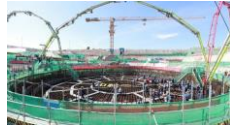


1. Which country is building LingLong One, the world's 1st commercial small modular reactor?

- A) China
 B) Japan
 C) Russia
 D) South Korea



- ✓ China has officially begun the construction of the world's first commercial modular small reactor 'Linglong One' at its Changjiang Nuclear Power Plant. Once completed, the generation capacity of the small modular reactor can reach 1 billion kilowatt hours.
- ✓ This is expected to cater to more than 5 lakh households in China. This multipurpose small modular reactor was the first to be approved by the International Atomic Energy Agency in 2016.

2. When is World Malala Day celebrated every year?

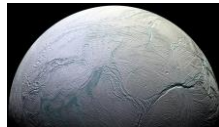
- A) July.4
 B) July.8
 C) July.10
 D) July.12



- ✓ The United Nations declared July 12, Malala's birthday, as World Malala Day in honour of the young education activist from Pakistan. In 2012, Malala was shot at by Taliban insurgents while she was on her way to school. This day is observed to make an appeal to world leaders, to ensure compulsory and free education for every child in their country.

3. Enceladus is the moon of which planet?

- A) Saturn
 B) Jupiter
 C) Venus
 D) Neptune



- ✓ Enceladus is the sixth-largest moon of Saturn. NASA's Cassini spacecraft has recently detected an unusually high concentration of methane, along with carbon dioxide and dihydrogen, in the moons of Saturn. The spacecraft has found that Titan, another moon of Saturn has methane in its atmosphere and Enceladus has a liquid ocean with gas and water. Researchers assume that there may be methane-producing processes on Enceladus.

4. Coconut Development Board is a statutory body established under which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
 B) Ministry of Agriculture
 C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 D) Ministry of MSME



- ✓ Coconut Development Board is a statutory body established under the Ministry of Agriculture, for the integrated development of coconut and coconut-related products. The Union Cabinet has approved the amendment in the Coconut Development Board Act, 1979, to make the post of chairman non-executive. Centre will nominate six members in the board from the current practice of four members from four states.

5. What is the duration of the 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund' scheme?

- A) 1 year
 B) 10 years
 C) 20 years
 D) 25 years



- ✓ The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund scheme launched by the Government of India, is a medium – long term debt financing facility aimed to enhance the post gravest infra in India. The duration of this scheme is 10 years from FY2020 to FY2029.
- ✓ The Union cabinet headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved some changes in this scheme, in terms of eligibility, location of the units, interest subvention etc.

6. Which state has witnessed a rise in cases of Zika virus infection?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
 B) Punjab
 C) Haryana
 D) Kerala



- ✓ The count of persons infected with the Zika virus in the state of Kerala has been on the rise. The infection is a viral disease spread through mosquito bites from one person to another. It is said that in most cases, it is asymptomatic, but sometimes it can lead to paralysis.
- ✓ The neighbouring states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have intensified their checks at inter-state borders to prevent the infection from spreading.

7. Which member country of BRICS proposed the STI-led BRICS Innovation Cooperation Action Plan (2021–24)?

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



- ✓ India had proposed the Science, Technology Innovation- led BRICS Innovation Cooperation Action Plan (2021–24). Recently, during the 12th meeting of the BRICS S&T Steering Committee, hosted by the Department of Science and Technology, all BRICS countries agreed to the STI-led Action Plan.
- ✓ It enables sharing of experiences of each other's innovation ecosystem and networking of innovators and entrepreneurs.

8. Which country has exported apples to India, for the first time on 50 years?

- A) China
 B) Israel
 C) UK
 D) Australia



- ✓ The United Kingdom has exported apples to India for the first time in over 50 years. This is seen as a sign of the UK-India Enhanced Trade Partnership. The Enhanced Trade Partnership was agreed by British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Prime Minister Narendra Modi during their virtual summit in May.
- ✓ After that, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal signed the agreement, setting a target to double UK-India bilateral trade by 2030.

9. Who is the first Managing Director of the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd?

- A) K V Kamath
 B) Shyam Srinivasan
 C) Padmakumar Madhavan
 D) M K Jain



- ✓ India has formally set up a bad bank, registered as the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. has been registered in Mumbai with a paid-up capital of ₹74.6 crore (\$10 million). Padmakumar Madhavan Nair has been appointed as the Managing Director.
- ✓ He had earlier handled stressed assets resolution in the SBI. Sunil Mehta, CEO of the Indian Banks' Association, will be a director. Initially, public sector banks will transfer 22 bad loan accounts worth ₹89,000 crore to NARCL.

10. Which is the first Indian state/UT to achieve 100% first dose coverage, for Covid-19?

- A) Goa
- B) Ladakh
- C) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- D) Puducherry



- ✓ The Administration of UT of Ladakh has achieved 100 per cent vaccination with the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine to all its eligible population, i.e., people above 18 years.
- ✓ The UT Administration has given the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine to all beneficiaries, by covering all Health Care Workers, Front line Workers, all those in the age group of above 45 and 18 to 45. India's vaccination drive has crossed 38 Crore mark of administered doses, as on July 14, 2021.