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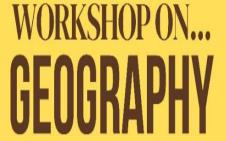
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1. Queen Elizabeth II becomes world's second longest-reigning monarch



London: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II has set the record for the second longest reign in the world. It has been 70 years since the Queen ruled the throne. The Queen is currently 96 years old. The Queen was handed over the throne in 1953. To commemorate 70 years of service to the nation, many grand programs were held in Britain last weekend, celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen.

The King of Thailand, Louis XIV of France, had the longest reign in history. Now he has set a new record for the second longest reign by overtaking King Bhumibal Adulyadej of Thailand. Bhumibal ruled for 70 years 126 days between 1927 and 2016. Louis-XIV of France remains the longest-reigning monarch, ruling for 72 years and 110 days from 1643 to 1715.

Queen Elizabeth II, who was crowned in 1953, became the longest-serving British monarch in September 2015, surpassing her greatgrandmother Queen Victoria.

2. Modi said in the Shangri-La Dialogue – the sea is the strength of India, 90% of our business is done through this



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore on Friday. In his address, the PM said that the sea is India's major source of energy and through which 90 percent of the business is done.

PM Modi said 'Indian Ocean is the key to our future success. It is the lifeline of international trade.'
He further said that India is pursuing political, economic and defense ties with every Southeast Asian country. Singapore has been a gateway for India to the wider eastern countries for centuries. Along with this, Singapore is like a springboard for ASEAN countries.

# 3. IWF Youth Championships: 16 Year Old Indian Weightlifter Gurunaidu Wins Gold



Gurunaidu Sanapathi has become the first Indian weightlifter to win a gold medal at the ongoing IWF World Youth Championships in Leon, Mexico. The 16-year-old lifter won the gold medal in the 55kg category with a total effort of 230kg (104kg and 126kg) late on Sunday night.

# 4. J&K Tops UTs in National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment



Jammu and Kashmir ranks top among union territories in terms of National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NESDA). In the assessment done for the first time in the Union Territory category, J&K has performed around 90 per cent services.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra will release the NESDA-2021 report. In this, the governments have been suggested to further improve their e-governance

service delivery system. The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions said that Jammu and Kashmir has been assessed for the first time in the Union Territories category.

It has scored the highest marks among all the Union Territories for the six regions. Meghalaya and Nagaland's e-Seva Portal are the leading state portals that top all the assessment parameters of North Eastern and Hill States with an overall compliance of more than 90 percent. According to the report, among the Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir has topped with an overall compliance of 90 per cent.

## 5. Indian Entrepreneur Gets World's First Digital Vaccine Patent



India's biomedical tech entrepreneur Bhargava Shree Prakash has been granted the world's first patent from the US Patent Office for a digital vaccine.

Digital Vaccine is a platform that prevents real world health issues through the metaverse. Digital Vaccines seeks to induce positive human behavior through neurocognitive training through smartphones, tablets and other such devices. Bhargava is the founder of Shree Prakash Life Sciences start up "Friends Learn" which recently got the world's first patent for a system and method of digital vaccine.

6. Internet Explorer will be shut down from June 15



The Internet Explorer web browser was first introduced in 1995 as an add-on package plus for Windows 95, but was introduced in 1994 by Thomas Reardon and had a team of only 6 members in its early days.

Microsoft Internet Explorer's programming language is C Plus Plus (C++). By the year 1999, it had 5 versions. Internet Explorer became very popular in the year 2000. According to the reports, its market share was around 95% in the year 2003. The last version of Internet Explorer was 11, which was released in October 2013. At the same time, in January 2015, the company introduced a new web browser named 'Microsoft Edge'.

Whereas the next year, new feature development for Internet Explorer was discontinued. In such a situation, it was believed that in the next few years, the explorer would become just history. Internet Explorer, which was once at the top with 95 percent market share, is now reduced to just 0.38 percent market share. Let us tell you that in the late 1990s, Microsoft spent \$100 million annually on its development.

Internet Explorer's market share has been declining since the advent of Firefox in 2002 and Google Chrome in 2008. At this time people have started using google chrome more which is fast and easy. Apart from this, Apple Safari, Firefox, Opera and Vivaldi are also getting good support from users.

