register. It is the best performing state in the country with 28728 Health facilities added to National health facility register. It is also the second-best State in creating Ayushman Bharat health account (ABHA) with almost 2 crores ABH Accounts.

2. The Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) was inaugurated in which city?

- A. Thiruvananthapuram
- B. Bengaluru ☒
- C. Shimla
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ President of India Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru. The facility houses over 70 hi-tech equipment and testing facilities for manufacturing cryogenic (CE20) and semi-cryogenic (SE2000) engines of Indian rockets. In 2013, HAL signed an MoU with ISRO for setting up the facility for manufacturing cryogenic engine modules at HAL.

3. Which state has released the 'Encyclopedia of Tribes' of the state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Odisha ☒
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released the 'Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha'. The five volumes of the encyclopedia were published by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI) and Odisha State Tribal Museum. The edited volumes contain 3800 pages and 418 research articles covering all 62 tribal communities and 13 particularly vulnerable tribal groups. The book will be a repository for academicians, researchers and policy makers.

4. What is PMGKAY, which was recently extended till December 2022?

- A. Health Insurance Scheme
- B. Free foodgrains Scheme ☒
- C. MSME Subsidy Scheme
- D. Free LPG Cylinder Scheme



- ✓ The Central Government has decided to extend the free food-grain scheme for those below the poverty line (BPL), for another three months till December 31, 2022. This will be the seventh phase of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) which will cost the Centre an additional Rs 44,762 crore.

5. Pullampara, India's is the first digitally literate panchayat, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ Pullampara in Thiruvananthapuram has become the first digitally literate gram panchayat in Kerala. Pullampara became the first panchayat in the country to attain full digital literacy among its residents. The 'Digi Pullampara' project was launched on August 15, 2021 to impart digital education to the most underprivileged sections of society in the panchayat. It was run with the assistance of volunteers from colleges, Kudumbashree units and other self-help groups.

6. What is the theme of the 'World Suicide Prevention Day' 2022?

- A. September.05
- B. September.10 ☒
- C. September.15
- D. September.20



- ✓ World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on September 10. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 703,000 people a year take their life around the world. 'Creating Hope through Action' has been the triennial theme for World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021 to 2023. It aims to raise awareness on preventing suicides among organisations, the government and the public.

7. Which city is the host of second India–Japan 2+2 Dialogue in 2022?

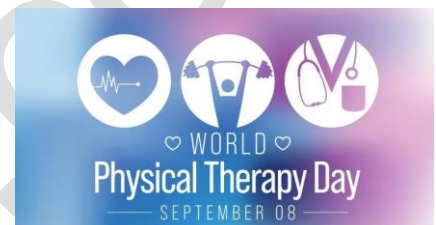
- A. New Delhi
- B. Tokyo ☒
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Osaka



- ✓ The second India–Japan 2+2 Dialogue was recently in Tokyo. It was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar along with their counterparts. Both sides re-affirmed their resolve to make India–Japan ties more robust and complementary, while respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

8. 'Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis' is the theme of which day observed on September 8?

- A. World Ayush Day
- B. World Physiotherapy Day ☒
- C. World Bone Health Day
- D. World Orthopaedic Day



- ✓ September 8 is observed as World Physiotherapy Day in 1996. World Physiotherapy was established on this day in 1951. The day honours the togetherness and unity of the physiotherapy communities. This was celebrated on the theme of 'Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis'.

9. Volker Turk, who was appointed as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, is from which country?

- A. Turkey
- B. Austria ☒
- C. USA
- D. UK



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has approved the appointment of Austrian diplomat Volker Turk as the new UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. He replaces former Commissioner Michelle Bachelet. Volker Turk had previously served with the UN refugee agency in various countries including Malaysia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kuwait.

10. Which country tested the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile?

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



- ✓ The US Air Force launched an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile test at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. The purpose of the ICBM test launch program is to demonstrate the readiness of US nuclear forces.