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According to the government data, India's trade deficit rose 87.5% to _____ in 2021-22 as against USD 102.63 billion in the previous year.

- (a) \$192.41 billion
- (b) \$230.45 billion
- (c) \$310.01 billion
- (d) \$333.61 billion

Exports of Indian agricultural products have crossed a mark of _____ for the first time during the financial year 2021-22 (FY22).

- (a) \$ 50 billion
- (b) \$ 100 billion
- (c) \$ 150 billion
- (d) \$ 200 billion

RBI has kept key policy rates unchanged in the first MPC meeting for 2022-23. Which means that the Reverse Repo Rate has been kept unchanged at _____ percent

- A) 3.35%
- B) 4.00%
- C) 4.25%
- D) 3.25%

With which company, Rolls-Royce has launched 'Aerospace Engineering and Digital Innovation Centre' in Bengaluru?

- (a) IBM
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) Google
- (d) Infosys

Sarhul Festival is celebrated in which of the following state/UT?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Jharkhand

✓ Sarhul is the festival of the New Year celebrated in the state of **Jharkhand** by the tribal communities as part of the local Sarna religion.

Who has authored the book titled 'The Maverick Effect'?

- (a) Rajiv Bhatia
- (b) Harish Mehta
- (c) Sagarika Ghose
- (d) K Syam Prasad

- ✓ "The Maverick Effect", tells the untold story of how in the 1970s and 80s a 'band of dreamers' joined hands to create NASSCOM and pave the way for the IT revolution in India.
- ✓ The National Association of Software and Service Companies

What was the rank of Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay in 12th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022?

- (a) 42
- (b) 53
- (c) 56
- (d) 65

✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Bombay ranked 65th and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)- Delhi ranked 72nd, are the only Indian institutes to be featured among the top 100 ranks under the Engineering and Technology category. IIT Bombay has scored 79.9 and IIT Delhi has scored 78.9.

Which of the following Institute has ranked 1st in the 12th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022?

- (a) Stanford University
- (b) National University of Singapore
- (c) Massachusetts Institute for Technology
- (d) Harvard University

- 1 Harvard University
- 2 Stanford University
- 3 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

The 20th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held at Pakke Tiger Reserve. In which state is the reserve located?

- A) Haryana
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Tamil Nadu

✓ The 20th Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held in Pakke tiger reserve in Arunachal Pradesh, and was led by Bhupender Yadav.

Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) until March 2023. AIM is a flagship initiative set up by the NITI Aayog in _____.

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2017

Union Minister of AYUSH inaugurated scientific convention 'Homoeopathy: People's Choice for Wellness' in New Delhi to mark the occasion of World Homoeopathy Day. Who is the Union Minister of AYUSH?

A) Sarbananda Sonowal

B) Prafulla Kumar Mahanta

C) Tarun Gogoi

D) Himanta Biswa Sarma

Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster has been successfully flighttested at the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Odisha. The SFDR has been developed in collaboration with _____.

(a) Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)

(b) Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL)

(c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

(d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Who is the author of the book 'NOT JUST A NIGHTWATCHMAN: My Innings in the BCCI'?

A) Shashi Kant Sharma

B) Rajiv Mehrishi

C) Gyan Prakash

D) Vinod Rai

✓ 'Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings with BCCI', book by Former CAG Vinod Rai. CAG and chief of Supreme court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) in 2017, Vinod Rai has penned a book titled as, "Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Inning with BCCI"

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has formed two expert groups to look into the responsibilities, qualifications, and functions of sponsors and trustees at asset management firms (AMCs). Who will chair the working group on MF trustees?

(a) Ashwini Vaishnaw

(b) Manoj Vaish

(c) A Balasubramanian

(d) G Mahalingam

Name the Indian duo who paired to win the gold medal in mixed double event of the 2022 WSF World Doubles Squash championship at Glasglow?

A) Joshna Chinappa and Harinder Pal Sandhu

B) Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal

C) Joshna Chinappa and Ramit Tandon

D) Dipika Pallikal and Mahesh Mangaonkar

What is the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection for 2022-23, as per RBI's Monetary Policy April 2022?

[A] 9.5 per cent

[B] 8.1 per cent

[C] 7.2 per cent

[D] 6.9 per cent

Which photographer's photo titled "Kamloops Residential School" has won 2022 World Press Photo of the Year award?

- (a) Robert Irwin
- (b) Matthew Abbott
- (c) Alejandro Prieto
- (d) Amber Bracken

Which organisation launched the first fully private astronaut mission to the International Space Station?

- [A] NASA
- [B] Axiom Space
- [C] SpaceX
- [D] ESA

Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs _____ on Axis Bank and IDBI Bank each for various violations, including those related to KYC guidelines.

- (a) 51 lakh
- (b) 93 lakh
- (c) 1 crore
- (d) 1.5 crore

Who has been conferred with Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu?

- (a) Zakir Hussain
- (b) Jatin Goswami
- (c) Sonal Mansingh
- (d) Thiruvaidaimarudur Kuppiyah Kalyanasundaram
- (e) All of the above

The four fellows, who have been awarded with Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship, are **Tabla maestro Zakir Hussain, Jatin Goswami, Dr. Sonal Mansingh and Thiruvaidaimarudur Kuppiyah Kalyanasundaram**. They have been honoured for their eminent contribution in the field of the Performing Arts.

What is the theme of the 2022 World Homoeopathy Day?

