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Katalin Novak has been elected as the first-ever female president of which of the following country?

- (a) Romania
- (b) Poland
- (c) Ukraine
- (d) Hungary**

Katalin Éva Novák (born 6 September 1977) is a **Hungarian** politician serving as the current president of Hungary, having been elected in the 2022 presidential election. Novák is the first woman to hold the presidency, as well as the youngest president in the history of Hungary, elected at the age of 44.

Who has been appointed as President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2022-23?

- (a) Pawan Munjal
- (b) R Dinesh
- (c) Sanjiv Bajaj**
- (d) T V Narendran

Chairman of Bajaj Finserv Limited, **Sanjiv Bajaj** has assumed the office of **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) President** for the year **2022-23** after replacing the **CEO of Tata Steel**, TV Narendran. The newly constituted National Council of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at a meeting elected its new office-bearers for the year 2022-23.

Who among the following has taken an oath as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka for the fifth time?

- (a) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- (b) Ranil Wickremesinghe**
- (c) Shiranthi Rajapaksa
- (d) Mahinda Rajapaksa

United National Party (UNP) Chief **Ranil Wickremesinghe** will take oaths as the Prime Minister at 6.30 pm today, his party confirmed, as per a report by Lanka Mirror. Wickremesinghe, who held closed-door discussions with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa last evening, will take oath as the new prime minister following the resignation of Mahinda Rajapaksa on Monday. After taking the oath, Wickremesinghe will visit a temple in Colombo and thereafter assume his duties.

Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed passed away recently. He was the president of which country?

- (a) Qatar
- (b) UAE
- (c) Kuwait
- (d) Saudi Arabia

Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, ruler of **Abu Dhabi** and president of the **United Arab Emirates** since 2004, died Friday aged 73. He had been ill for years though the cause of death was not immediately released. "The Ministry of Presidential Affairs condoles the people of the UAE, the Arab and Islamic nation, and the world over the demise of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, president of the UAE," AFP said quoting WAM news agency.

Who has topped the list of Forbes Highest-Paid Athletes 2022 with a reported income of \$130 million?

- (a) Lionel Messi
- (b) LeBron James
- (c) Cristiano Ronaldo
- (d) Neymar

Lionel Messi has topped the list of Forbes Highest-Paid Athletes 2022 with a reported income of **\$130 million**, followed by Basketball player, **Lebron James** with **\$121.2 million** while **Cristiano Ronaldo** was third with **\$115 million**. Messi had moved from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain in August 2021 and Cristiano Ronaldo rejoined Manchester United from Juventus in the same month. Forbes calculates the estimates based on prize money, salaries and bonuses, and sponsorship deals.

Which state/UT has become the first state/UT in the country to restore the old pension scheme in order to provide assured income to retired employees?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Jammu & Kashmir

Chhattisgarh has become the first state to notify restoration of old pension scheme (OPS) to provide assured income to retired employees.

The government of India has contributed USD _____ to the United Nations for the UN project (Hindi @ UN project) to promote the Hindi language in the United Nations.

- (a) USD 500,000
- (b) USD 600,000
- (c) USD 700,000
- (d) USD 800,000

The government of India has contributed **USD 800,000** to the **United Nations(UN)** as part of the initiative which aims to enhance public outreach of the organisation in **Hindi**. R Ravindra, India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, handed over a cheque for the '**Hindi @ UN**' project to Mita Hosali, Deputy Director and Officer-In-Charge (News and Media Division), UN Department of Global Communications (DGC).

According to World Bank report on migration and development, which country has topped the foreign remittance recipient list by receiving USD 89 billion?

- (a) India
- (b) Mexico
- (c) China
- (d) Russia

India topped the list in the world receiving USD 89 billion in remittance followed by **Mexico** at USD 54 billion, and China at **USD 53** billion last year. The officially recorded remittance flows to **low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are expected to increase by 4.2 percent this year to reach USD 630 billion**. However, according to the report, the remittance outlook for **South Asia in 2023 is highly uncertain**.

When does Russia celebrate Victory Day every year?

