



January 10, 11, 2015:

1. With respect to Niti Aayog which of the following statements is/are true?

1. Sindhushree Khullar is the first CEO of Niti Aayog
2. Arvind Panagariya is the Vice-chairman of the Niti Aayog
3. Economist Bibek Debroy and V K Saraswat are full time members

Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A] Only 1 & 2

[B] Only 2 & 3

[C] Only 1 & 3

[D] 1, 2 & 3

Ans: 1, 2 & 3

2. Who among the following is/are major players in the Government Securities Market?

1. Commercial Banks
2. Insurance Companies
3. Individual Households
4. Co-operative and Regional Rural Banks

Chose the correct answer from the codes given below:

[A] Only 1, 2 & 4

[B] Only 1, 2 & 3

[C] Only 1, 3 & 4

[D] 1, 2, 3 & 4

Ans: Only 1, 3 & 4

Major players in the Government market include commercial banks and primary dealers beside institutional investors like insurance companies. Other participants include co- operative banks, regional rural banks, mutual funds, provident and pension funds.

3. The Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (FSLRC), a body to review and rewrite the legal-institutional architecture of the financial sector was set up by ____?

[A] Supreme Court

[B] Reserve Bank of India

[C]Ministry of Finance

[D]Parliament

Ans: Ministry of Finance

The Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (FSLRC) was set up on 24 March 2011 by Ministry of Finance, Government of India. Former Judge of the Supreme Court Justice B N Srikrishna is the chairman of the commission.

4. The “East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM)” is an Islamist terrorist group founded by Uyghur militants in which country?

[A]Myanmar

[B]China

[C]Afghanistan

[D]Saudi Arabia

Ans: China

The East Turkestan Islamic Movement is an Islamist terror group in China. It was founded by Uyghur militants in western China. Its stated goals are the Independence of East Turkestan from China.

5. The book “Born Again on the Mountain” is authored by which of the following mountaineer?

[A]Bachendri Pal

[B]Arunima Sinha

[C]Santhosh Yadav

[D]Premlata Agarwal

Ans: Arunima Sinha

Arunima Sinha who became the first female amputee to scale Mount Everest is the author of the book “Born Again on the Mountain”.

6. Which of the following would be the first state to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL), an initiative of the United Nations?

[A]Gujarat

[B]Haryana

[C]Punjab

[D]Rajasthan

Ans: Gujarat



Gujarat will be the first state to sign a MoU with Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL), an initiative of the United Nations. Gujarat will sign the MoU during the Vibrant Gujarat Summit. The intent of the MoU is to establish a framework for collaboration between SE4ALL and the state government on activities that would support SE4ALL objectives.

7. Satya Nadella, who has been conferred the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award is CEO to which company?

[A]Oracle

[B]Microsoft

[C]International Business Machine (IBM)

[D]Symantec

Ans: Microsoft

Satya Nadella, is Chief Executive Officer of Microsoft. Nadella has been selected for a Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award, which will be presented to him in absentia in Gandhinagar.

8. Recently, China has honoured its top science award to veteran nuclear Physicist Yu Min. Yu Min is popularly known as Father of China's ____?

[A]Nuclear Reactors

[B]Hydrogen Bomb

[C]Nuclear Bomb

[D]Hydropower

Ans: Hydrogen Bomb

Veteran nuclear physicist Yu Min is dubbed as Father of China's Hydrogen Bomb. He was a leading scientist in designing the China's hydrogen bomb, winning a medal for his contribution to "two bombs, one satellite", China's self-reliant national defence programme in 1999.

9. Celtic Tiger is a term used to describe the economy of which of the following countries?

[A]United Kingdom

[B]Russia

[C]Ireland

[D]France

Ans: Ireland

Celtic Tiger refers to the economy of the Republic of Ireland between 1995 and 2000. During this period Ireland has seen rapid real economic growth fuelled by foreign direct investment, and a subsequent property price bubble which rendered the real economy uncompetitive.

