

1. KSLV-II Nuri rocket, is the first domestically produced space launch vehicle of which country?

- A) South Korea ☒
- B) Israel
- C) UAE
- D) Bangladesh



- ✓ South Korea's first domestically produced space launch vehicle KSLV-II Nuri rocket failed due to a loose helium tank. All the three stages of the rocket worked, taking it to a height of 700 kilometres, and the 1.5-tonne payload separated successfully. The mission failed as the third-stage engine stopped burning 46 seconds earlier than schedule.

2. Which country launched the 'Better Health Smoke-Free' campaign?

- A) Australia
- B) UK ☒
- C) India
- D) France



- ✓ The UK government has launched a new initiative named 'Better Health Smoke-Free' campaign, which highlights the impact of adult smokers on younger people. The campaign has urged the smokers to quit smoking. As per the data released by the campaign, 4.9 per cent of teenagers whose parents smoke have also adopted the habit. New Zealand has also set goals to go smoke-free by 2030.

3. 'Financial Stability Report (FSR)' is the flagship report released by which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Reserve Bank of India ☒
- C) World Bank
- D) Asian Development Bank



- ✓ 'Financial Stability Report (FSR)' is a half-yearly report released by the 'Reserve Bank of India'. The recent edition of the report was released by RBI. As per the report, the retail-led credit growth model in India is beginning to face issues due to two factors, increase in defaults in the consumer finance portfolio and slowdown in the new credit segment.

4. Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah is the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Bahrain
- B) Kuwait ☒
- C) Oman
- D) Saudi Arabia



- ✓ Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah is the Prime Minister of Kuwait. Kuwait has recently formed a new cabinet with a new finance minister and three opposition legislators. The cabinet has only one female minister. It includes three opposition MPs and one pro-government lawmaker.

5. Which country is the new member of the BRICS New Development Bank?

- A) Italy
- B) Egypt ☒
- C) Israel
- D) Bangladesh



- ✓ The BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) announced that it will add Egypt as its new member. NDB was established by BRICS nations, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, in the year 2015.
- ✓ Egypt is the fourth new member admitted into NDB, after Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Uruguay. Marcos Troyjo is the President of the NDB.

6. Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Power ☒
- B) Ministry of Atomic Energy
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Coal



- ✓ The Government of India has approved the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) to improve the efficiencies of DISCOMs by providing financial assistance. Two PSUs-REC and PFC have been nominated as nodal agencies for implementing the scheme. Assam and Meghalaya have been recently announced as frontrunners for Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

7. "Airgun Surrender Abhiyan", is being implemented in which state/UT?

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- C) Assam
- D) West Bengal



- ✓ 'Airgun Surrender Abhiyan' is being implemented in Arunachal Pradesh. Under the programme, people are voluntarily surrendering their airguns to stop indiscriminate hunting of birds. PM Narendra Modi recently appreciated about the Airgun Surrender Abhiyan.

8. HDFC Bank has tied up with which bank, to expand its banking services to semi-urban and rural areas?

- A) India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) ☒
- B) Kerala Gramin Bank
- C) Tamil Nadu Grama Bank
- D) South Indian Bank



- ✓ HDFC Bank has tied up with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to offer its banking services to the unbanked segments in semi-urban and rural areas. An MoU was signed between HDFC Bank and IPPB to cater to the 4.7 crore customer base of IPPB, by providing access to finance. About 90 per cent of IPPB customers reside in rural areas.

9. India is set to chair the counter-terrorism committee at UNSC in which year?

- A) 2022 ☒
- B) 2023
- C) 2024
- D) 2025



- ✓ India is set to chair the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) during the year 2022. India had earlier chaired this committee in 2012. In this tenure, India also chairs the Taliban Sanctions Committee. India is set to chair the 15-nation council for two years.

10. What is the expansion of 'FFV-SHEV', related to the recent guidelines of Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry?

- A) Flex Fibre Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles
- B) Flex Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles ☒
- C) Flex Fibre Substitute Hybrid Electric Vehicles
- D) Flex Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles



- ✓ Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry has released guidelines regarding Flex Fuel Vehicles (FFV) and Flex Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV). The Automobile Manufacturers are advised to manufacture the vehicles complying with BS-6 Norms within a period of six months.
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