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Weekly Current Affairs-(03 October to 09 October) 2022 (MCQS)

- 1. Which state launched MGRIP to develop cow shelters as a Rural Industrial Park?
 - (a) <u>Jharkhand</u>
 - (b)<u>Bihar</u>
 - (c) Chhattisgarh
 - (d) Mizoram
- <u>Chhattisgarh</u>
- <u>Chhattisgarh govt launches MGRIP to develop Cow shelters as Rural Industrial park.</u>
- <u>Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Baghel launched a new scheme to develop</u> <u>'gauthans' (cow shelters) as rural industrial parks for livelihood generation.</u>
- <u>Around 300 gauthans cum industrial parks will be set up under the scheme named</u> <u>Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Parks (MGRIP).</u>
- <u>A total budget of ₹600 crores has been pooled in the current financial year's budget.</u>
- <u>The state government has set up gauthans in over 8,000 villages under its flagship</u> scheme Suraji Gaon Yojna (village good governance scheme).
- <u>Cow dung procurement is being carried out in these gauthans at ₹2 per kilogram under</u> <u>Godhan Nyay Yojana and the dung is being used to prepare vermicompost.</u>
- 2. With which country is India participating in the joint military exercise 'Mitra Shakti'? (a) Bangladesh
 - (b) Srilanka
 - (c) Nepal
 - (d) Bhutan
- <u>Srilanka</u>
- <u>The 8th Edition of India Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise 'Mitra Shakti' is</u> <u>conducted in Sri Lanka from the 4th to the 15th of October this year.</u>
- <u>An all-arms contingent of 120 personnel of the Indian Army is participating in the exercise along with a battalion of the Sri Lankan Army.</u>
- <u>The aim of the exercise is to promote close relations</u> between the Armies of both countries and enhance inter-operability and share best practices in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations
- 3. Who has been made the National Icon of the Election Commission of India?
 - (a) Neeraj Chopra
 - (b)<u>Pankaj Tripathi</u>
 - (c) Amitabh Bachchan
 - (d) PV Sindhu
- <u>Pankaj Tripathi</u>
- <u>Actor Pankaj Tripathi has been made the National Icon of the Election Commission of India.</u>

- <u>He was chosen for the honor of his association with the Election Commission in creating awareness amongst the young voters.</u>
- <u>Pankaj Tripathi is known for his work in Sacred Games, Mimi, Mirzapur, and Newton</u> <u>among others.</u>
- 4. Who among the prototype of Optimus?
 - (a) Bernard Arnault
 - (b) Elon Musk
 - (c) <u>Jeff Bezos</u>
 - (d) Bill Gates
- Elon Musk
- <u>Tesla CEO Elon Musk recently unveiled the latest prototype of Optimus- a humanoid</u> robot developed by an American company based in Texas.
- <u>The prototype of Optimus has showcased during the annual Tesla AI (artificial intelligence) Day</u>
- 5. Government Hydro Engineering inaugurated in which state?
 - (a) <u>Himachal Pradesh</u>
 - (b)<u>Punjab</u>
 - (c) <u>Haryana</u>
 - (d) <u>Maharashtra</u>
- Himachal Pradesh
- <u>Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the All India Institute of Medical</u> <u>Sciences (AIIMS) at Kothipura in Bilaspur district, Himachal Pradesh.</u>

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- <u>Spread over an area of about 247 acres, this 1,471 crore rupees 750-bedded premier</u> medical institute will provide super specialty medical treatment to the people of the region.
- <u>He also inaugurated 140 crore Government Hydro Engineering College at Bandla in</u> <u>Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.</u>
- <u>6. 'HerSTART'- a start-up platform has been created by which University?</u>(a) <u>Delhi University</u>
 - (b) Mumbai University
 - (c) Rajasthan University
 - (d) Gujarat University
- Gujarat University
- <u>President Draupadi Murmu on Tuesday, October 4</u>, <u>launched 'herSTART'- a start-up</u> <u>platform of Gujarat University for women entrepreneurs.</u>
- <u>The start-up is an initiative for women entrepreneurs</u> and is one of Gujarat University <u>Start-up and Entrepreneurship Council flagship programs.</u>
- <u>The program is open to all women who have innovative business ideas, prototypes, or existing business ventures.</u>
- <u>The President also laid the foundation stone of projects related to education and tribal</u> <u>development at Gujarat University itself.</u>