10. Which among the following countries has the world's largest and most important tar oil sands deposits?

- [A]Canada
- [B]Russia
- [C]Kazakhstan
- [D]Venezuela

Ans: Canada

Canada is boasting to have biggest and most important tar oil sands in the world followed by Venezuela.

January 12, 2015:

1. In a first of its kind in the country, which among the following state has separate ministry for cow affairs?

- [A]Gujarat
- [B]Rajasthan
- [C]Madhya Pradesh
- [D]Maharashtra

Ans:Rajasthan

Rajasthan has separate ministry for cow affairs. Otaram Devasi is the India's first cow minister.

2. Silesia, one of the largest coal producing region of Europe, is now located mostly in ____?

- [A]Czech Republic
- [B]Poland
- [C]Germany
- [D]Switzerland



Ans: Poland

Silesia is a region of Central Europe now located mostly in Poland, with small parts in the Czech Republic and Germany. Silesia is a resource-rich and populous region. This region is best known for coal mining.

3. UNMEER is the first-ever United Nations emergency health mission, to combat _____?

- [A]Ebola
- [B]Swine flu
- [C]Dengue
- [D]Malaria

Ans: Ebola

UNMEER or the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response is the first-ever UN emergency health mission. It was set up as a temporary immediate needs related to the unprecedented fight against Ebola.

4. In which one of the following cities, Biosafety lab to strengthen the country's livestock disease monitoring and forecasting system has been set up, recently?

- [A]Bangalore
- [B]Mumbai
- [C]Anand
- [D]Hisar

Ans: Bangalore

A state-of-the-art bio safety laboratory to strengthen the country's livestock disease monitoring and forecasting system has been set up in Bangalore. The lab was set up by the National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics.

5. Stan Wawrinka, who won the Chennai Open title-2015, belongs to which country?

- [A]Russia
- [B]Switzerland

[C]USA

[D]France

Ans: Switzerland

Stan Wawrinka is a Swiss professional tennis player. He is currently ranked World no.4. He defeated Aliaz Bedene of Slovenia 6-3, 6-4 to become the Chennai Open champion.

6. Recently, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, has become the first female President of ____?

[A]Croatia

[B]Greece

[C]Ireland

[D]Chile

Ans: Croatia

Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, has become the first President of Croatia. Kitarovic was a former foreign minister and member of the centre-right opposition HDZ party. She secured 50.5% of the vote with 99% ballots counted, while incumbent Ivo Josipovic was close behind on 49.5%.

7. Recently, Reserve Bank of India and which one of the following has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the area of central banking?

[A]European Central Bank

[B]Japan Central Bank

[C]Central Bank of Russia

[D]Bank of China

Ans: European Central Bank

The RBI and European Central Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the area of central banking. The MoU provides a framework for regular exchange of information, policy dialogue and technical cooperation between the two.



8. Who among the following has been chosen for the prestigious Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Award-2015?

[A] Balakrishnan

[B] M Y S Prasad

[C] Ravi Srivatsa

[D] Arun Kumar

Ans: M Y S Prasad

M Y S Prasad, has been chosen for the prestigious Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Award-2015. Prasad is director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre. He has been chosen for his outstanding contribution to R&D in the field of space science in his career at the ISRO.

9. Recently, which states has launched the “Sandesh One” project, an initiative for creating network of women social entrepreneur offering technologies and solution at the grass root level?

[A] Karnataka

[B] Kerala

[C] Goa

[D] Maharashtra

Ans: Kerala

10. The percentage of skilled people among the total workforce is highest in which one of the following countries?

[A] United Kingdom

[B] Germany

[C] South Korea

[D] Japan

Ans: South Korea

The percentage of skilled people among the total workforce is highest in South Korea, which has 96 per cent. Japan has 80 per cent, Germany has 75 per cent and UK 70 per cent. In India it is just 2 per cent.

January 13, 2015:

1. Which among the following has won the best film drama at the Golden Globe Awards?

[A] Birdman

[B] The Grand Budapest Hotel

[C] Boyhood

[D] The Affair

Ans: Boyhood

The movie Boyhood directed by Richard Linklater's has won the best film drama at the Golden Globe Award. Boyhood took 12 years to make. Linklater named best director and Patricia Arquette best supporting actress.

