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#### November 1st week Current Affairs MCQ

- 1. In which of the following states does the first of six data centre buildings been set up with an investment of around Rs 1,500 crore?
- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Mizoram

Answer: A

The first of six data centre buildings in the Greater Noida Data Center Park, Yotta D1, has been set up with an investment of around Rs 1,500 crore. It has been put up by Yotta Infrastructure, a new-age digital transformation service provider, at its Greater Noida data centre park. Yotta Infrastructure is a subsidiary of Mumbai-based Hiranandani Group.

- 2. Which of the following banks is not identified as a pilot in the settlement of secondary market transactions in government securities?
- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) ICICI Bank

Answer: D

The regulator has identified nine banks including State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, YES Bank, IDFC First Bank and HSBC for participation in the pilot. The use case for this pilot is settlement of secondary market transactions in government securities.

- 3. Recently, former Tata Steel MD Dr Jamshed
  J Irani passed away at the age of 86. He was
  also known as?
- (a) Iron Man of India
- (b) Steel Man of India
- (c) Man of India
- (d) Iron Veteran Man of India
- (e) Other than these options

Answer: B

Known as the 'Steel Man of India', former Tata Steel MD Dr Jamshed J Irani passed away. He was 86. He was conferred the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contribution to the industry.

- 4. Which of the following states does get the Ranipur Tiger Reserve, the 53rd tiger reserve of India?
- (a) Uttar Pradesh



- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Mizoram

Answer: A

Uttar Pradesh's Ranipur Tiger Reserve has become the 53rd tiger reserve of India. The tiger reserve is spread across over 529.36 sq km, of which the core area is 230.32 sq km and the buffer area is 299.05 sq km. Besides this, it is also the fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh. Apart from Ranipur, the state has three tiger reserves—Dudhwa, Pilibhit and Amangarh.

- 5. Which of the following becomes the 1st state in Indiatointroduce a standard gold price based on the bank rate?
- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Kerala

Answer: E

Kerala is the first state in India which introduced a standard gold price based on the bank rate.

The decision to introduce a uniform price on 916 purities 22 carat gold has been taken at a meeting between officials of Malabar Gold and

Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in the country and key members of All Kerala Gold and Silver Merchants Association.

- 6. Who amongst the following has recently inaugurated the India Chem 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi?
- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) J.P. Nadda
- (d) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
- (e) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: D

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers Dr. Mansukh
Mandaviya, will inaugurate the India Chem 2022
on 2nd November 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New
Delhi with the theme "Vision 2030: Chemicals
and Petrochemicals Build India". Department of
Fertilizers is organizing the 12th edition of
INDIA CHEM in association with FICCI.

- 7. In which of the following cities does the greenfield Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) will be set up with the project cost of Rs 492.85 crores?
- (a) Pune



- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Bhopal
- (e) Indore

Answer: A

As part of its objective to strengthen the electronics manufacturing ecosystem in India, the Ministry of Electronics and IT has approved the greenfield Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) with a project cost of Rs 492.85 crores to be set up in Ranjangaon Phase III, near Pune in Maharashtra.

- 8. Which of the following Dept. has launched the HARIT Aaykar initiative?
- (a) Income Tax
- (b) Information Technology
- (c) Custom Tax
- (d) Sales Tax
- (e) Indian Railways

Answer: A

The Income Tax Department has launched the HARIT Aaykar (Hariyali Achievement Resolution by Income Tax) initiative. Under this initiative, the Department resolves to increase the green cover by planting trees and creating micro-forests in and around Income Tax Department's buildings and other public areas.

- 9. In which of the following States does a fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast will be built?
- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Kerala

Answer: B

A fish museum, the first of its kind in the
Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal
Pradesh, Fisheries Minister Tage Taki. The
museum would be a part of the Integrated Aqua
Park (IAP), sanctioned by the Union Ministry of
Fisheries. It will have all fish species of the state
and serve as a training centre for fisherfolks.

- 10. Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of \_\_\_\_\_ on Vakrangee Limited (the entity) for noncompliance with certain provisions of the White Label ATM (WLA) directions.
- (a) Rs 0.76 crore
- (b) Rs 1.76 crore
- (c) Rs 3.76 crore
- (d) Rs 4.76 crore
- (e) Rs 5.76 crore



Answer: B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.76 crore on Vakrangee Limited (the entity) for noncompliance with certain provisions of the White Label ATM (WLA) directions. The penalty has

been imposed in respect to non-compliance with regulations on ATM deployment targets.

