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1.) Which of the following countries has approved anti-viral pill, believed to be useful in the treatment of corona infection ?

निम्नलिखित में से किस देश ने कोरोना संक्रमण के इलाज में उपयोगी मानी जाने वाली एंटी-वायरल गोली को मंजूरी दे दी है?

- a) Australia
- b) Japan
- c) Britain
- d) America

Answer : Britain

Explanation : Britain has approved Merck's anti-viral pill (tablet), which is believed to be useful in the treatment of corona infection. The name of this medicine is Molnupiravir. With this, Britain is the first country that has allowed this drug to be used in the treatment of corona. The UK government currently allows the use of this drug on people 18 and older.

According to Britain's Medicine and Healthcare Products Regulatory Authority (MHRA), this drug has proved to be effective in reducing the symptoms of corona and no negative results have been seen. This drug has proved effective in the early days of corona infection.

The UK announced in October that it was buying 480,000 doses of molnupiravir. The waves of the Corona epidemic caused great destruction in Britain. America and European countries are also reviewing this medicine. The US also plans to buy 1.7 million doses of this drug.

2.) Which Indian state is set to commence the census of Indus river dolphins ?

सिंधु नदी डॉल्फिन की जनगणना शुरू करने के लिए कौन सा भारतीय राज्य तैयार है?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Punjab
- c) Haryana
- d) Bihar

Answer : Punjab

Explanation : Indus River dolphin is scientifically called as *Platanista gangetica minor*.

It is a freshwater dolphin, found in river Beas. Census will start in winter as part of a project by the Central government. However, Punjab's wildlife preservation wing will move a step ahead and it not only protect dolphins but also their natural habitat. Project will be implemented over five years.

dolphins were believed to be endemic to Pakistan. However, a remnant but viable population of Indus dolphins was discovered in Harike wildlife sanctuary of Punjab as well as in lower Beas River in 2007. Since its discovery, Punjab's . In 2019, Indus River dolphin was declared as the State aquatic animal of Punjab.

In the IUCN red list, Indus River dolphin is classified as endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

3.) Which country has come first in the World Deaf Judo championship ?

विश्व बधिर जूडो चैंपियनशिप में कौन सा देश पहले स्थान पर आया है?

- a) South Korea
- b) India
- c) France
- d) None of these

Answer : India

Explanation : A senior Jammu and Kashmir government advisor has praised Rakshanda Mehak from the Union Territory, who is part of the Indian team, for clinching the bronze medal in World Deaf Judo Championship held in France. Nirchara Umed of Haryana in below 57 kg category, Divya Tiwari of Uttar Pradesh in below 52 kg category and Mehak of J&K have added one more feather in the cap

The Advisor said J&K Government is duty-bound in its promise to take J&K sports to the pinnacle of performance and scale new heights in the world sports arena. He also remarked that more and more modern-day facilities are being added to train our athletes in the proper manner and day is not far away when our athletes will be considered second to none both nationally as well as internationally.

4.) What is the name of the website launched by Indian climate experts for assessing equity in climate action ?

जलवायु कार्रवाई में समानता का आकलन करने के लिए भारतीय जलवायु विशेषज्ञों द्वारा शुरू की गई वेबसाइट का नाम क्या है?

- a) Climate Equity Monitor
- b) Bharat Climate Monitor
- c) Global CC Monitor
- d) None of these

Answer : Climate Equity Monitor

Explanation : The Climate Equity Monitor is a website on global climate policy. Its web address is climateequitymonitor.in. It provides information on climate actions of the signatories of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It was created by India.

It provides information on climate mitigations taken by different countries, climate policies, resource and energy consumption

It was conceptualised by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) and National Institute of Advanced Studies. The website also provides analysis reports of the signatories of UNFCCC. Carbon budget is the amount of carbon dioxide emissions over a period of time. It is the amount that the humans can emit while still maintaining the global temperature rise within 1.5 degrees Celsius as compared to the pre-industrial levels.

It will help to learn about the global carbon budget. The monitor helps to build awareness especially in global south.

5.) Which company recently announced the closure of its business from china due to the increasingly challenging business and legal environment ?

किस कंपनी ने हाल ही में तेजी से चुनौतीपूर्ण व्यापार और कानूनी माहौल के कारण चीन से अपना कारोबार बंद करने की घोषणा की?

- a) Facebook
- b) Twitter
- c) Yahoo Inc
- d) Google

Answer : Yahoo Inc

Explanation : Yahoo Inc. has announced that the company has stopped providing service in mainland China due to the increasingly challenging business and legal environment in the country. With this Yahoo has ended its 22-year presence in the Chinese market.

This means that services like Yahoo Weather, Yahoo Finance, and other websites run by Yahoo such as AOL.com, TechCrunch and Engadget will not be accessible from within China. Earlier, US tech platform LinkedIn also announced the closure of its localized social media network in China on October 14.

6.) Which of these state governments has recently launched two new schemes ?

इनमें से किस राज्य सरकार ने हाल ही में दो नई योजनाएं शुरू की हैं?

- a) Kerala Government
- b) Government of Karnataka
- c) Gujarat Government
- d) None of these

Answer : Government of Karnataka

Explanation : To deliver government services to the doorsteps of citizens, the Karnataka government launched 'Janasevaka' (peoples' servant), an online portal, and 'Janaspandana' , an Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System (IPGRS). Janasevaka is an initiative to help people avail government services easily. Using a mobile application or website, or by getting in touch via a call centre, people can get up to 56 government services delivered to their doorsteps, including home delivery of ration at subsidised rates

Janaspandana is an Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System (IPGRS) through which the government promises a one-stop platform for citizens to raise complaints on any government scheme or service. Janaspandana is a call centre that helps address various grievances of the citizens. The citizens can call the helpline (1902) and rise complaints on any government scheme or service.

7.) 'STRIVE' is world bank funded project being implemented by which union ministry ?

'स्ट्राइव' विश्व बैंक द्वारा वित्त पोषित परियोजना किस केंद्रीय मंत्रालय द्वारा कार्यान्वित की जा रही है?

- a) Ministry of Skill development
- b) Ministry of Education
- c) Ministry of culture
- d) Ministry of Labour and Employment

Answer : Ministry of Skill development

Explanation : Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) is a new World Bank funded project that has been approved by Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in November 2016 for a total cost of Rs. 2200 crore (US \$ 318 million). The project falls under the Programme for Results (P4R) based category of World Bank that ensures outcome based funding. The project aims at creating awareness through industry clusters/ geographical chambers that would address the challenge of involvement of micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs).

Committee for Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved STRIVE and the loan agreement between Government of India & World Bank has been signed on 19.12.2017. The project management consultancy has been on-boarded. The operations manual has been prepared in consultation with World Bank and has been approved by National Steering Committee meeting chaired by Secretary, MSDE on 3rd January'2019. Implementation of project has been started and workshops with states and industries clusters are planned.

8.) Who has become the Director General of FICCI ?

फिक्की के महानिदेशक कौन बने हैं?

- a) Arun Chawla
- b) Suresh Kumar
- c) Mukesh Bhatia
- d) None of these

Answer : Arun Chawla

Explanation : Industry Chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Nominated Arun Chawla as its new Director General. He will take charge with immediate effect. He joined FICCI in 2011 and is currently the Deputy Secretary General of the Chamber. He joined Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in 2011 and is currently the Deputy General Secretary of the Chamber.

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