

Answer: Russia

Answer Explanation: Russia, that currently holds the BRICS Presidency, hosted the meeting of the Heads of Tax Authorities of the BRICS countries.

Though the meeting was originally scheduled to be held in Moscow, owing to Covid-19 restrictions, it was held through video conferencing. The Finance Secretary of India Ajay Bhushan Pandey represented India at the meeting. Possibilities of exploring areas of cooperation in tax matters and response of tax authorities were discussed.

Question 7: Which is the smallest state of India by area, that celebrates its statehood day on May 30?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Tripura
- (d) Meghalaya

Answer: Goa

Answer Explanation: Goa is the smallest state of India, by area and the fourth-smallest state by population. It recently celebrated its statehood day on May 30.

In 1961, Indian Army invaded and annexed Goa, Daman and Diu into the Indian union, through Operation Vijay. After that, Goa along with Daman and Diu, was categorised as a centrally administered Union territory of India. On 30 May 1987, the union territory was split and Goa was made the 25th state of India and Daman and Diu remained as a UT.

Question 8: What is the name of the scheme launched by the Uttarakhand state government, to provide loans to migrant workers?

- (a) Mukhya Mantri Samriddhi Yojana
- (b) Mukhya Mantri Yatra Yojana
- (c) Mukhya Mantri Pravasi Yojana
- (d) Mukhya Mantri Swarojgar Yojana

Answer: Mukhya Mantri Swarojgar Yojana

Answer Explanation: The state government of Uttarakhand has recently launched a scheme called 'Mukhya Mantri Swarojgar Yojana', to provide loans to the migrant workers amid Covid-19 pandemic.

Under the scheme, Uttarakhand government will provide loans worth ₹25 lakh in the manufacturing sector and ₹10 lakh in the service sector. The migrant workers who are returning to the state are eligible to apply for the loans, that will be provided by nationalised banks, scheduled commercial banks and co-operative banks.

Question 9: When is International Everest Day celebrated across the world?

- (a) May 29