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July 1st week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Which Bank has partnered with the Haryana government for the distribution of mobile phones to consumers through an e-unified payment interface system?

- (a) Indian Bank
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank
- (c) Canara Bank
- (d) UCO Bank
- (e) Bank of Baroda

Answer: A

Public sector Indian Bank has inked a pact with the Government of Haryana towards the distribution of mobile phones to consumers through an e-unified payment interface system.

As per the agreement, the city-headquartered bank would provide e-upi coupons to beneficiaries. The coupons can be redeemed without any credit or debit card allowing the customers to avail a mobile phone from a designated vendor. Mobile distribution melas would be organized by the bank in Haryana under this initiative.

2. Who has won the recently held Formula One race at the British Grand Prix?

- (a) Charles Leclerc
- (b) Sergio Pérez
- (c) Lewis Hamilton
- (d) Carlos Sainz Jr
- (e) Max Verstappen

Answer: D

Carlos Sainz Jr. won his first career Formula One race with a victory at the British Grand Prix. Mexico's Sergio Pérez (Red Bull Racing team) secured second and Britain's Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes team) secured the third position in the race. The F1 Championships are organized by Federation Internationale de l'Automobile(FIA).

The British Grand Prix is a Grand Prix motor race organized in the United Kingdom by the Royal Automobile Club. First held in 1926, the British Grand Prix has been held annually since 1948 and has been a round of the FIA Formula One World Championship every year since 1950.

3. Yair Lapid has been recently elected as the 14th Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) Iraq
- (b) Syria
- (c) Iran
- (d) Israel
- (e) Turkey

Answer: D

Yair Lapid officially became the 14th Prime Minister of Israel. Lapid's term could be the short one as he take over the caretaker government ahead of Israel's election which was scheduled to take place on November 1. Lapid is also scheduled to make a brief trip on July 5 to Paris, where he will meet with French President Emmanuel Macron

Lapid is expected to convene the first weekly cabinet meeting of his premiership. Bennett is set to remain in the government as an alternate prime minister. He will also continue to hold responsibility for the country's Iran policy.

4. Sini Shetty of Karnataka has won the title of Femina Miss India World 2022 held at?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Chennai
- (e) Mumbai

Answer: E

Sini Shetty of Karnataka was crowned Femina Miss India World 2022, while Rajasthan's Rubal Shekhawat bagged the First Runner-Up title, and Uttar Pradesh's Shinata Chauhan won the title of Second Runner-Up during a glamorous ceremony held on July 3 at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai.

21-year-old Sini Shetty was born in Mumbai and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance. Currently, she is pursuing a professional course called CFA (chartered financial analyst). She is also a trained Bharatanatyam dancer.

5. Which board of education has launched a portal called 'Pariksha Sangam' to streamline board examination results, sample papers, and other information in a single window?

- (a) AICTE

- (b) UGC
- (c) CBSE
- (d) NBA
- (e) NCERT

Answer: C

Solution: The CBSE Board launched a portal called 'Pariksha Sangam' to streamline board examination results, sample papers, and other details in one single window. It will integrate various examination-related processes to be conducted by the school's regional offices and the Headquarters of the CBSE Board.

It is another portal where students will be able to check Class 10th and Class 12th board results easily. The Pariksha Sangam has been divided into three main sections: Schools (Ganga), Regional offices (Yamuna), and Head office (Saraswati). It is a one-stop portal for all CBSE board exam activities.

6. Which Insurance has signed a Bancassurance with the Paschim Banga Gramin Bank?

- (a) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- (b) SBI Life Insurance
- (c) Tata AIA Life Insurance
- (d) HDFC Life Insurance
- (e) Max Life Insurance

Answer: B

The Paschim Banga Gramin Bank has joined hands with SBI Life Insurance for a bancassurance pact. Bancassurance is an arrangement between a bank and an insurance

company, as a part of which the latter can sell its products to the lender's customers.

The partnership will see all the branches of Paschim Banga Gramin Bank across West Bengal offer SBI Life's range of protection, wealth creation, credit life, annuity, and savings products, thereby increasing the accessibility of life insurance solutions in the region.

7. Which country has signed an MOU on Community Development Projects with which country?

- (a) Georgia
- (b) Iran
- (c) Turkey
- (d) Azerbaijan
- (e) Armenia

Answer: E

India and Armenia signed a Memorandum of Understanding on High Impact Community Development Projects in Armenia with financial and technical assistance from India. Secretary (West) Ministry of External Affairs, Sanjay Verma led the Indian delegation.

