



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Anup Chandra Pandey has been appointed as the new Election Commissioner. The appointment of Pandey will restore the poll panel to its full strength as a three-member commission.

About Election commission of India:

The constitution under article 324 provides for an Election Commission for the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of the electoral rolls for the conduct of elections to parliament, state legislatures and to the offices of president and vice president. It was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25th January 1950 (celebrated as national voters' day).

Composition Election commission of India:

The constitution provides for the following provisions in relation to the composition of the election commission:

The election commission shall consist of the Chief Election Commissioner and a such number of other election commissioners, if any, as the president may from time to time fix. The appointment of the chief election commissioner and other election commissioners shall be made by the president. When any other election commissioner is so appointed the chief election commissioner shall act as the chairman of the election commission. The president may also appoint after consultation with the election commission such regional commissioners as he may consider necessary to assist the election commission. The conditions of service and tenure of office of the election commissioners and the regional commissioners shall be such as the President may by rule determine.

2. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The Kerala government has announced the introduction of a Smart Kitchen project, which is meant to modernise kitchens and ease the difficulty faced by homemakers in household chores.

About the scheme:

To be implemented through the Kerala State Financial Enterprises (KSFE), a state-run chit fund and lending firm. Under the scheme, KSFE would give soft loans to women from all walks of life for purchasing household gadgets or equipment. The interest of the loan/cost would be equally shared among the beneficiary, local self-government body and the state government.

Need for/significance of the scheme;

Gender budgeting: The government believes that for better participation of women in labour, the burden on household chores has to be reduced. Increase women participation: By enhancing mechanisation in kitchens, women participation in labour could be increased.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Government of Assam has officially notified the Dihing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary as a National Park on June 09, 2021. With this, the total number of National Parks in the state has increased to 7.

4. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Damascus remains the world's least liveable city and most of the previous ten least liveable cities remain in the bottom ten this year, including Dhaka and Karachi in the Asia-Pacific region, as per the the 2021 edition of The Economist Intelligence Unit's (The EIU) Global Liveability Ranking.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Two species of monals were sighted together by local wildlife enthusiasts in upper Siang district of central Arunachal Pradesh.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Auckland was declared as the most liveable city in the world on the 2021 edition of the Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) annual Global Liveability Ranking. Adequate measures by New Zealand at containing the COVID-19 pandemic allowed its cities like Auckland and Wellington to re-open and enjoy a lifestyle similar to pre-pandemic life, Dutt added.

7. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Russia is building its first stealth naval warship that will be fully equipped with stealth technology making it hard to detect it by enemy vessels. This was reported by the Russian media on June 8, 2021.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Recently, NITI Aayog and Piramal Foundation launched 'Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyan' in 112

aspirational districts.

Objective: To assist the administration in providing home care support to Covid-19 patients, who are either asymptomatic or have mild symptoms.

Most of these districts are in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra.

The campaign is a part of a special initiative – Aspirational Districts Collaborative.

Local leaders, civil societies and volunteers work with the district administrations to address emerging issues of the Aspirational Districts Programme.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Central government has hiked the minimum support price (MSP) for common paddy, pulses, oilseeds and coarse cereals.

The decision was taken by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs

What is MSP?

The MSP is the rate at which the government purchases crops from farmers, and is based on a calculation of at least one-and-a-half times the cost of production incurred by the farmers. The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced that MSP would be kept at levels of 1.5 the cost of production. The MSP is fixed twice a year on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), which is a statutory body and submits separate reports recommending prices for kharif and rabi seasons.

Which production costs are taken in fixing the MSPs?

The CACP considers both 'A2+FL' and 'C2' costs while recommending MSP. A2 costs cover all paid-out expenses, both in cash and kind, incurred by farmers on seeds, fertilisers, chemicals, hired labour, fuel and irrigation, among others. A2+FL covers actual paid-out costs plus an imputed value of unpaid family labour. The C2 costs account for the rentals and interest forgone on owned land and fixed capital assets respectively, on top of A2+FL.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih has said that the Maldives has made no decision on opening an Indian consulate in its southern Addu Atoll. Apart from its strategic location in the Indian Ocean, Addu is the second largest city in the archipelago, home to over 30,000 people.