



Weekly Current Affairs-(18 July -24 July) 2022 (MCQS)

1. Which is the venue of the ISRO's 'Human Space Flight Expo'?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Ernakulam
- (d) Vishakhapatnam

- Bengaluru

2. Who are the beneficiaries of 'Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana'?

- [A] School Students
- [B] Senior Citizens
- [C] Below-Poverty-Line Women
- [D] MSMEs

- Senior Citizens

3. What is the growth forecast for India for 2022-23, as per Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s recent estimate?

- (a) 7.2 %
- (b) 7.8 %
- (c) 8.0 %
- (d) 8.2 %

- 7.2 %

4. Which tech company funds the 'DigiVaani Call Center' set up recently by NASSCOM?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Google
- (c) Twitter
- (d) Meta

- Microsoft

➤ **Droupadi Murmu becomes India's First Tribal Woman President**

Droupadi Murmu has become India's first tribal woman President-Elect. She was declared elected to the office of President of India after she secured 2824 first preference votes, which carry an electoral value of 6,76,803 votes. The opposition candidate secured 1877 first preference votes, carrying a value of 3,80,177 electoral votes.

➤ **Meet Vice Presidential Candidates-Jagdeep Dhankhar and Margaret Alva**

The ruling NDA and opposition have nominated former West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and Margeret Alva as their respective candidates for the Vice Presidential Elections 2022. Margaret Alva is the former Governor of Rajasthan.

➤ **India's GDP Growth forecast slashed 7 percent for FY 2022-23**

The quarterly survey of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) slashed India's GDP growth rate for FY 2022-23 to 7 percent from earlier 7.4 percent. This is even lesser than RBI's projection of 7.2 percent.

➤ **Check visa-free countries for Indian Passport Holders**

India was ranked 87th in the latest **Henley Passport Index 2022** with visa-free access to 60 countries. This means that the Indian passport holders can visit 60 countries without requiring to obtain a visa. Some of the visa-free countries include Sri Lanka, Maldives, Myanmar, Cambodia and Thailand.

➤ **Household items get expensive as new GST Rates hikes come into effect**

The new GST rates came into effect across the country on July 18, 2022. Many household items have become expensive after these new rates have been implemented including daily essentials such pre-packaged and labelled wheat, rice, paneer, butter milk and jaggery. These items that were excluded from GST earlier will now attract 5 percent tax.

➤ **Has James Webb Space Telescope been permanently damaged by asteroid hit?**

As per a latest report by scientists, NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has suffered irreparable damage in May when it was hit by six micrometeorites on May 22. The team has stated that the sixth micrometeorite reportedly caused considerable damage to the telescope's primary mirror.

➤ **Ghana declares deadly Marburg virus outbreak**

West African country Ghana has officially confirmed its first outbreak of the deadly Marburg virus with detection of two cases. Both the patients were unrelated and passed away shortly after falling sick.

➤ **Karnataka, Chandigarh and Manipur top India Innovation Index 2022**

NITI Aayog released the third-edition of India Innovation Index 2022 on July 21, 2022. Among major states, Karnataka was ranked at the top, followed by Telangana and Haryana. Among UT and city states, Chandigarh was ranked at the top and Manipur topped among North East and Hill states.