7. Indian Navy has signed a pact on White Shipping Information Exchange with which country? (a) Australia (b) Japan (c) New Zealand (d) The United States New Zealand Indian Navy has signed an agreement on White Shipping Information Exchange with • the Royal New Zealand Navy to promote greater transparency in the Maritime domain. 8. Who will be awarded the Bihari Puraskar of KK Birla Foundation for the literary criticism book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri'? (a) Dr. Aidan Singh Bhati (b) Mohankrishna Bohara (c) Madhu Kankariya (d) Dr. Madhav Hada Dr. Madhav Hada Writer Dr. Madhav Hada will be awarded the 32nd Bihari Puraskar for his 2015 literary criticism book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri'. A literary critic and academic, Hada has written extensively on literature, media, culture, and history. He has also been a member of the general council of the Sahitya Akademi and the Hindi Advisory Board. He has been a recipient of the Bhartendu Harishchandra Award for Media Studies and the Devraj Upadhyay Award for Literary Criticism. 9. Who has been honored with the Life Achievement Award by the US? (a) Anil Chopra (b) Rajeev Lall (c) Dr. Vivek Lall (d) Ro Khanna Dr. Vivek Lall Indian-origin, Dr. Vivek Lall has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by US President Joe Biden with the citation of 'With Grateful Recognition'. The citation was given to Dr. Lall by the AmeriCorps, which is a part of the US Government and aims to foster activities that bring Americans closer together to "serve communities." Dr. Lall is an industry leader and Chief Executive Officer of General Atomics. The

company is a global leader in the specialized fields of nuclear technology and has developed state-of-the-art Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) like the Predator, Reaper, and Guardian drones.

10. Which of the following author is set to release a new book titled 'The Last Heroes'?(a) <u>Amrita Pritam</u>

(b) Kiran Desai

(c) Devdutt Pattanaik

(d) P Sainath

- <u>P Sainath</u>
- <u>After his immensely successful "Everybody loves a Good Drought", a researched study</u> of poverty in the rural districts of India, award-winning author-journalist P Sainath will soon come out with a new book on India's freedom struggle.
- 11. NGT has directed which state government to revive the Sukapaika river?
 - (a) <u>Bihar</u>
 - (b)<u>Haryana</u>
 - (c) <u>Odisha</u>
 - (d)<u>Punjab</u>
 - <u>Odisha</u>
 - <u>The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has instructed the</u> <u>Odisha government to revive</u> <u>the Sukapaika River, a distributary of the Mahanadi River within 6 months.</u>
 - It has directed the state government to create a dedicated fund for this river's revival.

12. The Central Government recently launched the YUVA scheme. When was PM-YUVA

launched?

- (a) 2018 (b) 2021
- (b) 2021
- (c) 2020 (d) 2022
- 2021
- The second edition of the Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors (YUVA) scheme was launched by the Union Ministry of Education as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav or India @75 project.
- <u>The scheme is a mentoring program for young and budding authors below the age of 30.</u>
- <u>Its objective is to promote the culture of reading and writing across India and showcase</u> <u>Indian writing at the international level.</u>
- <u>It aims to bring the perspective of the Indian youth on the theme "Democracy</u> (institutions, events, people, constitutional values past, present and future)".
- <u>It will benefit budding authors capable of writing on a wide-range of subjects focused</u> on the promotion of Indian culture, heritage and knowledge across the globe.
- <u>The launch of the latest edition of the YUVA scheme comes after the first edition</u> witnessed huge participation from young authors in 22 different regional languages as well as in English.
- Pradhan Mantri Mentorships Scheme for Young writers (PM-YUVA) was launched on May 29, 2021. It is being implemented by the National Book Trust (NBT), India.
- 13. UAE's Minister of Tolerance inaugurated a Hindu temple in which city? (a) <u>Al Ain</u>