- a) May 9th
- b) May 10th
- c) May 11th
- d) May 22nd

Russia celebrates 'Victory Day' every year on May 9. Victory Day is one of the most significant national holidays in Russia as it marks the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi Germany during the Second World War. Victory Day is celebrated in Russia with a massive military parade and other festivities organised on this day to celebrate the victory over the Nazis.

Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?

a) Ranil Wickremesinghe

b) Sanath Jayasuriya

c) Chamal Rajapaksa

d) Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Ranil Wickremesinghe of the United National Party has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. The opposition leader was sworn in as Sri Lanka's new prime minister, days after his predecessor Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned following violent protests over the worst economic crisis in the debt-ridden island nation.

Morgan Stanley has projected India's growth forecast to _____% for FY23.

(a) 6.5%

(b) 7.6%

(c) 8.3%

(d) 9.2%

Investment bank Morgan Stanley has cut India's growth forecast to to **7.6 per cent** from 7.9 per cent for financial year 2023 due to a slowdown in global growth, higher commodity prices and risk aversion in global capital markets.

Which country reported its first-ever case of COVID-19 on May 12, 2022?

a) North Korea

b) South Korea

c) Taiwan

d) New Zealand

North Korea reported its first-ever COVID-19 case on May 12, 2022. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has declared a 'Severe National Emergency', vowing to eliminate the virus from the country. North Korea was one of the few countries in the world that had not reported a single case of COVID-19 since the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020.

Which Indian state has reported at least 82 cases of Tomato Fever?

a) Maharashtra

b) Kerala

c) Tamil Nadu

d) Karnataka

Pandemic-battered Kerala is bracing for a new health emergency with at least 82 cases of 'tomato flu' being reported from the state's Kollam district till May 13. Young children are predominantly vulnerable to this highly infectious disease characterised by fever, red rashes on the skin and dehydration. The state health department has set up a surveillance team to monitor the spread of tomato flu in Kollam. Anganwadis are being screened to check for infected children below the age of five.

Manik Saha has been appointed as the new chief minister of which of the following state?

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Tripura
- (d) Assam

Rajya Sabha MP and BJP state president **Manik Saha** is all set to take over as the **new Chief Minister of Tripura**. Manik Saha, the BJP State unit president and lone Rajya Sabha MP from Tripura, was elected as legislature party leader at a meeting held at the Chief Minister's official residence. The decision was taken at a legislature party meeting following the resignation of **CM Biplab Kumar Deb**.

Which country has recently become the first Asian country to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (NATO CCDCOE)?

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

South Korea became the first Asian country join in **North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence**. South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) is joined as a contributing participant in the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence.

Which Indian company has become the top-ranked Indian company in the Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide in 2022?

- (a) Reliance Industries
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) HDFC Bank

(d) ICICI Bank

Forbes' Global 2000 list of **public companies worldwide 2022** announced. **Forbes Global 2000** ranks the largest companies in the world using four metrics: sales, profits, assets and market value. Billionaire **Mukesh Ambani's** Reliance Industries Ltd climbed two spots to No. 53 on Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022. Reliance is the top-ranked Indian firm on the list, followed by **State Bank of India** at No. 105, **HDFC Bank** at No. 153 and **ICICI Bank** at No. 204.

Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)?

(a) Manoj Ahuja

(b) Indrajit Mahanty

(c) V. Krishnaswamy

(d) Nidhi Chibber

Manoj Ahuja. CBSE has appointed IAS Manoj Ahuja as the new Chairperson of the board. Manoj Ahuja, a 1990 batch Odisha cadre officer replaced Anita Karwal. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is a national level board of education in India for public and private schools.

Which of the following team wins the Thomas Cup title 2022 for the first time ever with a stunning 3-0 win over powerhouse Indonesia in the final?

(a) Bangladesh

(b) USA

(c) China

(d) India

India's men's badminton team wins the **Thomas Cup title** for the first time ever with a stunning 3-0 win over powerhouse **Indonesia** in the final. India took on 14-time winners Indonesia in the final of the **Thomas Cup in Bangkok, Thailand** and lifted the title defeating the defending champions by 3-0. India dished out a performance for the ages with World Championships medallist **Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth** and the world number 8 doubles duo of **Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** producing memorable performances.

