



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans:(b)

Explanation:

Recently, Kabartal Wetland (Bihar) and Asan Conservation Reserve (Uttarakhand) have been designated as Ramsar sites, making them 'Wetlands of International Importance'.

- Earlier in 2020, India designated 10 more wetlands as a Ramsar site, taking the total number from 27 to 37.
- With 2 more inclusions, the total number of Ramsar sites in India is 39, the highest in South Asia.

2. Ans:(b)

Explanation:

- Flash floods are sudden surges in water levels during or following an intense spell of rain.
- These are localised events of short duration.
- The peak is usually very high.
- The duration is less than six hours between the occurrence of the rainfall and peak flood.
- The flood situation worsens if the drainage lines are choked or the natural flow of water is obstructed.

3. Ans:(c)

Explanation:

- Recently, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has launched the South Asian Flash Flood Guidance System (FFGS) to help disaster management teams and governments make timely evacuation plans ahead of the actual event of flooding. A dedicated FFGS centre will be established in New Delhi.

4. Ans:(a)

Explanation:

- Seagrasses are considered 'Ecosystem Engineers' as they are known for providing many ecosystem services and are also called 'the lungs of the sea' as they release oxygen into the water through photosynthesis.

- These occur all along the coastal areas of India and are abundant in the Palk Strait and Gulf of Mannar in Tamil Nadu.

5. Ans:(b)

Explanation:

Recently, it has been reported that the second Ministerial meeting of Quad countries will be held in Japan. Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) is the informal strategic dialogue between India, USA, Japan and Australia with a shared objective to support a “free, open and prosperous” Indo-Pacific region, that China seeks to threaten.

6. Ans:(c)

Explanation:

NASA's SOFIA- The Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy of NASA has detected water on the moon's sunlit surface. This latest discovery indicates that water may be distributed across the moon's surface and is not just limited to shadowed, cold places.

The water molecules were detected in Clavius Crater, which is also one of the largest craters visible from the Earth, by SOFIA. The crater is located in Moon's Southern Hemisphere. Previous observations on the surface of the moon had also detected some form of hydrogen but it was not possible to distinguish between water and close chemical relative, Hydroxyl (OH).

7. Ans:(a)

Explanation:

It was discovered in Rajgad fort located in Sahyadri hills of Western Ghats. It is endemic to Maharashtra and distributed across Northern Western Ghats. The IUCN has stated that this species should be listed under least concern category.

8. Ans:(d)

Wavel Ramkalawan was born in MAhe, Seychelles. His grandfather was from Bihar, India. He did his schooling and college in Seychelles. He was an ordained priest following theological studies in Mauritius. Seychelles is an archipelago in the Indian Ocean. It was a British colony till 1976. A year after its independence, in 1977 Mr Faure seized power in a coup and retained presidency in elections. HE was in power till multi-party democracy was restored in the country in 1993.

Ramkalawan considers India as the major partner of Seychelles. According to him, piracy threats, drugs

and poaching are the main security concerns in the Indian Ocean Region. Currently, India is also concentrating on these three in the Indian Ocean . In 2018, India and Seychelles agreed to build a joint military facility on a portion of the Assumption Islands of Seychelles.

India helped Seychelles to construct hydrological maps. India agreed to give the Dornier DO-228 aircraft to Seychelles. India and Seychelles have been conducting military exercise “Lamitye” since 2001.

9. Ans:(b)

Explanation:

The Vigilance Awareness Week 2020, is being celebrated from 27 October to 2 November 2020. The is observed every year by the Central Vigilance Commission during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31 October) falls.

The theme for 2020 Vigilance Awareness Week is Vigilant India, Prosperous India (Satark Bharat, Samridhd Bharat). The awareness week campaign affirms our commitment to the promotion of integrity and probity in public life through citizen participation. In 2020, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is hosting a National Conference on Vigilance and Anti-Corruption from 27 to 29 October 2020, which will be addressed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

10. Ans:(d)

Explanation:

- It is present in part XXI of the Indian Constitution which comprises of Temporary, Transitional and Special Provisions with rest to various states of India.
- Forms the basis of the “Special Status” of J&K.
- Provides for a separate Constitution of J&K.
- Limits the Union Parliament’s power to make laws for J&K to those subjects mentioned in the Instrument of Accession (defense, foreign affairs, and communications) and others as and when declared by the Presidential Orders with the concurrence of the Government of the State.
- Specified the mechanism by which the Article shall cease to be operative. That is, on the recommendation of the Constituent Assembly of the State before the President issues such a notification. However, this provision has been amended by the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 2019.