



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. Ans: (c)

Explanation :

Sanskrit Diwas, also known as 'Vishvasamskritadinam', was celebrated on August 3. World Sanskrit Day, also known as Vishvasamskritadinam, is an annual event aimed to promote revival and maintenance of Sanskrit. It is celebrated on Shraavanapoornima that is the Poornima day of the Shraavana month in the Hindu calendar. In the year 2020, this day is celebrated on August 03. The Sanskrit organisation SamskritaBharati is involved in promoting the day.

2. Ans: (c)

Explanation :

SpaceX's Demo-2 Crew Dragon spacecraft successfully splashed down off the Pensacola, Florida coast in the Gulf of Mexico. After a two-month trip to International Space Station, the SpaceX Crew Dragon Endeavour carrying NASA astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley returned to Earth. It was the first splashdown by U.S. astronauts in 45 years, with the first commercially built and operated spacecraft to carry people to and from orbit.

3. Ans: (d)

Explanation :

As part of its global tiger census, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is set to release a dedicated report on leopard sightings by the month-end. The last formal census on India's leopards was conducted in 2014 which estimated the cat's population at between 12,000 and 14,000. They also estimated 8,000 leopards in the vicinity of tiger habitat. While the quadrennial tiger survey is the centrepiece of the WII and environment ministry-coordinated undertaking, the exercise also estimates the population of other animals by relying on camera trap images.

The Indian leopard is one of the big cats occurring on the Indian subcontinent, apart from the Asiatic lion, Bengal tiger, snow leopard and clouded leopard. In India, the leopard is found in all forest types, from tropical rainforests to temperate deciduous and alpine coniferous forests. It is also found in dry scrubs and grasslands, the only exception being desert and the mangroves of Sundarbans.

4. Ans: (a)

Explanation :

John Hume, the Northern Irish politician who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998 for his pivotal role in ending decades of violence in the British province, has died aged 83. John Hume (1937 – 2020) was an Irish politician who served as the second Leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) from 1979 to 2001. He also served as a Member of the European Parliament and a Member of the UK Parliament, as well as a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly. Hume is regarded as one of the architects of the Northern Ireland peace process. He was co-recipient of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize with David Trimble, after the pair helped forge the 1998 Good Friday peace agreement. It helped to end three decades of bloody strife in Northern Ireland between the largely Catholic nationalist community who want to reunify with Ireland and Protestant unionists who want to remain part of Britain. He was also a recipient of the Gandhi Peace Prize and the Martin Luther King Award, the only person to receive the three major peace awards.

5. Ans: (c)

Explanation :

Ministry of Defence (MoD) released the draft Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy 2020 (DPEPP 2020) for public feedback.

The DPEPP 2020 is envisaged as overarching guiding document of MoD to provide thrust to defence production capabilities of the country for self-reliance and exports.

The policy has laid out following goals and objectives:

To achieve a turnover of Rs 1,75,000Crores (US\$ 25Bn) including export of Rs 35,000 Crore (US\$ 5 Billion) in Aerospace and Defence goods and services by 2025.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation :Since April 2020, eight Indian States are using the eVIN application with 100 % adherence rate to track State specific COVID-19 material supplies, ensure availability and raise alerts in case of shortage of 81 essential drugs and equipment. The Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) is an innovative technological solution aimed at strengthening immunization supply chain systems across the country. eVIN aims to provide real-time information on vaccine stocks and flows, and storage temperatures across all cold chain points in the country. This is being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM) by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. eVIN has reached 32 States and Union Territories (UTs) and will soon be rolled-out in the remaining States and UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Ladakh and Sikkim.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Government has clarified that any FDI in the commercial coal mining should also comply with the recent amendments made in the applicable laws. Recently, the government modified its FDI policy according to which any entity of a country, which shares land border with India or where the beneficial owner of an investment into India is situated in or is a citizen of any such country, could invest only under the Government route. The new policy further states that a citizen of Pakistan or an entity incorporated in Pakistan can invest, only under the Government route, in sectors and activities other than defence, space and atomic energy. Even for the sectors which are prohibited for foreign investment, Government route has been made mandatory for all such entities. Government of India had earlier permitted 100 % FDI under automatic route in coal mining activities, including associated processing infrastructure for sale of coal.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The Trust to build a mosque in Ayodhya, following the verdict of the Supreme Court in the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi title suit, would have a maximum of 15 members, the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board announced as it constituted the body. The Trust will be called the Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation. Nine trustees have been announced, while it will “co-opt” the remaining six. Four out of the nine trustees are affiliated to the Board. On February 24, the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board decided to accept the five acres of land allotted to it by the State government for building a mosque in Dhannipur village in Sohawal tehsil of Ayodhya, around 25 km from the site where the Babri Masjid stood. The Trust would construct a centre showcasing Indo-Islamic culture of several centuries, a centre for research and study of Indo-Islamic culture, a charitable hospital, a public library and other public utilities at the site in Dhannipur.

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation :According to the data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry, the index of eight core industries dropped 15% in June compared to a 22% decline in May. It had declined 37% in April. This is the fourth consecutive month of contraction in the core sector. The output of eight core infrastructure industries shrank by 15 % in June this year due to fall in the production of coal, crude oil, natural gas, steel, cement and electricity. Barring fertilisers, other seven industries registered a decline in output. The output of coal sector fell 15.5 %, crude oil declined by 6 %, natural gas by 12 %, refinery products fell by 8.9 %, steel sector plunged by 33.8 %, cement by 6.9 % and electricity declined by 11 %. The eight industries in the index are coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity. These eight industries account for 40.27 % in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

10. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a dollar 200 million financing deal with the Reliance Bangladesh LNG and Power Limited (RBLPL) to build and operate a 718-megawatt combined-cycle gas-fired power plant in Bangladesh.

The plant is proposed to be located on land allotted by Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), in Meghnaghat, Narayanganj District near Dhaka. The power plant will reduce dependence of Bangladesh on electricity imports. It will also reduce the share of environmentally harmful and expensive fuels like coal and oil in the energy mix of the country. A combined-cycle power plant is a relatively more efficient way of producing electricity. It uses both a gas and a steam turbine together to produce up to 50 percent more electricity from the same fuel than a traditional simple-cycle plant. The financing deal has two components of dollar 100 million each.