What is the theme of the International Day of Families 2022?

(a) Families in Development: Copenhagen & Beijing + 25

(b) Families and Urbanization

(c) Families and Climate Action: focus on SDG13

(d) Families and inclusive societies

The United Nations, which leads the International Day of Families celebrations, has chosen "**Families and Urbanisation**" as the theme for 2022. The objective is to raise awareness about the importance of family-friendly, sustainable urban policies.

Which of the following company has acquired table reservation platform Dineout for an undisclosed amount?

(a) Zomato

(b) Foodpanda

(c) Swiggy

(d) Fasoos

Food-delivery app available online **Swiggy** has agreed to buy restaurant technology and dining out platform **Dineout** from Times Internet in a formal deal. Swiggy said in a statement that Dineout will continue to operate as an independent app following the acquisition.

The mostly all-stock transaction is likely to close in the next month for roughly \$120 million, or about Rs 930 crore. The acquisition would allow **Swiggy** to investigate synergies and create new experiences in a high-use area, according to **Sriharsha Majety**, Swiggy's cofounder and CEO. **Swiggy** is expected to expand Dineout's products, such as table bookings and events, while Dineout's restaurant partners will have access to Swiggy's enormous consumer base, expanding their reach.

Which country's Anna Qabale Duba has won \$250,000 Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award for fighting female genital mutilation?

(a) Tanzania

(b) Rwanda

(c) Kenya

(d) Ethiopia

A **Kenyan** nurse who campaigns against early marriage and female genital mutilation says she is "speechless" after winning a prize of \$250,000 (£205,000).

World's longest suspension footbridge named "Sky Bridge 721", has been recently opened in which country for tourists?

(a) Romania

(b) Czech Republic

(c) Hungary

(d) Poland

The world's largest suspension bridge has opened to travellers in the **Czech Republic**. The bridge, which had been under construction for nearly two years, was officially opened. **Sky Bridge 721** is the name given to it. The promenade promises both beautiful views of the cloud-shrouded **Jesenky** mountains and an exhilarating, but slightly dangerous experience.

India's men's badminton team has won the Thomas Cup title for the first time by defeating which country?

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(b) Japan

(c) Vietnam

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National Skill Development Corporation International (NSDCI) and Hindustan Ports Private Limited have signed an MoU to set up Skill India International Centre at _____.

(a) Varanasi

(b) Gorakhpur

(c) Kanpur

(d) Meerut

NSDC International (NSDCI) and the Indian unit of DP World, Hindustan Ports Private Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop a Skill India International Centre at Varanasi to skill Indian youth for pursuing overseas employment opportunities in logistics, port operations and allied areas. Skill India International Centres are aimed at providing high-quality training to Indian youth. The centres would host training facilities, providing skills as per the demand of international employers in countries like United Arab Emirates (UAE), Canada, Australia and other GCC regions.

Which organization has launched the National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP) which aims to improve access and use of published Indian government data?

(a) National Development Council

(b) National Informatics Centre

(c) NITI Aayog

(d) NASSCOM

The **National Data & Analytics Platform (NDAP)** was launched by **NITI Aayog** for free public use. By making data accessible, interoperable, interactive, and available on a user-friendly platform, the platform intends to democratise access to public government data. It houses basic datasets from a variety of government departments, organises them, and provides analytics and visualisation capabilities. This public debut comes after the platform's beta release in August 2021, which gave a small number of users access for testing and feedback.

Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs _____ on the Korean bank, KEB Hana Bank for non-compliance with the certain norms related to 'interest rate on deposits.

(a) 59 lakh

(b) 80 lakh

(c) 85 lakh

(d) 90 lakh

Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of **Rs 59 lakh** on the Korean bank, **KEB Hana Bank** for non-compliance with the certain norms related to 'interest rate on deposits. The Korean bank has been penalised for non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on "Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016".

What are 'Surat' and 'Udaygiri' recently launched by the Defence Minister?