- A) Enhancing the scope of Homoeopathy in public health
- B) Homeopathy- Roadmap for Integrative Medicine
- C) Linking education
- D) People's Choice for Wellness

How many medals have been won by India at the 2022 Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament?

A) 10

B) 15

C) 5

D) 7

- ✓ The 15-member Indian boxing contingents ended their campaign at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament 2022. The 15-member Indian boxing contingents ended their campaign at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament 2022 in **Phuket** with **10 medals**, including three golds, four silvers, and three bronze.

How many artists have been conferred with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Sangeet Natak Awards for the year 2018?

A) 55

B) 44

C) 37

D) 49

- ✓ The Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship, also known as Akademi Ratna Sadasyata, is an Indian honour for the performing arts presented by Sangeet Natak Academy.

Who will be the first recipient of Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Puraskar?

a) PM Narendra Modi

b) A R Rahman

c) Amitabh Bachchan

d) Dharmendra

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the inaugural Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Puraskar. This was announced by the late singer's family on April 11, 2022. He will receive the award at the Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Awards ceremony on April 24, on the 80th death anniversary of Master Deenanath Mangeshkar, the legend's father.

Which country has announced that it will default on all its \$51 billion external debt?

a) Ukraine

b) Afghanistan

c) Myanmar

d) Sri Lanka

The 'Made in India' Dornier 288 aircraft, which was flagged off today, will connect which state's remote towns to Assam's Dibrugarh?

a) Nagaland

b) Meghalaya

c) Arunachal Pradesh

d) Manipur

- ✓ The first-ever 'Made in India' Dornier 228 passenger aircraft was flagged off by Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia along with Union Minister Kiren Rijiju in Phasighat on April 12, 2022. The 17-seater passenger aircraft will provide air connectivity to remote towns of Arunachal Pradesh.

Which nation will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games?

- a) New Zealand
- b) Australia
- c) Austria
- d) Germany

India signed a new Space Situational Awareness arrangement with which nation?

- a) Germany
- b) Australia
- c) France
- d) US

ADB has signed a \$2 million loan agreement with India to support development projects in which state?

- a) Assam
- b) Nagaland
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Manipur

Hamish Bennett has announced retirement from all forms of cricket. He plays for which country's national cricket team?

- a) New Zealand
- b) Australia
- c) England
- d) West Indies

Which state has been ranked at the top among larger states in NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index?

- a) Kerala
- b) Telangana
- c) Gujarat
- d) Punjab

✓ Gujarat was ranked at the top in NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index-Round 1 among the larger states with a score of 50.1 points. Kerala was ranked second and Punjab was ranked third under the same category. The State Energy and Climate Index ranks states and the Union Territories on six parameters including energy efficiency, discom's performance, and environmental sustainability.

Which state topped the NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index among smaller states?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Goa
- c) Manipur
- d) Tripura

- ✓ Goa was ranked at the top position among the smaller states in the NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index. Goa was followed by Tripura and Manipur in second and third place respectively.

Who has been sworn in as the new Home Minister of Andhra Pradesh?

- a) Taneti Vanita
- b) Dharmana Prasada Rao
- c) RK Roja
- d) Ushasri Charan
- ✓ Taneti Vanita has been given the crucial portfolio of Home along with Disaster Management. She was a part of the earlier Andhra Pradesh cabinet as well. In the previous cabinet, she handled the Women & Child Welfare portfolio.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a virtual meeting with which among the following world leaders on April 11, 2022?

- a) Russian President Vladimir Putin
- b) UK PM Boris Johnson
- c) Australian PM Scott Morrison
- d) US President Joe Biden
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a virtual meeting with US President Joe Biden on April 11, 2022 to further deepen ties between the two countries and discuss a range of issues including the COVID-19 pandemic, global economy, climate crisis, Indo-Pacific region and Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Who among the following paid an unannounced visit to Ukraine to meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy?

- a) Boris Johnson
- b) Joe Biden
- c) Olaf Scholz
- d) Justin Trudeau

Who among the following has been appointed as a Member Board Representative of ICC Cricket Committee?

- a) Jay Shah
- b) Sourav Ganguly
- c) Anil Kumble
- d) Rahul Dravid

Which country will host the inaugural ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup?

- a) India
- b) England
- c) South Africa
- d) Australia
- ✓ The inaugural ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup will be hosted by South Africa in January 2023. The tournament will involve 16 teams and include 41

matches. The tournament was originally scheduled to take place in 2021 but got delayed twice due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The new date was announced during the ICC Board Meeting on April 10, 2022. It will be held as a curtain-raiser ahead of the 2023 ICC Women's T20 World Cup that is scheduled to commence in South Africa on February 9.

Who has become the second-fastest bowler to take 150 wickets in IPL history?

- a) R Ashwin
- b) Kuldeep Yadav
- c) Yuzvendra Chahal
- d) Jasprit Bumrah

Who has become the first batter to retire out in the IPL?

- a) R Ashwin
 - b) Shardul Thakur
 - c) Yuzvendra Chahal
 - d) Moeen Ali
- ✓ Ravichandran Ashwin became the first batter in the IPL to "retire out" himself to allow another batter to take his place during the Rajasthan Royals clash against Lucknow Super Giants at the Wankhede Stadium on April 10, 2022. Ashwin, who smashed two sixes, tactically retired out to allow Ryan Parag to come into the crease in the slog overs.