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1.) Second India – Australia virtual summit to be held on _____ .

दूसरा भारत-ऑस्ट्रेलिया आभासी शिखर सम्मेलन _____ को आयोजित किया जाएगा।

a) 19 March

b) 20 March

c) 20 March

d) 21 March

Answer : 21 March

Explanation : Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison will hold the second India-Australia virtual summit on 21st March.

Briefing media in New Delhi this evening, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said this Summit follows the historic first virtual summit which was held on 4th of June 2020 when the India-Australia bilateral relationship was elevated to a comprehensive strategic partnership.

During this forthcoming virtual summit, the leaders will stock of progress made on various initiatives under the comprehensive strategic partnership. He said the virtual summit will lay the way forward on new initiatives and enhanced cooperation in a diverse range of sectors

2.) Direct tax collections surge 48 percent to _____ ?

प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह 48 प्रतिशत बढ़कर _____ हो गया?

a) Rs 15.82 lakh crore

b) Rs 18.73 lakh crore

c) Rs 11.49 lakh crore

d) Rs 13.63 lakh crore

Answer : 13.63 lakh crore

Explanation : India's collection from tax on personal and corporate income jumped over 48 per cent in the current fiscal after a 41 per cent surge in advance tax payments, mirroring sustained economic recovery in a year that witnessed two waves of coronavirus infections.

Net collections of direct taxes until March 16, 2022, in the fiscal year that started on April 1, 2021, stood at Rs 13.63 lakh crore compared to Rs 9.18 lakh crore in the same period a year back, an official statement said.

The net collections in direct taxes, which is made up of income tax on individual income, corporation tax on profits of companies, property tax, inheritance tax and gift tax, in the current fiscal is 35 per cent higher than the collection of Rs 9.56 lakh crore in the pre-pandemic year of 2019-20 (April 2019 to March 2020).

Advance tax collections, the fourth installment of which was due on March 15, rose to Rs 6.62 lakh crore, up 40.75 per cent, the statement said, adding refunds aggregating to Rs 1.87 lakh crore have been issued in the current fiscal.

3.) In which city Defence minister inaugurates Flight control system integration complex ?

किस शहर में रक्षा मंत्री ने उड़ान नियंत्रण प्रणाली एकीकरण परिसर का उद्घाटन किया?

a) Kolkata

b) Delhi

c) Bengaluru

d) Chennai

Answer : Bengaluru

Explanation : Defence minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a seven-storey facility for a flight control system at Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) in Bengaluru on Thursday. Singh said the facility built by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), will house research and development facilities for the development of a fifth-generation medium weight deep penetration fighter jet.

The DRDO used in-house developed hybrid technology for the construction of the Flight Control System (FCS) Complex at the ADE in Bengaluru, an official aware of the developments said.

The seven-storey building with an area of 1.3 lakh square feet was built by the DRDO in mere 45 days using in-house technology, according to a statement from DRDO.

“The DRDO completed the construction of a multi-storey infrastructure for flight control system at ADE Bengaluru with hybrid technology consisting of conventional, pre-engineered and precast methodology in record 45 days,” said one of the DRDO officials.

The foundation stone for the project was laid on November 22, 2021, and the construction began on February 1, 2022, providing the necessary state-of-the-art infrastructure to support the research and development (R&D) activities for FCS through composite construction technology in the shortest time frame. Built as per the standard national building code, the technical support for the project was provided by teams from IIT Madras and IIT Roorkee, the officials said.

4.) Which union minister releases India's Arctic policy ?

भारत की आर्कटिक नीति किस केंद्रीय मंत्री ने जारी की?

a) Amit shah

b) Jitendra Singh

c) Rajnath Singh

d) Piyush Goyal

Answer : Jitendra Singh

Explanation : Minister of State for Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh, on Thursday, March 17, released India's Arctic policy titled 'India and the Arctic: building a partnership for sustainable development' in New Delhi. The MoS mentioned that implementing the policy will involve multiple stakeholders, including academia, the research community, business, and industries

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Releasing India's Arctic policy in New Delhi, the Minister said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has moved forward to join a group of countries working on various aspects of Arctic.

5.) Recently which country slams Islamic Nations group for inviting Hurriyat chief to Pak meet ?

हाल ही में किस देश ने हुरियत प्रमुख को पाक बैठक में आमंत्रित करने के लिए इस्लामिक राष्ट्र समूह की खिंचाई की?

a) India

b) China

c) USA

d) Sri Lanka

Answer : India

Explanation : India on Thursday hit out at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for inviting the chairman of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference to attend its foreign ministerial meeting in Islamabad next week.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said New Delhi does not expect the OIC to encourage actors and organisations engaged in terrorism and anti-India activities.

At a media briefing, he said India takes very serious view of such actions which are aimed at subverting the country's unity and violating its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

It is highly unfortunate that the OIC continues to be guided by a single member's political agenda rather than focusing on important development activities, Mr Bagchi said in an indirect reference to Pakistan.

6.) India extends \$1 billion line of credit to which country ?

भारत ने किस देश को \$ 1 बिलियन की लाइन ऑफ क्रेडिट प्रदान की है?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Nepal

Answer: Sri lanka

Explanation : India on Thursday extended a \$1-billion short-term concessional loan to Sri Lanka to help the island nation cope with one of the worst economic crises in decades, with New Delhi saying the development reflected renewed momentum in bilateral economic engagement.

The line of credit, to be used to import food, medicines and other essential items from India, was extended at a time when President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's government is grappling with mass protests by the opposition over its handling of the economic crisis.

In recent weeks, India has provided a \$500-million line of credit to Sri Lanka for oil purchases and a currency swap of \$400 million under the Saarc facility. It has also deferred the payment of \$515 million due to the Asian Clearing Union. The \$1-billion line of credit was the key component of a four-pillar economic cooperation arrangement finalised by the two sides during finance minister Rajapaksa's visit to India last December.

7.) Which space agency rolls out its mega moon rocket ?

किस अंतरिक्ष एजेंसी ने अपना मेगा मून रॉकेट लॉन्च किया?

- a) ISRO
- b) NASA
- c) JAXA
- d) ROSCOSMOS

Answer : NASA

Explanation : In a significant development, NASA is all set to roll out its massive new rocket, the Mega Moon Rocket, which will embark on its first voyage to the launchpad on Thursday (local time) ahead of a battery of tests that will pave way for its to blast off to the Moon this summer.

Dubbed the Space Launch System or SLS, the rocket will depart the Vehicle Assembly Building of the Kennedy Space Center at 5:00 pm Eastern Time (2100 GMT) and commence its 11-hour crawling journey on a transporter to the hallowed Launch Complex 39B, four miles (6.5 kilometres) away