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October 1st week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Who amongst the following was recently retired as the Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?

- (a) Sujoy Lal Thakur
- (b) Kuldeep Singh
- (c) Sandeep Singh
- (d) Dinesh Mishra
- (e) Pratap Dwivedi

Answer: B

Sujoy Lal Thakur is currently working as the director general (DG) of the border guarding force Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and holding the additional charge of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) DG post fell vacant on Friday after IPS officer Kuldeep Singh (1986-batch) retired.

2. Which of the following cities has won the second position among States in Swachh Survekshan 2022?

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Indore
- (c) Surat
- (d) Navi Mumbai
- (e) Chennai

Answer: C

President Murmu presents awards to the cleanest States and cities in Swachh Survekshan 2022. Madhya Pradesh got the first position among States, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. **Indore was adjudged the cleanest city for the sixth time in a**

row followed by Surat and Navi Mumbai with populations of above one lakh.

3. Every year, on which of the following dates does the International Day of Older Persons is observed?

- (a) October 01
- (b) October 02
- (c) October 03
- (d) October 04
- (e) October 05

Answer: A

International Day of Older Persons is recognized on 1 October. The overall umbrella theme for the United Nations International Day of Older Persons in 2022 is "Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World." In Madhya Pradesh, voters of 100 years or above are honored by the State Election Commission on the International Day of Older Persons in the state.

4. Which of the following initiative was a part of 'The National Logistics Policy (NLP)'?

- (a) Other than these options
- (b) Unmarked Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP)
- (c) Unlisted Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP)
- (d) Undefined Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP)
- (e) Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP)

Answer: E

The unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) was part of the 'National Logistics Policy (NLP)'.

It is an initiative for the logistics sector that aims to bring ease of doing business in the logistics sector by simplifying the logistics processes, improving its efficiency, bringing in transparency and visibility, and reducing logistics cost & time.

5. Every year, on which of the following dates do the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is observed?

- (a) October 01
- (b) October 02
- (c) October 03
- (d) October 04
- (e) October 05

Answer: A

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is celebrated in India on the 1st of October every year to share the need for and importance of the blood of an individual. It was first started celebrated in the year 1975 through the Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology. More than 2.5 lakh people have voluntarily donated blood under the Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav.

6. As per the Gol, what was the CGST collection during September 2022?

- (a) ₹ 1,47,686 crore
- (b) ₹ 25,271 crore
- (c) ₹ 31,813 crore
- (d) ₹ 80,464 crore

(e) ₹ 45,464 crore

Answer: B

The gross GST revenue collected in September 2022 is ₹ 1,47,686 crore of which CGST is ₹ 25,271 crore, SGST is ₹ 31,813 crore, IGST is ₹ 80,464 crore and Cess is ₹ 10,137 crore (including ₹ 856 crores collected on import of goods). The revenues for September 2022 are 26% higher than the GST revenue collected in the same year last year.

7. Who amongst the following has been elected as the Vice-President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF)?

- (a) Sujoy Lal Thaosan
- (b) Kuldiep Singh
- (c) Sandeep Singh
- (d) Anil Kumar
- (e) Pratap Dwivedi

Answer: D

Senior Indian Space Research Organization Scientist A K Anil Kumar has been elected as the Vice-President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF). Anil Kumar is currently working as Associate Director, ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC). IAF is the world's leading space advocacy body with 433 members in 72 nations.

8. Which of the following Ministries will be commemorating the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi as Swachh Bharat Diwas (SBD)?

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of Home
- (c) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (d) Ministry of Rural Development
- (e) Ministry of Urban Development

Answer: C

Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti will be commemorating the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi as Swachh Bharat Diwas (SBD) on 2nd Oct 2022. DDWS implements two flagship programs of the central government viz; Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

9. Every year, on which of the following dates does the International Day of Non-violence is observed?

- (a) October 01
- (b) October 02
- (c) October 03
- (d) October 04
- (e) October 05

Answer: B

Every year, Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on October 2. Mahatma Gandhi was born on

October 2, 1869. This year, Gandhi Jayanti will mark the 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. In 2007, the United National General Assembly announced October 2 as the International Day of Non-violence to honor Gandhi's ways.