#### November 2<sup>nd</sup> week Current Affairs MCQ

- 1. At COP 27, India joined the Mangrove
  Alliance for Climate (MAC). India is one of the initial five nations to sign up. Australia, Japan,
  Spain and Sri Lanka round up the group. Which nation is collaborating with the United Arab
  Emirates to lead MAC?
- (a) Indonesia
- (b) France
- (c) South Korea
- (d) Thailand
- (e) Philippines

Answer: A

India joins Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) at COP 27. India is among the first five countries to join it. The other countries are Australia, Japan, Spain, and Sri Lanka.

MAC is spearheaded by the United Arab

Emirates in partnership with Indonesia.

MAC seeks to accelerate the restoration and conservation of mangroves for the benefit of communities.

It also seeks to generate awareness regarding the role of mangroves as a nature-based climate change solution.

MAC follows a voluntary approach. Members are free to decide their commitments toward restoring mangroves.

At the launch of the MAC, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav dubbed mangrove forests as the most productive ecosystems of the world. Mangroves are distributed in tropical and subtropical regions. They are found in 123 countries.

According to the Forest Survey report 2021, mangroves cover in the country is 4,992 square kilometres. This is 0.15% of the country's total geographical area.

The top three states showing an increase in mangrove cover are Odisha, Maharashtra, and Karnataka.



- 2. India participated in the 26th International
  Malabar Naval Exercise. The exercise has
  begun in Yokosuka, Japan. Which ships from
  the Indian Navy are prepared to take part in the
  exercise?
- (a) INSKamorta
- (b) INS Shivalik
- (c) INS Vikrant
- (d) All of the above
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

Answer: E

India participated in the 26th International Malabar Naval Exercise. The exercise has begun in Yokosuka, Japan.

Australia, Japan, and the USA also participated in it. The navies of these countries will participate in the exercise till November 18. Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kamorta are ready to participate in the exercise.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Malabar exercise.

Malabar began as a bilateral exercise between the US and Indian navies in 1992, Japan and Australia joined it in 2007 and 2020 respectively.

- 3. What is the name of the newly discovered species of endemic honeybee in the Western Ghats?
- (a) Trimeresurus
- (b) Cirrhilabrus
- (c) Apis karinjodian
- (d) Finifenmaa
- (e) Arunachalensis

Answer: C

A new species of endemic honeybee has been discovered in the Western Ghats. The finding has been published in the September issue of Entomon, a peer-reviewed journal brought out by the Association for Advancement of Entomology.

The new species has been named Apis karinjodian and given the common name Indian black honeybee.

It is after a gap of more than 200 years that a new species of honeybee has been spotted in the Western Ghats.

The last honeybee described from India was
Apis indica in 1798 by Fabricius. Although
Fabricius named the Indian bee Apis indica, it
was not considered a valid species till now.

The research team restored the status of Apis indica based on a new measure for species



discrimination in honeybees termed 'Radio-Medial Index (RMI)'.

While proving the distinct identity of Apis indica, led to the discovery of Apis karinjodian.

Apis karinjodian has evolved from Apis cerana morphotypes that got acclimatised to the hot and humid environment of the Western Ghats.

The distribution of Apis karinjodian ranges from the central Western Ghats and Nilgiris to the southern Western Ghats, covering the States of Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

- 4. As per the newspaper report in November 2022, The first-ever recording of the snow leopard was expanded to the Baltal-Zojila region of Kashmir. Which ministry provided funding for the Snow Leopard Population Assessment of India (SPAI) project?
- (a) Ministry of Rural Development
- (b) Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
- (c) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (e) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer: B

The first-ever recording of the snow leopard from the Baltal-Zojila region has renewed the

hope for the elusive predator in the higher altitudes of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Snow leopard surveys have often focused in neighbouring areas of Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The survey was expanded to the Baltal-Zojila region of Kashmir recently.

Snow Leopard population estimation is part of the Snow Leopard Population Assessment of India (SPAI).

The Department of Wildlife Protection has been conducting surveys with partner NGOs to understand presence and abundance of snow leopards under the SPAI project funded by the Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change.