The MoU was signed at the 8th India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological, Cultural and Educational Cooperation (IGC) held in Yerevan. Both sides discussed and reviewed the current state of cooperation in diverse fields such as trade, Investments, health, tourism, infrastructure, culture, connectivity, Information technology, agriculture, fintech, and education.

8. India's merchandise exports rose by 16.8 percent to _____ billion according to the data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry?

- (a) \$ 36.9
- (b) \$ 38.9
- (c) \$ 35.9
- (d) \$ 34.9
- (e) \$ 37.9

Answer: E

India's merchandise exports rose by 16.8 percent to \$37.9 billion in June 2022, while imports soared by 51.02 percent to \$63.58 leading to a trade deficit of \$25.63 billion during the month, as per government data. Petroleum products (98.01 percent), Electronic goods (50.66 percent), and RMG of all Textiles (44.67 percent) led the way in a high increase in exports during June 2022.

India's merchandise imports in April-June 2022-23 period stood at \$187.02 billion, an increase of 47.31 percent over \$126.96 billion in April-June 2021-22, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

9. RBI approved the HDFC Bank merger with parent and mortgage lender Housing Development Finance Corp Ltd (HDFC), Who is the CEO of HDFC?

- (a) Prashant Kumar
- (b) Amitabh Chaudhry
- (c) Uday Kotak

(d) Sashidhar Jagdishan

(e) Sandeep Bakhshi

Answer: D

India's largest private lender HDFC Bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved its proposed merger with parent and mortgage lender Housing Development Finance Corp Ltd (HDFC). HDFC Bank and HDFC had announced a deal in April, to make the merged entity more competitive, and allow access to a captive customer base to cross-sell products. The merger, expected to close in 18 months subject to regulatory and other approvals, will significantly widen its lead over private-sector peers ICICI Bank and Axis Bank, in terms of total loans. CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan
Headquarters: Mumbai

10. Which State has ranked top in the implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA)?

(a) Chhattisgarh

(b) Uttarakhand

(c) Odisha

(d) Jharkhand

(e) Haryana

Answer: C

Odisha has topped the ranking of states for implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), followed by Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Among the special category states (the North-Eastern NSE 0.40 % states, Himalayan states, and the Island states), Tripura has obtained the first rank. Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim are in the second and third positions.

Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal released the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' 2022 on Tuesday during a conference of state food ministers on food and nutrition security in India.

July 2nd week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Which of the following become the first to bag RBI's payment aggregator licenses?

(a) Razorpay

(b) Pine Labs

(c) Stripe

(d) All of the above

(e) Both (a) and (b)

Answer: D

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has started handing out payment aggregator (PA) licenses to eligible players. Pine Labs, Razorpay, and American payments player Stripe have become the first players to receive the in-principle approval for the license. The companies are required to show a net worth of INR 25 Cr by the end of FY23.

2. RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 5.72 crore on which bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) ICICI Bank
- (e) Federal Bank

Answer: E

Bank of India and Federal Bank were fined by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 8 for not adhering to certain provisions. The public sector lender Bank of India has been fined ₹70 lakh by the central bank for failing to follow Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines, according to a statement from the RBI.

RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 5.72 crore on Federal Bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.

3. Recently, Shinzo Abe passed away at the age of 68. He was the former Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) Vietnam
- (b) China
- (c) Japan
- (d) South Korea
- (e) Malaysia

Answer: C

Former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the longest-serving leader, died after being shot while campaigning for a parliamentary election.

It was the first assassination of a sitting or former Japanese premier since the days of pre-war militarism in the 1930s.

4. Recently, which bank has launched the MetaVerse Lounge & Open Banking Sandbox Environment?

- (a) Punjab National Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) UCO Bank
- (d) Union Bank of India
- (e) Bank of Baroda

Answer: D

Union Bank of India rolls out MetaVerse Lounge, Open Banking Sandbox environment. Embracing the latest technologies to transform customers' banking experience to another level, Union Bank of India (UBI) has launched a Metaverse Virtual Lounge – Uni-verse, & Open Banking Sandbox environment in partnership with Tech Mahindra.

5. Which of the following has collaborated with Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies (JBIMS) to co-create a Master's in Management Studies program in Digital Payments for its employees?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) SIDBI
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) SEBI
- (e) NPCI

Answer: E

National Payments Corporation of India has collaborated with Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies (JBIMS) to co-create a Master's in Management Studies program in Digital Payments for its employees.

This 1st-of-its-kind hybrid program for NPCI employees with specialization in "Digital Payments" will serve as an enabling platform for bright & committed minds.

