

1. India has recently come out with easing the rules for storage of which hazardous chemical?

- A) Sodium Chloride
 B) Nitric Acid
 C) Sulphuric Acid
 D) Ammonium nitrate and Calcium carbide



- ✓ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India has revised and eased the rules pertaining to storage and handling of ammonium nitrate and calcium carbide, for improved safety. This revision comes at the backdrop of the deadly Beirut (capital of Lebanon) explosion which occurred due to storage of 3,000 tons of ammonium nitrate at the port for 6 years.

2. Which Bank has committed a sum of Rs.30,000 crore lending in India, towards sustainable financing till FY 2026?

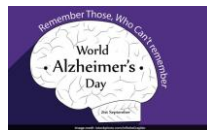
- A) State Bank of India
 B) Axis Bank
 C) ICICI Bank
 D) Union Bank of India



- ✓ India's leading private sector Bank – Axis Bank, has committed a sum of Rs.30,000 crore for lending to sustainable financing till the financial year 2025–26, which is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.
 ✓ This commitment is intended to assist India to reach the SDG targets by 2030. The Bank intends to make wholesale lending to Sustainable Development projects which would have positive social and environmental impact.

3. When is the 'World Alzheimer's Day' observed every year?

- A) September 20
 B) September 21
 C) September 22
 D) September 23



- ✓ Every year, 21st September is observed as World Alzheimer's Day. This day aims to raise awareness about the Alzheimer's disease, its causes, symptoms and the ways to handle it. Alzheimer's disease is a brain condition which retards memory and cognitive abilities of the affected person. It is the most frequent cause of dementia in older individuals, which may cause brain cells to weaken and die.

4. NDEAR and NETF, which were seen in the news recently, are initiatives associated with which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Power
 B) Ministry of Education
 C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 D) Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan held a meeting on 'Universalisation of quality education through digital education'.
 ✓ The discussion focussed on using satellite technology and internet to develop an integrated digital ecosystem. The meeting also called for strengthening the existing Swayam Prabha Initiative and coordinate initiatives like National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR) and National Educational Technology Forum (NETF). They were announced in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

5. Where is the headquarters of the G-24 intergovernmental association located?

- A) Washington D.C
 B) Geneva
 C) Paris
 D) Rome



- ✓ The Intergovernmental Group of 24 on International Monetary Affairs and Development, or the Group of 24 was established in 1971 at Lima, Peru. It is headquartered at Washington D.C.
 ✓ It is a chapter of G-77, to coordinate developing countries on monetary and development finance issues. India, along with other Group of 24 (G24) member countries, has objected to the withdrawal of measures like the Equalisation levy (EL). India is worried that the proposed global digital tax deal covering only top 100 companies may not lead to sufficient revenue for developing countries.

6. 'Doing Business' report was the flagship publication of which institution?

- A) IMF
 B) World Bank
 C) WTO
 D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ 'Doing Business' report was the flagship publication of the World Bank. After data irregularities were reported internally, on Doing Business reports of 2018 & 2020, World Bank management paused the next Doing Business report.
 ✓ International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has also been cited by the World Bank in the probe.

7. What is the expected Growth rate of India for FY21, as per the recent estimate of ADB?

- A) 14%
 B) 12%
 C) 10%
 D) 8%



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank slashed India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast to 10% for FY21, down from 11% projected in April. The reason for the rate cut is the disruptions due to the second Covid wave. Growth projection for FY22 is raised to 7.5% from 7% forecast earlier.
 ✓ The Second wave disruptions have adversely impacted services, domestic consumption, and the urban informal sector. The economy is projected to rebound in the last three quarters of FY2021.

8. SECMOL, India's highest altitude educational organisation, is located in which state/UT?

- A) Sikkim
 B) Ladakh
 C) Uttarakhand
 D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ The Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL) has become the first-of-its-kind institute in the Union Territory of Ladakh to have an internet connection using Light Fidelity (LiFi) technology. SECMOL is India's highest altitude educational organisation. Li-Fi systems provide ultra-fast data connections.

9. Which organization has developed an indigenous charger for electric vehicles named AC001?

- A) DRDO
- B) ISRO
- C) ARAI
- D) CSIR



- ✓ The Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) has designed and developed indigenously, a charger for electric vehicles, named AC001. This is taken up for large scale manufacturing by Bharat Electronics. Presently most of the charging components for electric vehicles are imported. The indigenous development & manufacturing of these components would boost electric mobility in India.
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10. Which tech initiative of India has bagged CIPS Excellence in Procurement Awards 2021, under the "Best Use of Digital Technology" category?

- A) SDG Dashboard
- B) GeM
- C) Champions Portal
- D) GST Portal



- ✓ The Government of India's Government e Marketplace (GeM) initiative has been adjudged as the winner of CIPS Excellence in Procurement Awards 2021, under the "Best Use of Digital Technology" category. The award ceremony was held in London, UK. GeM is a dedicated online marketplace for procurement of goods and services by Govt. Government Organisations, Departments and PSUs.
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