10. Recently, _____ announced a partnership with Indian banks to roll out its Carbon Calculator feature.

- (a) RuPay
- (b) Mastercard
- (c) Visa
- (d) American Express
- (e) All of the above

Answer: B

Global payments and technology company Mastercard is in talks with Indian banks to roll out its Carbon Calculator feature, which offers consumers an estimated carbon footprint for each of their purchases. Mastercard Carbon Calculator, developed in collaboration with Swedish FinTech Doconomy, is currently used in over 25 countries.

October 2nd week Current Affairs MCQ

1. As Per the newspaper report on October 2022, Nitin Gadkari has launched first of its kind pilot project on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) in India. In which of the

following countries flex-fuel vehicles are currently available?

- (a) Brazil
- b) USA
- c) Canada

d) All the above

e) Both A & C

Answer: D

The Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched India's first flex-fuel car, Toyota Corolla Altis. The launch event was held in Delhi.

In an attempt to further explore the alternatives to combustion-engined vehicles, recently Toyota Kirloskar Motor launched a pilot project on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicle Technology in Delhi. Under this new project, at the launch, the Indo-Japanese automaker unveiled a Toyota Corolla Altis FFV-SHEV, imported from Toyota Brazil. The Indian government has started the production of flex-fuel vehicles called E85, E90, and E95 m according to the ratio of petrol to ethanol. **Currently, Flex-fuel Vehicles are available in Brazil, the USA, and Canada.**

2. As per the report, What initiatives are included in the "Beti Bacho Beti Padhao" scheme?

- i) Skilling Girls in Non-Traditional Livelihood
 - ii) Raise Awareness about Menstrual Hygiene
 - iii) Promote eliminating the Child Marriage
 - iv) Increase their enrolment in Secondary Education
- a) I only
 - b) I and III Only
 - c) I, II, and IV Only
 - d) I, III, and IV only

e) All the above

Answer: E

Recently, an inter-ministerial conference on non-traditional livelihoods (NTLs) for adolescent girls was held on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child.

Expanding the mandate of the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme, the Central government has announced the inclusion of skilling of girls in non-traditional livelihood (NTL) options, increasing their enrolment in Secondary education, raising awareness about menstrual hygiene, and promoting the elimination of child marriages.

The scheme was launched after the national census results for 2011 revealed a detraction in key gender metrics – Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB).

The name Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao translates to Save the girl child, educate the girl child. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) was launched by the Central government in January 2015. Nodal Ministries – It is a tri-ministerial effort of – the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, and the Ministry of Education.

3. As per the report, What Rank is secured by India in the 4th edition of the commitment to reduce Inequality Index 2022(CRI Index)?

- (a) 123rd
- (b) 125th
- (c) 126th

(d) 122nd

(e) 120th

Answer: A

The 2022 Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index or CRI Index, which was recently released, is the fourth edition. According to this report, India has shown improvement in reducing inequality.

The CRI Index tracks 161 countries' performance in reducing inequality among its population.

The index ranks countries based on their policies and actions in the areas of Public services (health, education, and social protection), Taxation, and Workers' rights.

It is a joint project of Oxfam International and Development Finance International.

Norway tops the 2022 index. It is followed by Germany, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Japan, Denmark, and New Zealand.

India has been ranked at the 123rd spot, which is an improvement of 6 places since 2020 (ranked at the 129th position).

