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Q. To mark the first anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP), PM MODI launched a competency-based assessment programme for grades 3, 5 and 8 introduced by the CBSE. What is the name of the programme?

A) SIKSHA  
B) NISHTHA  
C) SAFAL  
D) GYAN

Answer - C

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched a new framework to assess students of the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)**.
- The new framework, named **SAFAL (structured assessment for analyzing learning levels)**, is a competency-based assessment framework to move away from the “rote-learning system” of heavy memorization, according to the CBSE.
- The ministry of education stated **The framework will be used to assess 50 lakh students in 25,000 CBSE schools across India**.
- However, the SAFAL results will not be used in any manner by schools for promotion of students to the next grade.
- **Prime Minister Narendar Modi, during the live telecast:** With **SAFAL a scientific method** for assessing students’ intelligence has been developed.
- This will **reduce the students’ fear towards exams**.
- They will have the eagerness to pursue new skills, new innovations, the possibilities are endless.

Q. The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is observed every year on which day?

A) July 31  
B) July 30
World Day against Trafficking in Persons – Observed on July 30

- United Nations observes 30 July every year as World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.
- The 2021 theme for World Day against Trafficking in Persons is Victims “Voices Lead the Way”.
- This year’s theme puts victims of human trafficking at the centre of the campaign and will highlight the importance of listening to and learning from survivors of human trafficking.
- In 2013, the General Assembly designated July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons to raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.
- The campaign portrays survivors as key actors in the fight against human trafficking and focuses on the crucial role they play in establishing effective measures to prevent this crime, identify and rescue victims and support them on their road to rehabilitation.
- Many victims of human trafficking have experienced ignorance or misunderstanding in their attempts to get help.

Q. Which state in India has become the first to reserve government jobs in favour of transgender persons?

A) Karnataka
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Haryana
D) Gujarat

Answer - A

- Karnataka became the first state in India to reserve jobs in public employment in favour of transgender persons.
The state government informed the division bench of the Karnataka high court of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Suraj Govindaraj that it has amended the Karnataka Civil Services (General Recruitment) Rules, 1977 to provide for 1% horizontal reservation for transgenders.

A draft notification issued on May 13 proposed to amend Rule 9 for the purpose.

The proposed amendment to Rule 9 Sub Rule (1D) was inserted to provide for 1% of vacancies to be filled in any service or post by the state government from among the transgender candidates in each category of general, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and in each of the categories among the Other Backward Classes.

About Karnataka:

- **Capital**: Bengaluru
- **Governor**: Thawar Chand Gehlot
- **Chief minister**: Basavaraj Bommai

Q. Intrinsic is a new company launched by which organisation for building industrial robots software?

A) Microsoft  
B) Alphabet  
C) IBM  
D) Apple

**Answer - B**

- Google’s parent company, Alphabet has announced that they will soon launch a new company, known as Intrinsic, which will focus on building industrial robots software.

Q. Bangalore International Airport Limited has signed a deal with which company to set up ‘Airport in a Box’ platform?

A) Apple  
B) Microsoft  
C) Adobe  
D) IBM
**MICROSOFT IN NEWS 2021**

- Microsoft acquires cybersecurity firm RiskIQ for $500M
- AJNIFM partners with Microsoft to build an AI and Emerging Technologies Centre of Excellence
- Microsoft officially launched its new Windows operating system ‘Windows 11’
- Satya Nadella appointed as Chairman of Microsoft
- Microsoft launches the first-ever Asia-Pacific Cyber Security Council
- CBSE collaborates with Microsoft to introduce a coding and data science curriculum
- Microsoft to retire iconic Internet Explorer on 15 June 2022
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Microsoft sign MoU for Digital Transformation of Tribal Schools
- Microsoft buys AI speech tech company Nuance for $19.7 billion

**About MICROSOFT**

- Founded : 1975
- Founders : Bill Gates and Paul Allen
- Headquarters : Washington DC
- Chairman : Satya Nadella
- CEO : Satya Nadella
- President : Brad Smith

**Q. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Bharat BillPay?**

A) Noopur Chaturvedi  
B) Payal Kapadia  
C) N Venudhar Reddy  
D) P Sainath  

**Answer - A**

**Q. On which date, International Friendship Day is observed every year?**

A) 27 July  
B) 28 July  
C) 29 July  
D) 30 July  

**Answer - A**
Answer - D

Q. Who among the following has won the national women online chess title?
A) Chanu Saikhom Mirabai       C) Sreeja Seshadri
B) Lovlina Borgohain          D) Vantika Agarwal

Answer – D

- **Delhi’s Vantika Agarwal** stunned a strong field to win the **National women online chess title**.
- In a **field headed by R. Vaishali** and featuring past National champions like Tania Sachdev, Bhakti Kulkarni, Padmini Rout and seasoned names like Mary Ann Gomes, Soumya Swaminathan and Esha Karavade, ninth seed Vantika scored 9.5 round from 11 rounds.
- Her victims included Bhakti and P. V. Nandhidhaa, seeded three and five. Her lone loss came against former National champion Swati Ghate.
- Arpita Mukherjee, seeded 18, took the second spot with nine points.
- Sreeja Seshadri topped a three-way tie at 8.5 points to take the third spot.

