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"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed."

— Mahatma Gandhi



1. RAJASTHAN'S FREE MEDICINE SCHEME GETS FIRST RANK

CONTEXT	The flagship free medicine scheme of Rajasthan government has bagged 1st position amongst 16 states, in the monthly rankings issued by the National Health Mission (NHM).
RELATED NEWS	Rajasthan Mukhyamantri Nishulk Dava Yojana was launched on 2nd October 2011, by the then Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. It provides 2 components- Free Medicines: To provide commonly-used essential medicines free of cost to patients visiting government healthcare institutions (introduced on 2nd October 2011), and Free Tests: To provide free tests (introduced on 7th April 2013).

2. SC REFERS OXYTOCIN BAN TO LARGER BENCH

CONTEXT	The final decision on whether the government can block private pharmaceutical companies from manufacturing and selling vital pregnancy drug oxytocin in India has been deferred, with the Supreme Court deciding the issue needs further deliberation.
WHAT IS OXYTOCIN ?	✓ Oxytocin, also known as the 'love hormone', is a hormone secreted by the pituitary glands of mammals during sex, childbirth, lactation or social bonding. ✓ However, it can also be chemically manufactured and is sold by pharma companies for use during childbirth. It is administered either as an injection or a nasal solution.
WHY IS IT VITAL?	✓ Oxytocin helps contract the uterus and induce delivery, control bleeding, and promote the release of breast milk. ✓ Its use is especially crucial to prevent new mothers from excessively bleeding after giving birth a common cause of maternal deaths. ✓ According to an India sample registration scheme survey conducted in 2001-2003, postpartum hemorrhage accounted for 38 per cent of maternal deaths.

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3. FATF ASIA-PACIFIC GROUP MAY BLACKLIST PAKISTAN

CONTEXT	After being greylisted at the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) plenary, Pakistan now faces being put on the "blacklist" of the FATF's Asia affiliate, the Asia-Pacific Group (APG), that will conclude its meetings in Canberra, Australia, on Friday.
ISSUES	✓ The FATF is an inter-governmental body that works to set standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system. ✓ A country is put on the grey list when it fails to curb terrorism financing and money laundering. ✓ Putting a country on the blacklist means shutting all doors to international finance for that country.

4. AMAZON BURNING: BRAZIL PRESIDENT TELLS REST OF WORLD NOT TO INTERFERE

CONTEXT	According to the data from Brazil's National Institute for Space Research (INPE), the Amazon Forests in Brazil has experienced 74,155 fires since January 2019.
AMAZON RAINFORESTS	✓ These are large tropical rainforest occupying the drainage basin of the Amazon River and its tributaries in northern South America and covering an area of 6,000,000 square km. ✓ Tropical forests are closed-canopy forests growing within 28 degrees north or south of the equator. ✓ They are very wet places, receiving more than 200 cm rainfall per year, either seasonally or throughout the year. ✓ Temperatures are uniformly high - between 20°C and 35°C. ✓ Such forests are found in Asia, Australia, Africa, South America, Central America, Mexico and on many of the Pacific Islands.

5. RUSSIA SENDS ITS FIRST HUMANOID ROBOT FEDOR INTO SPACE

CONTEXT	Russia on Thursday launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot that will spend 10 days learning to assist astronauts on the International Space Station. Named Fedor, short for Final Experimental Demonstration Object Research, the robot is the first ever sent up by Russia.
RELATED NEWS	Fedor blasted off in a Soyuz MS-14 spacecraft at 6:38 am Moscow time (0338 GMT) from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. The Soyuz is set to dock with the space station on Saturday and stay till September 7.

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1. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Mukhyamantri Nishulk Dava Yojana
- 1) The flagship free medicine scheme of Rajasthan government has bagged 1st position amongst 16 states, in the monthly rankings issued by the National Health Mission (NHM).
 - 2) Its objective is to provide commonly-used essential medicines free of cost to patients visiting government healthcare institutions
- Select the correct answer using the code below
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation: c

Reference: [1. RAJASTHAN'S FREE MEDICINE SCHEME GETS FIRST RANK](#)

2. Which of the following statement/s is/are true about oxytocin ?
- 1) Oxytocin, also known as the 'love hormone', is a hormone secreted by hypothalamus of mammals during sex, childbirth, lactation or social bonding.
 - 2) Oxytocin helps contract the uterus and induce delivery, control bleeding, and promote the release of breast milk
- Select the correct answer using the code below
- a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation: b

Reference: [2. SC REFERS OXYTOCIN BAN TO LARGER BENCH](#)

3. Which of the following statements is/are correct about FPI?
- 1) FPI consists of securities and other financial assets passively held by foreign investors.
 - 2) It provide investor with direct ownership of financial assets.

Select the correct answer using the code below

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation: A [4. NEW NORMS: ON REGULATIONS FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS](#)

It does not provide investor with direct ownership of financial assets.

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4. Which of the following statements is/are correct Amazon forest?
- 1) These are large tropical rainforest occupying the drainage basin of the Amazon River and its tributaries in northern South America and covering an area of 6,000,000 square km.
 - 2) Such forests are found in Asia, Africa only.

Select the correct answer using the code below

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation: a7. [AMAZON BURNING: BRAZIL PRESIDENT TELLS REST OF WORLD NOT TO INTERFERE](#)