6. Who has been appointed as the 7th President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)?

- (a) Alvaro Lario
- (b) Krishna Sobti
- (c) Chitra Mudgal
- (d) Mannu Bhandari
- (e) Mridula Garg

Answer: A

Alvaro Lario has been appointed as the 7th President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). IFAD plays a crucial role in increasing the resilience of rural small-scale producers. The Fund's investments in climate adaptation and sustainable food systems are helping to achieve many of the Sustainable Development Goals.

7. Who among the following attended the 8th Meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Hardeep Singh Puri
- (c) Amit Shah

- (d) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (e) Ashwini Vaishnav

Answer: E

The 8th Meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers was held in the virtual mode under the presidency of China. Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics, and Information Technology **Sh. Ashwini Vaishnav participated in the meeting and highlighted the achievements of India in the field of ICT.** He also underlined the reforms undertaken by Government in the Telecom sector.

8. How many sites were declared as Monuments of National Importance by the National Monuments Authority (NMA)?

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 6
- (d) 2
- (e) 5

Answer: D

National Monuments Authority recommends that 2 sites associated with Dr. Ambedkar be declared as Monuments of National Importance. The National Monuments Authority has also recommended a place in Satara in Maharashtra where Dr. Ambedkar received his primary education in Pratap Rao Bhosle High School to be declared a monument of national importance. The school register still shows with pride a child student Bhim Rao's signature in Marathi.

9. Where was the Indian Air Force had participated in the Tactical Leadership Programme?

- (a) Kenya
- (b) Egypt
- (c) Belgium
- (d) Norway
- (e) USA

Answer: B

Indian Air Force contingent has reached the midway point of the Tactical Leadership Programme (TLP) at the Egyptian Air Force (EAF) Weapon School in Egypt (Cairo West Airbase). The program commenced on 24 Jun and will culminate on 23 Jul 22. IAF is participating with three Su-30 MKI aircraft. Two C-17 aircraft were used for induction of the contingent.

10. Name the Indian Navy's stealth frigate, which has recently visited Djibouti as part of her long-range overseas deployment?

- (a) INS Visakhapatnam
- (b) INS Viraat
- (c) INS Tarkash

- (d) INS Vikrant
- (e) INS Arighat

Answer: C

Indian Navy's stealth frigate INS Tarkash visited Djibouti as part of her long-range overseas deployment followed by a Maritime Partnership Exercise with the Sudan Navy. The ship is on a deployment to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which is intended to coincide with Independence Day enabling her to hoist the tricolor in South America on the occasion as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

At the strategically-vital port, Captain Abraham Samuel, Commanding Officer of the ship, called on Shri Ramachandran Chandramouli, Hon'ble Ambassador of India to Djibouti. The Indian Navy maintains a continuous presence in the Gulf of Aden region as part of its mission-based deployment philosophy.

July 3rd week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Which state government has partnered with UNDP to launch Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA)?

- (a) Maharashtra

- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Telangana
- (e) Tamilnadu



Answer: D

The Telangana government in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announced Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA). In partnership with the vibrant innovation ecosystem in Telangana, DiCRA provides intelligence on climate resilience at the farm level.

Using remote sensing and pattern detection algorithms, DiCRA can identify farms that are resilient to climate change and those that are highly vulnerable. DiCRA now joins more than 100 digital solutions that adhere to privacy and other applicable laws and best practices to help attain Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2. Which bank has recently been awarded the 'Best Performing Bank Award' under the SHG linkage program from NABARD?

- (a) Indian Bank
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank
- (c) Canara Bank
- (d) UCO Bank
- (e) Bank of Baroda

Answer: A

Indian Bank was awarded the 'Best Performing Bank Award' in Tamil Nadu for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 under the 'SHG (Self Help Group) Bank Linkage Programme' category from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

The award was presented by the Tamil Nadu finance minister, Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan to S L Jain, Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and V Chandrasekaran, general manager (Rural Banking) during NABARD 41st foundation day on July 12, 2022.

3. The first virtual summit of I2U2 held on July 14, 2022, Which of the following country is not one of them?

- (a) India
- (b) the US
- (c) UAE
- (d) Iran
- (e) Israel

Answer: D

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will join his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid, Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan of the UAE, and US President Joe Biden for the virtual summit of I2U2 – the new name for the grouping derived from the first letters in the names of the countries – on July 14.

