



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

E-Daakhil portal for Consumer grievance redressal is now operational in 15 States/UTs. Ministry: Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. E-filing was launched by National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission (NCDRC) in September, 2020. Delhi was the first state to implement it. The Consumer Protection Act, 2019, has provision for e-filing of consumer complaints in the Consumer Commissions and online payment of the fees for filing a complaint. The digital software for filing complaints has features like e-Notice, filing written response by opposite party, alerts via SMS/Email, etc.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

It is a new report by LinkedIn. The survey, conducted in January, saw participation from more than 10,000 respondents across the Asia Pacific (APAC) region. It covered 2,285 respondents in India. Key findings: 9 in 10 or 89 per cent of women were negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. About 85%, or four in five working women in India believe they have missed out on a raise, promotion, or work offer because of their gender. This average stands at 60% for the Asia Pacific (APAC) region. More women in India have experienced the impact of gender on career development when compared to the APAC region. Challenges for women: Lack of time and discrimination for family care. Gender is a barrier when it comes to attaining opportunities. Lack of guidance through networks. Workplace discrimination because of household responsibilities.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

For the first time ever, the Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in Exercise Desert Flag-VI, which has been organised at Al-Dhafra airbase, UAE. Ex Desert Flag is an annual multi-national large force employment warfare exercise hosted by the United Arab Emirates Air Force.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The government has received bids worth Rs. 77,146 crore on the first day of the auction for telecom

airwaves, exceeding its own pre-bid estimates of about Rs.45,000 crore.

Background:

Airwaves worth Rs.3.92 lakh crore have been put up for sale across 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz frequency bands. What are spectrum auctions? Devices such as cellphones and wireline telephones require signals to connect from one end to another. These signals are carried on airwaves, which must be sent at designated frequencies to avoid any kind of interference. The Union government owns all the publicly available assets within the geographical boundaries of the country, which also include airwaves. To sell these assets to companies willing to set up the required infrastructure to transport these waves from one end to another, the central government through the DoT auctions these airwaves from time to time. These airwaves are called spectrum, which is subdivided into bands which have varying frequencies. All these airwaves are sold for a certain period of time, after which their validity lapses, which is generally set at 20 years.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

PMI or a Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an indicator of business activity — both in the manufacturing and services sectors. It is a survey-based measure that asks the respondents about changes in their perception of some key business variables from the month before. It is calculated separately for the manufacturing and services sectors and then a composite index is constructed. A figure above 50 denotes expansion in business activity. Anything below 50 denotes contraction. Higher the difference from this mid-point greater the expansion or contraction.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Government of India is sending food and medical assistance to Madagascar, following the request from the east African country for assistance to deal with a humanitarian crisis caused by a severe drought. The humanitarian assistance is being delivered on-board Indian Naval Ship Jalashwa. The Naval ship will leave with the food and medical assistance on March 3, 2021 and is expected to reach the Port of Ehoala in Madagascar between March 21 and 24, 2021. The consignment will comprise of 1,000 metric tonnes of rice and 100,000 hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) tablets.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The United Nations Committee for Development Policy (CDP) has recommended Bangladesh to be removed from the category of Least Developed Country (LDC). Bangladesh has fulfilled the eligibility criteria in terms of per capita income, human assets and economic and environmental vulnerability. This

is the second consecutive time since 2018 that the CDP has made recommendation for Bangladesh. The CDP decides on the LDC status of a country based on three criteria- (1) per capita income; (2) human assets index and economic vulnerability index. A country must achieve at least two of the three criteria at two consecutive triennial reviews to be considered for graduation. The proposal will be sent to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for endorsement in June to be finally approved by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in September 2021. Impacts: (1) Preferential provisions in export, provision of subsidy to agriculture and infant industries and access to climate finance are likely to stop after transition from LDC; (2) enhanced confidence of international financial bodies, improved credit rating and higher FDI are expected to benefit Bangladesh after the transition period is completed.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation (KSHDC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Flipkart and is planning to have a tie-up with Amazon too. Channapatana is a city in Karnataka, India. The city is famous for its wooden toys and lacquerware. Channapatna is also called Town of toys (“Gombegala nagara”). The origin of toys is dated back to Tipu Sultan’s reign. These toys have been given Geographical Indication tag.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot launched the “Sugamya Bharat App” through video conference in New Delhi. The minister also launched a handbook entitled “Access – The Photo Digest” The App and the handbook have been developed by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

10. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Kaipad farming is salinity-prone natural organic rice cultivation in the northern districts of Kerala, India. The traditional kaipad system of rice cultivation is an integrated organic farming system in which rice cultivation and aquaculture go together in coastal brackish water marshes rich in organic matter. It has been included in the Geographical indication (GI) registry.