4. Which of the following Indian Pharmaceuticals are added to the World Economic Forum's Global Lighthouse Network?

- (a) Cipla Limited
- (b) Reddy's Laboratories
- (c) Agilent Technology
- (d) Both A & B
- (e) Both B & C

Answer: D

The World Economic Forum on Tuesday announced the addition of 11 factories and industrial sites, including three from India, to its Global Lighthouse Network. From India, the additions are pharma major **Cipla's Indore facility, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Hyderabad facility, and the Mondelez facility in Sri City.** The Global Lighthouse Network is a community of over 100 manufacturers that are showing leadership in applying Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies such as artificial intelligence, 3D printing, and big data analytics.

5. As per the report in October 2022, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to hike the minimum net owned fund (NOF) for asset reconstruction companies(ARCs) to _____crore by March 31,2026.

- (a) 200 crore
- (b) 300 crore
- (c) 100 crore
- (d) 400 crore
- (e) 500 crore

Answer: B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to hike the minimum net owned fund (NOF) for asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) three-fold to ₹300 crores, allowing them to act as Resolution Applicants under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC), and give them flexibility in the deployment of surplus funds, among others.



The requirement of NOF for ARCs has been increased to ₹300 crores on an ongoing basis from the existing requirement of ₹100 crores.

The RBI has provided a glide path for the existing ARCs to achieve the minimum required NOF of ₹300 crore — ₹200 crores by March 31, 2024; and ₹300 crore by March 31, 2026.

6. Which of the following persons are the current SEBI's Whole-time members?

- (a) Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan
- (b) Ashwani Bhatia
- (c) Ananta Barua
- (d) SK Mohanty.
- (e) All of the above

Answer: E

Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan has taken charge as SEBI's whole-time member.

He has been appointed for an initial period of three years.

He took charge as the fourth whole-time member of SEBI.

Ashwani Bhatia, former MD of the State Bank of India, is also a whole-time member of SEBI.

The other two whole-time members are Ananta Barua and SK Mohanty.

SEBI was set up in 1988 and given statutory status in 1992. Its headquarters is located in Mumbai.

7. As per the report, Which of the following company has joined the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) initiative — the world's

largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative – as a participant?

- (a) Reddy's Laboratories
- (b) BSNL
- (c) JSW Steel
- (d) Reliance Jio
- (e) NTPC

Answer: C

JSW Steel, the flagship company of JSW Group, has joined the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) initiative — the world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative – as a participant.

The UN Global Compact is a call to companies to align their strategies and operations with ten universal principles related to human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption, and take actions that advance societal goals and the implementation of the SDGs.

Headquarters location: New York, New York, United States

Founded: 26 July 2000

8. As per the report, the Kerala government has signed a pact with Universities of _____ in the UK towards cooperation in the field of graphene.

- (a) Oxford
- (b) Manchester
- (c) Edinburgh
- (d) Both A & C
- (e) All the above

Answer: E

Kerala Government has signed a pact with the Universities of Manchester, Oxford, and Edinburgh in the UK towards cooperation in the field of graphene.

The MoU signed with the UK universities is expected to streamline the research-oriented activities and enhance the knowledge economy of the state.

The establishment of the centers of excellence will promote practical research activities as well as raise the bar of the higher education sector.

Kerala has been providing special grants to post-doctoral fellowships to encourage and support research talents.

9. As per the report in October, the World Health Organisation reported on the deaths of 66 children in which country by consumption of cough syrups from Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) Gambia
- (c) Tanzania
- (d) Swaziland
- (e) Botswana

Answer: B

The central government has formed an expert committee to investigate the WHO report on the deaths of 66 children in the Gambia.

The committee will investigate the World Health Organisation report on the deaths of 66 children in the Gambia by consumption of cough syrups from Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited.

The committee has four members. It will be chaired by the Vice Chairperson of the Standing National Committee on Medicines Dr. Y K Gupta.

Other members of the Committee are Dr. Pragya Yadav, Dr. Arti Bahl, and A K Pradhan. Production of cough syrups by Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited has been suspended.

10. As per the report, Who is the world's first space tourist recently signed up for a spin around the moon aboard Elon Musk's Starship?