While the global energy crisis caused by the conflict in Ukraine is set to feature in both meetings, the I2U2 summit is expected to give greater shape to the grouping's agenda that is focused on economic cooperation and infrastructure projects. These countries have said there is no military angle to their cooperation and are pushing a constructive

agenda focused on the economy, especially infrastructure projects.

4. which state government has become the first in the country to have its internet service with KFON?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Tamilnadu

Answer: D

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced the state has now become the first in the country to have its internet service. The announcement came in the wake of the Kerala Fibre Optic Network Ltd (KFON) getting a license as an Internet service provider (ISP) from the Department of Telecommunications. The KFON program is designed to give BPL families and 30,000 government offices free internet access. KFON aims to bridge its connectivity gap and establish a central network infrastructure (information highway) that all service providers can access without discrimination.

5. _____ and Kerala has been ranked among the 50 extraordinary destinations to explore in its list of the World's Greatest Places of 2022.

- (a) Prayagraj
- (b) Aurangabad

- (c) Varanasi
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) Ahmedabad

Answer: E

TIME magazine has named Kerala and Ahmedabad among the 50 extraordinary destinations to explore in its list of the World's Greatest Places of 2022. It said that as India's first UNESCO World Heritage City, Ahmedabad "boasts both ancient landmarks and contemporary innovations that make it a mecca for cultural tourism, from the serene Gandhi Ashram that sits on 36 acres on the banks of the Sabarmati River to Navratri.

In a profile, TIME said that on the southwest coast of India, "Kerala is one of India's most beautiful states. With spectacular beaches and lush backwaters, temples, and palaces, it's known as "God's own country" for good reason.

6. ADB has signed an MOU with which country for promoting greater investment and innovation in the Asia Pacific.

- (a) Denmark
- (b) France
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Singapore
- (e) Norway

Answer: D

Singapore and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed an MOU to promote greater investment and innovation in the Asia Pacific, including in areas such as liveable cities and fintech. Replacing an MOU signed in 2012, it

seeks to build on those areas of collaboration: knowledge sharing and cooperation in governance and public policy, private sector development, and climate change.

The new MOU thus focuses on mobilizing investment, financing, management skills, and technologies – from Singapore's public and private sectors – for private sector development projects in ADB developing member countries.

7. Which private sector bank has become the first to integrate with the new Income Tax portal?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Yes Bank
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer: E

Kotak Mahindra Bank has completed the technical integration with the new e-filing portal.

Kotak Bank becomes one of the first to offer a direct taxes payment ecosystem across all our channels. Customers, both Individual and corporate can pay direct taxes through the portal's e-pay tax tab using Kotak net banking

In October 2021, Kotak Mahindra Bank was the first private bank to receive approval as a collections partner for taxes after all banks were permitted to participate in government business.

8. Ministry of Commerce and Industry has extended the RoSCTL for exports of Apparel and garments too.

- (a) 2025
- (b) 2027
- (c) 2023
- (d) 2026
- (e) 2024

Answer: E

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has authorized the continuation of the Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) with the same rates as announced by the Ministry of Textiles for exports of apparel/garments and made-ups until March 31, 2024, to increase exports and generate employment in the textile industry.

An initiative called the Rebate of State and Central Levies and Taxes (RoSCTL) Scheme aims to reimburse all embedded State and Central Taxes/Levies for exports of manufactured goods and garments. Importer-Exporter Codes (IECs) are necessary to apply for the RoSCTL program.

9. Which actress has been awarded the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for 2021 for social justice?

- (a) Dia Mirza
- (b) Kangana Ranaut
- (c) Deepika Padukone
- (d) Alia Bhatt
- (e) Esha Deol

Answer: A

Solution: Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari presented the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for 2021 to actor and UN Goodwill Ambassador for Environment Dia Mirza and 'UN Champion of the Earth' awardee Afroz Shah at Raj Bhavan Mumbai on Tuesday (12 July).

The awards instituted by the Harmony Foundation were presented to Dia Mirza and Afroz Shah in recognition of their outstanding work for the protection of the environment. Founder of Harmony Foundation Abraham Mathai and Susan Abraham were present. Sania Shetty conducted the proceedings.

10. Which state has launched the Police app and e-FIR service by integrating five online services?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh

(d) Sikkim

(e) Assam

Answer: B

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the Uttarakhand police app and the e-FIR service is an integrated version of five online services provided by the State police. These are Lakshya Nasha Mukht Uttarakhand, Meri Yatra, Gaura Shakti, traffic eye, and the public eye.

Additionally linked to this app are the cyber hotline number 1930 and the emergency number 112. He added that with this software, residents will be able to report vehicle theft or lost documents online while at home using the citizen's web portal or their mobile phone.

