

1. India held the inaugural meeting of the Counter–Narcotics Working Group with which country?

[A] United States of America ☒

[B] Japan

[C] Brazil

[D] Israel



- ✓ India and the United States attended the inaugural meeting of the Counter–narcotics Working Group (CNWG), in virtual mode. Indian delegation was represented by the Deputy Director General of Narcotics Control Board, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ✓ The two countries also agreed to improve their data sharing operations to fight the production, distribution, and export/import of drugs and related chemicals.

2. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is to finance USD 50 million policy–based loan for Finance Management in which state?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] West Bengal ☒

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Manila–based Asian Development Bank has signed a USD 50–million policy–based loan for the West Bengal Public Finance Management Investment Programme. The loan aims to improve financial management and operational efficiencies of the state. A centre for fiscal policy and public finance will be established along with a web–based grievance redressal system for transport corporations and urban local bodies.

3. '737 MAX', which was making news recently, is the airliner of which famous company?

[A] Air Bus

[B] Boeing ☒

[C] Qantas

[D] Emirates



- ✓ '737 MAX' is the best–selling airliner of US–based leading multi–national aerospace company Boeing. It was grounded in March 2019 after two crashes in five months killing a total of 346 people. The redesigned version of the '737 MAX' airliner has recently staged its first post–

grounding flight with media on board. It made a 45-minute flight from Texas to Oklahoma in the US. The flight's first commercial passenger flight is scheduled in the month-end of December.

**4. Which country has banned cotton imports from China citing 'slave labour'?**

[A] India

[B] United States of America ☒

[C] Russia

[D] United Kingdom



- ✓ The United States has issued an order to ban the cotton and cotton products from the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC), one of the largest producers of China. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency issued "Withhold Release Order" to increase economic pressure on the Xinjiang region. US cites the reason for the ban as 'slave labour' of detained Uighur Muslims used by China.

**5. India–Suriname Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) was held recently. Where is Suriname located?**

[A] Africa

[B] North America

[C] Europe

[D] South America ☒



- ✓ Suriname, officially the Republic of Suriname, is a small country on the north-eastern coast of South America. It was previously known as 'Dutch Guiana'. The 7<sup>th</sup> India–Suriname Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) was recently held virtually. The JCM was co-chaired by Minister of State for External Affairs, V. Muraleedharan and his counterpart in Suriname.

**6. International Civil Aviation Day is being observed on which date?**

[A] December 07 ☒

[B] December 08

[C] December 09

[D] December 10



- ✓ In 1996 the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed that 7 December was to be the International Civil Aviation Day. The day has been celebrated by the International Civil Aviation Organization since 1994 December 7, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing the Convention on

International Civil Aviation. The purpose of the day is to recognize the importance of aviation to the social and economic development of the world.

7. Armed Forces Flag Day is observed on which date?

[A] December 07 ☒

[B] December 08

[C] December 09

[D] December 10



- ✓ Armed Forces Flag Day is observed on 7 December. It is observed every year in India. The day is observed to honor the martyrs and the men of the Armed Forces who valiantly fought on the borders to safeguard India's honor. On this day, the three branches of the Armed Forces of India, the Indian Army, the Indian Air Force, and the Indian Navy, organized a variety of programmes to showcase their efforts towards national security.

8. Which is the knowledge partner of Microsoft for the India edition of the Imagine Cup 2021?

[A] National Skill Development Corporation ☒

[B] NITI Aayog

[C] myGov

[D] Doordarshan



- ✓ Microsoft India and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) have partnered for the India edition of the Microsoft Imagine Cup 2021. Imagine Cup is an annual innovation challenge held by Microsoft for students and technology enthusiasts. It aims to empower students to apply artificial intelligence and other technologies to solve the sustainability issues of the world.

9. What is the new repo rate after the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee meeting of December 2020?

[A] 4.2 percent

[B] 4.0 percent ☒

[C] 3.8 percent

[D] 3.5 percent



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held on December 4, 2020 decided to keep interest rates unchanged. The MPC has kept repo rate unchanged at 4% and maintained reverse repo rate at 3.35%. RBI also predicted a real GDP growth of -7.5% for FY21. MPC also expected that the inflation rate will remain high.

10. The CLMV Countries are the group of countries belonging to which regional organisation?

[A] ASEAN ☒

[B] Commonwealth

[C] G20

[D] G7



- ✓ **CLMV countries are Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam. They are also the members of the Association of South East Nations (ASEAN). During the Inaugural Session of the 6<sup>th</sup> India – CLMV Business Conclave 2020, India invited the CLMV countries to join the International Solar Alliance and the Resilient Supply Chain Initiative by India.**
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