

1. Which is the first Indian scheduled commercial bank to issue public Formosa USD bonds?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) State Bank of India ☒
- C) Canara Bank
- D) HDFC Bank



- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) has raised \$300 million through "Regulation S" Formosa Bonds for five years. It is the first Indian scheduled commercial bank to issue public Formosa Bonds. The bonds have been benchmarked against five-year US Treasury notes.

2. India recently granted \$900 mn loan to which country to tackle forex crisis?

- A) Nepal
- B) Sri Lanka ☒
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Venezuela



- ✓ India has announced a USD 900 million loan to Sri Lanka to build up its depleted foreign reserves and for food imports, Sri Lanka is also negotiating a USD one billion loan from India to import goods from the country. There has been a shortage of almost all essential commodities in the island nation, due to a shortage of dollars to pay for the imports.

3. As of January 2022, what is the minimum number of airbags compulsory for vehicles carrying up to eight passengers?

- A) One
- B) Two ☒
- C) Four
- D) Six



- ✓ A driver airbag was made compulsory for all passenger vehicles since July 1, 2019. Dual airbags (driver and passenger in front row) became mandatory on all vehicles from January 2022. Road Transport ministry recently approved a draft notification to make a minimum of six airbags compulsory for vehicles carrying up to eight passengers. The aim is to minimise the impact of "frontal and lateral collisions".

4. When is the 'Army Day' observed every year in India?

- A) January 15 ☒
- B) January 20
- C) January 25
- D) January 30



- ✓ January 15 has been celebrated as Army Day every year, to mark the day General KM Cariappa (who later became Field Marshal) took over as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from Gen F R Roy Bucher.

5. Which country has organised the 'Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation'?

- A) India
- B) Malaysia ☒
- C) UK
- D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ Government of Malaysia and Global Tiger Forum (GTF) jointly organised the 4th Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation. India's Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Bhupender Yadav delivered India's statement at the Conference on Tiger Conservation.

- ✓ India will facilitate Tiger Range Countries towards finalisation of New Delhi declaration for Global Tiger Summit to be held in Russia.

6. Which Union Ministry launched the "Koyla Darpan" portal?

- A) Ministry of Steel
- B) Ministry of Coal ☒
- C) Ministry of Power
- D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ Union Ministry of Coal launched the "Koyla Darpan" portal, to Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) related to the Coal Sector. At present, the portal has 9 KPIs including Coal/Lignite Production, Status of Coal Stock in Thermal Power Plants, Infrastructure Projects, Allocation of Blocks, Monitoring of Major Coal Mines and Coal Price.

7. Ayesha Malik became the first-ever woman judge of the Supreme Court of which country?

- A) Israel
- B) Pakistan ☒
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Bangladesh



- ✓ High Court Justice Ayesha Malik has been appointed as Pakistan's first-ever woman judge of the Supreme Court. Pakistan President Arif Alvi gave his approval to the elevation of the Judge, who was serving as Lahore High Court Justice since 2012. She will now work as a Supreme Court Judge until her superannuation in June 2031.

8. Repos, one of the winners of the National Startup Award 2021, is associated with which field?

- A) Energy Distribution ☒
- B) Health Innovation
- C) Fintech
- D) Skill Development



- ✓ Ministry of Commerce and Industry named the top 46 Indian startups and presented them National Startup Award 2021. 150 entrepreneurs presented their policy recommendations at the virtual gathering presided by PM Narendra Modi.
- ✓ Pune-based Repos won this award in the Energy distribution category, for their door-to-door delivery of fuel.

9. Where is India's first BHEL-built 'coal to methanol' pilot plant located?

- A) Chennai
- B) Mumbai
- C) Hyderabad ☒
- D) Kochi



- ✓ Union Minister for Heavy Industries Mahendra Nath Pandey inaugurated India's first BHEL-built 'coal to methanol' (CTM) pilot plant at Hyderabad. This 0.25 TPD (tonnes per day) capacity CTM pilot plant has been indigenously designed, developed and installed by BHEL. It is producing methanol with purity of more than 99 per cent from high-ash Indian coal.

10. Who is the first Indian to win an Indian Open men's singles title on debut?

- A) K Srikanth
- B) Lakshya Sen ☒
- C) P Kashyap
- D) Sai Praneeth



- ✓ Lakshya Sen became the first Indian to win an Indian Open men's singles title on debut as he defeated the reigning world champion Loh Kean Yew in the final. This is Lakshya's first Super 500 title on the BWF tour. He had earlier won bronze in the 2021 World Championships.
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