[A] War Ships

[B] Missiles

[C] Space Launch Vehicles

[D] Fighter Jets

Defence minister **Rajnath Singh** has launched two made-in-India warships INS '**Surat**' and '**Udaygiri**' at the **Mazagon Docks in Mumbai**. This is the first time that the two indigenously built warships have been launched together, the Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL). Both warships have been designed in-house by the Directorate of Naval Design (DND) and built at MDL, Mumbai.

Who among the following has been appointed as the President of United Arab Emirates?

(a) Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

(b) Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

(c) Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

(d) Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum

The United Arab Emirate's federal supreme council has elected Abu Dhabi's Crown **Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan** as the President of UAE. He has replaced Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who passed away in May 2022. Mohammed bin Zayed, the former President's half-brother, has been the de facto ruler of the UAE for years now particularly after Khalifa suffered a stroke in 2014.

'Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary' which was notified as tiger reserve, is located in which state?

[A] Gujarat

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Rajasthan

[D] Punjab

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Bhupender Yadav** has announced that **Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan** has been notified as **Rajasthan's 4th** and the **52nd tiger reserve of India**. It will help to conserve biodiversity and bring ecotourism and development to the area. **The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** had given in-principle approval to make Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary and adjoining areas as tiger reserves on July 5 last year.

Which was the top recipient country for remittances in 2021?

[A] India

[B] Egypt

[C] Indonesia

[D] Mexico

India has once emerged as the largest remittance receiving country in 2021 while Mexico pushed China to the thirds slot, according to the World Bank.

Recently Amit Shah inaugurated National cyber forensic laboratory in which city ?

(a) Hyderabad

(b) Gorakhpur

(c) Kanpur

(d) Meerut

Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched the **National Cyber Forensic Laboratory' (NCFL)** on the premises of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) in Hyderabad. The NCFL plans to expedite the resolution of cybercrime cases in the country. The Ministry of Home Affairs

(MHA) approved the establishment of the NCFL for evidentiary purposes in the CFSL, Hyderabad, in December 2021.

Which state will launch India's first state-owned OTT platform on November 1?

a) Maharashtra

b) Kerala

c) Karnataka

d) Gujarat

The Kerala government will launch a state-owned **over-the-top (OTT) platform** on November 1, offering film lovers an array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice. Kerala will become the first state in India to have a state-owned OTT platform. Kerala Minister for Cultural Affairs Saji Cheriyan revealed the name of the OTT platform as **CSPACE**.

____ and Sitikantha Pattanaik have been named executive directors by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

(a) Vinod Sharma

(b) Rajiv Ranjan

(c) Soniya Singh

(d) Dinkar Kumar

Rajiv Ranjan and Sitikantha Pattanaik have been named executive directors by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Rajiv Ranjan was Adviser-in-Charge of the Monetary Policy Department and Secretary to the Monetary Policy Committee before being appointed to executive director.

Recently India has signed how many MoU with Nepal?

(a) 3

(b) 4

(c) 5

(d) 6

India and Nepal, sign six MoUs and Agreements related to education and hydropower sectors. India and Nepal on Monday signed and exchanged **six** Memorandum of Understandings and Agreements. They include an MoU between Indian Council of Cultural Relations and Lumbini Buddhist University on the establishment of Dr.

Kenton Cool of which country became first foreigner to scale Mount Everest for 16 times?

- (a) Romania
- (b) UK
- (c) Hungary
- (d) Poland

A British climber **Kenton Cool** has scaled the world's highest mountain for the **16th time** becoming the first foreign climber to make the most **Mt Everest summits**. Kenton also holds a record of the first British mountaineer who climbed Mt Nuptse, Mt Everest and Mt Lhotse in a season in 2013. Last year, Kenton had made it to the top of Mt Lhotse in less than 29 hours after scaling the world's highest peak. Previously, American climber **Dave Hahn** has climbed Mt Everest 15 times.

Recently, B Govindarajan was appointed as CEO of which company?

- (a) TATA Motors
- (b) KIA India
- (c) Royal Enfield
- (d) Harley-Davidson India

Eicher Motors has appointed **B Govindarajan** as the **Chief Executive Officer of Royal Enfield**. He will also serve as the **Wholetime Director of the Board of Eicher Motors Limited**. Since 2021 August, Govindarajan had been serving the company as the executive director, prior to which he was associated as the chief operating officer since 2013.

