

1. India has applied for a USD 2 billion loan to purchase COVID-19 vaccines, from which institutions?

- A) World Bank
 B) ADB-AIIB
 C) BRICS Bank
 D) IMF



- ✓ India has applied a USD 2 billion loan to purchase COVID-19 vaccines, from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) along with the Asian Development (ADB). Manila-based ADB is expected to finance USD 1.5 billion and Beijing-based AIIB is considering to provide USD 500 million. About 667 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were expected to be procured through the loan.

2. India and which country agreed to explore green hydrogen, set up renewable energy corridors, and projects in natural gas sector?

- A) USA
 B) Germany
 C) Italy
 D) Russia



- ✓ India and Italy have agreed to explore development of green hydrogen, set up renewable energy corridors, and projects in the natural gas sector. A joint statement was issued after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held the first in-person meeting with his Italian counterpart Mario Draghi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rome. The Action Plan for an enhanced Partnership between India and Italy (2020-2024) was signed in 2020.

3. 'Don't Choose Extinction' is a campaign recently launched by which institution?

- A) UNDP
 B) UNEP
 C) FAO
 D) WWF



- ✓ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), recently launched its video campaign titled 'Don't Choose Extinction'. It announced 'Frankie the Dino', a dinosaur as their mascot to urge everyone on highlighting global actions against climate change. Along with the campaign video, the agency also launched a website 'Don't Choose Extinction' to support the initiative and created a Twitter account for Frankie.

4. Which country is currently excavating the ancient kingdoms of Dadan and Lihyan?

- A) Saudi Arabia
 B) Nepal
 C) Bangladesh
 D) Israel



- ✓ Archaeologists in Saudi Arabia are carrying out excavations of the ancient kingdoms of Dadan and Lihyan, across five sites. The kingdoms were important regional powers that flourished 2,000 years ago. The project is a Saudi-French partnership.

5. The "Panchamrita concoction" is associated with?

- A) Climate Change
 B) Infrastructure Development
 C) Port Construction
 D) Bilateral relations between India and Bhutan



- ✓ Panchamrita concoction is a five-fold strategy proposed by the Prime Minister of India at the 26th Conference of Parties (CoP26) held at Glasgow. The strategy would help the world achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
 ✓ The Panchamrita concoction includes 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030, 50% renewable energy capacity by 2030, reduce carbon emission by one billion tonnes by 2030, reduce the carbon intensity by 45% by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2030.

6. Which Indian state has set up first ever SPV to manage three critical natural conservation missions?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Kerala
 C) Odisha
 D) Gujarat



- ✓ Tamil Nadu has set up first ever Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company, to professionally manage three critical natural conservation missions.
 ✓ The Company will manage the Tamil Nadu Climate Change, Tamil Nadu Green and Tamil Nadu Wetlands missions. The SPV's authorised capital will be ₹5 crore and the State Environment Secretary will be the company's chairperson and MD.

7. Garud Chatti bridge, which was recently inaugurated, is located in which Indian state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Uttarakhand
 C) Madhya Pradesh
 D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi recently laid foundation stones for multiple projects. He dedicated to the Nation various development projects in Kedarnath including Garud Chatti Bridge on river Mandakini. He inaugurated Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi and unveiled the statue of Shri Adi Shankaracharya.

8. Who won the 'Padma Vibhushan 2020' award under the 'Public Affairs' category?

- A) Shinzo Abe
 B) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
 C) Sheikh Hasina
 D) K P Sharma Oli



- ✓ The Padma awards, were conferred on 119 recipients in 2021. As the ceremony to honour the awardees could not be held in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The list comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan, 10 Padma Bhushan and 102 Padma Shri awardees. Sixteen awards have been conferred posthumously. The list of awardees also includes 29 women and one trans person. Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was selected under the Public Affairs.

9. Which bank's research department released an assessment on PMJDY and reduced crimes?

- A) RBI
 B) SBI
 C) PNB
 D) Canara Bank



- ✓ As per the State Bank of India's economic research department, States with higher Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) account balances have seen a noticeable decline in crime.

- ✓ The department also observed that there is both statistically and economically significant drop in consumption of intoxicants such as alcohol and tobacco products in such states.
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10. "Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules" has been approved by the cabinet of which Indian state?

- A) Kerala
B) Assam
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Punjab



- ✓ The Cabinet of Punjab has given approval to the "Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Rules-2021", which aims to develop Punjab as a standard potato seed center. This is expected to boost potato cultivation in the state. With these rules, Punjab will be the very first state in the country to have the facility of tissue culture-based certification.
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