



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The Union Cabinet has approved launching of "Mission Karmayogi"- National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB). NPCSCB has been designed to lay the foundations for capacity building for Civil Servants so that they remain entrenched in Indian Culture and sensibilities and remain connected, with their roots, while they learn from the best institutions and practices across the world. The Programme will be delivered by setting up an Integrated Government Online Training-iGOT Karmayogi Platform. To cover around 46 lakh Central employees, a sum of Rs.510.86 crore will be spent over a period of 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25. The expenditure is partly funded by multilateral assistance to the tune of USD 50 million.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the 'Water Heroes – Share Your Stories' Contest from September 1, 2020 with an aim to reach out to people on the important subject of water conservation and management. Every month (from September, 2020 onwards) entries would be invited for consideration of awards. Every month a maximum of 10 entries can be considered for the awards. All selected entries will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 each and a certificate. To take part in the contest, the participants will have to post their success stories on water conservation through a specially made video of 1-5 minutes (along with a write-up of up to 300 words and some photographs/pictures) depicting the efforts and significant contributions to conserve and manage water resources.

3. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

A brochure featuring Entrepreneurs in Residence (EIR) under the National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) programme was launched by Department of Science & Technology (DST) Secretary. The brochure brought out by Venture Center, details what the EIRs are working on and some highlights about them. It is also meant to be a directory of all EIRs. All contributing project execution partners are also featured in the brochure. Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIR) Programme is under National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing innovations (NIDHI) of Department of Science

and Technology. It supports aspiring entrepreneur for pursuing a promising technology business idea over a period up to 18 months with a subsistence grant up to Rs 30000 per month with a maximum cap for total support of Rs 3.6 lakh to each EIR over a maximum of 18 months. The NIDHI-EIR programme provides tremendous opportunities for innovative entrepreneurs to expand their networks and get critical feedback on their ventures in order to promote their entrepreneurial career goals and aspirations.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

India has climbed 4 spots and has been ranked 48th by the World Intellectual Property Organization in the Global Innovation Index 2020 rankings. With this, India ranked in the top 50 countries for the first time in the Global Innovation Index. Switzerland is the world's most-innovative economy followed by Sweden, the United States of America (U.S.), the United Kingdom (U.K.) and the Netherlands. India was at the 52nd position in 2019 and was ranked 81st in the year 2015. The WIPO had also accepted India as one of the leading innovation achievers of 2019 in the central and southern Asian region, as it has shown a consistent improvement in its innovation ranking for the last 5 years. India ranks in the top 15 in indicators such as ICT services exports, government online services, graduates in science and engineering and R&D-intensive global companies. The report added that due to universities like IIT Delhi and Bombay, IIS Bengaluru and other top scientific publications, India is the lower middle-income economy with the highest innovation. The 2020 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) presents the latest global innovation trends and the annual innovation ranking of 131 economies.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Sumit Nagal has become the 1st Indian to win grand slam singles main draw match in last 7 years. Sumit Nagal stormed into the second round of the ongoing US Open Tennis. Nagal defeated Bradley Klahn of USA 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in the first round of the US Open to progress further into the tournament. With this result, the 23-year-old Nagal has become the first Indian to win a singles main draw match at a Grand Slam in the last seven years. In 2013, Somdev Devvarman had reached the second round of the Australian Open, French Open and US Open. Nagal, who is the world number 122, will now face second seeded Austria's Dominic Thiem in the second round of the tournament.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

The Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha secretariats notified that there will be no Question Hour during the Monsoon Session of Parliament, which has been truncated to September 14-October 1 in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, and that Zero Hour will be restricted in both Houses. Opposition MPs have criticised

the move, saying they will lose the right to question the government. It is during Question Hour that Members of Parliament ask questions of ministers and hold them accountable for the functioning of their ministries. The questions that MPs ask are designed to elicit information and trigger suitable action by ministries. Prior to Independence, the first question asked of government was in 1893. It was on the burden cast on village shopkeepers who had to provide supplies to touring government officers. Parliament has comprehensive rules for dealing with every aspect of Question Hour. And the presiding officers of the two houses are the final authority with respect to the conduct of Question Hour.

7. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

The Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has approved the introduction in Parliament of the Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill 2020 in which five languages will be official languages. These are Urdu, Kashmiri, Dogri, Hindi and English. Inclusion of Dogri, Hindi and Kashmiri as official languages in Jammu and Kashmir is not only a fulfillment of a long-pending public demand but is also in keeping with the spirit of equality.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The government banned 118 more mobile applications, including the popular gaming app PUBG, that it said are prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India. Among the other apps banned by the government are WeChat Work and WeChat Reading. The move comes amid fresh incursion bid by the Chinese troops at the Line of Actual Control. Earlier, the government had banned 59 popular Chinese apps including TikTok, CamScanner and UC Browser over security issues. The decision to ban such Apps was taken by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology which invoked its power under section 69A of the Information Technology Act read with the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of Information by Public) Rules 2009.

9. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Government has also approved an MoU between India and Finland for cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources. The MoU facilitates cooperation in the field of geology, training, mineral prognostication and suitability analysis with the intent of reinforcing and strengthening scientific links. It was signed between Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines and Geological Survey of Finland, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, the Government of Finland. GSI is a premier geoscientific organisation of the Government of India for creation and updation of national geoscientific information and mineral resource assessment. Union Cabinet has also approved the signing of a MoU

between India and Japan for improving quality and testing of Indian textiles and clothing for the Japanese market.

10. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi shall deliver the Special Key Note Address at the USISPF 3rd Annual Leadership Summit on the 3rd September 2020, through video conference. The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) is a non-profit organization that works for the partnership between India and the U.S. The Theme of the 5 day Summit that began on the 31st of August is “US-India Navigating New Challenges”. The theme covers various subjects such as India’s potential in becoming a Global Manufacturing Hub, Opportunities in India’s Gas Market, Ease of Doing Business to attract FDI in India, Common Opportunities & Challenges in Tech Space, Indo-Pacific Economic issues etc.