Recently Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been elected as a new President of which country?

- (a) Qatar
- (b) Somalia
- (c) Kuwait
- (d) Saudi Arabia

Somali legislators have elected former leader **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** as the country's next president, following a long-overdue election in the troubled **Horn of Africa nation**. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, who served as Somalia's president between 2012 and 2017, won the contest in the capital, Mogadishu, amid a security lockdown imposed by authorities to prevent deadly rebel attacks. He defeated **Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed** (also known as Farmajo).

Elisabeth Borne has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- (a) Sweden
- (b) Denmark
- (c) Germany
- (d) France

Elisabeth Borne was appointed **France's new Prime Minister** to become the second woman to hold the post in the country. She has served as Labor Minister in **Macron's** previous government since 2020. Borne is the second woman to hold the position after **Edith Cresson**, who was Prime Minister from 1991-to 1992 under Socialist President **Francois Mitterrand**.

Adani group to buy Ambuja Cement , ACC for how many billion dollars ?

- (a) 9.5
- (b) 10.5
- (c) 11.5
- (d) 12.5

The billionaire Gautam Adani paid as much as **\$10.5 billion** to buy Ambuja Cements and ACC — from Switzerland-based Holcim .

Who among the following has won men's single title of Italian open 2022?

- (a) Rafael Nadal
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- (d) John Isner

World No.1 Serbia's **Novak Djokovic** has defeated **Stefanos Tsitsipas** to win the 79th edition of the **Italian Open (Internazionali BNL d'Italia)** in Rome and to capture the 38th ATP Masters 1000 crown. Novak Djokovic became the fifth man in the Open Era to earn 1,000 match wins after defeating Casper Ruud in the semi-finals. In women's singles, **Iga Swiatek** has won the Italian Open title after defeating **Ons Jabeur**.

Activist Cécile Ndjebet recently won the 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award. Cécile Ndjebet belongs to which of the following countries?

- (a) Congo
- (b) Eritrea
- (c) Kenya

(d) Cameroon

Cameroon Activist, **Cécile Ndjebet** has won the **2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award** in recognition of her outstanding contribution to preserving forests and improving the lives of people who depend on them. This award celebrates Cécile Ndjebet's energy and dedication over three decades to promoting women's rights to land and forests. She has actively shown that women's participation in forest governance and preservation is fundamental to achieving sustainable forest management.

Recently which country hosted key SCO's Regional Anti-terrorist Structure anti-terror meet?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Japan
- (c) Vietnam

(d) India

Counter-terrorism experts from India, Pakistan and other member states of the [Shanghai Cooperation Organisation](#) (SCO) on Monday deliberated on boosting cooperation in combating various regional security challenges at a meeting hosted by New Delhi. The meeting is taking place under the framework of the SCO's Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure.

How many medals won by India in 24th edition of 2021 Summer Deaflympics i.e. Caxias 2021?

- (a) 22
- (b) 17
- (c) 13
- (d) 25

The **24th edition of 2021 Summer Deaflympics i.e. Caxias 2021**, officially called the XXIV Summer Deaflympic Games, was an international multi-sport event held at Festa da Uva, **Caxias do Sul, Brazil**. The **International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)** is the main governing body responsible for the organisation of the Deaflympics and other World Deaf Championships.

Which state is the champion of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2022?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Jharkhand

[C] Odisha

- [D] West Bengal

Hockey Association Of **Odisha** were crowned as the Champions of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2022 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh with a thrilling 2-0 victory over Hockey Karnataka in the Final of the competition.

Which country is the host of the XV World Forestry Congress?

[A] Japan

[B] USA

[C] South Korea

[D] Argentina

During the XV World Forestry Congress, held in Seoul, **South Korea**, the Seoul Declaration was adopted. The Declaration, signed by 141 participant countries, focuses on identifying key areas that can help to tackle multiple crises of the humanity. It also highlighted the need to triple investments for restoring degraded land by 2030.

Which state's Chief Minister has launched 'Lok Milni', a first-of-its-kind public interaction programme for redressal of public complaints?

