

EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Central government has decided to form a committee for the protection of the language, land, and culture of the Ladakh region and for ensuring the participation of the citizens in the Union Territory's development. The committee by the government will be headed by G Kishan Reddy, the Minister of State for Home, and will also include elected representatives from the Central government, Ladakh, Ladakh administration, and Ladakh autonomous hill development. The decision of forming the committee has been taken by the government in light of the need for the protection of Ladakh's unique cultural identity.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The government of Madhya Pradesh has launched a 'Launch Pad Scheme' for the boys and girls coming out of child care institutions and having completed 18 years of age. This scheme has been launched by the Women and Child Development Department of the state with the objective to provide a platform to these youth, through which they will be able to become self-reliant by continuing their education and training.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Right of citizens to live in safe buildings is a facet of right guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution. In other words, citizens have a right to live in safe buildings and environment, within the meaning of Article 21.

4. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Recently, Asian Waterbird Census-2020 commenced in Andhra Pradesh under the aegis of experts from the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), covering at least two dozen sites, including Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary, Kolleru Lake and Krishna Sanctuary.

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt agreed to resume negotiations to resolve their decade-long complex dispute over the Grand Renaissance Dam hydropower project in the Horn of Africa.

Spearheaded by Ethiopia, the 145-meter-tall (475-foot-tall) Grand Renaissance Dam hydropower project, when completed, will be Africa's largest. The main waterways of the Nile run through Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan and Egypt, and its drainage basin runs through several countries in East Africa, including Ethiopia, the portion where this dam is being constructed.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa laid the foundation stone for the 'New Anubhava Mantapa'

in Basavakalyan, the place where 12th century poet-philosopher Basavanna lived for most of his life. The project will showcase the 12th Century Anubhava Mantapa (often referred to as the "first Parliament of the world") established by him in Basavakalyan, where philosophers and social reformers held debates. The building will adopt the Kalyana Chalukya style of architecture.

7. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

FM reviews NIP as part of infra spending push. The NIP has been expanded from 6,385 projects at the time of its introduction a year ago, to more than 7,300 projects, and is making progress despite the pandemic. The task force headed by Atanu Chakraborty on National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) has submitted its final report to the Finance Minister in May 2020. In the budget speech of 2019-2020, Finance Minister announced an outlay of Rs 100 lakh Crore for infrastructure projects over the next 5 years. NIP is a first-of-its-kind initiative to provide world-class infrastructure across the country and improve the quality of life for all citizens. It will improve project preparation, attract investments (both domestic & foreign) into infrastructure, and will be crucial for attaining the target of becoming a \$5 trillion economy by FY 2025. Covers both economic and social infrastructure projects.

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Karnataka's Hubballi Railway station officially Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji railway station is set to get the "world's longest railway platform" of 1500 plus meters' length and 10 meters width. The platform will be inaugurated in March 2021. The construction of the platform is done with an expenditure of Rs. 90 core for remodeling of wards, building work, signalling, third entrance construction, electrical and other related works. This project is a part of doubling between Hubbali and Bengaluru which is underway since November 2019.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Ministry of Industry and Commerce, The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and Government of India is organizing Udyog Manthan.

Highlights:

• Udyog Manthan is a marathon of industry-specific online seminars aimed at promoting the quality and productivity of Indian industry.

• DPIIT is organizing webinars in collaboration with the Quality Council of India, the National Productivity Council and industry bodies.

• Udyog Manthan will identify challenges, opportunities, and learn from solutions and best practices.

• The dialogue will enable cross-industry and cross-departmental learning to improve quality and productivity, thereby promoting the "Vocal for Local" and realizing the vision of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat".

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) is an intergovernmental organisation comprising five member states: The Union of Comoros, Réunion (an overseas region of France), Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles. Created by the Port Louis Declaration in 1982, the IOC was institutionalized in Seychelles in 1984 by the General Cooperation Agreement, better known as the "Victoria Agreement". Observer members of the IOC: India, China, Japan, Malta, European Union, United Nations and International Organization of the Francophonie.