**Chess in NEWS**
- Vantika Agarwal Bags National Women Online Chess Title
- International Chess Day: 20 July
- Indian-origin chess player from New Jersey, USA, Abhimanyu Mishra became the youngest
- D. Gukesh Wins Gelfand Challenge Chess Title
- Sanjay Kapoor Elected All India Chess Federation President
- India’s P Iniyan Wins 48th Annual World Open online chess Tournament
- **Additonal Facts**: Viswanathan Anand was the first Grandmaster in India 1988

**About WORLD CHESS FEDERATION**
- Founded: 1924
• HQ - Lausanne, Switzerland
• President : Arkady Dvorkovich

Q. Name the Goa-based Urban co-op bank whose license has been canceled by RBI.
A) CKP Co-operative Bank
B) Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank
C) Madgaum Urban co-op bank
D) Apna Sahakari Co-Op Bank

Answer - C

Q. The Global Education Summit has commenced in _______.
A. Dubai
B. London
C. New Delhi
D. Riyadh

Answer: B

➢ The Global Education Summit has commenced in London. The summit is being jointly hosted by United Kingdom and Kenya. The two-day Global Education Summit will raise USD 5 billion for the Global Partnership for Education.

Q. Which Indian artist has won the prestigious Eisner award?
A. Kumar Biswas
B. Venu Gopal
C. Anurag Kashyap
D. Anand Radhakrishnan

Answer: D

➢ Anand Radhakrishnan, a Graphic Artist from Mumbai has won the prestigious Will Eisner Comic Industry Award. The Eisner Award is considered as Oscar in the Comic World.

About the award:

• The Eisner Awards were founded in 1988 by American comics editor Dave Olbrich, in response to the discontinuation of the popular Kirby Awards for comics in 1987. The Eisners are named in honour of the pioneering writer and artist Will Eisner. The awards are announced each year at the San Diego Comic-Con.
Q. _____ has launched India’s 1st doodle cards for the teenagers.

A. FamPay  
B. PhonePe  
C. Google Pay  
D. PayTM

Answer: A

- FamPay has launched India’s 1st doodle cards for the teenagers. FamPay has partnered with VISA for launching a numberless VISA prepaid card ‘FamCard’ and ‘FamCard Me’ for the teens.

Q. How many Tiger Reserves have received the accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS) on the occasion of International Tiger Day 2021?

A) 14  
B) 18  
C) 20  
D) 25

Answer - A

- The 14 Tiger Reserves in India which received the accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured|Tiger Standards (CA|TS).
- Tiger Conservation a Symbol of Conservation of Forests.
- During all India tiger estimation 2018, leopard population was also estimated within the forested habitats in tiger occupied states of the country.
- The overall leopard population in the tiger range landscape of India in 2018 was estimated at 12,852 (SE range 12,172 – 13,535).
- This is a significant increase from the 2014 figure that was 7,910 (SE 6,566-9,181) in forested habitats of 18 tiger bearing states of the country.
- The 14 tiger reserves which have been accredited are Manas, Kaziranga and Orange in Assam, Satpura, Kanha and Panna in Madhya Pradesh, Pench in Maharashtra, Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar, Dudhwa in Uttar Pradesh,Sunderbans in West Bengal, Parambikulam in Kerala, Bandipur Tiger Reserve of Karnataka and Mudumalai and Anamalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu.

About CA/TS:
Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards (CA|TS) has been agreed upon as an accreditation tool by the global coalition of Tiger Range Countries (TRCs) and has been developed by tiger and protected area experts.

- Officially launched in 2013, it sets minimum standards for effective management of target species and encourages assessment of these standards in relevant conservation areas.
- CA|TS is a set of criteria which allows tiger sites to check if their management will lead to successful tiger conservation.

Q. The World Ranger Day is observed on which day of the year annually?

A) 29 July  
B) 31 July  
C) 28 July  
D) 30 July  

Answer - B

Q. The 2021 India-Indonesia CORPAT which took place in July 2021 was which edition of the biannual event?

A) 42nd  
B) 36th  
C) 51st  
D) 60th  

Answer - B

- The 36th edition of CORPAT between India and Indonesia is being held on 30 and 31 July 2021, in the Indian Ocean region. The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Saryu, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel and Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Bung Tomo is undertaking coordinated patrol (CORPAT).

Q. _____ Tiger Reserve has won the Natwest Group Earth Heroes Award 2021.

A. Sariska  
B. Satpura  
C. Manas  
D. Nameri  

Answer: B
Satpura Tiger Reserve has won the Natwest Group Earth Heroes Award 2021 in the Earth Guardian Category for best management. Satpura Tiger Reserve has been awarded for its exceptional effort in preserving and protecting critical ecosystems.

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| A) Jair Bolsonaro | B) Doctors
| B) Jeanine Ánez | C) Entrepreneurs
| C) Rumen Radev | D) Authors
| D) Paul Biya | Answer - A

Answer - A

Q.Dronacharya Award is given to______?

A) Silchar
B) Ahmedabad
C) Guwahati
D) Srinagar

Answer - C

Q. The International Union for Conservation of Nature is based in _____?
A) New York, United States
B) London, United Kingdom
C) Paris, France
D) Gland, Switzerland

Answer - D

Q. Kuchipudi is the popular folk dance of which of the following Indian state?
A) Bihar
B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Tamil Nadu
D) Kerala

Answer - B

Q. Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station is in which state?
A) Haryana
B) Bihar

C) West Bengal
D) Telangana

Answer - B

Q. Where is the HQ of World Health Organisation?
A) Geneva
B) Rome
C) Paris
D) New York

Answer – A

Q. Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) Airport is located in which state?
A) Sikkim
B) Assam
C) Tripura
D) Meghalaya

Answer – C

Q. Who is the governor of Bihar?
A) Satya Pal Malik
B) Nitish Kumar
C) Phagu Chauhan
D) Vajubhai Vala

**Answer - C**

Q. In which city is the dargah (tomb) of sufi saint Moinuddin Chishti located?

A) Delhi

B) Gwalior

C) Ajmer

D) Ghaziabad

**Answer - C**

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