

Q1. Which state hosted the 'National Scout and Guide Jamboree'?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Tamil Nadu
- [D] Gujarat

• **B – Explanation:**

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 18th National Scout and Guide Jamboree, at Rohat in the Pali district of Rajasthan.

The First National Jamboree of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was organized at Hyderabad in the year 1953. Rajasthan hosted the Jamboree after 66 years. Over 35,000 scouts and guides from all over the country participated in the 7-day-event.

Q2.As of January 2023, what is the interest rate for the General Provident Fund?

- [A] 6.1 per cent
- [B] 7.1 per cent
- [C] 8.1 per cent
- [D] 8.5 per cent

• **B – Explanation:**

- The government kept the interest rate unchanged at 7.1 per cent for the subscribers of the General Provident Fund and other similar funds.

In the previous quarter ended December 31, the GPF interest was at the same 7.1 per cent. The rate is valid from January 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023, as per the finance ministry said in a notification.

Q3.As per the Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) norm, what is the minimum public float for all listed companies?

- [A] 10 per cent
- [B] 20 percent

- [C] 25 percent
- [D] 40 per cent

- **C – Explanation:**

- As per the Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) norm at least 25 per cent public float is mandated for all listed companies.
The government has recently exempted public sector entities from the Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) norm. The exemption would apply on entities regardless of the government's direct or indirect holding.

Q4. India started probe into dumping of which products by China and Hong Kong?

- [A] Plastic Toys
- [B] Phone Display Panels
- [C] Printed Circuit boards
- [D] Power Banks

- **C – Explanation:**

- India's Commerce Department has initiated an investigation into dumping allegations on imports of certain printed circuit boards (PCBs) originating from China and Hong Kong.
The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), part of the Commerce and Industry Ministry, said the Indian Printed Circuit Association (IPCA) had alleged that domestic PCB industry has been hit by dumping.

Q5. Who is the first bowler to take a hat-trick in the first over of a Ranji Trophy match?

- [A] Jaydev Unadkat
- [B] Ravichandran Ashwin
- [C] Jasprit Bumrah
- [D] Mohammed Shami

- **A – Explanation:**

- Saurashtra cricket captain Jaydev Unadkat became the first bowler to take a hat-trick in the first over of a Ranji Trophy match.

The bowler achieved the feat in Saurashtra's Elite Group B match against Delhi at Rajkot, after picking up six wickets for 29 runs in his nine overs. Unadkat was recently part of India's squad that toured Bangladesh.

Q6.Savitribai Phule, India's first woman teacher, was from which state?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Andhra Pradesh

- **B – Explanation:**

- Savitribai Phule is formally recognised as India's first woman teacher. She was born on January 3, 1831, in Maharashtra's Naigaon village. Along with her husband and social activist Jyotirao Phule, Savitribhai opened the country's first girls' school in Bhidewada, Pune, in 1848. They challenged oppressive caste-based social norms and made the downtrodden to pursue education.

Q7.Which institution implements the 'Bikaner Solar Power Project'?

- [A] SJVN Limited
- [B] NHPC Limited
- [C] REC Limited
- [D] JSW Energy

- **A – Explanation:**

- President Droupadi Murmu laid the foundation stone of state-owned energy firm SJVN's 1,000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project in Jaipur, Rajasthan. This project is being implemented by SJVN Limited through its wholly owned subsidiary SJVN Green Energy Limited (SGEL). Bikaner is one of the highest solar yield areas of the country. The

project is scheduled to be commissioned by March 2024. SJVN is a leading power CPSE under Ministry of Power.

Q8. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Draft Online Gaming Policy'?

- [A] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [B] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

• **A – Explanation:**

- The draft rules for online gaming in India was released by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY)
The 'Draft Amendments to the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021', propose a ban on betting and wagering in online games. The rules propose setting up a self-regulatory body for grievance redressal and mandating know-your-customer (KYC) rules for gamers and online gaming intermediaries.

Q9. Which article of Indian Constitution deals with the right to freedom of speech and expression?

- [A] Article 14
- [B] Article 16
- [C] Article 19
- [D] Article 22

• **C – Explanation:**

- Article 19(2) lists down eight grounds on which the right to freedom of speech and expression can be reasonably restricted.
The Supreme Court has ruled with a 4:1 majority that statements made by a minister, even if these statements are traceable to any affairs of the State or for protecting the government, cannot be attributed to the government.

Q10. What is the outlay of the 'Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) scheme'?

- [A] Rs 1500 crore
- [B] Rs 2500 crore
- [C] Rs 3000 crore
- [D] Rs 4000 crore

• **B – Explanation:**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the proposal of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting regarding the Central Sector Scheme 'Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development' (BIND).

The BIND scheme aims to bring modernisation to the public broadcaster Prasar Bharati i.e. All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD). The outlay of the scheme is Rs.2,540 crore for the time period up to 2025-26.



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