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1.) Which of the following space agency has started developing Europa clipper spacecraft ?

निम्नलिखित में से किस अंतरिक्ष एजेंसी ने यूरोपा क्लिपर अंतरिक्ष यान का विकास शुरू किया है?

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

Answer : NASA

Explanation : NASA has selected Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX) of Hawthorne, California, to provide launch services for Earth's first mission to conduct detailed investigations of Jupiter's moon Europa.

The Europa Clipper mission will launch in October 2024 on a Falcon Heavy rocket from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The total contract award amount for launch services is approximately \$178 million.

Europa Clipper will conduct a detailed survey of Europa and use a sophisticated suite of science instruments to investigate whether the icy moon has conditions suitable for life. Key mission objectives are to produce high-resolution images of Europa's surface, determine its composition, look for signs of recent or ongoing geological activity, measure the thickness of the moon's icy shell, search for subsurface lakes, and determine the depth and salinity of Europa's ocean.

2.) Which of the following interact with beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana and owners of Janaushadhi Kendres ?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन प्रधानमंत्री भारतीय जनऔषधि परियोजना के लाभार्थियों और जनऔषधि केंद्रों के मालिकों के साथ बातचीत करता है?

- a) Piyush Goyal
- b) Amit Shah
- c) Narendra Modi
- d) Jitendra Singh

Answer : Narendra Modi

Explanation : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana and the owners of Janaushadhi Kendras on the occasion of Jan Aushadhi Diwas today via video conferencing. The interaction will be followed by the address of the Prime Minister on the occasion.

The theme of the event is – Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi. Jan Aushadhi Diwas is celebrated every year on 7th March with a view to propagate achievements of the scheme and create awareness about its benefits. Interacting with the beneficiaries last year, Mr Modi had highlighted the benefits of the scheme.

Jan Aushadhi week is also being celebrated across the country from 1st March to generate awareness about the usage of generic medicines and benefits of Janaushadhi Pariyojana. In this week, various events such as Jan Aushadhi Sankalp Yatra, Matri Shakti Samman, Jan Aushadhi Bal Mitra, Jan Aushadhi Jan Jagran Abhiyan, Aao Jan Aushadhi Mitra Baney and Jan Aushadhi Jan Arogya Mela have been organised.

The Government has set a target to increase the number of Janaushadhi Kendras to 10 thousand 500 by the end of March 2025. The product basket of the scheme comprises one thousand 451 drugs and 240 surgical instruments.

Besides, new medicines and nutraceuticals products like protein powder, immunity bar, sanitizer, masks, glucometer and oximeter have also been launched.

3.) Which edition of Sri Lanka – India naval exercise SLINEX to begin ?

श्रीलंका-भारत नौसैनिक अभ्यास SLINEX का कौन सा संस्करण शुरू होगा?

- a) Sixth
- b) Ninth
- c) Fourth
- d) Seventh

Answer : Ninth

Explanation : The ninth edition of Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise SLINEX will begin today in Visakhapatnam. The exercise will be conducted in two phases-the harbour phase at Visakhapatnam on March 7 and 8, followed by the sea phase on March 9 and 10 in the Bay of Bengal.

Sri Lankan Navy will be represented by SLNS Sayurala, an advanced offshore patrol vessel and the Indian Navy by INS Kirch, a guided missile corvette.

Other participants from the Indian Navy include INS Jyoti, a Fleet support tanker, Advanced Light Helicopter(ALH), Seaking and Chetak Helicopters and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft. The previous edition of SLINEX was conducted off Trincomalee in October 2020.

SLINEX aims to enhance inter-operability, improve mutual understanding and exchange best practices and procedures for multi-faceted maritime operations between both navies. The Harbour Phase would include professional, cultural, sporting and social exchanges.

SLINEX exemplifies the deep maritime engagement between India and Sri Lanka and has grown in scope over the years to strengthen mutual cooperation, in consonance with India's policy of 'Neighbourhood First' and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)'.

4.) Recently which country calls for Russia and Belarus to lose IMF and World Bank membership ?

हाल ही में किस देश ने रूस और बेलारूस को आईएमएफ और विश्व बैंक की सदस्यता खोने का आह्वान किया?

- a) China
- b) Poland
- c) UK
- d) Ukraine

Answer : Ukraine

Explanation : Ukraine Prime Minister Denys Shmygal on Sunday said he had signed a formal request to foreign governments including the United States for termination of Russia and Belarus's memberships of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

"These two countries violated their obligations and directed their policies towards war," he said in a statement

5.) Recently which state government approves 48 Industrial projects worth Rs 2062 crore ?

हाल ही में किस राज्य सरकार ने 2062 करोड़ रुपये की 48 औद्योगिक परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दी है?

- a) Kerala
- b) Odisha
- c) Tamil Nadu

d) Karnataka

Answer : Karnataka

Explanation : The Karnataka government has approved 48 industrial projects worth Rs 2,062 crore that would provide jobs for over 6,393 people in the state.

The clearance for the projects was given at the State Level Single Window Clearance Committee (SLSWCC) meeting chaired by Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani on Saturday.

According to Nirani, the panel has considered and approved seven important large and medium size industrial projects worth Rs 1,275.67 crore, which are expected to create employment opportunities for 3,181 people in the state. Also, at the SLSWCC meeting, 40 new projects each with investment of more than Rs 15 crores and less than Rs 50 crore were cleared. These projects valued at Rs 724.87 crore would generate 3,212 jobs, the minister noted on Sunday. A total of 48 projects with investments of Rs 2,062.21 crore with employment potential for 6,393 people were cleared.

6.) Recently which country recruiting Syrian fighters to capture Kyiv ?

हाल ही में किस देश ने कीव पर कब्जा करने के लिए सीरियाई लड़ाकों की भर्ती की?

a) Russia

b) USA

c) France

d) China

Answer : Russia

Explanation : Vladimir Putin is now interested in Syrians who are experienced in urban fighting so that Russian forces can take control over Ukrainian cities, including the capital Kyiv. Quoting US officials, the Wall Street Journal reported that some Syrians are already in Russia preparing for a fresh attack, while more are on their way, as the fight between the Russian and the Ukrainian troops are going on for 12 days now.

Russia has been operating in Syria since 2015 to help the Syrian government fight in the civil war. Now, Moscow is hoping that the expertise of the Syrians in urban combat can help take Kyiv, the Wall Street Journal report said, quoting four American officials. "The move points to a potential escalation of fighting in Ukraine," the report said.

7.) International women day is observed on which date ?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- a) 6 March
- b) 7 March
- c) 8 March
- d) 9 March

Answer : 8 March

Explanation : Each year, International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8.

According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, International Women's Day first emerged from the activities of labour movements at the turn of the twentieth century across North America and Europe. UNESCO states, "The first National Woman's Day was observed in the United States on February 28 1909, which the Socialist Party of America dedicated in honour of the 1908 garment workers' strike in New York where women protested against harsh working conditions

The United Nation's theme for this year's observance is "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" in recognition and celebration of the women and girls who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation and response and to honour their leadership and contribution towards a sustainable future.

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