

1. Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- A. France
- B. Australia
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Germany



- ✓ **Leader of the Conservative Party Liz Truss was named as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. The 47-year-old leader beat her rival, former finance minister Rishi Sunak in an internal leadership contest of the ruling Conservative party, after Boris Johnson's resignation in July. Liz Truss will be only the UK's third female Prime Minister following Theresa May and Margaret Thatcher.**

2. What is the name of the mascot for the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games Ahmedabad?

- A. Sher
- B. Savaj
- C. Vikas
- D. Leo



- ✓ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the mascot and the anthem for the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games in Ahmedabad. The mascot is named as 'Savaj' which means cub in Gujarati. The theme of the anthem is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. The National Games will be organised from September 29 to October 12, across six cities in the state.**

3. Which state hosted the 'Conclave of State Science & Technology (S&T) Ministers'?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Bihar
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ **The Gujarat Science Conclave of State Science & Technology (S&T) Ministers is set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Science City, Ahmedabad. The conclave will include discussions on the theme of 'Doubling Private Sector investment in R&D by 2030'. All States and UTs will be asked to have individual STI policy on the lines of National STI policy.**

4. Which is the first country to approve needle-free, inhaled version of COVID-19 vaccine?

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. Israel



- ✓ China became the first country to approve a needle-free, inhaled version of a Covid-19 vaccine made by Tianjin-based CanSino Biologics. China approved CanSino's Ad5-nCoV for emergency use as a booster vaccine. The inhaled version can stimulate cellular immunity and induce mucosal immunity to boost protection without intramuscular injection.

5. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed a former president of which country as his new special envoy for Afghanistan?

- A. Kyrgyzstan
- B. Pakistan
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Thailand



- ✓ U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed a former president of Kyrgyzstan as his new special envoy for Afghanistan. Roza Otunbayeva, who also served as foreign minister of Kyrgyzstan, replaces Deborah Lyons, who stepped down in June this year.

6. 'Dahi-Handi' has been announced as the official sport of which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced that 'Dahi-Handi' will be recognised as an official sport in the state. The 'Govindas' who participate will get jobs under the sports category and the state will provide life insurance cover of ₹10 lakhs for all participants and insurance ₹5 lakhs if they end up being partially handicapped. 'Dahi-Handi' also known as 'Gopalakala' is a ritual held during Janmashtami festival.

7. Which financial services company has appointed 4 Indian badminton stars as its ambassadors?

- A. Paypal
- B. Mastercard
- C. Visa
- D. American Express



- ✓ Mastercard has partnered with Indian badminton stars Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and appointed them as brand ambassadors in India. The winners of the Thomas Cup 2022 and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will spread awareness about the safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India.

8. Who is the author of the autobiography titled 'Madam Sir'?

- A. Manjari Jaruhar
- B. Kiran Bedi
- C. Kanchan Chaudhary
- D. R Sreelekha



- ✓ **'Madam Sir' is the auto-biography of Manjari Jaruhar, one of the first five women police officers in India. She is the recipient of the government of India's Police Medal for meritorious service. She was also the first women police officer from the state of Bihar, when she was selected for the IPS in 1976. She retired as Special Director General of the CISF, and is presently an advisor to Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).**

9. Which is the venue of the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023?

- A. Madurai
- B. Chennai
- C. Mumbai
- D. Indore



- ✓ **The External Affairs Ministry of India announced that the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9<sup>th</sup> January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community in the development of India. It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on the same day in the year 1915.**

10. When is the 'Akshay Urja Diwas' celebrated in India?

- A. August.15
- B. August.20
- C. September.15
- D. October.15



- ✓ **Every year, August 20 is observed as the Akshay Urja Diwas to raise awareness on development and efficient use of renewable energy in India. The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The day was first organised by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in 2004.**