

1) Which company won the CII National Award for Excellence in Water Management?

- A. Bajaj Auto
- B. TVS
- C. Yamaha
- D. Hero MotoCorp

- Hero MotoCorp's manufacturing facility in Gurugram bagged the CII National Award for Excellence in Water Management, securing the top position in the 'Within the Fence' category.
- The company is making strides towards its goal of being 500 per cent water positive by 2025.
- Presently, the company is saving nearly 3.8 million kiloliters of water annually.

Ans-D

2) Who has topped the Top Cities for Women 2023 Index in India?

- A. Chennai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Kolkata

- Chennai emerged as the top Indian city for women in 2023 in terms of inclusivity and conduciveness to working women, as per findings from diversity, equity and inclusivity consultant Avtar Group's Top Cities for Women in India (TCWI) 2023.
- The study by Avtar Group's Top Cities for Women in India (TCWI) 2023 said that Chennai topped the list of 49 cities with a population of more than a million and Tiruchirapalli was the best city with population under a million.
- As part of the TCWI 2023 study, an open survey was also conducted from July 2023 to December 2023 in which close to 1100 women participated across 53 cities.

Ans-A

3) As per Trade Ministry, how much growth was recorded in toy exports in 2014-2023?

- A. 200%
- B. 239%
- C. 284%
- D. 311%

- According to the Ministry of Commerce, the Indian toy industry has recorded a 52% decline in imports and a 239% increase in exports in FY 2022-23 compared to FY 2014-15.
- This information has come out in a study on "Success Story of Toys Made in India" by the Indian Institute of Management Lucknow on behalf of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- The number of manufacturing units has doubled due to the government's dedicated efforts over 6 years from 2014 to 2020.

Ans-B

4) What will be the global economic growth estimated by the United Nations in 2024?

- A. 2.2%
- B. 2.3%
- C. 2.4%
- D. 2.5%

- The United Nations released its annual report, 'World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2024' on 5 January 2024.
- According to the United Nations report, global economic growth is estimated at 2.7% in 2023. It is estimated to be 2.4 percent in 2024.
- WESP said India's economic growth rate will be 6.2% in 2024. This growth rate is highest in South Asia.
- The Indian economy will remain the fastest-growing country in 2024, with a growth rate of 6.2 percent. India's GDP is expected to grow by 6.6 percent in 2025.
- The estimated growth rate of the Indian economy in 2023 was 6.3 percent.

Ans-C

5) Who has been awarded the 2023 Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar?

- A. B R Kamboj
- B. Shirshendhu Mukyopadhyaya
- C. Hemanth Srinivas
- D. Sukrita Paul

- Bengali writer Shirshendhu Mukyopadhyaya has been awarded the 2023 Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar.
- He has written more than 90 books, including travelogues and fiction for children.
- The writer will receive a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, a silver medal, and a citation.
- The award is named in honour of the late Kannada poet Kuvempu.

Ans-B

6) In which state has more than 50% of the complaints of Crimes against women been registered?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Bihar
- D. Haryana

- The National Commission for Women (NCW) registered 28,811 complaints of crime against women last year and about 55% were from Uttar Pradesh.
- The highest number of complaints were received in the right to dignity category that involves harassment other than domestic violence and it stood at 8,540, according to NCW data. This was followed by 6,274 complaints of domestic violence.
- Dowry harassment complaints stood at 4,797, molestation complaints at 2,349, police apathy against women complaints at 1,618, and rape and attempt to rape complaints at 1,537, the data showed.
- There were 805 complaints of sexual harassment, 605 of cyber crime, 472 of stalking and 409 of honour crimes, it stated.

Ans-B

7) Who has been appointed as the new CEO of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Ltd (NIIFL)?

- A. Raghuram Iyer
- B. Vikas Sheel
- C. Rashmi Shukla
- D. Sanjiv Aggarwal

- The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Ltd. on 5th January 2024, appointed Sanjiv Aggarwal as its Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director.
- Aggarwal's appointment will be effective from February. He will succeed Rajiv Dhar, who has been serving as the interim CEO and MD since May 2023.
- NIIFL is a collaborative investment platform for international and domestic investors anchored by the Centre and effectively acts as a sovereign wealth fund.

Ans-D

8) Adidas is set to establish its first Indian Global Capacity Centre (GCC) in -

- A. Gurugram
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Chennai

- Adidas is strategically setting up its first and only Global Capacity Centre (GCC) in Asia outside of China, and the chosen location is Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The strategic move is set to focus on critical business processes and is indicative of the trend of multinationals investing in India to leverage the country's vast software expertise.
- Adidas will develop its Global Business Services (GBS) hub under the direction of Akhil Kapoor, vicepresident of GBS global procurement and head of GBS India.

Ans-D

9) Who has been appointed as the CEO by the Indian Olympic Association?

- A. Vikas Sheel
- B. Raghuram Iyer
- C. Rashmi Shukla
- D. P Santhosh

- The Indian Olympic Association on 5th January 2024, announced the appointment of Raghuram Iyer as the Chief Executive Officer of the sports body.
- Raghuram Iyer comes with a rich experience in the sports management field, having served as the CEO of Indian Premier League (IPL) sides Rajasthan Royals, Lucknow Super Giants and Rising Pune Supergiant.
- Iyer has also worked with Indian Super League (ISL) club ATK Mohun Bagan in football and Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) franchise RPSG Mavericks.

Ans-B

10) India is planning to build the "Bharat Park" in which country?

- A. UAE
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Oman
- D. Qatar

- India plans to set up 'Bharat Park' in UAE where Indian goods show room and warehouses will come up.
- This will be to facilitate other countries of the world to buy Indian goods from 'Bharat Park' as the payment system is secured in UAE, stated Union Minister of Textiles & Commerce Piyush Goyal.
- Piyush Goyal also said that Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) will spend Rs. 40 crore for setting up 21 testing laboratories across the country.

Ans-A

11) What is the name of India's first Sun Mission?

- A. Aditya-L1
- B. INSAT-3DS
- C. Shukrayaan
- D. ASTROSAT

- ISRO reached its destination on 6 January 2024, India's first Sun mission, Aditya-L1.
- Aditya-L1 is set to orbit around the Sun-Earth Lagrange Point 1 (L1) in a coronal orbit.
- Aditya-L1 was launched on 2 September 2023 by PSLV-C57.
- Aditya-L1 is the first space-based observatory-class Indian solar mission to study the Sun from a distance of 1.5 million km. It took approximately 125 days to reach the L1 point.
- Aditya-L1 is also ISRO's second astronomy observatory-class mission after Astrosat (2015).
- Aditya-L1 mission is for a duration of about 5 years.
- The primary objective of this mission is to study the solar atmosphere, especially the chromosphere and corona. The aim is to gain insight into phenomena such as coronal mass ejections (CMEs), solar flares and the mysterious heating of the solar corona.

Ans-A

12) Who has become the Executive Director of Asia Development Bank?

- A. Rashmi Shukla
- B. Raghuram Iyer
- C. Vikas Sheel
- D. Sanjiv Aggarwal

- Senior bureaucrat Vikas Sheel was on January 5 appointed as Executive Director, Asian Development Bank in Manila, according to a Personnel Ministry order.
- Sheel, a 1994-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, is currently Additional Secretary and Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- He has been appointed as ED, Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a period of three years from the date of assumption of the charge.

Ans-C