- (a) Ben Duke
- (b) Gherman Titov
- (c) Dennis Tito
- (d) Christopher Aurrthur
- (e) None of the above

Answer: C

The world's first space tourist wants to go back — only this time, he's signed up for a spin around the moon aboard Elon Musk's Starship. **Tito is the second billionaire to make a Starship reservation for a flight around the moon.**

Japanese fashion tycoon Yusaku Maezawa announced in 2018 that he was buying an entire flight so he could take eight or so others with him, preferably artists.

The two men both flew to the space station, from Kazakhstan atop Russian rockets, 20 years apart.

October 3rd week Current Affairs MCQ

1. According to a report by Freedom House, which of the following country's global internet freedom has declined for the 12th consecutive year?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Sudan
- (c) Myanmar
- (d) Libya
- (e) All of the above

Answer: E

According to a report by Freedom House, India's internet freedom score has improved by two points to 51 in the global ranking. In 2021, India's score was 49 in Internet Freedom. The score has improved due to the reduced frequency and intensity of internet shutdowns in the country.

As per the report, the Indian government has limited power to censor online content under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

As per the report, global internet freedom has declined for the 12th consecutive year. Internet freedom has declined sharply in Russia, Myanmar, Sudan, and Libya.

Iceland ranked first in terms of internet freedom worldwide.

The country placed first with 95 index points on the Freedom House Index. Each country

received a numerical score from 100 (the freest) to 0 (the least free).

China has the world's worst environment for internet freedom while internet freedom in the United States America has improved marginally for the first time in the last six years.

2. Recently in October, Mallikarjun Kharge won the Congress President polls by defeating his opponent Shashi Tharoor. Who was the first President of Congress?

- (a) Sonia Gandhi
- (b) Wyomesh Chandra Banerjee
- (c) Sudhir Banerjee
- (d) Rajiv Gandhi
- (e) JitendraPrasada

Answer: B

MallikarjunKharge has won the Congress President polls by defeating his opponent Shashi Tharoor.

MallikarjunKharge received 7,897 of the total 9,385 votes while ShashiTharoor received 1,072 votes.

He is the 98th and current President of the Indian National Congress.

Kharge will replace Sonia Gandhi, the longest-serving party president who has been at the helm since 1998, barring the two years between 2017 and 2019 when Rahul Gandhi had taken over.

The last election for the post of Congress chief was held in 2000 when Sonia Gandhi defeated her opponent JitendraPrasada by an overwhelming majority.

He becomes the Congress' first non-Gandhi President in the last 24 years. He was also the Leader of the Opposition in the RajyaSabha from 16 February 2021 to 1 October 2022.

The Indian National Congress was founded on 28 December 1885. Wyomesh Chandra Banerjee was the first President of Congress.

3. Tamil Nadu government has constituted a 10-member state-level committee for the conservation of vultures, an endangered species. What is the tenure period of this committee?

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

Answer: C

TN government constituted a 10-member state-level committee for the conservation of vultures, an endangered species.

The “Vulture Conservation Committee”, headed by the principal chief conservator of forests and chief wildlife warden, will monitor, conserve, and recover vulture sites; map the vulture population; and create safe zones for them. The tenure of the committee is two years.

The committee will prepare and implement the “Tamil Nadu Action Plan for Vulture Conservation (TNAPVC)” and chalk out and implement a regulatory mechanism to ban drugs toxic to vultures.

Nine species of vultures are found in India, out of which four species like oriental white-backed vulture, long-billed vulture, red-headed vulture, and Egyptian Vulture are found in Tamil Nadu. 96% of India's vulture population declined between 1993 and 2003.

Therefore, the Central government put into place two action plans to protect the species at the national level — the first in 2006 and the second, ongoing plan for 2020-2025.

4. As per the newspaper report, SajanBhanwala became the first Indian Greco-Roman wrestler to win a medal at the Under-23 World Championship. Whom did he defeat?

