

1. Which institution announced the Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator Fund (IRAF)?

- A. WEF B. CDRI
C. ISA D. BIMSTEC



- ✓ **The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) announced Infrastructure Resilience Accelerator Fund (IRAF), a CDRI Multi-Partner Trust Fund. It was launched at the India Pavilion, Conference of Parties COP-27, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Around USD 50 million in financial commitments have already been announced for IRAF, over an initial duration of five years.**

2. Which country is the leading producer of millets with 41 per cent of global production?

- A. China
B. India
C. Bangladesh
D. Indonesia



- ✓ **India is one of the leading producers of millets in the world with an estimated share of 41 per cent of the global production. The Indian government has formulated a strategy to involve Indian missions abroad as well as global retail supermarkets to promote exports of millets. Major international retail supermarkets like Lulu group and Walmart, would also be roped in to establish millet corner for branding and promotion of millets.**

3. Which institution is ranked at the top spot from India in the QS Asia University rankings?

- A. IIT Delhi
B. IIT Madras
C. IIT Bombay
D. IISc Bengaluru



- ✓ **A total of 118 Indian universities have figured in 2023 edition of Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Rankings. IIT Bombay has been placed at 40th rank this year. It is the top-ranking institution from India. IIT-B is followed by IIT Delhi (46), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore (52) and IIT Madras (59). In the top 10, five universities are from China.**

4. Which Asian country is named as the host of 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championship?

- A. Sri Lanka
B. Pakistan
C. India
D. Nepal



- ✓ India has been named as the host country for the 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championship. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the event was signed between the International Boxing Association (IBA) and the Boxing Federation of India (BFI). It will be the third Women's World Championships to be conducted in India and the second event within a span of six years.

5. Which country launched the 'Middle East Green Initiative'?

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



- ✓ Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said the kingdom would contribute USD 2.5 billion to 'Middle East Green Initiative' over the next ten years, and host its headquarters. The Middle East Green Initiative was launched by the crown prince in 2021 as part of efforts to reduce regional carbon emissions. The initiative aims to reduce carbon emissions from regional hydrocarbon production by more than 60%.

6. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)–III has been launched in which state?

- A. Gujarat
B. Himachal Pradesh
C. Sikkim
D. Kerala



- ✓ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)–III in Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. It is for the upgradation of around 3125 kilometres of roads in the state. More than Rs 420 crores has been sanctioned by the Central Government under this phase for the upgradation of 440 kilometres of roads in 15 border and far-flung blocks of the state.

7. Which state was ranked first in the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana– Urban (PMAY–U) Awards 2021'?

- A. Tamil Nadu
B. Madhya Pradesh
C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh bagged the first position in the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana– Urban (PMAY–U) Awards 2021. It is followed by Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu at second and third place, respectively. Gujarat saw five special category awards while Jammu and Kashmir was adjudged the 'Best Performing UT' alongside Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. 1.23 crore houses

were sanctioned under the scheme of which 64 lakh have already been completed and delivered while the rest were at various stages of completion.

8. Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) mission is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ **Indian Space Research Organisation's Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) mission will launch 36 OneWeb Gen-1 satellites, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. LVM3 is the dedicated commercial satellite mission of New Space India Limited (NISL), a central public sector enterprise under the Department of Space. This is the first LVM3 dedicated commercial launch on demand through NSIL.**

9. Which organisation has released a report titled 'Using Technology to Improve a Billion Livelihoods'?

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. World Bank



- ✓ **A new report titled 'Using Technology to Improve a Billion Livelihoods' was written by the World Economic Forum's Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution, India, in collaboration with Adani Group, was released in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. As per the report, putting drones at the centre of a technology-led transformation of Indian agriculture can boost the country's GDP by 1-1.5 per cent. It will create at least five lakh jobs in the coming years in India.**

10. Which country has sought Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Nihonshu/Sake in India?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. Singapore
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ **The Embassy of Japan, New Delhi, has filed an application seeking Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Nihonshu/Japanese sake, an alcoholic beverage. This is the first time a product from Japan has filed for a tag at the Geographical Indication Registry. In Japan, nihonshu is regarded as a special beverage made from fermenting rice. The three main raw materials used are rice, koji-kin (a type of fungal spore) and water.**