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1.) Name of the minister who is named as the Sherpa for the G20 for India ?

उस मंत्री का नाम जिसे भारत के लिए G20 के लिए शेरपा के रूप में नामित किया गया है?

- a) Piyush Goyal
- b) Amit Shah
- c) Kiren Rijiju
- d) Nitin Gadkari

Answer : Piyush Goyal

Explanation : The Ministry of External Affairs has announced that Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal has been appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20.

India will conduct the G20 presidency next year from 1 December and will convene the G20 Leaders Summit in 2023 for the first time. It is to mention that former union minister Suresh Prabhu has been replaced by Piyush Goyal as the Sherpa for the G20 meet. G20, which is a major international grouping, brings together 19 of the world's major economies and the European Union. The G20 members account for more than 80 per cent of global GDP, 75 per cent of global trade and 60 per cent of the global population. India has been a member of the G20 since it was established in 1999.

The G20 members include Russia, Australia, Argentina, Australia, Canada, India, Brazil, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

2.) RBI has recently removed which bank from its PCA restrictions ?

आरबीआई ने हाल ही में किस बैंक को अपने पीसीए प्रतिबंधों से हटा दिया है?

- a) UCO Bank
- b) Central Bank of India

- c) Overseas Bank
- d) All of the above

Answer : UCO Bank

Explanation : The Reserve Bank of India has decided to take Uco Bank out of the prompt corrective action (PCA) framework. The move announced by the regulator on Wednesday comes on the back of an improved performance by the Calcutta-based lender. PCA is a structured early intervention and resolution initiated by the RBI for banks that become undercapitalised because of poor asset quality or vulnerable due to loss of profitability. The RBI in March had taken IDBI Bank out of the PCA framework. With Uco Bank coming out, only two public sector banks — Central Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank — remain under the RBI's PCA framework.

Uco Bank was put under the PCA framework in May 2017 on account of high net non-performing assets and a negative return on assets. performance of Uco Bank, currently under the PCA framework, was reviewed by the board for financial supervision.

3.) PM Narendra Modi has recently chaired the annual summit of BRICS, a grouping of how many countries ?

पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी ने हाल ही में कितने देशों के समूह ब्रिक्स के वार्षिक शिखर सम्मेलन की अध्यक्षता की है?

- a) 3 countries
- b) 5 countries
- c) 7 countries
- d) 9 countries

Answer : 5 countries

Explanation : Prime Minister Narendra Modi chair the annual summit of the five-nation grouping, BRICS. BRICS is the acronym for the grouping of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

It is a collective of the five of the largest developing countries of the world, representing 42 percent of the global population, 23 percent of the global GDP and 16 percent of the global trade. The five countries also cover an area of over 39,000,000 square kilometres, which is approximately 27 percent of the world's land surface.

The theme for the Summit is 'BRICS@15: Intra- BRICS cooperation for continuity, consolidation and consensus.

4.) Which financial body has approved USD 112 million loan recently to improve water supply infrastructure in Jharkhand ?

झारखंड में जल आपूर्ति के बुनियादी ढांचे में सुधार के लिए हाल ही में किस वित्तीय निकाय ने 112 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर के ऋण को मंजूरी दी है?

- a) Asian Development Bank
- b) World Bank
- c) International Monetary Fund
- d) None of these

Answer : Asian Development Bank

Explanation : The Central government and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$112-million loan to develop water supply infrastructure and strengthen capacities of urban local bodies (ULBs) for improved service delivery in four towns in Jharkhand, informed the Ministry of Finance. The signatories to the agreement for Jharkhand Urban Water Supply Improvement Project were Rajat Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance, who signed for the Government of India, and Takeo Konishi, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission, who signed for ADB

"The project will be ADB's first urban project in the state and help establish a model for continuous water supply combined with policy reforms for a sustainable operation which

can be replicated by other low-income states for providing safe drinking water to urban households as envisaged under national Jal Jeevan Mission.

ADB is committed to achieve a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region.

