

Q1. Which Union Ministry issued advisory to television channels on reportage of violence?

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Information and broadcasting
- [C] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [D] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

• **B – Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Information and broadcasting has issued an advisory to television channels against reporting incidents of accidents, deaths, and violence including violence against women, children and the elderly.

Ministry observed that the videos are being taken from social media and broadcast without editorial discretion and urged to ensure compliance and consistency with the Programme Code.

Q2. Joshimath, which was recently seen in the news for its land subsidence, is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Ladakh

• **B – Explanation:**

- Uttarakhand authorities declared ‘Joshimath’ as a landslide and subsidence-hit zone, after cracks appeared in many roads and hundreds of houses.

The exact reason behind Joshimath land subsidence is still unknown but unplanned construction, over-population, obstruction of the natural flow of water, and hydel power activities are cited as possible causes.

Q3. Michael Debabrata Patra, whose term was recently extended serve in which organisation?

- [A] Supreme Court
- [B] Reserve Bank of India

- [C] NITI Aayog
- [D] Election Commission

- **B – Explanation:**

- The Central government has extended the tenure of Dr Michael Debabrata Patra as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for one more year.
Michael Debabrata Patra took over as Deputy Governor of the RBI in January 2020. He was an Executive Director of India's central bank before being elevated to the post of Deputy Governor.
Q4. USA announced USD 100 million to which neighbouring country of India for flood recovery and reconstruction aid?

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Afghanistan
- [D] Nepal

- **B – Explanation:**

- The United States has announced an additional USD 100 million to Pakistan for its recovery and reconstruction efforts.
The floods which occurred last year killed as many as 1,739 and affected 33 million people. The funding also includes humanitarian assistance to support flood relief and recovery efforts in refugee hosting areas.

Q5. What is the name of the international agreement signed in 1987 to ban Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)?

- [A] Paris Agreement
- [B] Montreal Protocol
- [C] Chicago Agreement
- [D] Kyoto Protocol

- **B – Explanation:**

- The Montreal Protocol, an international agreement in 1987 to stop using the harmful chemicals, has been successful, as per a recent UN report. Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which were commonly found in spray cans, fridges, foam insulation and air conditioners, were blamed for damaging the ozone layer.

Q6. 'Year of Enterprises' Project is a flagship scheme of which Indian state?

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Odisha
- [C] West Bengal
- [D] Kerala

- **D – Explanation:**

- The 'Year of Enterprises' project of Kerala has been regarded as the best practice model in the second Chief Secretaries National Conference. It was selected in the 'Thrust on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)' category. The project by Kerala Government was started in the current fiscal year with the aim to create one lakh enterprises in a year, while the state achieved the goal in eight months.

Q7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Global Investors Summit in which city?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Ahmedabad
- [C] Indore
- [D] Lucknow

- **C – Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 7th edition of 'Invest Madhya Pradesh-Global Investors Summit', in Indore. The theme of the flagship event of the state government is 'Madhya Pradesh-The Future Ready State'. Guyana President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali and Suriname President Chandrikapersad Santokhi also addressed the meet.

Q8. Fatima Sheikh, whose birth anniversary was observed recently, was associated with which field?

- [A] Sports person
- [B] Social Reformer
- [C] Business person
- [D] Politician

• **B – Explanation:**

- The 192nd birth anniversary of the pioneering social reformer Fatima Sheikh was observed recently. Fatima Sheikh was a teacher, anti-caste activist, proponent of girls' education, and social reformer in 19th century Maharashtra. Along with Savitribai and Jyotirao Phule, she started the first girls' school in the country. Last year, Fatima Sheikh was honoured with a Google Doodle on her birth anniversary.

Q9. Which Indian city topped the start-up funding in 2022, as per recent report?

- [A] Chennai
- [B] Bengaluru
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Mumbai

• **B – Explanation:**

- According to data provided by Tracxn, a leading global market intelligence platform, Bengaluru topped the startup funding chart in India with USD 10.8 billion in 2022. It is followed by Mumbai at USD 3.9 billion, and Gurugram at a distant USD 2.6 billion. Startups based in Delhi and Chennai registered USD 1.2 billion each in funding, followed by Pune.

Q10. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Statement on climate of India during 2022' report?

- [A] Ministry of Earth Sciences
- [B] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

[C] Ministry of Power

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs

- **A – Explanation:**

- India Meteorological Department (IMD) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences released the ‘Statement on climate of India during 2022’ report.

As per the report, the annual mean land surface air temperature averaged over India during 2022 was +0.510C above the long-term average (1981-2010 period). The year 2022 was the fifth warmest year on record since nationwide records commenced in 1901.



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