(b)<u>Sharjah</u> (c)<u>Abu Dhabi</u> (d)Dubai

- <u>Dubai</u>
- <u>A decade-long Indian dream of a Hindu temple in the Jebel Ali area, Dubai was</u> <u>fulfilled after UAE's Minister of Tolerance Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan</u> <u>inaugurated a new Hindu temple.</u>
- The temple's foundation was laid in February 2020.
- <u>The temple has been officially open to the public from the day of the Dussehra festival.</u>
- <u>Welcoming people from all faiths, the temple has already had its soft opening on</u> <u>September 1, 2022, where thousands of visitors were allowed to get a glimpse of the</u> <u>temple's interiors built with white marble.</u>
- <u>The temple management activated the QR-code-based appointment booking system via</u> <u>its website on its soft opening.</u>
- 14. Who has been appointed as the deputy election
 - commissioner?

(a) <u>Ajay Bhadoo</u>

- (b) Akash Tripathi
- (c) Basant Garg
- (d) Lochan Sehra
- <u>Ajay Bhadoo</u>
- <u>Senior bureaucrat Ajay Bhadoo has been appointed as the Deputy Election</u> <u>Commissioner as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected on Sunday by</u> <u>the Center.</u>

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- <u>Bhadoo, a 1999 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Gujarat cadre,</u> has been appointed to the post up to July 24, 2024.
- <u>Akash Tripathi, a 1998 batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), MyGov, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.</u>
- 15. Which state assembly passed a bill to dissolve State Vigilance Commission?
 - (a) <u>Haryana</u>
 - (b)<u>Punjab</u>
 - (c) <u>Tamil Nadu</u>
 - (d) Maharashtra
 - <u>Punjab</u>
 - <u>The Punjab legislative assembly unanimously passed a bill to dissolve the state</u> vigilance commission, set up two years ago by the Congress government.
 - Chief minister (CM) Bhagwant Mann, while tabling the Punjab State Vigilance Commission (Repeal) Bill, 2022, said the main function of the commission was to inquire or initiate inquires into complaints against public servants under the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, and Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018,

however, it had failed to serve any useful objective except being a burden on the state exchequer.

- 16. Which of the following country has recently become the largest producer and consumer of sugar in the world?
 - <u>(a) Brazil</u>
 - (b) China
 - (c) India
 - (d) Thailand
 - <u>India</u>
 - India emerges as the world's largest producer and consumer of sugar and its secondlargest exporter in the 2021-22 season (October-September).
- 17. Who has assumed additional charge as Governor of Meghalaya?
 - (a) BD Mishra
 - (b) Satya Pal Malik
 - (c) Jagdish Mukhi
 - (d) Phagu Chauhan
 - BD Mishra
 - <u>Arunachal Pradesh Governor B D Mishra has been given additional charge of</u>
 <u>Meghalaya as incumbent</u>
 - <u>Satya Pal Malik completed his term on October 3.</u>
 - <u>The President of India has been pleased to appoint B.D. Mishra (Retd.), to discharge the functions of the Governor of Meghalaya, in addition to his own duties from the date he assumes charge of the office of the Governor of Meghalaya until regular arrangements are made.</u>
- 18. Who won the F1 Singapore Grand Prix?
 - (a) Charles Leclerc
 - (b) Max Verstappen
 - (c) Sergio Perez
 - (d) Carlos Sainz Jr.
 - <u>Sergio Perez</u>
 - <u>Red Bull's Sergio Perez wins Formula One Singapore Grand Prix.</u>
 - <u>He won the race leaving his Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen to wait at least another</u> week to retain his world championship.
 - Perez took the chequered flag 7.5 second ahead of the Ferrari of Charles Leclerc.
 - Perez's teammate Carlos Sainz Jr. finished in third place.
- 19. Which initiative has been jointly implemented by NIMHANS and HelpAge to ensure the mental well-being of the elderly?
 - (a) Sarthak
 - (b) Samarth
 - (c) Sneha
 - (d) Sooraj

