



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Union Agriculture Minister launched the National Cooperative Development Corporation's YouTube channel, 'Sahakar Cooptube NCDC India', to encourage farmers and the youth to take benefit of cooperatives. He also released videos on formation and registration of cooperatives for 18 states in Hindi and regional languages. The videos will be aired on the new channel. The guidance videos in different languages covering 18 states would also strengthen and deepen the major initiatives of our government to promote and form 10,000 farmer-producer organisations (FPOs). More states will be added to the collection of guidance videos on Sahakar Cooptube NCDC India channel on YouTube in due course of time. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) as an apex-level statutory institution under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has achieved tremendous success with a cumulative financial assistance to cooperatives to the tune of Rs 1,54,000 crore.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Union Education Minister laid the foundation stone of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Sirmaur in Himachal Pradesh. Union Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi had taken decision in 2014 to establish seven new IIMs including IIM Sirmaur. On 15th August 2014 it was announced that the IIM for Himachal Pradesh would be set up at Dhaulakuan in the Sirmaur district. IIM Sirmaur is one of the newest IIMs in the prestigious IIM family established by the Government of India.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

As the Barakah Nuclear Plant's 1st Unit got operational, UAE became the first country in the Arab World to produce nuclear energy. The Barakah nuclear power plant is the United Arab Emirates's first nuclear power station, the first nuclear power station in the Arabian Peninsula, and the first commercial nuclear power station in the Arab World. It is situated in the Al Dhafrah region of Abu Dhabi. It consists of four APR-1400 nuclear reactors (one operational, three mostly completed). The plant, powered by South Korean technology, hopes to produce 5.6 gigawatts of electricity and supply up to 25% of the UAE's electricity needs.

4. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Union Education Minister released the Alternative Academic Calendar for upper primary stage students. NCERT under the guidance of Education Ministry has developed the alternative academic calendars for students , parents and teachers of primary and upper primary stages with an aim to engage students meaningfully during their stay at home due to COVID-19. The Calendar provides guidelines to teachers on the use of various technological tools and social media tools available for imparting education in fun-filled and interesting ways. This calendar will cater to the need of all children including Divyang children (Children with Special Need) as link for Audio books, Radio programmes, Video programme will be included.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Mohun Bagan went global as it became the country's first-ever football club to feature on NASDAQ billboards in New York's Times Square. Mohun Bagan Athletic Club, commonly known as Mohun Bagan, is a major Indian multi-sport club based in the Kolkata, India. Founded in 1889 as Mohun Bagan Sporting Club, the club's football section is one of the oldest football clubs in India and Asia. July 29 is celebrated every year as Mohun Bagan day to commemorate the team's famous IFA Shield triumph in 1911 when it defeated East Yorkshire Regiment 2-1 to become the first Indian club to end British stranglehold on the tournament.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Ministry of Shipping has separated the operation routes for merchant vessels and fishing vessels in South-West Indian waters.

The coordinates of the routing system in south-west of Indian waters is notified by DG Shipping through M.S. Notice-11 of 2020. The new routes come into force with effect from 1st August 2020. Ministry has taken the step keeping in view safety and efficiency of navigation. The Arabian Sea around the south-west coast of India is a busy sea route, with substantial number of merchant ships passing through the area, along with large number of fishing vessels operating in the area. It sometimes causes accidents between them, resulting in damage of property and environmental pollution, and in several instances has resulted in loss of lives also. The Bab-el-Mandeb is a strait located between Yemen on the Arabian Peninsula, and Djibouti and Eritrea in the Horn of Africa. It connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden.

7. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Habeas Corpus is a Latin term which literally means 'to have the body of'. Under this the court can issue an order to a person who has detained another person, to produce the body of the latter (detainee) before it. The court then examines the cause and legality of detention.

The Supreme Court under Article 32 and the High courts under Article 226 of the Constitution can issue the writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, certiorari and quo-warranto. The writ of habeas corpus can be issued against both public authorities as well as private individuals.

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) is an indicator of business activity in the manufacturing and services sectors. The PMI is usually released at the start of every month. It is, therefore, considered a good leading indicator of economic activity.

PMI provides information about current and future business conditions to company decision-makers, analysts, and investors. As the official data on industrial output, manufacturing and GDP growth comes much later, PMI helps to make informed decisions at an earlier stage.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation

eVIN aims to support the Government of India's Universal Immunization Programme by providing real-time information on vaccine stocks and flows, and storage temperatures across all cold chain points in these states.

It is an indigenous technology platform digitizes vaccine stocks and monitors the temperature of the cold chain through a smartphone application.

It is being used by the State/UT governments in India to monitor the supply chain of Covid response material.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and SpaceX have launched the Demo-2 mission on 30th May, 2020 from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, USA.

Demo-2 Mission will send astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS). This was a demonstration mission to show SpaceX's ability to ferry astronauts to the space station and back safely.