The Snow Leopard Population Assessment of India (SPAI) has been concluded so far in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The estimated population of the great cat is 50 and 100 in these two States respectively.

Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India (SPAI) was launched on International Snow Leopard Day on 23rd October 2019.

5. Which of the following company has collaborated with Microsoft to accelerate both



# digital and sustainability transformations through a new solution?

- (a) Google
- (b) Amazon
- (c) Cognizant
- (d) TCS
- (e) Wipro

#### Answer: C

Cognizant is expanding its collaboration with Microsoft to accelerate both digital and sustainability transformations through a new solution – the Cognizant Sustainability Accelerator, powered by the Microsoft Cloud and Microsoft Cloud for Sustainability. The solution is now being showcased at the COP27 global climate conference, currently underway at Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt. The solution combines both Cognizant's experience in the Internet of Things and data analytics with Microsoft's cloud capabilities. Cognizant is an American multinational information technology services and consulting company. It is headquartered in Teaneck, New Jersey, United States.

6. Ramesh Kejriwal has been appointed as the All India Rubber Industries Association's (AIRIA)

president for the 2022–2023 year. Who will be succeeded by Kejriwal?

- (a) Sawar Dhanania
- (b) Nandha Kumar
- (c) Mahesh Verma
- (d) B K Katyal
- (e) K. Sankaranarayanan

Answer: A

All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) has elected Ramesh Kejriwal of India Oil Seals and Synthetic Products, Kolkata, as its president for the year 2022-23.

Kejriwal will be succeeding Sawar Dhanania.

Shashi Kumar Singh of Osaka Rubber Pvt Ltd., Mumbai, will be the senior vice president and Sanjeev Sikka of Majestic Rubber Industries, Ghaziabad will be the vice president.

Kejriwal has been associated with AIRIA since 1993 and has previously served as the Eastern Region Chairman.

He has a long history in the rubber business and is well-versed in modernisation, equipment selection and project implementation.

AIRIA is a not-for-profit body serving the rubber industry and trade with the objectives of safeguarding and promoting the interests of the industry.



7.SME lending startup, ftcash has announced that the company has received a licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up a non-banking financial company (NBFC). The financial assets of an NBFC shall account for \_\_\_\_\_of the total assets in accordance with section 45-I (c) of the RBI Act.

- (a) 70%
- (b) 45%
- (c) 30%
- (d) 50%
- (e) 25%

Answer: D

SME lending startup, ftcash has received a licence from the Reserve Bank of India to set up a non-banking financial company. With this, the company aims to disburse loans worth ₹100 crores in FY23.

A Non–Banking Financial Corporation is a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2013 or 1956. According to section 45-I (c) of the RBI Act, a Non–Banking Company carrying on the business of a financial institution will be an NBFC.

The company's financial assets must constitute 50% of the total assets.

The income from financial assets must constitute 50% of the total income. It is

governed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs as well as the Reserve Bank of India.

The License for operation is obtained from the RBI and it is incorporated as a company under applicable laws of the land.

The minimum net owned funds of the Company should be Rs. 2 Crore.

ftcash cofounder & CEO Sanjeev Chandak.

Headquartered in Mumbai, the company was founded in 2015 by Sanjeev Chandak, Deepak Kothari and Vaibhav Lodha.

8. National Legal Services Day is commemorated annually on November 9 to increase public knowledge of the different sections of the Legal Services Authorities Act. In which year did the Supreme Court of India declare National Legal Services Day?

- (a) 1998
- (b) 1983
- (c) 2002
- (d) 1995
- (e) 2005

Answer: D

Every year on November 9, National Legal Services Day is observed. It is celebrated to raise awareness among the people about the



# various provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act.

On National Legal Services Day, State Legal Services Authorities organize legal awareness camps across the country to make people aware of the availability of free legal aid.

On October 11, 1987, the Legal Services

Authorities Act, 1987 was enacted which came into effect on November 9, 1995.

The Supreme Court of India commenced National Legal Services Day in 1995.

9. As per the newspaper report in November 2022, Who is the author of the book titled "E. K. Janaki Ammal: Life and Scientific Contributions"?

