



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans:A

Explanation:

Union Minister for Finance Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the new Bench of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) at Chennai through virtual mode. The newly constituted Chennai Bench of the NCLAT is first such bench to be launched outside New Delhi. NCLAT It was constituted under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013 for hearing appeals against the orders of National Company Law Tribunal. NCLAT is also the Appellate Tribunal for hearing appeals against the orders passed by NCLT(s) under Section 61 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC). NCLAT is also the Appellate Tribunal for hearing appeals against the orders passed by Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India under Section 202 and Section 211 of IBC. NCLAT is also the Appellate Tribunal to hear and dispose of appeals against any direction issued or decision made or order passed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

2. Ans:B

Explanation:

Article 87 of the constitution provides two instances when the President specially addresses both Houses of Parliament. The President of India addresses both the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha at the beginning of the first Session after each general election when the reconstituted lower house meets for the first time. The President also addresses both the houses at beginning of the first session of each year. The President's speech essentially highlights the government's policy priorities and plans for the upcoming year. The address provides a broad framework of the government's agenda and direction.

3. Ans:C

Explanation:

Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has been constituted under Section 3(3) of the 'Environment (Protection) Act, 1986' for the purpose of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the Country.

4. Ans:B

Explanation:

The 15th Finance Commission was constituted by the President of India in November 2017, under the chairmanship of NK Singh. Its recommendations will cover a period of five years from April 2020 to March 2025. The Finance Commission (FC) is constituted by the President of India every fifth year under Article 280 of the Constitution to determine the method and formula for distributing the tax proceeds between the Centre and states, and among the states.

5. Ans:A

Explanation:

The Government of India and the World Bank recently signed a 500-million US dollar Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States Programme (STARS) to improve the quality and governance of school education in six Indian states. These include Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan. Some 250 million students (between the age of six and 17) in 1.5 million schools and over 10 million teachers will benefit from the programme. The STARS programme builds on the long partnership between India and the World Bank (since 1994), for strengthening public school education and to support the country's goal of providing Education for All. Prior to STARS, the Bank had provided a total assistance of more than three billion US dollars towards this goal.

6. Ans:A

Explanation:

Transport vehicles older than eight years to be charged at the rate of 10-25% of Road Tax at the time of renewal of 'Fitness Certificate'. Personal vehicles to be charged at the time of renewal of 'Registration Certification' after 15 years. Public transport vehicles such as city buses to be charged lower Green Tax.

7. Ans:A

Explanation:

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has released 'Marine Mega Fauna Stranding Guidelines' and 'National Marine Turtle Action Plan'. The documents contain ways and means to guide improved coordination amongst the government, civil society, and all relevant stakeholders on the response to cases of stranding, entanglement, injury or mortality of marine mammals, and also conservation of marine turtles.

Status of turtles in India

Five species of Indian turtles along with their IUCN status are as follows:

Olive Ridley – Vulnerable

Green turtle – Endangered

Loggerhead – Vulnerable

Hawksbill – Critically Endangered

Leather back – Vulnerable

They are protected in Indian Wildlife Protection Act of 1972, under Schedule I.

They are also protected under the Biodiversity Conservation and Ganga Rejuvenation programme.

8. Ans:A

Explanation:

The pandemic has brought to fore new possibilities for cooperation between India and the GCC countries more specifically in Health and Education Sector. Gulf Cooperation Council It is political and economic alliance of six Middle Eastern countries—Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman. The GCC was established in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in May 1981. The purpose of the GCC is to achieve unity among its members based on their common objectives and their similar political and cultural identities, which are rooted in Arab and Islamic cultures.

9. Ans:D

Explanation:

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare addressed the event on Restoring Cross Border Mobility by World Economic Forum's Common Trust Network through Video Conference.

As countries around the world work to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and restart their economies, they all face the challenge of how to reopen their borders and allow travel and commerce to resume while protecting their populations' health.

To address this challenge, The Commons Project Foundation and the World Economic Forum have launched the Common Trust Network in collaboration with a broad voluntary network of public and private stakeholders.

10. Ans:B

Explanation:

Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now called Ministry of Education) under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, to promote arts in education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students at the secondary stage in the country.