



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

- National innovation portal was recently launched which falls under the Ministry of Science & Technology and developed by National Innovation Foundation (NIF) – India
- The National Innovation Portal (NIP) is currently home to about 1.15 lakh innovations scouted from common people of the country, covering Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary and Human Health.
- The innovations cover Energy, mechanical, automobile, electrical, electronics, household, chemical, civil, textiles, etc.
- Innovation Portal is a step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat and an excellent resource for students, entrepreneurs, MSME's, Technology Business Incubators (TBI's) and common people engaged in a variety of occupations.
- National Innovation Foundation (NIF) – India is an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Allahabad High Court has ruled that the provision of publication of notice of intended marriage under the Special Marriage Act, 1954, is not mandatory.

- The court said making such publication mandatory “would invade the fundamental rights of liberty and privacy, including within its sphere the freedom to choose for marriage without interference from state and non-state actors, of the persons concerned”.
- While giving notice under Section 5 of the Act, it shall be optional for the parties to the intended marriage to make a request in writing to the marriage officer to publish or not to publish a notice under Section 6 and follow the procedure of objections as prescribed under the Act.
- In case the parties do not make such a request, the officer “shall not publish any such notice or entertain objections to the intended marriage and proceed with the solemnisation of the marriage”.

3. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The wildfire at Dzukou Valley has been doused after it raged for two weeks. The Dzukou Valley is located at the borders of the states of Nagaland and Manipur. The valley is famous for its wide range of flowers in every season but the most famous one is the Dzükou Lily and it is found only in this valley.

4. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The third phase of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY 3.0) launched recently in 600 districts across all states of India. Ministry responsible for it is the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Skill India Mission PMKVY 3.0 envisages training of eight lakh candidates over a scheme period of 2020-2021 with an outlay of Rs. 948.90 crore. The 729 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs), empanelled non-PMKK training centres and more than 200 ITIs under Skill India will be rolling out PMKVY 3.0 training to build a robust pool of skilled professionals.

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Palestine is set to hold its **first national elections** in 2021 after a span of 14 long years.

The Palestinian President has instructed the election committee and all state apparatuses to launch a democratic election process in all the cities. Under the President's decree, the parliamentary elections will be conducted on May 22nd, presidential elections on July 31st and Palestinian National Council elections on August 31st. Mahmoud Abbas signed the decree while meeting Nasser, chairman of the Central Elections Commission (CEC) Hanna Nasser at the presidential headquarters in Ramallah in the West Bank.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation: Lord Basaveshwara is a Kannada social reformer, poet and philosopher from the 12th century. He is considered to be among the most revered saints by the Lingayat sects. Lord Basaveshwara denounced the 'janeau' which is a thread-worn by upper-caste Hindus. He worked for the upliftment of the underprivileged classes and women. He believed in the equality of humans, irrespective of class, caste, creed, and gender.

7. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Natural causes such as lightning or rubbing of dry bamboos with each other can sometimes result in fires, but forest officials maintain that almost all forest fires can be attributed to human factors.

When the grass is dry, even a small spark, such as someone dropping a burning matchstick, torchwood or a bidi/cigarette, can cause a massive fire. A spark can also be produced when dry pine needles or leaves fall on an electric pole. Forest fires may destroy organic matter in the soil and expose the top layer to erosion.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has launched a month long mass awareness campaign titled 'SAKSHAM' to spread awareness about green and clean energy. The campaign has been organised by the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), to motivate consumers to switch to cleaner fuels and bring in behavioral change to use fossil fuel intelligently. SAKSHAM stands for Sanrakshan Kshamata Mahotsav.

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Recommendation of Ashok Dalwai Committee's report:

The Report of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Doubling Farmers' Income (DFI) is documented in fourteen volumes. The Committee focuses on seven major sources of growth, operating within and outside the agriculture sector. The priority assigned to each will vary depending on the status of agricultural development in States and Union Territories. These sources are:

- Improvement in crop productivity.
- Improvement in livestock productivity.
- Resource use efficiency or saving in cost of production.
- Increase in cropping intensity.
- Diversification towards high value crops.
- Improvement in real prices received by farmers.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

WhatsApp is legally bound to not share data with Facebook in the European Region because it's a contravention of the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). GDPR is a regulation in the European Union law on data protection and privacy in the European Union and the European Economic Area.