7. Haryana tops Khelo India Youth Games 2021



Haryana, the host of the Khelo India Youth Games, has completed a century of medals with 36 gold. With this Haryana is on top with 101 medals including 29 silver and 36 bronze. At the same time, Maharashtra is at number two with 33 gold, 28 silver and 25 bronze medals.

The final match of girls' hockey was played between Haryana and Odisha, in which Haryana girls defeated Odisha 4-1 to register a one-sided victory to claim the gold medal. From the beginning of the first quarter of the match, the player of Haryana team scored the first goal.

After this he took his lead in the match with two goals by scoring another goal. At the end of the third quarter, when 35 seconds were left, the Odisha player made the match thrilling by scoring a goal. In the fourth quarter, Haryana made the match one-sided by scoring two more goals and eventually won the gold medal by defeating Odisha.

#### 8. Retail inflation dips to 7.04 per cent in May



Retail inflation declined to 7.04 per cent in May. It was 7.79 per cent in April. However, it remained 6 per cent above the RBI's upper tolerance level for the fifth consecutive month.

The consumer price index (CPI) based inflation stood at 7.79 per cent in April. Retail inflation was 6.3 per cent in May 2021. According to data

released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), inflation in the food basket stood at 7.97 per cent in May 2022, marginally lower than the previous month's 8.31 per cent.

The Reserve Bank, which incorporates the CPI in its monetary policy, earlier this month raised its inflation forecast for the current fiscal to 6.7 per cent from its previous estimate of 5.7 per cent. As per RBI estimates, inflation is likely to be 7.5 per cent in the first quarter of the current fiscal and 7.4 per cent in the next three months.

It is expected to decline to 6.2 per cent and 5.8 per cent in the third and fourth quarters, respectively. The government has tasked the RBI to ensure that inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

### 9. Max Verstappen Wins Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2022



Leclerc ran a lap of 1 minute, 41.359 seconds with his last run of the season to beat Red Bull's Sergio Perez by .282 seconds. Formula One Championship leader Max Verstappen qualified third at the second Red Bull, at .347 Leclerc's pace. Leclerc has finished first or second in every qualifying season this year, but hasn't won a race since the Australian Grand Prix in April. Verstappen won three races in a row, and Perez won in Monaco two weeks earlier.

Leclerc started from pole in the last three races but was passed by Verstappen in Miami, retiring with car problems in Spain, where defending champion Verstappen won to pass Leclerc for the standings lead and an unsuccessful one. Tactics then moved to fourth place in his home race in Monaco. Call by Ferrari. He was also on pole in Azerbaijan last year, when he finished fourth.

10. Ather Energy ties up with SBI to provide vehicle loans to its customers



Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy has partnered with HDFC Bank and IDFC First Bank to offer retail finance for its e-scooters.

Ather Energy said in a release on Thursday that with this partnership, the company will be able to provide instant credit facilities to the customers of the e-scooter. Both the private sector banks will provide maximum loan to the buyers at low interest rates.

The company said its customers prefer to take a loan of up to 95 per cent of the value of the vehicle at the time of purchase and keep the tenure of 2-3 years. He said that having the facility of financing makes it easier for the customers to buy electric vehicles.

Ather Energy said it is critical to provide vehicle loans to customers with no credit history in view of the expansion in Tier-II and Tier-III cities.

Partnership with HDFC Bank and IDFC First Bank will be of great help in this.

#### **ONE LINER**

Fino Payments Bank Established: 4 April 2017; Fino Payments Bank Headquarters: Juinagar, Navi Mumbai;

MD & CEO of Fino Payments Bank: Rishi Gupta

**Tencent Founded: 11 November 1998;** 

Tencent Headquarters: Shenzhen, Guangdong,

China;

Tencent President, CEO: Pony Ma; Tencent President: Martin Lau

Owners of Ather Energy: Hero MotoCorp;

Ather Energy Headquarters Location: Bengaluru;

Founders of Ather Energy: Tarun Mehta, Swapnil Jain

#### QUIZ

1. Recently the Government of India has decided to give a Line of Credit (LOC) of 55 million US dollars to which of the following countries for the purchase of urea fertilizer?

a. Sri Lanka b. Nepal

c. Russia d. Bangladesh

a. Sri Lanka

India has decided to provide Line of Credit (LoC) of \$55 million to Sri Lanka for the purchase of urea. This LOC will help GOSL to secure urea fertilizer for the current paddy sowing season. About \$3.5 billion in funding from India includes helping to secure Sri Lanka's food, health and energy security by supplying essential commodities such as food, medicines, fuel, kerosene, etc.