- (a) Janaki Ammal
- (b) Nirmala James
- (c) Kamala Sohonie
- (d) Rajeshwari Chatterjee
- (e) Kamal Ranadive

Answer: B

Retired school teacher Nirmala James has authored a new book titled "E. K. Janaki Ammal: Life and Scientific Contributions", featuring the life and remarkable achievements of Edavalath Kakkat Janaki Ammal (E. K. Janaki Ammal), India's first woman botanist.

The book, published by Enview Research and Development, was released during the event organised on the 125th birth anniversary of E. K. Janaki Ammal. She was born on 4th November 1897 in Thalassery, Kerala.

The event was organised by the Centre for Biodiversity Conservation (CBC) under the Botany Department, University of Kerala.

The book is an enhanced translation from the Malayalam version of the book the author released in 2020.

10. Uttarakhand Foundation Day (also known as Uttrakhand Divas) is observed on November 9 every year. This day is celebrated to mark the establishment of the \_\_\_\_\_ state of India.

- (a) 22<sup>nd</sup>
- (b) 27<sup>th</sup>
- (c) 25th
- (d) 29th
- (e) 23rd

Answer: B

Uttarakhand Foundation Day is observed on November 9 every year. Also known as Uttrakhand Divas, it is celebrated to mark the establishment of the 27th state of India.

Uttarakhand did not come into existence with India's independence. It is one of the newer



states that was created under the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000.

The name Uttarakhand is derived from the Sanskrit dialect which literally means 'Northern City'. On January 1, 2007, its name was changed to Uttarakhand from Uttaranchal.

Uttarakhand Governor: Gurmit Singh, Chief minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami.

#### November 3rd week Current Affairs MCQ

- 1. Who amongst the following has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Navi Technologies Ltd?
- (a) M.S. Dhoni
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) Dinesh Kartik
- (d) K.L. Rahul
- (e) Sachin Bansal

Answer: A

Sachin Bansal-backed Navi Technologies Ltd which sells financial products like personal loans, home loans, and general insurance, etc., has appointed MS Dhoni as its brand ambassador. Dhoni will be the face of the company's branding initiatives. The company has launched its first digital advertisement with the cricketer on Hotstar.

2. Recently, Lawyer Natasa Pirc Musar has become which country's first female head of state?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Canada
- (c) Kenya
- (d) Slovenia
- (e) Bhutan

Answer: D

Lawyer Natasa Pirc Musar won the second round of Slovenia's presidential election on Sunday and will become the country's first female head of state. She will succeed President Borut Pahor, a centrist politician who had already served two terms in office. Pirc Musar had represented former US first lady Melania Trump in copyright and other cases in her native Slovenia.

- 3. Who amongst the following was recently appointed as the Director of public policy for Meta India which includes Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp?
- (a) ShivnathThukral

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- (b) Pradeep Mehra
- (c) Vivek Joshi
- (d) Dinesh Sharma
- (e) Sumeet Pathak

Answer: A

ShivnathThukral, who is currently serving as the director of public policy at WhatsApp India, has been appointed the director of public policy for Meta India which includes Facebook,
Instagram, and WhatsApp. Earlier this month,
Ajit Mohan, the head of Meta in India, stepped down from his role. Will Cathcart, Head of WhatsApp.

- 4. Who amongst the following was recently nominated to the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
- (a) ShivnathThukral
- (b) Pradeep Mehra
- (c) Vivek Joshi
- (d) Dinesh Sharma
- (e) Sumeet Pathak

Answer: C

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that the government has nominated Vivek Joshi to its central board. Joshi who is the secretary of the Department of Financial Services will hold the position of Director at RBI. Notably, Joshi

took charge as the Secretary of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance on November 1, 2022.

- 5. Which of the following bank has become the first foreign lenders to receive approval after the RBI announced the guidelines for overseas trade in the rupee in July?
- (a) VTB Bank
- (b) Sberbank
- (c) Bank of America
- (d) Both a and b
- (e) Both a and c

Answer: D

Sberbank and VTB Bank-the largest and second-largest banks of Russia respectively-are the first foreign lenders to receive approval after the RBI announced the guidelines for overseas trade in the rupee in July. "Nine accounts have been opened. One in UCO Bank, one in Sber, one in VTB, and six with IndusInd Bank. These six are different Russian banks,".