2. The Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Award, an award for distinguished scientist is given by ____?

[A] Indian Space Research Organisation

[B] Ministry of Science and Technology

[C] Indian Science Congress Association

[D] Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Trust

Ans: Indian Science Congress Association

The Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA), a premier scientific organisation of the country has been giving this award. The awards carry a gold medal and given in alternate years. Indian Science Congress Association was established in 1914.

3. The "Popular State Militia" is a pro-government militia formed by which country to fight against Islamic State terrorist?

[A] Syria

[B] France

[C] Pakistan

[D] Afghanistan

Ans: Syria

4. Recently, the Archaeological Survey of India has declared the following monuments as Adarsh monuments. Identify the wrongly paired one?

[A] Hazarduari Palace – Murshidabad

[B] Vaishali Kolhua – Jharkhand

[C] Rang Ghar – Assam

[D] Konark Sun Temple – Odisha

Ans: Vaishali Kolhua – Jharkhand

The Hazarduari Palace in Murshidabad, Rang Ghar in Assam, world famous Konark Sun Temple in Odisha and Vaishali Kolhu in Bihar has been given the coveted Adarsh Monument tag by Archaeological Survey of India. These sites have been selected under the Adarsh Smarak Yojana.

5. The Dardanelles Strait, is a narrow strain in northern Turkey connects ____?

[A] Aegean Sea and Sea of Marmara

[B] Aegean Sea and Mediterranean Sea

[C] Sea of Marmara and Java Sea

[D] Aegean Sea and Java Sea

Ans: Aegean Sea and Sea of Marmara

The Dardanelles Strait, a vital transportation bridge between the Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea, is a narrow channel of water that connects the Aegean Sea to the Sea of Marmara. It separates Asian Turkey from European Turkey (Trace), thus it also separates the two continents.

6. Which among the following has broke record for highest run-chase in T20 International cricket, recently?

[A] South Africa

[B] West Indies

[C] England

[D] Australia

Ans: West Indies

West Indies set record for highest run-chase in T20 International cricket against South Africa. It is the highest successful run chase in Twenty20 international cricket, beating India's 211 against Sri Lanka in 2009, with 467 runs scored in under 40 overs.

7. The Lake Chapala, is the largest fresh water lake of ____?

[A] Mexico

[B] USA

[C] Russia

[D] Bhutan

Ans: Mexico

Lake Chapala is Mexico's largest freshwater lake.

8. The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), is a proposed free trade agreement between the members of ____?

[A] SAARC

[B] ASEAN

[C] BRICS

[D] EU

Ans: ASEAN

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed free trade agreement between the ten ASEAN member states and the group's Free Trade Agreement partners, Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand.

9. Recently, the union government has given its approval to link Damanganga-Pinjal interstate river link project. The project envisages sharing of water between which two states?

[A] Gujarat and Rajasthan

[B] Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh

[C] Gujarat and Maharashtra

[D] Rajasthan and Maharashtra



Ans: Gujarat and Maharashtra

The Damanganga-Pinjal River Linking is a project to share waters of two river basins across Maharashtra and Gujarat. The Damanganga-Pinjal rivers linking project envisages transfer of balance available water at the proposed Bhugad reservoir across Damanganga river and at the proposed Khargihill reservoir across Vagh river, a tributary of Damanganga river, in Damanganga basin for augmentation of water supply to Greater Mumbai to meet its domestic and industrial water requirements in the near future.

10. The first-ever Buddha Heritage walk was recently held in ____?

[A] Bihar

[B] Andhra Pradesh

[C] Odisha

[D] Sikkim

Ans: Bihar

The first-ever Buddha Heritage Walk was held in Bihar. It was organized by the Bihar Tourism Development Corporation. More than five hundred People from 11 countries walked through a 13 kilo meter long forest rail which Lord Gautama Buddha had once walked to Rajgir from Bodagaya around 2,543 years ago.