2. World Blood Donor Day is celebrated on which of the following days?

a. 10 June b. June 12 c. 14 June d. June 8

c. June 14

World Blood Donor Day is celebrated on 14 June every year around the world. Let us tell you that this day is also known as World Blood Donation Day. This year Mexico will host World Blood Donor Day 2022 through its National Blood Center. This year the theme of World Blood Donor Day 2022 is "Blood donation is a work of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives. Every year WHO sets a theme for this day.

3. Which death anniversary of Sushant Singh Rajput was celebrated on 14 June 2022?

a. first b. second c. third d. fourth

b. second

The second death anniversary of Sushant Singh Rajput was celebrated on 14 June 2022. Fans have remembered Sushant Singh Rajput on his death anniversary in an emotional way on social media. Let us tell you that Sushant Singh Rajput was found dead at his Bandra home on June 14, 2020. He was 34 years old at that time. His death was ruled a suicide. Everyone was shocked by the sudden death of Sushant Singh Rajput. Let us inform that the CBI, NCB and ED are investigating the death of Sushant Singh Rajput.

4. Under the 'Agneepath Recruitment Scheme', for how many years the youth will be recruited in the army?

a. seven years

b. eight years

c. ten years

d. four years

d. four years

The 'Agneepath Recruitment Scheme' has been launched by the government for army recruitment. On this occasion, Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh said that under this, Agniveers i.e. youth will be recruited in the army for four years. This step has been taken by the central government with the aim of reducing the average age of the army. Let us tell you that the youth joining the army under this scheme will be called Agniveer.

- 5. Which of the following cricket team is at the first place in the latest ODI rankings released by the ICC?
- a. New Zealand cricket team
- b. australia cricket team
- c. India cricket team
- d. pakistan cricket team
- a. New Zealand cricket team

The latest ODI Team Rankings (ODI Team Rankings) have been released by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on 13 June 2022. New Zealand's team is at the first place in

the latest ODI rankings released by the ICC. On the other hand, England's team is at number two and Australia is in third place. Now Pakistan's team is at number four and India has slipped to number five.

6. What is the rank of Afghanistan's cricket team in the latest ODI rankings released by the ICC?

a. 5th

b. 7th

c. 10th

d. 12th

New Zealand's team is at the first place in the latest ODI rankings released by the ICC. England's team is in second place with 124 points while Australia is in third place with 107 points. Pakistan's team is in fourth place with 106 points. South Africa is at the sixth place in this list. Afghanistan's team is in 10th place. According to the ranking, Pakistan has made it to the fourth place after surpassing India.

7. Khurda inflation based on Consumer Price Index has come down in May to what percentage of the following?

a. 8.04 percent

b. 7.04%

c. 9.04 percent

d. 5.04 per cent

b. 7.04%

There has been a slight decline in retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index as compared to the previous month. It is being told that the retail inflation rate in April was 7.79 percent. This figure has come down to 7.04 percent in May. However, it has remained above the Reserve Bank of India's satisfactory level for the last five consecutive months. According to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the Consumer Price Index based (CPI) inflation stood at 7.79 per cent in April.

8. RBI has increased the limit of auto debit mandate made through cards and UPI from Rs 5000 to which of the following?

a. 10,000 rupees b. 12,000 rupees c. Rs 18,000 d. 15,000 rupees

d. 15,000 rupees

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has simplified subscription type payment and increased its limit. The Reserve Bank has recently increased the limit of auto-debit mandate from 5,000 to 15,000 on recurring payments made through cards and UPI (Unified Payment Interface). Reserve Bank has announced recurring payments such as electricity payments made through debit, credit cards or mobile wallets, Netflix-Amaz