(a) Uttar Pradesh

(b) Haryana

(c) Madhya Pradesh

(d) Punjab

Chief Minister of Punjab, **Bhagwant Mann** heard the grievances of the people of the state and issued redressal directions in '**Lok Milni**', a first-of-its-kind public interaction programme. This interactive programme was launched with the aim of providing a single-window platform to the people of the state for the redressal of the complaints that they have. The people of the state who had submitted various grievances and complaints with the state government in the previous two months were called to attend this programme.

Which country chaired the 'BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meet in 2022?

[A] India

[B] China

[C] Russia

[D] Brazil

China hosted the BRICS foreign ministers' meet in 2022. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India S Jai Shankar participated in the meeting, where the foreign ministers discussed the situation in Ukraine and supported talks between Russia and Ukraine. External Affairs Minister also participated in the BRICS foreign ministers' dialogue with emerging markets and developing countries.

India received remittances worth over _____ in 2021 which was a healthy 8 per cent higher than the 2021.

- (a) \$189 billion
- (b) \$59 billion
- (c) \$89 billion
- (d) \$9 billion

India has once emerged as the largest remittance receiving country in 2021 while Mexico pushed China to the thirds slot, according to the World Bank. India received remittances worth over \$89 billion in 2021 which was a healthy 8 per cent higher than the \$82.73 billion in 2020.

Under which article of the constitution, the Supreme Court ordered the release of Rajiv Gandhi assassination case convict A G Perarivalan?

- [A] Article 142
- [B] Article 161
- [C] Article 123
- [D] Article 260

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday ordered the release of **A G Perarivalan**, one of the seven convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, exercising its special powers under Article 142 of the Constitution. The order came 24 years after **Perarivalan** was sentenced to death in the case by a lower court, and two months after he was granted bail by the apex court. Perarivalan was arrested on June 11, 1991, at the age of 19, weeks after former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was killed in a suicide bomb attack at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu on May 21.

Nanjarayan lake, a bio-diversity hotspot, has been notified as the 17th bird sanctuary. Nanjarayan Tank is located in which state?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Punjab

'Nanjarayan Tank' has been declared as the 17th Bird sanctuary of Tamil Nadu. It is a protected birding hotspot in Tiruppur district of the state. The Nanjarayan Tank also known as Sarkar Periyapalayam Reservoir, has 220 cormorants and 165 pelicans. It has over hundreds of painted storks, and coots. The tank is over 800 years old and birds have been

visiting here for centuries. 181 species of birds, 16 species of reptiles, over 40 varieties of butterflies, 11 species of mammals and as many as 76 types of flora have been recorded.

India has overtaken which country to become the fourth largest automotive market?

(a) Germany

(b) Japan

(c) Russia

(d) USA

According to the report released by **Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA)**, India has surpassed **Germany** to become 4th largest vehicle market in the world. The 1st was occupied by China, followed by the US and Japan. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, India sold 3,759,398 vehicles in 2021 as compared to 2,973,319 vehicles in Germany. This is almost 26 per cent of growth and the only country to register double-digit growth among the top 5 countries.

World Bank has approved USD 350 million as financial aid for the SRESTHA-G project of which state?

(a) Uttar Pradesh

(b) Gujarat

(c) Himachal Pradesh

(d) Madhya Pradesh

World Bank has approved **USD 350 million** as financial aid for the **Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G) project**. The SRESTHA-G project will be worth USD 500 million, with the World Bank contributing USD 350 million. The project will include transforming key health delivery systems in the state.

The 5G testbed has been developed as a multi-institute collaborative project by eight institutes led by which of the following Institution?

(a) IIT Madras

(b) IIT Palakkad

(c) IIT Kharagpur

(d) IIT Delhi

The testbed has been developed as a multi-institute collaborative project by eight institutes, led by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a 5G testbed to support India's telecom industry and startups.

Which Insurance Company has launched India's first dental health insurance plan?

