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1. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the attachment of property?

A. Under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), proceeds of crime money generated out of a criminal activity is attached on the directions of the Enforcement Directorate Director.

B. If the wealth is not available, the agency can attach property equivalent to that value.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

The attached properties include Farooq Abdullah's Gupkar Road residence in Srinagar, where he lives. They also include two other residential properties in Tangamarg and Sunjwan, apart from commercial properties on Srinagar's Residency Road. Under PMLA, proceeds of crime money generated out of a criminal activity — is attached on the directions of the ED Director. However, if that wealth is not available, the agency can attach property equivalent to that value.

- 2. Recently seen in news, Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in
- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Bihar
- D. Punjab

Explanation:

Mansukh Vasava, who represents the Bharuch parliamentary constituency wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging him to withdraw the Centre's notification classifying 121 villages around the Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary in Narmada district as eco-sensitive zones. Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area in Gujarat state, located in the western Satpura Range south of the Narmada River.

3. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Anaemia?

A. Anaemia is the condition of having a lower-than-normal number of red blood cells or quantity of haemoglobin.

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B. According to the National Family Health Survey 2019-20 Indian women and children are overwhelmingly anaemic and the condition is the most prevalent in the Himalayan cold desert.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

According to the National Family Health Survey 2019-20 released, Indian women and children are overwhelmingly anaemic and the condition is the most prevalent in the Himalayan cold desert. Anaemia is the condition of having a lower-than-normal number of red blood cells or quantity of haemoglobin.

4. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Light House Projects (LHPs)?

A. It launched under Global Housing Technology Challenge-India (GHTC-India) at six sites across six States on 1st January 2021.

B. The LHPs are being constructed at Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Rajkot (Gujarat), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Agartala (Tripura) and Patna (Bihar).

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Light House Projects (LHPs) at six sites across six states in the country on January 1, 2021. The Light House Projects (LHPs) showcase the best of new-age alternate global technologies, materials and processes in the construction sector for the first time in the country at such a large scale. The LHPs are being constructed at Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Rajkot (Gujarat), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Agartala (Tripura) and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).

5. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Affordable Sustainable Housing Accelerators - India (ASHA-India)?

A. It aims to promote domestic research and entrepreneurship by providing incubation and acceleration support to potential future technologies.

B. Under ASHA-India initiative, five ASHA-India Centers have been set up for providing incubation and acceleration support.

C. Both A & B

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D. None of these

Explanation:

Prime Minister Modi has announced winners under Affordable Sustainable Housing Accelerators - India (ASHA-India) and gave out annual awards for excellence in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) Mission on 1st January 2021. Affordable Sustainable Housing Accelerators - India (ASHA-India) aims to promote domestic research and entrepreneurship by providing incubation and acceleration support to potential future technologies. Under ASHA-India initiative, five ASHA-India Centers have been set up for providing incubation and acceleration support.

6. India recently signed a MoU on Cooperation in the peaceful users of outer space with which of the following country?

- A. Nepal
- B. Bhutan
- C. Maldives
- D. Myanmar

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bhutan on cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space. This MoU shall enable India and Bhutan to pursue cooperation in potential interest areas, such as remote sensing of the earth; satellite communication and satellite based navigation; Space science and planetary exploration; use of spacecraft and space systems and ground system; and application of space technology.

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Argentina's law on abortion?

A. Argentina's Congress legalised abortions up to the 14th week of pregnancy.

B. Prior to the passing of the bill, abortions were only permitted in cases of rape or when the woman's health was at serious risk.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

Argentina's Congress legalised abortions up to the 14th week of pregnancy this week, in what was a ground-breaking decision in a country that has some of the world's most restrictive abortion laws. Prior to the passing of the bill, abortions were only permitted in cases of rape or

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when the woman's health was at serious risk. Activists have been campaigning for years, calling for an overturning of this law that has been in existence since 1921.

8. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the 'SAHAYAK-NG'?

A. It is India's first indigenously designed and developed Air Dropped Container.

B. Sahayak-NG has a Satellite-based Reporting Terminal (SBRT), which provides its precise GPS location enabling the ship in distress to pick up critical stores.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) along with Indian Navy carried a successful maiden test trial of 'SAHAYAK-NG' India's first indigenously designed and developed Air Dropped Container from IL 38SD aircraft (Indian Navy) off the coast of Goa. It reduces the requirement of ships to come close to the coast to collect spares and stores. Sahayak-NG has a Satellite-based Reporting Terminal (SBRT), which provides its precise GPS location enabling the ship in distress to pick up critical stores.

- 9. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Akash Missile System?
- A. Akash is an Air to Air Missile with a range of 25 Kms.

B. Akash is country's important missile with over 96 percent indigenisation.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet gave its go-ahead to the sale of Akash surface-to-air missile systems to friendly foreign countries and created a high-powered panel for swifter approval to export of military hardware at a time India has set a target of clocking defence exports worth \$5 billion by 2024. Akash is a Surface to Air Missile with a range of 25 Kms. The missile was inducted in 2014 in IAF and in 2015 in Indian Army. Akash is country's important missile with over 96 percent indigenisation.

10. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the India-Sri Lanka meeting of Joint Working Group on Fisheries?

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A. The Fourth Meeting of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Working Group on Fisheries was held through virtual mode.

B. The meeting covered the entire gamut of issues related to fishermen and fishing boats which have been on the agenda of bilateral discussions between India and Sri Lanka for many years.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

The Fourth Meeting of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Working Group on Fisheries was held through virtual mode. The meeting covered the entire gamut of issues related to fishermen and fishing boats which have been on the agenda of bilateral discussions between India and Sri Lanka for many years.

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