- <u>Sarthak</u>
- <u>The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS) and an NGO</u> <u>named HelpAge India are collaborating to implement the Sarthak initiative to ensure the</u> <u>mental well-being of the elderly.</u>
- <u>Sarthak is a community-based initiative that provides nurses, healthcare workers, and</u> volunteers training on geriatric mental health.
- 20. Who has won the 'Changemaker' award at UN SDG Action Awards? (a) Srishti Bakshi

(b) Maneka Gandhi

(c) Sunita Krishnan

(d) Kailash Satyarthi

- <u>Srishti Bakshi</u>
- Srishti Bakshi, marketer- turned- women's- rightsactivist was honored with the 'Changemaker' award at the UN SDG Action Awards for "confronting gender-based violence and advocating for safe access to public spaces."
- The Awards a flagship of the UN SDG Action Campaign sought initiatives that 'Mobilise, Inspire and Connect' people to drive action towards a more sustainable future on a healthy planet. Other award winners are:
- <u>Mobilize category- 'SUPvivors say NO MORE' for "empowering sexual abuse</u> <u>survivors in Ecuador to become 'SUPER survivors'.</u>
- Inspire category- 'The Masungi Story' for honoring youth rewriting the future of forgotten watersheds at Masungi Geosreserve in the Philippines. Connect category- CyprusInno
- 21. What is India's rank in the Global Innovation Index of WIPO?
 - <u>(a) 45</u>

<u>(b) 25</u>

<u>(c) 35</u>

- <u>(d) 40</u>
- <u>40</u>
- India has climbed to the 40th rank in the Global Innovation Index of the World Intellectual Property Organization. This is a huge leap of 41 places in 7 years.
- <u>Switzerland has emerged as the world's most innovative economy for the 12th</u> <u>consecutive year. It leads globally in innovation outputs, and specifically in patents by</u> <u>origin, software spending, high-tech manufacturing, production, and export complexity.</u>
- <u>The second position was secured by the US followed by Sweden, the UK, and the Netherlands.</u>
- 22. Senior Congress leader Jayanti Patnaik passed away. She was nominated to Rajya Sabha in which year?
 - <u>(a) 1995</u>
 - <u>(b) 1996</u>

<u>(c) 2000</u>

<u>(d) 1998</u>

- <u>1996</u>
- <u>Senior Congress leader and first chairperson of the National Commission for Women</u> Jayanti Patnaik passed away. She was 90.
- <u>She was a four-time MP and the first chairperson of the National Commission for</u> <u>Women (NCW).</u>
- She was the wife of late Odisha chief minister J B Patnaik.
- <u>She was elected from Cuttack and Berhampur Lok Sabha constituencies in 1981, 1984,</u> and 1998 and was nominated to Rajya Sabha in 1996.
- 24. Which city bagged the first position in the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022?

