

1. Which country has proposed retaliatory trade action against India for imposing Equalisation levy on e-commerce companies?

- A) Russia
- B) USA ☒
- C) China
- D) UK



- ✓ The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has proposed retaliatory trade actions against India and some other countries for imposing Equalisation levy on e-commerce companies.
- ✓ In June 2020, the US initiated an investigation under Section 301 of the US Trade Act, 1974 against the taxation on the digital services or the Equalisation levy by India, Italy, Turkey, UK, Spain and Austria.

2. The International Theatre Institute (ITI), the world's largest performing arts organization, is headquartered in which city?

- A) Rome
- B) Paris ☒
- C) Geneva
- D) Moscow



- ✓ The International Theatre Institute (ITI) is the world's largest performing arts organization. It was founded in 1948 by theatre and dance experts and the UNESCO. World Theatre Day is celebrated annually on March 27<sup>th</sup> by the centres of ITI and the theatre community across the world.
- ✓ On the same date in 1962, the "Theatre of Nations" season was inaugurated in Paris.

3. As per the recent report of the IUCN, what is the status of the smaller, lighter African forest elephant?

- A) Near Threatened
- B) Vulnerable
- C) Endangered
- D) Critically Endangered ☒



- ✓ The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) released its new assessment recently. It highlighted the pressures faced by the two species of elephants in Africa due to poaching for ivory and human encroachment.
- ✓ It announced that the Savanna elephant was "endangered" and the much smaller, lighter forest elephant was "critically endangered".

4. HEAL-COVID, which was making news recently, is a nation-wide trial to be implemented in which country?

- A) USA
- B) UK ☒
- C) Russia
- D) Taiwan



- ✓ The United Kingdom is set to launch HEAL-COVID (Helping to Alleviate the Longer-term consequences of COVID-19), a national drug trial. The trials would test the selection of safe, existing drugs already available in the market on patients across the country, in order to find effective treatments. The trial aims to find drugs to reduce deaths and hospital readmissions among patients.

5. Who was Kamalesh Chandra Chakrabarty, whose name is in news recently?

- A) Former CMD of SBI
- B) Former Deputy Governor of RBI ☒
- C) Former Chief Vigilance Commissioner
- D) Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court



- ✓ Reserve Bank of India's former Deputy Governor Kamalesh Chandra Chakrabarty passed away recently after suffering a heart attack. He was 68 years old.
- ✓ He also served as the Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab National Bank (2007-2009) and Indian Bank (2005-2007).

6. Which armed force has decided to employ retired combat dogs as 'therapy dogs'?

- A) Indian Army
- B) Indian Navy
- C) Indo-Tibetan Border Police ☒
- D) Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ The Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has decided to utilise the services of retired combat canines / dogs as 'therapy dogs'. They would help early recovery of personnel undergoing medical treatment. Also, they are to be used in treatment of the soldier's specially abled children. This is the first time in India, that retired canine elements are being used to serve the soldiers.

7. Where is the Indo-South Korean friendship park constructed?

- A) Seoul
- B) Chennai
- C) Beijing
- D) New Delhi ☒



- ✓ The Indo-South Korean friendship park has been constructed in New Delhi - Cantonment. It has been built to commemorate the contribution of Indian peacekeeping force during the Korean war of 1950-53. The park was jointly inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister of National Defence of South Korea Suh Wook.

8. The Indian Prime Minister launched the 'Swarna Jayanti' scholarships for the youth of which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Bangladesh ☒
- C) Nepal
- D) Myanmar



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi is on a 2-day official visit to Bangladesh as a part of National Day celebrations in Bangladesh. He has announced the 'Swarna Jayanti' scholarships for the youth of Bangladesh to mark half a century long ties between the two countries. PM has invited 50 entrepreneurs of Bangladesh to visit India and to join India's start-up and innovation ecosystem.

9. As per the World Development Report, what is the percentage of low-income countries had an open-data policy?

- A) 5%
- B) 11% ☒
- C) 22%
- D) 33%

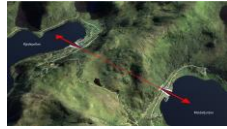
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- ✓ As per the recent World Development Report by the World Bank, most countries have not implemented the open-data policy, particularly the developing economies. Only 11% low-income countries consistently made their data available with an open license.
- ✓ The percentage in lower-middle-income countries was 19%; for upper-middle-income countries is 22% and high-income countries at 44 %.

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10. The world's first ship tunnel is being constructed in which country?

- A) Poland
- B) Norway ☒
- C) France
- D) Zimbabwe



- ✓ Norway has recently got the approval to construct what's being claimed as the world's first ship tunnel, to help vessels navigate the Stadhavet Sea. It is to be constructed as a mile-long 118-feet-wide tunnel, that will burrow through the Stadhavet peninsula in north-west Norway.
- ✓ This project will cost around 2.8 billion Norwegian kroner (USD 330 million) and will take between three to four years.