(a) PNB MetLife India Insurance Company

(b) SBI General Insurance Company

(c) Religare Insurance Company

(d) Bharti AXA General Insurance

PNB MetLife India Insurance Company has launched **India's first dental health insurance plan**. This is the first insurance plan in India that covers fixed-benefit outpatient expenses and provides financial assistance with costs related to overall dental health. This launch reinforces PNB MetLife leadership in the industry with this one-of-a-kind, standalone, the dental health insurance plan that covers major dental procedures without the hassles of hospitalisation.

Who has received the prestigious Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) award from Queen Elizabeth II?

(a) Vivek Kumar Dewangen

(b) Kishore Jayaraman

(c) Balkrishna Doshi

(d) Ajay Piramal

Here are some notable people to receive the CBE from The Queen: **Stephen Hawking** CBE (Gazette issue 48837) Harold Pinter CBE (Gazette issue 44004) Hugh Laurie CBE (Gazette issue 58196)

Name the author and journalist who has won the William E. Colby Award 2022 for his book "The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley".

(a) Frank Wilczek

(b) Wesley Morgan

(c) Anna Qabale Duba

(d) Campbell Wilson

Author and journalist, **Wesley Morgan** has won the **William E. Colby Award 2022** for his military and intelligence writing. He was cited for his book "**The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley.**" The Colby Award, a **\$5,000 prize** named for the former ambassador and CIA director William E. Colby, is given for "a major contribution to the understanding of military history, intelligence operations or international affairs." The Colby Award is presented by Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. The Colby award was established in 1999.

The Union Government has announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India. Who among the following is the chairman of the council?

- (a) Jitendra Bisht
- (b) Deepak Verma
- (c) Ravi Dikshit
- (d) Suresh Bhai Kotak

The Union Government has announced the formation of the **Cotton Council of India** under the Chairmanship of renowned veteran cotton man **Suresh Bhai Kotak**. The Council will have representation from Textiles, Agriculture, Commerce, and Finance Ministries along with Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Research Institute. Mr Goyal also appealed to the spinning and trading community to ensure a hassle-free supply of cotton and yarn first to the domestic industry.

Name the fourth and last of the stealth destroyers under the 'Project 15B' programme, which has been inducted by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Mazagon Docks Limited, Mumbai.

- (a) INS Vikramaditya
- (b) INS Imphal
- (c) INS Mormugao
- (d) INS Surat

As per the Navy, '**Surat**' is the fourth ship of Project 15B Destroyers, which heralds a significant makeover of the P15A (Kolkata Class) destroyers, and is named after the commercial capital of Gujarat and also the second largest commercial hub of western India after Mumbai.

Name the person who has been appointed as the Chairman of BSE Ltd.

- (a) Navneet Munot
- (b) Subhash Sheoratan Mundra
- (c) Sudarshan Venu
- (d) Sanjeev Kapoor

Leading stock exchange **BSE Limited** announced that it has approved the appointment of **SS Mundra**, Public Interest Director as the Chairman of the board of directors of the company. Mundra will replace **Justice Vikramajit Sen** who is the current chairman. Mundra was appointed as Public Interest Director at BSE in January 2018. He retired as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India on 30th July 2017.

Who among the following has been appointed as the new CEO of Royal Enfield?

- (a) Rajiv Kumar
- (b) Rajesh Unni
- (c) B Govindarajan
- (d) Sanjiv Bajaj

Eicher Motors has appointed **B Govindarajan** as the **Chief Executive Officer of Royal Enfield**. He will also serve as the **Wholetime Director of the Board of Eicher Motors Limited**. Since 2021 August, Govindarajan had been serving the company as the executive director, prior to which he was associated as the chief operating officer since 2013.

Name the conservation biologist and President of the Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research and Ecology and Environment (ATREE), who has been elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

- (a) Kamal Bawa
- (b) Pushp Kumar Joshi
- (c) M Narayanan
- (d) Sudhanshu Dhulia

The chief of Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), **Dr Kamal Bawa** has been elected to the **US National Academy of Sciences**. The election is the reaffirmation of our important work on the ecology, conservation, and management of tropical forests that are declining all over the world but are critical to humanity's well-being. He is also an elected fellow of the **Royal Society (London)** and the **American Philosophical Society**.