



South Africa was the last member country to join the BRICS in the year 2010. Other BRICS countries are Brazil, Russia, India and China. Together, these countries account for around 40 per cent of the global population and some 30 per cent of the global GDP.

192. Who recently became India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations?

- [A] T S Tirumurti
- [B] Ruchira Kamboj
- [C] Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- [D] Pooja Kapur

Answer: Ruchira Kamboj

Ruchira Kamboj recently became India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. As the UN ambassador, she will be the head of the Permanent Mission of India to the UN in New York City. She will succeed T S Tirumurti.

193. Demodex folliculorum, which was in news recently, is a__?

- [A] Mite
- [B] Dragonfly
- [C] Gecko
- [D] Wasp

Answer: Mite

Demodex folliculorum is a microscopic parasitic mite that live and reproduce on human faces. According to a new research this 0.3 mm long organism is at the risk of extinction because of inbreeding and gene loss.

194. Spitsbergen treaty, which was mentioned in news recently, recognizes Svalbard to be part of which country's territory?

- [A] Canada
- [B] Iceland
- [C] Denmark
- [D] Norway

Answer: Norway

The Spitsbergen treaty or the Svalbard Treaty recognizes sovereignty of Norway over the Arctic Archipelago of Svalbard, which is located between mainland Norway and the North Pole. It provides citizens of signatory countries the equal right to exploit the archipelago's resources. However, only two countries – Norway and Russia – have utilised this benefit.

195. Keibul Lamjao National Park, the world's only floating park, is located on the__?

- [A] Loktak Lake
- [B] Shilloi Lake
- [C] Samiti Lake
- [D] Pushkar Lake

Answer: Loktak Lake

Manipur's Keibul Lamjao National Park is the world's only floating national park. It is located on the Loktak Lake in the northeastern state of Manipur. It is the last natural habitat of the Sangai – the state animal of Manipur.