- 6. Which of the following editions of India-US joint military training exercise YudhAbhyas begin in Auli, Uttrakhand?
- (a) 16<sup>th</sup>
- (b) 17<sup>th</sup>



| (c) | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
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(d) 19<sup>th</sup>

(e) 20th

Answer: C

The 18th edition of the India-US joint military training exercise YudhAbhyas will begin today in Auli, Uttrakhand. The 15-day-long exercise will focus on high altitude and extremely cold climate warfare. YudhAbhyas is conducted annually between India and US to exchange best practices, Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures between the Armies of the two nations.

7. Which of the following organization has planned to launch its new mega Moon rocket mission Artemis 1 from Florida?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) NASA
- (c) CASA
- (d) JASA
- (e) Other than these options

Answer: B

NASA plans to launch its new mega Moon rocket mission Artemis 1 tomorrow from Florida.

After the two failed attempts, NASA is planning the first launch of the Space Launch System rocket, the most powerful ever designed by it.

Artemis 1 will be the first integrated flight test of NASA's Deep Space Exploration Systems that will enable human exploration to the Moon and Mars.

8. Which of the following organizations saw the highest foreign portfolio investor (FPI) inflows at Rs 64,991 crore during the three monthsthat ended September this year?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b)Muthoot Finance
- (c) Axis Finance
- (d) Reliance Industries
- (e) Tata group

Answer: A

ICICI Bank and Bajaj Finance saw the highest foreign portfolio investor (FPI) inflows, at Rs 64,991 crore and Rs 25,708 crore, respectively, during the three monthsthat ended September this year. Conversely, Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services saw the highest FPI outflows at Rs 44,622 crore and Rs 17,838 crore, respectively, during this period.

9. As per the GoI, India has also moved to the
\_\_\_\_\_\_Iargest producer of steel at a
global scale.

(a) 1st



- (b) 2<sup>nd</sup>
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

Answer: B

Union Minister of Steel JyotiradityaScindia has said that the country which was earlier a net importer of steel has now become a net exporter. He informed that India has also moved from 4th largest producer of steel to the second largest producer of steel at a global scale.

- 10. Which of the following banks was not shortlisted by RBI to work on the retail pilot of its central bank digital currency (CBDC)?
- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) IDFC First Bank

- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) State Bank of India

Answer: A

State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and IDFC First Bank are on a shortlist of at least five lenders that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has roped into work on the retail pilot of its central bank digital currency (CBDC). The pilot for the retail digital rupee is expected to go live soon, and more banks could be included in it.

#### November 4th week Current Affairs MCQ

- 1. As per the report, 15th edition of agriculture expo Krishithon is being held in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Nagapattinam
- (b) Majuli
- (c) Nashik
- (d) Surajpur
- (e) None of the above

Answer: C

Krishithon 2022 was inaugurated by Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde on 24 November.

The 15th edition of the agriculture expo Krishithon 2022 is being held in Nashik after a gap of two years.

The expo will be organized from 24 to 28 November.



The expo will focus on new agricultural technology being used around the world, as well as felicitate young farmers and seminars on various issues.

At the event, over 300 agriculture companies will showcase their innovation and ideas.

Human Service Foundation has been organizing Krishithon since its inception in 1998.

2. As per the report, India's export of pharma products recorded a growth of \_\_\_\_\_ % from April to October 2022 over April to October 2013.

- (a) 136%
- (b) 140%
- (c) 138%
- (d) 139%
- (e) None of the above

Answer: C

India's export of pharma products recorded a growth of 138% from April to October 2022 over April-October 2013.

India's export of pharma products increased to over Rs 90,000 crore from April to October of this fiscal year.

In 2013, India's export of pharma products was around Rs 37,988 crore from April to October.

The USA, UK, South Africa, Russia, and Nigeria are India's top 5 pharma export destinations.

Pharmaceutical and drug exports make up 5.92% of our total exports.

Formulations and biologicals account for a major share of 73.31% of our total exports.

They are followed by Bulk drugs and drug

3. India carried out a successful training launch of an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
(IRBM), Agni-3 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. Agni-3 is the IRBM with a range of kilometers (Km).

(a) 2000 - 3000

intermediates.

- (b) 3000 5000
- (c) 3500 5000
- (d) 4000 6000
- (e) 4500 7500

Answer: B

India on November 23, 2022, carried out a successful training launch of the nuclear-capable Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) Agni-3 from Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.