- (a) PavloGudimov
- (b) YuriyKhustochka
- (c) DmytroVasetskyi
- (d) Denys Hlinin
- (e) Lev Shurov

Answer: C

Sajan Bhanwala became the first Indian Greco-Roman wrestler to win a medal at the Under-23 World Championship when he edged past Ukraine's DmytroVasetskyi on 'criteria' to emerge winner in the bronze play-off.

The U-23 World Wrestling Championships 2022 commenced on 17th October and will go on till

23rd October. The tournament is taking place in Pontevedra, Spain.

The Wrestling Federation of India is the governing body of wrestling in India. It is headquartered in New Delhi, India.

President: BrijbhushanSharan Singh.

United World Wrestling is the international governing body for the sport of amateur wrestling; its duties include overseeing wrestling at the Olympics.

Headquarters: Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland,
Founded: 1912.

5. As per the newspaper report in October, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has levied a penalty of Rs169crore on which of the following company?

- (a) Zomato
- (b) OLA
- (c) MakeMyTrip
- (d) Flipkart
- (e) OYO

Answer: E

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has levied a penalty of Rs 223.5 crore on MakeMyTrip India-Ibibo (MMT-Go) for abuse of its dominant position in online travel booking space and entering into an anti-competitive tie-up with OYO, a low-cost hotel chain group. The competition watchdog has also levied a Rs 169 crore penalty on OYO.

MMT-Go and OYO allegedly entered confidential pacts wherein MMT-Go had agreed to give preferential treatment to OYO.

MakeMyTrip is an Indian online travel company founded in 2000.[1] Headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana. Founder - Deep Kalra. Rajesh Magow is the Co-Founder & Group CEO, of MakeMyTrip Limited.

OYO Rooms, also known as OYO Hotels & Homes, is an Indian multinational hospitality chain of leased and franchised hotels, homes, and living spaces. Founded in 2012 by Ritesh Agarwal, OYO initially consisted mainly of budget hotels.

6. Nokia has signed a multi-year deal with Indian telecom operator Reliance Jio to build one of the largest 5G networks in the world. Nokia will supply equipment from its AirScale portfolio, including base stations, and high-capacity 5G Massive MIMO. What does the first 'M' stand for?

- (a) Multiple
- (b) Massive
- (c) Master
- (d) Mind
- (e) Mega

Answer: A

Finnish company Nokia said it has won a multi-year deal from Indian telecom operator Reliance Jio to build one of the largest 5G networks in the world.

Under the contract, Nokia will supply equipment from its AirScale portfolio, including base stations, high-capacity 5G Massive MIMO (multiple input multiple outputs) antennas, and Remote Radio Heads (RRH) to support different spectrum bands.

Reliance Jio plans to deploy a 5G standalone network which will interwork with its 4G network.

Reliance Jio Chairman Akash Ambani. PekkaLundmark, President and CEO of Nokia .

7. As per the newspaper report PretiTaneja has won Gordon Burn Prize for terror attack 'Aftermath' work. Her first novel, 'We That Are Young, a translation of 'King Lear' set in contemporary India, won the Desmond Elliott Prize in _____.

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

Answer: D

British Indian author Preti Taneja has said that 'Aftermath' is the hardest book she hopes she would ever write after the work set in the wake of the 2019 London Bridge terror attack in the UK won her the Gordon Burn Prize 2022.

The Prize celebrates the year's most dazzlingly bold and forward-thinking fiction and non-fiction written in English and is now in its tenth year.

Taneja is a professor of World Literature and Creative Writing at Newcastle University and her first novel, 'We That Are Young, a translation of 'King Lear' set in contemporary India, won the Desmond Elliott Prize in 2018.

