

1. The Exim Bank of India has extended a USD 448–million line of credit (LOC) for infrastructure projects of which country?

[A] Chile

[B] Myanmar

[C] Uzbekistan ☒

[D] Kazakhstan



- ✓ The Export–Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has recently extended a USD 448–million line of credit (LOC) for various infrastructure projects in Uzbekistan. Extended on behalf of the Indian government, the LoC would be used in various projects in transport, water and technology sectors in the country. EXIM Bank has so far extended 266 LOCs to various countries.

2. What is the name of the initiative of India, to launch movie series for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation diplomats?

[A] CinemaSCOpe ☒

[B] IndiaSCOpe

[C] KaleidoSCOpe

[D] SCORe



- ✓ The Indian Embassy in Beijing recently launched a movie series "CinemaSCOpe", for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). Under the programme, over two dozen Indian films dubbed in Russian, will be screened on a monthly basis. The screening will continue till India's chairmanship of the SCO 'Council of Heads of State' meeting in 2023.

3. Which country has test launched the Heavy lift space rocket– 'Angara A5'?

[A] China

[B] Russia ☒

[C] Israel

[D] UAE



- ✓ Russia has successfully test–launched its heavy lift Angara A5 space rocket for the second time, the first launch having undertaken in 2014. As per the state space agency Roscosmos, these Angara rockets do not use aggressive and toxic propellants, thereby increasing environmental safety in the areas adjacent to the launch complex and in the drop zones.

4. As per FAO, more than 5 million population of which country would head into hunger in 2021?

- [A] Oman
- [B] Kenya
- [C] Somalia
- [D] Yemen ☒



- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) has stated that more than 5 million people of Yemen would head towards hunger in the year 2021. Also, FAO has estimated that more than 50,000 people in the country would be living in famine conditions by next year. Yemen has been in a civil war since 2014 and the normal life of the Arab country has been severely hurt.

5. By what name, the United Nations has declared the year 2021?

- [A] International Year of Creative Economy ☒
- [B] International Year of Pandemic Research
- [C] International Year of Peace
- [D] International Year of Vaccination



- ✓ The year 2021 has been declared as the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development, by the United Nations. This has been decided in the UN General Assembly meeting held in December 2020. The proposal was sponsored by Indonesia and was presented by a group of nations including China, India, Australia, Philippines and Thailand.

6. Which organisation has launched the "Operation Oliva"?

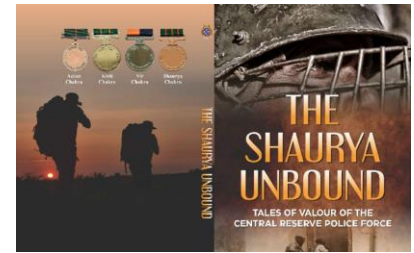
- [A] National Biodiversity Authority
- [B] Indian Coastal Guard ☒
- [C] WWF India
- [D] Indian Air Force



- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard has recently launched an operation named "Operation Oliva". This operation aims to protect the Olive Ridley turtles of the Odisha coast, which are endangered. The Coast Guard has launched two ships near the major nesting sites, to prevent entry of fishing vessels. Aircrafts of the coast guard have also been deployed as a part of this operation.

7. The book titled 'The Shaurya Unbound', which was released recently, is about which incident?

- [A] 2001 Indian Parliament Attack ☒
- [B] 2005 Delhi Blast
- [C] 2008 Mumbai Attacks
- [D] 2016 Pathankot Attack



- ✓ Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla released a book on occasion of 19th anniversary of the Indian Parliament attack. The book titled 'The Shaurya Unbound' (English Version) and 'Samundar Samawe Boond Mein' (Hindi Version) were released on the 2001 incident. As many as 14 people including the five terrorists died during the incident.

8. Which country's Prime Minister is to attend India's Republic Day parade as Chief Guest?

- [A] United States
- [B] Australia
- [C] United Kingdom ☒
- [D] New Zealand



- ✓ Britain Prime Minister Boris Johnson accepted the invitation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to be the Chief Guest at India's Republic Day celebrations on 26 January, 2021 in New Delhi. With this, Boris Johnson becomes the second UK prime minister to attend the celebrations after John Major in 1993. Moreover, UK Prime Minister has invited Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to join the UK-hosted G7 summit next year.

9. Which country has announced referendum to add climate goals in its Constitution?

- [A] France ☒
- [B] United Kingdom
- [C] New Zealand
- [D] Germany



- ✓ French President Emmanuel Macron has announced a referendum to add the efforts against climate change and the need to protect the environment in the French Constitution. Earlier, the EU leaders including Macron agreed to achieve at least 55 percent compared with 1990 levels, by 2030.

10. What is the name of the promotional activity of the India International Science Festival, which is in the news recently?

- [A] Vigyan Yatra ☒
- [B] Vigyan Parikshit
- [C] Vigyan Sammelan
- [D] Vigyan Festival



- ✓ **Vigyan Yatra is the name of the promotional activity of the India International Science Festival. Mobile science exhibition vans were flagged off from many cities as a part of the activity, to promote the culture of science among the people.**
 - ✓ **The sixth edition of the India International Science Festival to be organised from December 22 to 25 on a virtual platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**
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