(a) Indore

(b) Surat

- (c) Navi Mumbai
- (d) Vijayawada
- Indore
- <u>The Swachh Survekshan Gramin-2022 award ranks states and districts on the basis of</u> <u>their performance attained on key quantitative and qualitative Swachh</u>
- <u>Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G) parameters and engagement of the rural community</u> in the improvement of their sanitation status.
- Large state categories: Telangana won the first prize.
- Haryana was in the second position while Tamil Nadu was third.
- <u>Smaller states and Union territories: Andaman and Nicobar secured the first position</u> followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu and Sikkim.
- <u>City Category: The city of Indore in Madhya Pradeshhas been named the cleanest in all of India for the sixth consecutive year, with Surat and Navi Mumbai taking the next two spots.</u>
- The awards were presented by President Droupadi Murmu.
- 25. Who has been appointed as the CEO of the Data Security Council of India (DSCI)? (a) Rajneet Kohli
 - (b) Rama Vedashree
 - (c) Rajendra S Pawar
 - (d) Vinayak Godse
- Vinayak Godse
- <u>Vinayak Godse has been appointed as CEO of the Data Security Council of India</u> (DSCI) and started serving in the post on October 1.
- <u>A selection committee of the Data Security Council of India (DSCI) Board, led by</u> <u>current chairman Rajendra S. Pawar, former Data Security Council of India (DSCI)</u> <u>chairman Dr. N. Balakrishnan, NASSCOM President, and other board members, made</u> <u>the decision.</u>
- 26. Which state/UT government has unveiled a winter action plan to combat air pollution?

(a) Delhi

(b) Bihar

(c) Chandigarh

(d) Tamilnadu

• <u>Delhi</u>

27. Who launched the 5G services at the 6th Edition of India Mobile Congress 2022? (a) Amit Shah

(b) Narendra Modi

(c) Draupadi Murmu

(d) Ashvini Vaishnaw

- <u>Narendra Modi</u>
- <u>5G telephony service was rolled out by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 6th</u> <u>Edition of India Mobile Congress 2022 organized at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.</u>
- The 5G services in India will be launched in a phased manner.
- Initially, it will be launched in 13 cities across India.
- <u>These include Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh,</u> <u>Gandhinagar, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Pune, Jamnagar, and Gurugram.</u>
- Important metro cities like Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi, and Kolkata will be the first to receive the 5G service.
- <u>Reliance Jio is planning the rollout by Diwali.</u>
- The rest of the country will receive the next-generation network by December 2023.
- 28. Which state/UT government has unveiled a winter action plan to combat air pollution?
 - (a) Delhi

(b) Bihar

(c) Chandigarh

(d) Tamilnadu

- <u>Delhi</u>
- A winter action plan was unveiled by the Delhi Government to combat air pollution.
- <u>The 15-point Delhi Winter Action Plan will act as the blueprint for addressing air</u> <u>pollution in the national capital.</u>
- <u>The plan involves collaborating with IIT Kanpur to conduct a study on the amount of pollution and its source during a particular period of time. The source of the pollution can be vehicles, stubble burning, and industrial pollution.</u>
- <u>Volunteers registered as Paryavaran Mitra will be involved in raising awareness about environmental protection.</u>

29. Vedanta founder Anil Agarwal has been honored with Global Indian Award in which country?

- (a) Canada
- <u>(b) USA</u>
- <u>(c) UK</u>
- (d) Singapore

- <u>Canada</u>
- <u>Vedanta founder Anil Agarwal was honored with the Global Indian Award worth</u> \$50,000 by the Canada-India Foundation at its 15th annual gala here at the weekend.
- <u>He donated the award money to a Canadian health charity working for the welfare of native Indians.</u>
- <u>The mining tycoon lauded the achievements of the 1.6 million-strong Indo-Canadian community.</u>
- <u>He said India and Canada have many similarities and they complement each other in many fields.</u>
- <u>30. Which institution unveiled a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of India?</u>

(a) UNESCO

(b) NITI Aayog

(c) Union Culture Ministry

(d) FICCI

- UNESCO
- <u>UNESCO released a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of India named</u> <u>'Handmade for the 21st Century: Safeguarding Traditional Indian Textile'.</u>
- <u>It describes the processes behind their making, mentions the causes for their declining</u> popularity, and provides strategies for their preservation.
- <u>Toda embroidery and Sungadi from Tamil Nadu, Himroo weaves from Hyderabad, and</u> <u>Bandha tie and dye weaving from Odisha are some of the crafts included.</u>