January 14, 2015:

1. Which among the following has won the Federation Cup Football Tournament 2014-15?

[A] Bengaluru FC

[B] Dempo SC

[C] Pune FC

[D] Shillong Lajong FC

Ans: Bengaluru FC

2. Who among the following has been voted as 2014 "Asian Tour Players' Player of the year"?

- [A]Anirban Lahiri
- [B]Shiv Kapur
- [C]Gaganjeet Bhuller
- [D]Jyoti Randhava

Ans: Anirban Lahiri

Indian professional golfer Anirban Lahiri, who currently plays on the Asian Tour, has been voted the 2014 Asian Tour Players' Player of the year.

3. 'Maati Ke Rang', a national culture festival, has been organised in which one of the following northeast states, recently?

- [A]Assam
- [B]Nagaland
- [C]Tripura
- [D]Sikkim

Ans: ~~Assam~~ Nagaland

Maati Ke Rang, a national cultural festival was kick started at Dimapur, Nagaland on January 13. The festival was organised by the Union ministry of culture's North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC) for the first time in the northeast. The five-day extravaganza will showcase the cultural diversity of the country. Artists from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Myanmar will also take part in the event. The previous editions were held in Panchkula, Haryana (2012), and Nagpur, Maharashtra, (2013).

4. The International Year of Light 2015 is an initiative that aims to raise awareness about the breakthroughs in light science is adopted by___?

- [A]WTO
- [B]UN
- [C]EU
- [D]World Bank

Ans: UN



LYL 2015 is a project of United Nations that aims to raise awareness about the breakthroughs in light science and its applications and its importance to humankind.

5. Who among the following is the new chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation?

[A] Shailesh Nayak

[B] A S Kiran Kumar

[C] Arun Kumar

[D] Sathish Singh

Ans: A S Kiran Kumar

A S Kiran Kumar has been appointed as new secretary of the department of space and also chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the space commission. Currently, Kiran Kumar is director of the Space Application Centre, Ahmadabad. He will head the institute for three years from the date he assume charge.

6. Who among the following has been named as the "Governor of the Year" in the Central Banking Awards for 2015?

[A] Jacques de Larosiere

[B] Claudio Borio

[C] Raghuram Rajan

[D] Christopher Jeffery

Ans: Raghuram Rajan

Reserve Bank of India governor Raghuram Rajan has been named as the Governor of the Year in the central banking journal award for 2015. This is the recognition of the part of RBI and its staff have been playing in bringing macroeconomic stability to the Indian economy.

7. Recently, Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha has become the first Hindu chief justice of which one of the Muslim major countries?

[A] Pakistan

[B]Bangladesh

[C]Indonesia

[D]Turkey

Ans: Bangladesh

Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha has been appointed as Chief Justice of Bangladesh. Sinha became the first Hindu to hold highest judicial post in the Muslim-majority country.

8. Recently, Idukki has become the first district in the country to have high speed rural broadband network. Idukki district is in which state?

[A]Tamil Nadu

[B]Kerala

[C] Telangana

[D]Maharashtra

Ans: Kerala

Idukki is a district in Kerala state. It has become the first district in the country to have high speed Rural Broadband Network i.e. National Optical Fibre Network internet connectivity. In Idukki, 8 block offices and 52 village panchayat out of 53 will benefit from this project.

9. The winner's of FIFA Ballon d'Or award for 2014 in men and women category, respectively _____?

[A]Manuel Neuer and Nadine Kessler

[B]Cristiano Ronaldo and Nadine Kessler

[C]Lionel Messi and Abby Wambach

[D]Cristiano Ronaldo and Abby Wambach

Ans: Cristiano Ronaldo and Nadine Kessler

Portugal footballer Cristiano Ronaldo and Germany midfielder Nadine Kessler are the winners of the FIFA Ballon d'Or award for 2014 in men and women category respectively.



10. Lima, the host of United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP20 or COP10, is the capital of which country?

