



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Recently, the USA's President and UK's Prime Minister signed a new version of the 80-year old Atlantic Charter. The Atlantic Charter was a joint declaration released by US President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill on 14th August, 1941 during World War II in Newfoundland. New Atlantic Charter (2021) The new charter is an effort towards a grand vision of global relationships of democracy and territorial integrity. It is a statement of a promise that the UK and the US would meet the challenges of today's world. It calls for both countries to adhere to the rules-based international order. It also focuses on climate change and biodiversity. It also highlights emerging technologies, cyberspace and sustainable global development. It calls on Western allies to oppose interference through disinformation or other malign influences, including in elections. It vows that as long as there are nuclear weapons, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) will remain a nuclear alliance.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Clamour grows for Tulu to be included in the eighth schedule of the Constitution and given official language status in Karnataka and Kerala.

About Tulu language:

Tulu is a Dravidian language spoken mainly in two coastal districts Dakshina Kannada and Udupi of Karnataka and Kasaragod district of Kerala. As per the 2011 Census report, there are 18,46,427 Tulu-speaking people in India. Robert Caldwell (1814-1891), in his book, A Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian or South-Indian Family of Languages, called Tulu "one of the most highly developed languages of the Dravidian family". Tulu has a rich oral literature tradition with folk-song forms like paddana, and traditional folk theatre yakshagana.

Eighth schedule to the Constitution:

Part XVII of the Indian constitution deals with the official languages in Articles 343 to 351.

The Constitutional provisions related to the Eighth Schedule are:

Article 344: Article 344(1) provides for the constitution of a Commission by the President on expiration of five years from the commencement of the Constitution. Article 351: It provides for the spread of the Hindi language to develop it so that it may serve as a medium of expression for all the elements of the composite culture of India. Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani,

Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Bodo, Santhali, Maithili and Dogri are the 22 languages presently in the eighth schedule to the Constitution.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Technology, (IIT) Ropar has developed a device dubbed as 'Jivan Vayu' which can be used as a substitute of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

India has moved down 12 places in the global home price index in Q1 of 2021 to 55th position from 43rd rank during the same quarter last year, shows the latest report by global property consultancy Knight Frank. Turkey remains at the top with a 32 per cent rise in prices during January-March 2021 compared to the first quarter of the 2020 calendar year.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

the European Space Agency (ESA), is now developing its own probe to study Venus, for holistic view of planet from its inner core to upper atmosphere.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The SPAG9 antigen developed by the National Institute of Immunology (NII) has received the ASPAGNIITM trademark, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) said.

7. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

India's foreign exchange reserves crossed \$600 for the first time. As on June 4, the foreign exchange reserves stood at \$605 billion, almost tying with Russia as the fourth largest reserve holder in the world.

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The scheme has resulted in a rise in the number of births in the Parsi community.

It was launched in 2013

Objective: To prevent the decline in population of the Parsi zoroastrian community in India

Developed by: Ministry of Minority affairs and Parzor Foundation

It comprises three components: Medical assistance for assisted reproductive treatments, Advocacy and Health of the community.

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) has recently modified FAME II scheme. Objective of the modification: To drive adoption of electric vehicles Modifications

Introduction of a demand incentive of Rs. 15,000 per kWh for electric two wheelers with a maximum cap at 40% of the vehicles' cost. Launch of an aggregate demand for 300,000 electric three- wheelers by Energy Efficiency Services Limited.

FAME scheme

It was launched in 2015

It forms a part of National Electric Mobility Mission Plan 2020.

It aims to promote manufacturing of electric and hybrid vehicle technology and to ensure sustainable growth of the same Phase 2 of the scheme was approved for a period of three years starting from first

April 2019 It aims to generate demand by way of supporting e-buses, e 2-wheelers, e three- wheelers By selling over 75,000 vehicles FAME has so far resulted in savings of over 20 million litres of fuel and has led to almost 40 million kg reduction in CO₂.

10. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Recently, the Indian Coast Guard has pressed into service an aircraft for 'Operation Oliva' to protect Olive Ridley turtles. What is Operation Oliva It was initiated in the early 1980s Every year, Operation Olivia helps protect Olive Ridley turtles as they congregate along the Odisha coast for breeding and nesting from November to December. Olive Ridley Turtles These are the smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles found in the world. They are carnivores They migrate thousands of kilometers between feeding and mating grounds in the course of a year. They are best known for their unique mass nesting called Arribada, where thousands of females come together on the same beach to lay eggs. Habitat:

They are found in warm waters of the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans. The Odisha's Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary is known as the world's largest rookery of sea turtles.

IUCN Red List: Vulnerable CITES: Appendix I Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule I Other Initiatives To reduce accidental killing in India, the Odisha government has made it mandatory for trawls to use Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs), a net specially designed with an exit cover which allows the turtles to escape while retaining the catch.