8. Consider the following statement regarding the new appointments. Which of the following statement is incorrect?

- (i) Financial Services Secretary Sanjay Malhotra will be the new Revenue Secretary.
 - (ii) AlkaUpadhyaya, chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India, will be the new Road and Transport Secretary in place of Giridhar.
 - (iii) Ajay Kumar, Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs will be the new Secretary, Department of Financial Services in place of Malhotra.
- (a) Only (i) and (ii)
 - (b) Only (i) and (iii)
 - (c) Only (iii)
 - (d) Only (ii)
 - (e) All (i), (ii) and (iii)

Answer: C

Road Transport and Highways Secretary AramaneGiridhar have been named the new defense secretary as part of a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre. He will take over as Defence Secretary after the retirement of Ajay Kumar on October 31, 2022. AlkaUpadhyaya, chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India, will be the new

Road and Transport Secretary in place of Giridhar.

Financial Services Secretary Sanjay Malhotra will be the new Revenue Secretary. The officer will take over as the Revenue Secretary after Tarun Bajaj completes his term on November 30, 2022.

Vivek Joshi, Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs will be the new Secretary, Department of Financial Services in place of Malhotra.

As many as 16 secretaries have been appointed in different central government departments reshuffle.

9. Recently in October, Tazuni is unveiled as the official mascot of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023. Tazuni is a _____.

- (a) Lion
- (b) Penguin
- (c) Sparrow
- (d) Fish
- (e) Monkey

Answer: B

Tazuni, a fun, football-loving penguin is unveiled as the official mascot of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023, capturing the spirit of an event that will go Beyond Greatness.

Based on the 'Eudyptula minor' species endemic to Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, Tazuni is the perfect representative of

the host region and will help to bring the excitement of the highly anticipated tournament to a new generation of fans.

Streetwise and confident, Tazuni's name is a fusion of 'The Tasman Sea' – which she calls home – and 'unity', a key value of the event. Tazuni will become an important symbol for the FIFA Women's World Cup, appearing on official tournament merchandise and media platforms, as well as in real life in community activities ahead of the event. Tazuni is a penguin based on the Eudyptula minor species which is endemic to New Zealand, with the closely related Eudyptula novaehollandiae species found in Australia and New Zealand

10. As per the newspaper report, JyothiYarraji made history by becoming the first Indian woman to clock a legal sub-13 second time for 100m Hurdles at the 61st AFI National Open Athletics Championships. He hails from which state?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Assam
- (e) Maharashtra

Answer: C

JyothiYarraji (Railways) who hails from Andhra Pradesh has made history by becoming the first Indian woman to clock a legal sub-13 second time for 100m Hurdles at the 61st AFI National

Open Athletics Championships at the SreeKanteerava Stadium.

The 23-year-old cruised to victory in 12.82 seconds.

She had won the National Games at IIT Gandhinagar in a time of 12.79 seconds.

She had already owned the meet mark with 13.18 seconds in the heats, bettering the record of 13.38 seconds set by Anuradha Biswal in Chennai 20 years ago.

October 4th week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Which of the following states proposed a policy to set up smaller capacity data centers with an investment of Rs 30,000 crore in the next five years?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Goa

Answer: C

Under this proposed policy, the state is planning to set up smaller capacity data centers in the hinterland across the state. The policy will aim to attract private sector investment to attain Rs 30,000 crore in the next five years. Data center projects in UP include those of Hiranandani Group, Adani Group, NTT Japan, and Web Werks, among others.

2. Which of the following companies has announced the opening of India's first Women-Only Digital Center (DC)?

- (a) ICICI Securities
- (b) Axis Securities
- (c) HDFC Securities
- (d) Bank of India Securities
- (e) IDBI Securities

Answer: C

HDFC Securities has announced the opening of India's first Women-Only Digital Center (DC). This cutting-edge, all-female center will assist both male and female investors. The company plans to hire more than 100 relationship managers for the women-only DC. With the DCs, customers will be able to access support as and when they need it.

