



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Indian Navy undertook Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Royal Bahrain Naval Force Corvette Al Muharraq in the Persian Gulf under Operation Sankalp . INS Talwar participated in the exercise.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Arrested Mumbai policeman Sachin Waze has sought his lawyer's presence during questioning, while the NIA has argued that this insistence is hampering the probe. Is access to a lawyer the right of an accused? In India, the safeguards available to a person in such circumstances are enshrined in the Constitution. Article 20 (3) states: "No person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself". Article 22 states that a person cannot be denied the right to consult and to be defended by a legal practitioner of his choice. This includes provisions that grant an accused the "right to consult" a lawyer. Section 41D of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) states that an accused is entitled to "meet an advocate of his choice during interrogation, though not throughout interrogation".

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The government has recently formed a committee to popularise the legacy of 11th-century Tomar king, Anangpal II. Who was Anangpal II? Belonged to the Tomar dynasty that ruled parts of present-day Delhi and Haryana between the 8th and 12th centuries. Anangpal Tomar II was succeeded by his grandson Prithviraj Chauhan, who was defeated by the Ghurid forces in the Battle of Tarain (present-day Haryana) after which the Delhi Sultanate was established in 1192. The Tomar dynasty shifted its capital in the 8th century, to Dhillikapuri (Delhi) during the reign of Anangpal II. He gave Delhi its present name and also repopulated it. He built Lal Kot fort and Anangtal Baoli.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The United Nations observes March 21 as the International Day of Forests, commemorating the green cover around the world and reiterating its importance. The theme for 2021 is "Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being". Significance of the theme: This year's theme aims to emphasise how

restoration and sustainable management of forests can help address climate change and biodiversity crisis. It can also help produce goods and services for sustainable development, fostering an economic activity that creates jobs and improves lives. Themes of the International Day of Forests are aimed to fit into the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), which calls for the protection and revival of ecosystems around the world.

Key facts:

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed March 21 as the International Day of Forests (IDF) in 2012. The Day is celebrated by the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in collaboration with governments, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and other relevant organisations in the field.

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have signed a historic agreement to implement the Ken Betwa Link Project (KBLP). About Ken- Betwa project: Conceived as a two-part project, this is the country's first river interlinking project. It is perceived as a model plan for similar interstate river transfer missions. The project aims to transfer surplus water from the Ken river in MP to Betwa in UP to irrigate the drought-prone Bundelkhand region spread across the districts of two states mainly Jhansi, Banda, Lalitpur and Mahoba districts of UP and Tikamgarh, Panna and Chhatarpur districts of MP.

Key facts:

- Ken and Betwa rivers originate in MP and are the tributaries of Yamuna.
- Ken meets with Yamuna in Banda district of UP and with Betwa in Hamirpur district of UP.
- Rajghat, Paricha and Matatila dams are over Betwa river.
- Ken River passes through Panna tiger reserve.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The tiger reintroduction project in Panna tiger reserve has completed a decade making it one of the best models of conservation in the world. The Panna tiger reserve is situated in the Vindhya mountain range in the northern part of Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of tigers in the country. Ken river (a tributary of the Yamuna River) flows through the reserve. The region is also famous for Panna diamond mining. Ken-Betwa river interlinking project will be located within the tiger reserve.

7. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh – for inspiring the liberation of Bangladesh, laying

the foundation for the close and fraternal relations between India and Bangladesh, and promoting peace and non-violence in the Indian subcontinent.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The World Happiness Report 2021 has been topped by Finland, for the fourth consecutive year.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

NPPA has fixed the price of 81 medicines, including off-patent anti-diabetic drugs, helping to pass on the benefits to patients.

Key takeaways

The decision was taken because the five-year price exemption given to these medicines on account of indigenous R&D got over recently. Revision in existing ceiling prices of scheduled formulations based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) was also approved by the Authority. The revised prices will be effective from April 2021. It also decided to retain the revised ceiling price of Heparin injection up to September 2021. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is a government regulatory agency that controls the prices of pharmaceutical drugs in India. It was constituted in 1997 as an attached office of the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry: Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Acquisition Wing of Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract with Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for the supply of MILAN-2T Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGMs) to the Indian Army. The Milan-2T is a Tandem Warhead ATGM with a range of 1,850 metres, produced by BDL under license from MBDA Missile Systems, France. These missiles can be fired from the ground as well as vehicle-based launchers. These can also be deployed in Anti-Tank Role for both offensive & defensive tasks. Induction of these missiles will further enhance the operational preparedness of the Armed Forces which will be completed in three years. It is a step in achieving the goal of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in the defense sector.