As per the Defence Ministry, the test fire was a part of routine user training launches conducted by the Strategic Forces Command.

The Agni-3 is an Indian immediate-range ballistic missile inducted into service in 2011 as the successor of the Agni-II.

The missile has a range of 3,000 to 5,000 kilometers and can reach targets deep inside the neighboring countries including China.

Agni-III, which is designed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation is a two-stage ballistic missile that is capable of nuclear weapons delivery.

The launch of the Agni-3 missile was carried out for a predetermined range and it validated all the operational parameters of the system.

The 16-meter-long missile, weighing more than 48 tonnes, has a range of over 3000 kilometers and is capable of carrying a payload of over 1.5 tonnes.

The first known developmental trial of Agni-3 was conducted back in July 2006, but could not yield the expected result. It was later subsequently successfully flight-tested in April 2007 and the system has been successfully tested several times since then.

- 4. Who was sworn in as the 10th Prime Minister of Malaysia?
- (a) Sergio Matterella
- (b) Anwar Ibrahim
- (c) Mohammed bin Salman
- (d) Bandaru Wilsonbabu
- (e) None of the above

Answer: B

Malaysia's King has named Pakatan Harapan (PH) Chief Anwar Ibrahim as the new Prime Minister of the country.

Anwar Ibrahim will be sworn in as the 10th Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Ibrahim served as the Deputy-Prime Minister in the 1990s and the official Prime Minister-in-waiting in 2018.

Anwar Ibrahim's coalition, known as Pakatan Harapan, won the most seats in the polls with 82, while Muhyiddin's Perikatan Nasional bloc won 73.

Malaysia has a unique constitutional monarchy in which kings are chosen in turn from the royal families of nine states to reign for a five-year term.

Capital: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysian ringgit is the currency of Malaysia.



- 5. Recently in November, India and which country signed free trade agreement?
- (a) USA
- (b) Australia
- (c) Japan
- (d) Germany
- (e) None of the above

Answer: B

India and Australia would now implement the free trade agreement as the Australian

Parliament approved the pact between the two countries.

The India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI-ECTA) needed ratification by the Australian parliament before its implementation.

It will provide duty-free access to the Australian market for over 6,000 broad sectors of India, including textiles, leather, furniture, jewelry, and machinery.

Under the pact, Australia is offering zero-duty access to India for about 96.4 %of exports (by value).

India will do away with Customs duties on 40 %of products immediately and on 70.3 %of tariff lines over 10 years.

It would help in taking the bilateral trade from \$27.5 billion at present to \$45-50 billion in the next five years.

India's goods exports to Australia stood at \$8.3 billion and imports from the country aggregated to \$16.75 billion in 2021-22.

India had a trade deficit of \$8.5 billion with Australia in FY22, with \$8.3 billion worth of exports and \$16.8 billion worth of imports.

- 6. The Indian Council of Historical Research
  (ICHR) has recently launched the
  'Comprehensive history of India' project to
  "rewrite" India's history from the time of the
  Indus Valley civilization till the present day.
  ICHR was established under the promulgation
  of the Societies Registration Act in \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) 1973
- (b) 1972
- (c) 1970
- (d) 1975
- (e) 1980

Answer: B

The Indian Council of Historical Research
(ICHR) has recently launched the
'Comprehensive history of India' project to
"rewrite" India's history – from the time of the
Indus Valley civilization till the present day.



ICHR has also started the digitization of historical sources available in various vernacular languages in India.

To give "due credit" to dynasties who have "missed out" and "correct" texts that have been written in a "Euro-centric" way. It will cover Indian history from the time of Rakhigarhi, an archaeological site belonging to the Indus Valley civilization in northern India, till today, using sources available in vernacular languages and scripts It will have 12-14 volumes and will be completed over the next three to four years. Indian Council of Historical Research: It was established under the promulgation of the Societies Registration Act in 1972. It is a captive body of the Ministry of Education. It is an autonomous organization, which draws funds from the University Grants Commission

7. Recently, Rooftop solar capacity installations in India fell 29% to 320 megawatts (MW) in July-September 2022, according to Mercom Research India. India currently ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in terms of installed solar power capacity.

(a) 5th

(UGC).

