

## 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Current Affairs Quiz

1. Environment Ministry released Guidelines on 'Extended producer responsibility (EPR)' for which product?
  - A. Bio-medical Waste
  - B. Waste Tyres
  - C. Plastic Waste
  - D. E- Waste

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:**



The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change released the draft notification for regulations for the extended producer responsibility (EPR) for Waste Tyres.

If finalised, the draft will be effective from the new fiscal year. India discards around 275,000 tyres each year but the country does not have a comprehensive plan for that. EPR means responsibility of producer of tyres to ensure environmentally safe management of waste tyres.

2. Which state is associated with 'Nirbhaya Kadhi' campaign?

A. West Bengal

B. Odisha

C. Karnataka

D. Gujarat

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:** Odisha's Ganjam has declared itself the state's first child marriage free district. It has undertaken a campaign named Nirbhaya Kadhi (Fearless bud).

Through the campaign, the district administration has counselled over one lakh teen-agers and stopped over 450 child marriages. They implemented various steps like providing incentives for informing child marriages, making Aadhaar card mandatory for marriages etc.

3. Which state launched the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0?

A. Telangana

B. Gujarat

C. Maharashtra

D. Odisha

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:**



Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0, at the International Conference of Academic Institutions (ICAI-2022)

It aims to financially support school students in innovation and will be implemented for the next five years till March, 2027. The financial support has been increased from Rs 200 of the previous edition to Rs 500 crore.

4. 'Olaf Scholz' is the recently appointed head of which country?
- A. Australia
  - B. Brazil
  - C. Germany
  - D. France

**Answer: C.**

**Explanation:** Olaf Scholz has been appointed as the Chancellor of Germany from December 2021. The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a discussion with his German counterpart and congratulated on his appointment as Chancellor.

They reviewed the capacities of ongoing cooperation initiatives, including investment and trade links. They also discussed to diversify cooperation and exchanges in new areas.

5. Which Union Ministry implements the 'UJALA' programme?
- A. Ministry of Power
  - B. Ministry of Environment
  - C. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
  - D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:** The Power Ministry successfully completed seven years of distributing LED lights under its flagship UJALA programme.

It is one of the world's largest zero subsidy domestic lighting programmes with more than 36 crore LEDs distributed across the country. Launched in 2015, UJALA stands for Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All. It reduced the retail price of LED bulbs and CO2 emissions.

6. In January 2022, Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh flagged in the 1st multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition of India' in which country?
- A. Spain
  - B. Italy
  - C. Germany
  - D. France

**Answer: D.**

**Explanation:** The Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh flagged-in the first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition of India, which was conducted by the National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS) in France.

i. The expedition was led by the Director of NIMAS Colonel Sarfaraz Singh along with 12 others which include 8 Army personnel and 4 youths of Arunachal Pradesh.

ii. The expedition team carried out over 250 Km of winter trekking in the Alps Mountain Ranges in France.

7. Which city of Haryana to get India's 1st Heli Hub by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in January 2022?

- A. Karnal
- B. Rohtak
- C. Ambala
- D. Gurugram

**Answer: D.**

**Explanation:** The government of Haryana in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation is set to establish India's first-ever Heli Hub in Gurugram. The first of its kind heli-hub in Gurugram is designed to have all the facilities in one place for Helicopters.

i. The hub will have several aviation facilities like Heliport, Hangars, repairs and other related services.

ii. The hub will be developed in 10-20 acres of land well connected with Dwarka Expressway and National Highway (NH)8.

8. Recently (in Jan'2020) a Joint Statement to Prevent Spread of Nuclear Weapons was signed between Nuclear Power Countries. Which of the following Country is 'NOT' one of the signatory?

- A. UK
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. India

**Answer: D.**

**Explanation:** The 5 most powerful nations of the world, viz China, France, Russia, the UK & the US have agreed & signed a joint statement to prevent atomic weapons from spreading and to ensure a nuclear war is never fought.

i. The 5 nuclear weapons states recognized by the 1968 Treaty of the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and they were also the 5 permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. They are known as the PS or the N5.

ii. The joint statement represents a renewed commitment to prevent any confrontation from turning into a nuclear War.

9. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the NPCI's standardized limits for cash withdrawals & mini statements on Aadhaar enabled Payment System (AePS) transactions that was released in January 2022?

