



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The government has finally appointed three economists — PMEAC member Ashima Goyal, NCAER's Shashanka Bhide and IIM-Ahmedabad professor Jayanth Varma — as new members of the RBI's monetary policy committee (MPC) to decide on interest rates. The new members nominated have been given a four-year term. The other three ex-officio members of the MPC are Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das, Deputy Governor (in-charge of monetary policy) Michael Patra and executive director Janak Raj. The panel is chaired by RBI governor Shaktikanta Das. The six-member MPC has the mandate to maintain annual inflation at 4 percent, with an upper tolerance of 6 percent and a lower tolerance of 2 percent. The last meeting of the panel was held in August wherein the committee had decided to keep interest rates unchanged in a bid to tame inflation.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The National Clinical Management Protocol based on Ayurveda and Yoga for the management of Covid-19 was released jointly by Union Minister for Health and Union Minister for AYUSH. Experts and other national research organizations have prepared the National Clinical Management Protocol based on Ayurveda & Yoga for management of Covid-19 as per the Report & Recommendations of the Interdisciplinary Committee. The Ministry has setup an Interdisciplinary Committee for Integration of Ayurveda and Yoga Interventions in the 'National Clinical Management Protocol: COVID-19, which was chaired by Dr V M Katoch, former Director General ICMR and group of experts. The protocol contains the details self-care guidelines for preventive health measures to help protect against COVID-19 pandemic. Clinical studies have established some Ayurveda interventions like Ashwagandha, Laung & Giloy as anti-inflammatory, antiviral & immunity-modulating which help protect against COVID-19.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Prasar Bharati and Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) have signed a MoU to broadcast and promote new agriculture technology and innovations. According to the agreement, DD Kisan will broadcast various innovative techniques being adopted in agriculture field in easy language

through 30 minutes program series for the benefit of farmers. IFFCO's innovations will be shared with farmers in easy language through DD Kisan in approximate 25 episodes. It will also help to achieve the target of doubling the income of farmers by 2022. Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) is a Multi-state cooperative society engaged in the business of manufacturing and marketing of fertilisers. It is headquartered in New Delhi and was established in 1967.

4. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

India and Myanmar have agreed to work towards the operationalization of the Sittwe port in the Rakhine state in the first quarter of 2021. Situated at the mouth of the Kaladan River, the Sittwe Port is being financed by India as a part of the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project, a collaboration between India and Myanmar. The project is aimed at developing transport infrastructure in southwestern Myanmar and north-eastern India. The announcement came post conclusion of the two-day visit of Indian Army Chief General MM Naravane and Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla to Myanmar. They also discussed the progress in the ongoing Indian-assisted infrastructure projects such as the Trilateral Highway and the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project. India announced a grant of two million US Dollars for the construction of the border haat bridge at Byanyu/Sarsichauk in Chin State that will provide increased economic connectivity between Mizoram and Myanmar.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Ministry of Electronics and Information and Technology (MeitY) has approved 16 eligible applicants under the PLI Scheme. Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing was notified on 1st April, 2020. It extends an incentive of 4% to 6% on incremental sales (over base year) of goods under target segments that are manufactured in India to eligible companies, for a period of five years subsequent to the base year (FY2019-20). Over the next 5 years, the approved companies under the PLI Scheme are expected to lead to total production of more than INR 10.5 lakh crore). The companies approved under the scheme are expected to promote exports significantly. Out of the total production of INR 10,50,000 crore in the next 5 years, around 60% will be contributed by exports of the order of INR 6,50,000 crore. The companies approved under the scheme will bring additional investment in electronics manufacturing to the tune of INR 11,000 crore.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The National Council for Science & Technology Communications (NCSTC), a Division of Department of Science & Technology (DST) has invited nominations for National Awards 2020 for Science &

Technology Communication. The awards shall be presented at New Delhi at a special ceremony on the 28th February, on National Science Day, every year. The awards carrying a citation, a memento, and cash award is presented every year to an individual or an institution for outstanding contribution in the field of science and technology communication and for promoting scientific temper during the last five years in 6 categories.

The categories are:

outstanding efforts in science & technology communication,
science & technology communication through print media including books and magazines,
science & technology popularization among children,
translation of popular science & technology literature,
science & technology communication through innovative and traditional methods,
science & technology communication in electronic medium

The awards are conferred annually and are open to all Indian citizens above 35 years of age as well as to institutions registered in India or created by the Central/ State governments/ Union Territories recommended in writing by a competent authority.

7. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The Centre will determine the jurisdictions of the Krishna and Godavari river management boards (KRMB and GRMB), Union Water Resources Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said. He was speaking after convening an apex council meeting involving the Centre, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the second since 2016. The meeting is primarily to resolve the conflict between the two States over executing irrigation projects and sharing water from the Krishna and Godavari rivers. The headquarters of the KRMB would be located in Andhra Pradesh. With regards to sharing of river waters, the Telangana Chief Minister agreed to withdraw the case filed in Supreme Court, to allow the Centre to refer water sharing issues to the Krishna Godavari tribunal. Regarding the sharing of Godavari waters, both the States were asked to send in their requests to the Centre so that it could refer them to the tribunal, a statement from the Water Resources Ministry said. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and his Telangana counterpart had taken tough stands on projects such as the Rayalaseema lift irrigation scheme and enhancement of the carrying capacity of the Pothireddypadu head regulator. The tributaries of Krishna River include Tungabhadra, Mallaprabha, Koyna, Bhima, Ghataprabha, Yerla, Warna, Dindi, Musi and Dudhganga.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on Tuesday announced IPS officer M.A. Ganapathy as the new Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) — the security watchdog for the

aviation sector. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security was initially set up as a Cell in the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in 1978 on the recommendation of the Pande Committee constituted in the wake of the hijacking of the Indian Airlines flight in 1976. The BCAS was reorganized into an independent department in 1987 under the Ministry of Civil Aviation as a sequel to the Kanishka Tragedy in June 1985. Mandate: BCAS is the regulatory authority for civil aviation security in India. The main responsibility of BCAS are lay down standards and measures in respect of security of civil flights at International and domestic airports in India. It is headed by an officer of the rank of Director General of Police and is designated as Director General (Bureau of Civil Aviation). BCAS Hqrs is located in New Delhi.

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness for Innovation (CEPI), a global initiative, has named Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad as one of the six laboratories for assessing Covid-19 vaccine candidates that are under development. The CEPI network will initially involve six labs, one each in Canada, Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Bangladesh and India. CEPI is a global partnership launched in 2017 to develop vaccines to stop future epidemics. CEPI was founded in Davos (Switzerland) by the governments of Norway and India, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Wellcome Trust, and the World Economic Forum.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Americans Harvey J Alter and Charles M Rice, and British scientist Michael Houghton were awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology, 2020 for the discovery of the Hepatitis C Virus. In 2018 the National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP) was launched which has the target to eliminate Hepatitis C by 2030. The program is the largest program for Hepatitis B and C diagnosis and treatment in the world. A vaccine for the disease has still not been developed but it can be treated with the help of anti-viral drugs. Hepatitis B is included under India's Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) which provides free of cost vaccination against a total of 12 vaccine-preventable diseases. Under UIP free of cost vaccination is provided against twelve vaccine-preventable diseases i.e. Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Hepatitis B, Pneumonia and Meningitis due to Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib), Measles, Rubella, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Rotavirus diarrhoea.