

1. Which country tops the list of Investor Countries of India in 2020–21?

- A) USA  
B) China  
C) Singapore   
D) UAE



- ✓ As per the recent data released on India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow during 2020–21, Singapore is at the top with 29%, followed by the U.S.A (23%) and Mauritius (9%).
- ✓ In terms of sector, 'Computer Software & Hardware' is at the top with around 44% share of the total FDI Equity inflow followed by Construction Activities (13%) and Services Sector (8%).

2. Which institution can sanction the amalgamation of District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) with State Cooperative Banks (StCBs)?

- A) RBI   
B) NABARD  
C) Finance Ministry  
D) State Government



- ✓ The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 has been notified for the District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) with State Cooperative Banks (StCBs). The Reserve Bank is required to sanction the amalgamation these banks.
- ✓ Recently, the RBI said that it will consider amalgamation of StCBs and DCCBs, subject to many conditions, including that a proposal should be made by the state government concerned, NABARD's recommendation, additional capital infusion strategy, assurance regarding financial support etc.

3. CPEC is the flagship project of which global initiative?

- A) Global Infrastructure Connectivity Alliance  
B) Belt and Road Initiative   
C) EU Connectivity partnership  
D) Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program



- ✓ China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the flagship project of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). India has been protesting over the project, as it traverses through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). China and Pakistan recently celebrated the establishment of 70 years of their diplomatic relations. China has again defended the USD 60 billion CPEC project with Pakistan.

4. Which country has recently agreed to extend IAEA nuclear monitoring deal?

- A) UAE  
B) Israel   
C) Iran  
D) USA



- ✓ Iran has agreed to extend an agreement allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to keep surveillance cameras at nuclear sites, by one month. As per the IAEA chief Rafael Grossi, the deal would end on 24 June.

5. Who has been appointed as the Chief executive officer of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)?

- A) R Gandhi  
B) Rajesh Bansal   
C) Nandan Nilekani  
D) Urjit Patel



- ✓ The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has appointed Rajesh Bansal, a member of the founding team of Aadhaar, as its Chief executive officer. He has previously served at the RBI in various fields of technology, financial inclusion and payments systems. He also served a key role in designing India's Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) at UIDAI.

6. The Protected Planet Report is a flagship report released by which institution?

- A) FAO  
B) UNEP   
C) IUCN  
D) IMF



- ✓ Protected Planet Report is a biennial landmark publication released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- ✓ The report assesses the state of protected and conserved areas around the world. As per the Protected Planet Report 2020, the global community has made major progress towards the target on protected and conserved area coverage, but has not fulfilled on its commitments on the quality.

7. Which country has launched a consultation process for free trade talks with India?

- A) USA  
B) UK   
C) Australia  
D) France



- ✓ The United Kingdom has launched a 14-week consultation process involving business representatives to start free trade talks with India. This process comes ahead of formal launch of free trade talks expected in September-October. India is seen as a huge market for British goods like whisky, cars and services.

8. Guillermo Lasso, who was in news recently, was sworn in as the President of which country?

- A) Ecuador   
B) Zimbabwe  
C) South Africa  
D) Australia



- ✓ Conservative businessman Guillermo Lasso was sworn in as Ecuador's new President. The 65-year-old leader has sworn in at the time when the country is facing huge economic and social challenges. After being sworn in, the President appointed Simón Cueva, a 53-year-old economist, as his finance minister. Ecuador is a country located near the equator on the western coast of South America.

9. African violets, an endangered Africa-native flowering plant, has been recorded for the first time in which Indian state?

- A) Kerala  
B) Goa  
C) Mizoram   
D) Sikkim



- ✓ Scientists from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal have found the variant of the African violets in Mizoram. Named as *Didymocarpus vickifunkiae*, the endangered species has been recorded scientifically for the first time in India. African violets, native to Tanzania and Kenya, are epiphytes, that grows on trees and produces light pink flowers during the monsoons.
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10. Mekedatu Dam, which was making news recently, is located in which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Kerala
- D) Telangana



- ✓ The National Green Tribunal has set up a committee to submit a report on alleged violation of norms in the construction of a dam across the Cauvery River at Mekedatu, in Karnataka.
  - ✓ Karnataka earlier proposed to construct the dam in the area and the proposal was deferred by the Cauvery Water Management Authority twice. Tamil Nadu Government had expressed its strong opposition citing the pendency of case before the Supreme Court.
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