3. Recently in October 2022, the European Parliament awarded its top human rights prize to the people of which country?

- (a) Ukraine
- (b) USA
- (c) UAE
- (d) UK
- (e) Spain

Answer: A

The European Parliament has awarded its top human rights prize to the people of Ukraine.

The Sakharov Prize for freedom of thought is named after the late Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov and has been awarded annually since 1988 to individuals and organizations defending human rights and freedoms. Other nominees included Wikileaks founder Julian Assange and "Truth Commission".

4. As per the Ministry of Finance, subscribers can allocate up to _____ of their funds to equity (E) under active choice in a Tier-I account without any tapering requirements once they turn 51 years of age.

- (a) 10%
- (b) 25%
- (c) 50%
- (d) 75%
- (e) 100%

Answer: D

For Tier 1 and Tier II National Pension System (NPS) accounts, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has modified the equity allocation standards.

According to the new regulation, subscribers can allocate up to 75% of their funds to equity

(E) under active choice in a Tier-I account without any tapering requirements once they turn 51 years of age.

5. Recently, Anna May Wong became the first Asian American to appear on which Country's currency?

- (a) Ukraine
- (b) USA
- (c) UAE
- (d) UK
- (e) Spain

Answer: B

Anna May Wong is set to become the first Asian American to appear on US currency. This year, four other quarters were into production featuring poet and activist Maya Angelou; the first American woman in space, Sally Ride; Cherokee Nation leader Wilma Mankiller; and suffragist Nina Otero-Warren. Anna May Wong died aged 56 in 1961.

6. Which of the following Countries has emerged as India's third-largest export destination ahead of China and Bangladesh?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Netherlands
- (c) France
- (d) Italy
- (e) USA

Answer: B

The Netherlands has emerged as India's third-largest export destination, ahead of China and

Bangladesh. It has moved up two spots in the list of India's top ten export destinations since FY22, thanks to a 106% surge in despatches until August this fiscal from a year before to \$7.5 billion. Brazil, which occupied the 21st spot in FY22 is now India's 8th biggest export market.

7. Which of the following editions of the Khelo India Youth Games -2022 will be held in Madhya Pradesh?

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

Answer: E

The Fifth Khelo India Youth Games -2022 will be held in Madhya Pradesh. The games will be held from 31st January to 11th February next year. This was announced by the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur. Khelo India Youth Games was started in 2016 and provided a very effective platform for the youth of the country to showcase their performance and talent.

8. Recently in October 2022, the CCI imposed more than nine hundred 36 crores rupees' penalty on _____ in yet another antitrust probe for anti-competitive practices to its Play Store policies.

- (a) Google

- (b) Infosys
- (c) Wipro
- (d) Cognizant
- (e) TCS

Answer: A

The Competition Commission of India has imposed more than nine hundred 36 crores rupees penalty on Google in yet another antitrust probe for anti-competitive practices to its Play Store policies. The Commission also directed Google to modify its conduct within a defined timeline. The CCI imposed a penalty of 1337 crore rupees on Google on 20th October 2022.

9. In which of the following States does Jakson Green has inked a pact to invest Rs 22,400 crore to set up a green hydrogen and green ammonia project?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Rajasthan

Answer: E

Jakson Green has inked a pact to invest Rs 22,400 crore to set up a green hydrogen and green ammonia project, in phases, in Rajasthan. The company has signed an MoU with the government of Rajasthan to this effect. Jakson Green will set up a 3,65,000 tons per annum Green Hydrogen & Green Ammonia

plant along with an integrated hybrid renewable power complex.

10. Which of the following Institutes signed an MoU with NASA to minimize any potential impact of microbes on the health of astronauts?

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Indore
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) IIT Mumbai
- (e) Other than these options

Answer: A

Indian Institute of Technology Madras and NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory researchers have studied the interactions between microbes in the International Space Station. This will help devise strategies for the disinfection of space stations to minimize any potential impact of microbes on the health of astronauts.