[A]Paraguay

[B]Peru

[C]Brazil

[D]Liberia

Ans:L Peru

January 15, 2015:

1. The prestigious “ Vyas Samman award for the Year-2014” will be awarded to ____?

[A]Narendra Kohli

[B]Kamal Kishore Goyanka

[C]G S Shivarudrappa

[D]Nanda Chattopadhyaya

Ans: Kamal Kishore Goyanka

Eminent Hindi litterateur Kamal Kishore Goyanka has been chosen for the prestigious Vyas Samman award for the year 2014. He has been chosen for this award for his research work “Premachand Kee Kahaniyo Kaa Kaalkramanusar Adhyayan”.

2. The “Indira Paryaavaran Bhavan”, India’s first Net Zero Energy building is located in which city?

[A]Hyderabad

[B]Mumbai

[C]New Delhi

[D]Shimla

Ans: New Delhi

Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, India’s first net zero energy consumption building is in New Delhi. The building is constructed in such a way that it can meet its most of its annual energy requirement through solar power. The net zero energy building is a

structure with zero net energy consumption where the total amount of energy used in the premises on an annual basis is more or less equal to the amount of renewable energy created on the site.

3. Which one of the following is the slogan of the Vistara airline which commissioned its operation, recently?

[A] Now Everyone Can Fly

[B] Fly the New Feelings

[C] A Great Way to Fly

[D] One World One Flight

Ans: Fly the New Feelings

4. According to New World Wealth report, the number of High Net worth Individuals is highest in which one of the following religions?

[A] Muslims

[B] Christians

[C] Hindus

[D] Jewish

Ans: Christians

Christians dominate the list of high net worth individuals, according to the report by New World Wealth report. Christians followed by Muslims and Hindu. As per the report the total wealth held by Christians stood at \$ 107,280 billion, which account for over 55 per cent of worldwide wealth, followed by Muslims at the second place with wealth of \$ 11,335 billion (5.8 per cent) and Hindu with wealth of \$ 6,505 billion (3.3 per cent).

5. The Ken River flows through which of the following two states?

[A] Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra

[B] Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

[C] Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

[D] Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh

Ans: Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh



6. Who among the following has been selected for the “ Social Media Person of the Year” award?

[A]Amir Khan

[B]Sachin Tendulkar

[C]Amitabh Bachchan

[D]Salman Khan

Ans: Amitabh Bachchan

Amitabh Bachchan has been named Social Media Person of the Year by the Internet and Mobile Association of India.

7. Which among the following books is not authored by writer cum politician Shashi Tharoor?

[A]The Great Indian Novel

[B]The Five Dollar Smile and Other Stories

[C]Show Business

[D]The Blue Mountain

Ans: The Blue Mountain

8. Bhakti Sharma, who is in news recently, is associated with ____?

[A]Swimming

[B]Tennis

[C]Badminton

[D]Volleyball

Ans: Swimming

Bhakti Sharma is open water swimming champion. Recently, she set a world record by swimming 1.4 miles in 52 minutes in one degree temperature in the Antarctic Ocean. She became the first Indian woman to and also the first Asian to achieve this feat.

9. Recently, Indian railway has flagged off the first Compressive Natural Gas (CNG) based trains in which state?

[A]Madhya Pradesh

[B]Haryana

[C]Rajasthan

[D]Maharashtra

Ans: Haryana

India's first CNG based two trains were flagged off from Haryana's Rewari station. The trains will run between Rewari-Rohtak and Rewari to Bikaner section. These trains based on the dual fuel system- diesel and CNG will reduce greenhouse gas emission and also the consumption of diesel.

10. Which among the following banks has bagged the "MSME Banking Excellence Awards-2014"?

[A]Corporation Bank

[B]Canara Bank

[C]Syndicate Bank

[D]Vijaya Bank

Ans: Corporation Bank

Corporation bank has won the MSME Banking Excellence Awards-2014. The bank bagged two awards under the categories Best MSME Bank award for other bank and Best Bank award. The awards were instituted by Chamber of Indian Micro Small and Medium Enterprises.