A) NPCI has introduced limits for cash withdrawals & mini statements which will be implemented by the acquiring banks by January 15, 2022.

B) The maximum limit of 5 approved cash withdrawal transactions per customer per terminal per day will be implemented in acquiring banks.

C) Cash withdrawal from micro ATMs of AePS has a limit of Rs 10,000 per transaction.

A. Only A

B. Only B

C. Only C

D. All A, B & C

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10. Which of the following points are correct with respect to the First Advance Estimates (FAE) of National Income for FY22 that was released in January 2022?

- A) The Ministry of Finance released the FAE of National Income at both Constant & Current Prices for FY22.
- B) The growth in real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or GDP at Constant Prices stood at 9. 2% in FY22.
- C) Per capita net national income in real terms is estimated to be Rs 1,07,580 crore in FY22, higher than Rs 1,06,975 crore in FY20.

- A. Only A
- B. Only B
- C. Only C
- D. All A, B & C

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:**



The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of statistics and planning implementation (MOSPI) released the FAE of National Income at both Constant (2011-1B. and Current Prices for FY22.

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11. As per IHS Markit Ltd report (in Jan 22), \_\_\_\_\_ will become Asia's second largest economy by 2030 by overtaking Japan.

A. Vietnam

B. Philippines

C. India

D. Hong Kong

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:** In accordance with IHS Markt Ltd report, India vovertake Japen as Asia's second largest economy by 2030, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is also projected to surpass that of Germany and the United Kingdom (UK) to rank as world's No. 3.

i. Currently, India as the sixth-largest economy in the world, behind the United States (US), China. Japan, Germany and the UK.

ii. India's nominal GDP measured in USD terms projected an increase from \$2.7 trillion by 2030.

12. Which state won the 1st Prize in the 3rd National Water Awards-2020' under Best State category?

A. Uttar Pradesh

B. Bihar

C. Rajasthan



D. Kerala

**Answer: A.**

**Explanation:**



Uttar Pradesh (UP) has been awarded first prize in the Best State category in 3rd National Water Awards-2020.

i. The award was announced by Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

ii. Uttar Pradesh was followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu (TN).

iii. Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh received the best district award in the northern zone followed by Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar in Punjab.

13. Where will All India Sports Council of the Deaf (AISCD) host the 1st World Deaf T20 Cricket Championship in January 2023?

A. Guwahati, Assam

B. Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

C. Jaipur, Rajasthan

D. Bangalore, Karnataka

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:** The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) gave the approval to All India Sports Council of the Deaf (AISCD) to host the 1st World Deaf T20 Cricket Championship in Kerala from January 10 to 20, 2023.

i. The World Deaf T20 cricket championship will be organized in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, where it is expected to see participants from countries.

ii. This championship was planned to be conducted in 2020, moved to 2023 due to COVID outbreak.

14. Which state government recently (in Jan 2023) signed an MoU with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to set up a 'Rs. 2000 Crore Dairy Joint venture?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Assam
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu

**Answer: B.**

**Explanation:** The Assam Government signed an MoU with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for holistic dairy development to set up a Joint venture (JV) worth Rs. 2000 Crore which aims at processing 10 Lakh liters of milk through 6 new milk processing units in 7 years.

i. The JV will be guided, monitored and mentored by NDDB.

**Other Launch:**

Purabi Dairy expansion project is launched under World Bank-funded Assam Agribusiness & Rural Transportation Project (APART) which would increase its production capacity from 60 to 150 thousand liters per day (TLPD).

15. Which state's Forest Department recently in Jan. launched its 1st Mobile app called "Urban Forest Parks" to provide information about urban parks & forest areas?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Telangana
- D. Assam

**Answer: C.**

**Explanation:**



Telangana Forest Minister A. Indrakaran Reddy launched the first of its kind mobile app- Urban Forest Parks. The Minister said the App would be very useful for all those, who look for information about the nearest urban parks and forest area in their vicinity. The forest department has come up with an exclusive mobile app that gives all information about theme based Urban Forest Parks in the state. The app provides all the information about the parks, including entry ticket fee, special features of the park, distance from the app user, route app etc. Mr. Reddy informed that this will help the visitors plan their visits to the parks efficiently and have good time. Urban Forest Parks app has been developed by PamTen Software Solutions Private Limited.