



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans:(b)

Explanation:

Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit has given his assent to a state bill that seeks to provide a 7.5 percent reservation to government school students in medical admission.

- The Governor gave his assent to the bill based on the legal opinion received from the Solicitor General of India.
- The reservation will be made applicable for the state quota undergraduate medical seats in the government and private colleges.

2. Ans:(b)

Explanation:

SCO is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation.

It's a Eurasian political, economic and military organisation aiming to maintain peace, security and stability in the region.

It was created in 2001.

It's headquarters is in Beijing.

India hosted the 19th virtual meeting of SCO ministers of foreign economy and foreign trade.

3. Ans:(c)

Explanation:

Sumangal Portal has been launched to help inter-caste married couples to avail incentives within 60 days of application. The Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik while inaugurating the Sumangal Portal stated that inter-caste marriages help in increasing social unity and harmony and reduces racial discrimination. It also promotes equality and peaceful co-existence in society.

In order to get the one-time incentive, the marriage must be between upper-caste Hindus and Hindus of a lower caste.

- The marriage must be registered under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, and should be valid as per the law.
- One of the spouses must be from a scheduled caste as defined under Article 341.
- The grant will be provided only to the people marrying for the first time.
- In the case of a widow or widower, they will still be eligible to receive the incentive.

- The incentive will also be provided for the purchase of lands or essential articles for starting a business or for the household.

4. Ans:(c)

Explanation:

DBS Bank announced that it has been named the 'Safest Bank in Asia' for the 12th consecutive year by New York-based trade publication Global Finance. DBS rankings as the fourth-safest commercial bank in the world and 14th safest bank globally remain unchanged from 2019 and 2018. DBS is a leading financial services group in Asia with a presence in 18 markets. Headquartered and listed in Singapore, DBS is in the three key Asian axes of growth: Greater China, Southeast Asia and South Asia. The bank's "AA-" and "Aa1" credit ratings are among the highest in the world.

5. Ans:(d)

Explanation:

The ASER Wave 1 Survey was recently released since the COVID-19 crisis interrupted this year's trajectory. This is an annual survey (published by education non-profit Pratham) that aims to provide reliable estimates of children's enrolment and basic learning levels for each district and state in India. ASER has been conducted every year since 2005 in all rural districts of India. It is the largest citizen-led survey in India. It is also the only annual source of information on children's learning outcomes available in India.

6. Ans:(b)

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved that 100% of the food-grains and 20% of the sugar shall be mandatorily packed in diversified jute bags.

The approval will benefit farmers and workers located in the Eastern and North Eastern regions of the country particularly in West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya and Tripura.

Jute is a rainy season crop.

Jute requires a warm and humid climate with temperature between 24° C to 37° C.

Constant rain or water-logging is harmful.

The new gray alluvial soil of good depth, receiving salt from annual floods, is best for jute.

Jute is harvested any time between 120 days to 150 days when the flowers have been shed, early harvesting gives good healthy fibers.

7. Ans:(c)

Explanation:

A Scheme titled “SERB-POWER (Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research)” was recently launched exclusively for women scientists.

It is launched by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a Statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST)

The main objective is to mitigate gender disparity in science and engineering research in various S&T programs.

8. Ans:(d)

Explanation:

Indian Railways has launched “Meri Saheli” initiative for focused action on security of women across all zones. The main objective is to provide safety and security to lady passengers travelling by trains for their entire journey from starting station to destination station.

9. Ans:(d)

Explanation:

Kerala becomes the first state in the country to fix the floor price for vegetables. The floor price will be 20 per cent above the production cost of the vegetable.

10. Ans:(c)

Explanation:

It is an approach to farm management that uses information technology (IT) to ensure that the crops and soil receive exactly what they need for optimum health and productivity.

It is an approach where inputs are utilised in precise amounts to get increased average yields, compared to traditional cultivation techniques.

The approach includes accessing real-time data about the conditions of the crops, soil and ambient air, along with other relevant information such as hyper-local weather predictions, labor costs and equipment availability