July 4th week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Recently in July 2022, Bindyarani Devi won the silver medal in the women's _____ category in Weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

- (a) 51 kg
- (b) 52 kg
- (c) 53 kg

(d) 54 kg

(e) 55 kg

Answer: E

Weightlifter Bindyarani Devi won the silver medal in the women's 55 kg event at the Commonwealth Games 2022. The Indian lifter managed a total weight of 202 kg. Her best

attempt in the snatch was 86kg while she managed a weight of 116 kg in clean & jerk.

2. Who amongst the following has won the first gold medal for India at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in the women's 49kg category?

- (a) Mirabai Chanu
- (b) Bindyarani Devi
- (c) Tanvi Jain
- (d) Upasna Mehta
- (e) Other than these options

Answer: A

Mirabai Chanu, one of India's top gold medal prospects, lived up to expectations by clinching the first gold medal for the country at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in the women's 49kg weightlifting final. Chanu, who had won the gold four years ago on Gold Coast, not only defended her title successfully by lifting 201kgs (88kg in snatch and 113kg in clean and jerk).

3. Every year, _____ is observed as the Martyrdom day of Shaheed Udham Singh in India.

- (a) July 31
- (b) July 30
- (c) July 29
- (d) July 28
- (e) July 27

Answer: A

31st July is the martyrdom day of Shaheed Udham Singh. Addressing the nation on his Mann Ki Baat program on All India Radio, Prime Minister offered tributes to him as well as all other great revolutionaries who sacrificed themselves for the country.

4. In which of the following states does the 4th edition of India Oman Joint Military Exercise AL NAJAH-IV take place?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Assam

Answer: A

The fourth Edition of India Oman Joint Military Exercise AL NAJAH-IV between contingents of the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman is scheduled to take place at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.

5. Recently, Narendra Modi dedicated NTPC's green projects to the nation NTPC Ramagundam Floating Solar Project (100 MW) in _____.

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Kerala

(d) Karnataka

(e) Telangana

Answer: E

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated two of NTPC's green projects to the nation NTPC Ramagundam Floating Solar Project (100 MW) in Telangana and NTPC Kayamkulam Floating Solar Project (92 MW) in Kerala.

6. Which of the following states received the biggest share of the central government's revenue collections from excise duty on petroleum products in FY22?

(a) Rajasthan

(b) Uttar Pradesh

(c) Kerala

(d) Karnataka

(e) Telangana

Answer: B

The state of Uttar Pradesh received the biggest share of the central government's revenue collections from excise duty on petroleum products in FY22, followed by Bihar, West Bengal, and Madhya Pradesh, as per official data. Uttar Pradesh received about ₹6,693 crores last fiscal from the Centre's excise duty collection which was shared with states as per the formula.

7. Which of the following state's ministers adopted 31 cows in the government and private

goshalas, one in each district under the "Punyakoti Dattu Yojana" Portal?

(a) Rajasthan

(b) Uttar Pradesh

(c) Kerala

(d) Karnataka

(e) Assam

Answer: D

Karnataka animal husbandry minister Prabhu B Chavan adopted 31 cows in the government and private goshalas, one in each district under the "Punyakoti Dattu Yojana" (cow adoption) portal. The portal was launched by chief minister Basavaraj Bommai on 31st July, Chavan mentioned providing nutrition and care for the cows as the motive for the adoption.

8. Who amongst the following has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)?

(a) Dr. Uttam Rana

(b) Dr. Himanshu Pathak

(c) Dr. Prem Singh Patel

(d) Shreya Sinha

(e) Other than these options

Answer: B

Dr. Himanshu Pathak was appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE). Dr. Pathak is currently the

Director of the ICAR-National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management in Baramati, Maharashtra.

9. Recently in July 2022, Pranay Verma has been appointed India's new high commissioner to which of the following Countries?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Iraq
- (c) China
- (d) Japan
- (e) Nepal

Answer: A

Pranay Verma has been appointed India's new high commissioner to Bangladesh. Verma, a 1994-batch Indian Foreign Service officer who is presently serving as India's envoy to Vietnam, will succeed incumbent Vikram Doraiswami. Doraiswami is set to assume charge as Indian High Commissioner to the UK.

10. Which State has occupied the 1st place in holding the sittings of the State Assembly for 2021?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Telangana

Answer: C

Kerala, which slipped to the eighth slot in holding the sittings of the State Assembly during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, got back to first place in 2021, with its House sitting for 61 days, the highest for any State.