(b) 3rd

- (c) 4th
- (d) 2nd
- (e) 1st

Answer: A

Rooftop solar capacity installations in India fell 29% to 320 megawatts (MW) in July-September 2022, according to Mercom Research India.

Since 2011, India's solar sector has grown at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 59% from 0.5GW in 2011 to 55GW in 2021.

The Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM), also known as the National Solar Mission (NSM), which commenced in January 2010, marked the first time the government focussed on promoting and developing solar power in India.

Under the scheme, the total installed capacity target was set as 20GW by 2022.

In 2015, the target was revised to 100GW and in August 2021, the government set a solar target of 300GW by 2030.

India currently ranks fifth after China, the U.S., Japan, and Germany in terms of installed solar power capacity.

As of December 2021, the cumulative solar installed capacity of India is 55GW, which is roughly half the renewable energy (RE)



capacity (excluding large hydro power) and 14% of the overall power generation capacity of India.

Solar power is a major prong of India's commitment to addressing global warming according to the terms of the Paris Agreement, as well as achieving net zero, or no net carbon emissions, by 2070.

Prime Minister at the United Nations

Conference of Parties meeting in Glasgow, in

November 2021, said India would be reaching a

non-fossil fuel energy capacity of 500 GW by

2030 and meet half its energy requirements via

renewable energy by 2030.

To boost the renewable energy installation drive in the long term, the Centre in 2020 set a target of 450GW of RE-based installed capacity to be achieved by 2030, within which the target for solar was 300GW.

On the current trajectory, the report finds, India's solar target of 300GW by 2030 will be off the mark by about 86GW, or nearly a third.

- 8. Which of the following state is the first to create the role of Director General of Audit to oversee all audit departments?
- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Andhra Pradesh

- (c) Kerala
- (d) TamilNadu
- (e) None of the above

Answer: D

Tamil Nadu was the first State to create the role of Director General of Audit to oversee all audit departments.

The Director General of Audit (DGA) is responsible to strengthen and streamline the functioning of internal audit departments.

The post of DGA was created to provide independence to internal audit departments, which were earlier working under the department they had to audit.

The DGA will exercise general supervision and control over the audit directorates.

All proposals to the government on postings, transfers, other establishment matters, and budget and Assembly-related matters will be routed through the DGA.

The DGA has the power to invite a private audit firm to do a special audit of any organization under its audit jurisdiction.

9. The Karmayogi Bharat is responsible for any other digital assets of the Mission Karmayogi Programme, including the iGOT - Karmayogi platform. Recently, who launched the



# 'Karmayogi Bharat' technology platform and the Karmayogi Prarambh module?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Droupadi Murmu
- (d) Jagadeep Dhankhar
- (e) Venkaiah Naidu

Answer: B

The Prime Minister launched the 'Karmayogi Bharat' technology platform and the Karmayogi Prarambh module.

The Karmayogi Bharat is responsible for any other digital assets of the Mission Karmayogi Programme, including the iGOT - Karmayogi platform.

It will be responsible for owning, managing, maintaining, and improving the digital assets on behalf of the Government with an annual subscription-based revenue model.

Mission Karmayogi is a national program for civil services capacity building.

The Karmayogi Prarambh module falls under the ambit of Mission Karmayogi.

The Karmayogi Prarambh module is an online orientation course for all new appointees in various government departments.

The instructive module would provide a code of conduct for government servants, including directives on workplace ethics and integrity.

10. Since January 2020, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties worth Rs 73.06 crore in 48 cases involving banks for violation of provisions of RBI's certain directions. under which Section of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 bank penalized for violations of non-compliance?

- (a) section 35 A
- (b) section 45 A
- (c) section 56 A
- (d) section 42 A
- (e) None of the above

Answer: A

Since January 2020, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties worth Rs 73.06 crore in 48 cases involving banks for violation of provisions of RBI's certain directions.

RBI penalizes banks on violations of non-Compliance with certain provisions under Section 35 A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Currently, the RBI is the only regulatory institution that doesn't have an appellate body.



Since no one can appeal, these (RBI's) orders are not challenged on merit. So, with this kind of arrangement in the regulatory system, RBI can easily get away with passing only a cursory or main order without giving reasons and explanations.

But the RBI has a system of the Banking Ombudsman where an aggrieved bank customer can raise disputes or unfair actions and services of a bank.