



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The first-ever International Day to Protect Education from Attack is being celebrated on September 9, 2020 under the theme “Protect Education, Save a Generation”. The day was established by a unanimous decision of the UN General Assembly, calling on UNESCO and UNICEF to raise awareness of the plight of millions of children living in countries affected by conflict. Over the past five years, there have been more than 11,000 reported attacks on education in over 36 countries, according to the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA). 22,000 students, teachers and academics were killed, injured, arrested or otherwise harmed in attacks between 2015-2019. UNESCO and UNICEF will facilitate the annual observance of the Day in close collaboration with Partners within and outside the UN system.

2. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Five Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under Petroleum & Natural Gas Ministry will be joining International Solar Alliance (ISA)’s Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action (ISA-CSCA) as Corporate Partners. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and GAIL (India) Limited will be contributing to ISA’s Corpus Fund. This was announced by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan during his inaugural Speech at the First World Solar Technology Summit organized by ISA. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an alliance of 121 countries initiated by India, most of them being sunshine countries, which lie either completely or partly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The primary objective of the alliance is to work for efficient exploitation of solar energy to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The Centre has sanctioned ‘Y-plus’ security cover, to be provided by CRPF, to film actress Kangana Ranaut. The decision to grant her Central protection was based on a review of her threat perception. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) are the two forces tasked with providing security to VIPs. There are six kinds of central security covers: X, Y, Y plus, Z, Z plus and SPG. While the Special Protection Group with an annual budget of about Rs 600 crore protects

only the Prime Minister, the other categories can be provided to anyone based on the Centre's assessment.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

In what could possibly be the world's largest and fastest ever operation of its kind, the UNICEF will be leading the procurement and supply of coronavirus vaccines to ensure that all countries have safe, fast and equitable access to initial doses when they are available.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is the world's largest single vaccine buyer, procuring More than 2 billion doses of various vaccines annually for routine immunisation and outbreak response on behalf of nearly 100 countries. The UNICEF will lead efforts to procure and supply doses of Covid-19 vaccines on behalf of the COVAX Global Vaccines Facility for 92 low and lower middle-income countries, whose vaccine purchases will be supported by the mechanism. The UNICEF will undertake these efforts in close collaboration with the World Health Organization

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh conferred the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for 2019 on British broadcaster Sir David Attenborough, whom he described as the "human voice of nature". Sir David, 94, who is well known for his series The Living Planet.

The award is conferred by Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust each year on the late Prime Minister's birth anniversary. The award is given to individuals or organisations in recognition of creative efforts toward promoting international peace, development, ensuring that scientific discoveries are used for the larger good of humanity, and enlarging the scope of freedom.

6. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

With 96.2 % literacy, Kerala has once again emerged as the most literate state in the country, while Andhra Pradesh featured at the bottom with a rate of 66.4 %, showed a report based on National Statistical Office (NSO) survey. The report on 'Household Social Consumption: Education in India as part of 75th round of National Sample Survey – from July 2017 to June 2018' provides for state-wise detail of literacy rate among the Persons Aged seven years and above.

7. Ans) (b)

Explanation

The Ministry for Environment, Forests and Climate Change has released the India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2019. ISFR is a biennial publication of Forest Survey of India (FSI), an organization under the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change. Forest Cover (Area-wise) : Madhya Pradesh> Arunachal Pradesh> Chhattisgarh> Odisha> Maharashtra.

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Recently, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested the Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV).

HSTDV is an unmanned scramjet demonstration aircraft that can travel at hypersonic speed.

It uses hypersonic air-breathing scramjet technology.

The vehicle travelled its desired flight path at a velocity of six times the speed of sound i.e. Mach 6.

India became the fourth country to have demonstrated this technology after the USA, Russia and China.

China successfully tested its first waverider hypersonic flight vehicle in 2018.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched a 24/7 toll-free helpline 'Kiran' to provide support to people facing anxiety, stress, depression, suicidal thoughts and other mental health concerns. The Ministry of Education has launched the 'Manodarpan' initiative to provide psycho-social support and counselling to students for their mental health and well-being.

10. Ans) (d)

Explanation

The Indira Gandhi Prize or the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize or the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development is the prestigious award accorded annually by Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.. It is awarded to individuals or organisations in recognition of creative efforts toward promoting international peace, development and a new international economic order. The recipients are chosen from a pool of national and international nominees.