5.) BHEL has setup India's first ever indigenously designed High Ash coal Gasification based Methanol production plant in which city ?

भेल ने भारत का पहला स्वदेशी रूप से डिजाइन किया गया हाई ऐश कोयला गैसीकरण आधारित मेथनॉल उत्पादन संयंत्र किस शहर में स्थापित किया है?

- a) Chennai
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Kolkata
- d) Pune

Answer : Hyderabad

Explanation : India's first indigenously Designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) Research and Development Centre, Hyderabad was inaugurated. The project was funded by the Department of Science and Technology, which provided a Rs 10 crore grant, at the initiative of NITI Aayog, PMO-India and the Ministry of Coal. The facility can create 0.25 ton per day (TPD) Methanol from high ash Indian coal using a 1.2 TPD Fluidized bed gasifier.

Methanol is utilized as a motor fuel, to power ship engines, and to generate clean power all over the world. Methanol is also used to generate di-methyl ether (DME), a liquid fuel that is very similar to diesel — existing diesel engines simply need to be minimally changed to use DME instead of diesel.

6.) Which of the following country's supreme court has declared abortion in the state of Coahuila to be non criminal ?

निम्नलिखित में से किस देश के सर्वोच्च न्यायालय ने कोहुइला राज्य में गर्भपात को गैर-आपराधिक घोषित किया है?

- a) Australia
- b) Mexico
- c) Brazil
- d) America

Answer : Mexico

Explanation : The Mexican court's decision follows moves to decriminalise abortion at the state level, although most of the country still has tough laws in place against women terminating their pregnancy early. The supreme judges declared unconstitutional the Penal Code of the Coahuila State, which imposed up to three years in prison on either the woman who voluntarily performs an abortion or the person who helps her to have an abortion.

Prior to this decision, abortion had only been decriminalized in Mexico, Oaxaca, Hidalgo, and Veracruz, that is, in 4 out of 32 states in the country.

7.) Government has constituted an expert committee to frame new laws for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices. Who is the head of the committee ?

सरकार ने दवाओं, सौंदर्य प्रसाधनों और चिकित्सा उपकरणों के लिए नए कानून बनाने के लिए एक विशेषज्ञ समिति का गठन किया है। समिति का प्रमुख कौन होता है?

- a) Gulshan Taneja
- b) VG Somani
- c) P.B.N Prasad
- d) None of these

Answer : VG Somani

Explanation : The Union ministry of health and family welfare has constituted an eight-member committee for framing a New Drugs, Cosmetics and Medical Devices Bill. The mandate for the Committee is to form a fresh Drugs, Cosmetics and Medical Devices Bill by November 30, 2021. An order by the Ministry issued towards the end of August, 2021, said that the government has decided to constitute a committee for framing/preparation of New Drugs, Cosmetics and Medical Devices Bill so that New Drugs, Cosmetics and Medical Devices Act can be framed. The Committee, headed by Chairperson Dr V G Somani, Drugs Controller General (India), will have Director of Drugs Rajiv Wadhawan as Vice-Chairperson and Joint Drug Controllers Dr S Easwara Reddy and A K Pradhan as members. The other members include Drugs Controllers of Haryana, Gujarat and Maharashtra and IAS official N L Meena. The committee may co-opt members if it so requires.

8.) In which state of India, the “Emergency Landing Field” built on National Highway 925 has been inaugurated in Barmer ?

भारत के किस राज्य में बाड़मेर में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 925 पर बने "आपातकालीन लैंडिंग फील्ड" का उद्घाटन किया गया है?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Punjab

Answer : Rajasthan

Explanation : Union ministers Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari inaugurated an emergency landing strip at Satta- Gandhav stretch on National Highway 925 here on Indian Air Force (IAF) planes. A Hercules C-130J plane of the IAF, carrying the two ministers and Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat, conducted a mock emergency landing on the national highway

NH-925 is India's first national highway to be used for emergency landing of IAF aircraft.

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