

1. Which country has hosted the Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors 2021?

- A) Brazil
B) Russia
C) India ☒
D) China



- ✓ India recently hosted the Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors 2021. It was co-chaired by Union Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and RBI governor Shaktikanta Das. Finance Minister addressed the meeting virtually from New Delhi.
- ✓ Issues regarding New development bank, social infrastructure, IMF reforms, fintech for SME and financial inclusion, customs cooperation were discussed during the meeting.

2. What was the target for number of houses in the 1st phase of PMAY- Gramin?

- A) 1 Crore ☒
B) 75 Lakhs
C) 60 Lakhs
D) 50 Lakhs



- ✓ Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), 92% target of completion has been achieved in the 1st phase of the scheme. A target of 1 crore houses was set for completion in the 1st phase of the scheme- from 2016-17 to 2018-19. It aims constructing 2.95 crore PMAY-G houses with all basic amenities by the year 2021-22.

3. What amount of refinance assistance will be provided by RBI to All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs)?

- A) Rs. 5000 Crore
B) Rs. 50,000 Crore ☒
C) Rs. 5,00,000 Crore
D) Rs. 50,00,000 Crore



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to provide a sum of Rs.50,000 crore to the All-India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) namely NABARD, SIDBI and NHB. NABARD would receive Rs.25,000 crore, SIDBI would receive Rs.15,000 crore and NHB would receive a sum of Rs.10,000 crore as refinance credit facility.

4. What is "IH2A" that has been seen in the news recently?

- A) COVID 19 VACCINE
B) Meteor
C) New Plant Species
D) India H2 Alliance ☒



- ✓ "IH2A" stands for India H2 Alliance. Major global players in energy and industry have come together to form a new energy transition coalition, the India H2 Alliance (IH2A). This coalition is focused on commercialising hydrogen technologies in India to make it a net zero carbon emitter. It will work to build a hydrogen economy and supply chain in India.

5. Who was Isamu Akasaki, a Japanese Nobel Laureate who passed away recently?

- A) Scientist ☒
B) Lyricist
C) Novelist
D) Poet



- ✓ Veteran Japanese scientist Isamu Akasaki, who shared a Nobel Prize in physics for the invention of blue light-emitting diodes (LEDs), passed away recently. Akasaki was one of three Japanese-born researchers who was awarded the 2014 Nobel Prize in physics.
- ✓ He was also a recipient of 2009 Kyoto Prize, Japan's highest honor, recognizing developments in advanced technology.

6. Sri Lanka will develop the West Container Terminal at the Colombo port along with which other two countries?

- A) India and Japan ☒
B) China and Indonesia
C) Myanmar and Singapore
D) India and Singapore



- ✓ Sri Lanka will develop the West Container Terminal at the Colombo port along with India and Japan. India has nominated Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. Japan has yet to nominate a party. India and Japan will have 75% stake in WCT project.

7. Who has been appointed as the Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)?

- A) Rajiv Kumar
B) Amitabh Kant
C) Narendra Modi
D) Chintan Vaishnav ☒



- ✓ Dr Chintan Vaishnav has been appointed as the Mission director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), the flagship initiative under NITI Aayog. He will take over from Ramanathan Ramanan, who has been leading AIM as its first mission director since June 2017.
- ✓ Chintan Vaishnav is a socio-technologist who is currently serving at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), US.

8. INS Sarvekshak has been deployed in which country, for conducting joint hydrographic surveys?

- A) Maldives
B) Mauritius ☒
C) Japan
D) Vietnam



- ✓ INS Sarvekshak is a hydrographic survey ship, is on a deployment to Mauritius for conducting joint hydrographic surveys along with their Mauritian counterparts. The ship visited Port Louis, Mauritius and has started the hydrographic survey of 'Deep sea area of Port Louis'.
- ✓ The survey will also include training of Mauritian personnel on advanced hydrographic equipment and practices.

9. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of SIDBI?

- A) Rajnish Kumar
B) S Raman ☒
C) Arundhati Bhattacharya
D) R Gandhi



- ✓ The Government has appointed S Raman as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). Banks Board Bureau had recommended his name for the post and the appointment is for a period of 3 years.
- ✓ Ramann is an Indian Audit & Accounts Service officer, is currently the CEO of National e-governance Services Ltd.

10. AYUSH Ministry signed MoU with which Ministry to develop a regulatory mechanism for the use of Ayurveda in veterinary sector?

A) Ministry of Agriculture

B) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying ☒



C) Ministry of Rural Development

D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

- ✓ Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying signed an MoU with the Ministry of AYUSH. It aims to introduce the concept of Ayurveda and its allied disciplines into veterinary science. It also aims to promote research and development on new formulations in veterinary drugs.
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