



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. With reference to the Inter-State Migrants, consider the following statements:
 - 1) The Inter-State Migrant Workmen (ISMW) Act, 1979, is meant to protect vulnerable workers who leave their own home State for employment.
 - 2) It applies to every establishment and contractor who has fifty or more migrants on their rolls and prohibits their employment without a certificate of registration.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
2. With reference to the 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package insurance scheme for health workers fighting COVID-19', consider the following statements:
 - 1) The 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package insurance scheme for health workers fighting COVID-19' has now been extended for another 180 days.
 - 2) This Central sector scheme provides an insurance cover of ₹10 lakh to healthcare providers who may have to be in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients, and therefore is at risk of being infected.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
3. 'i-ATS', an indigenously-built communication-based train control signalling technology for the metro, was recently launched by:
 - a) Kochi Metro Rail Ltd
 - b) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
 - c) Jaipur Metro Rail Corporation Ltd
 - d) None of the above
4. Which of the following state is the first to institutionalise snake handling in the country?
 - a) Kerala
 - b) Tamil Nadu
 - c) Karnataka
 - d) Andhra Pradesh
5. With reference to the Mahalaya, consider the following statements:
 - 1) Mahalaya marks the beginning of the Devipaksha and the end of the Pitrupaksha according to Hindu calendar.
 - 2) In Bengal, Mahalaya marks the beginning of Durga Puja festivities.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
6. With reference to the International Equal Pay Day, consider the following statements:
 - 1) On November 15, 2019, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution regarding International Equal Pay Day.
 - 2) International Equal Pay Day is being celebrated for the first time ever on 18 November, 2019.Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - a) 1 only
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2

7. With reference to 'Djibouti Code of Conduct', consider the following statement:
- 1) It is related to the repression of piracy and armed robbery in the Western Indian Ocean.
 - 2) It was established under the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2
8. Consider the following differences between Western and Eastern Ghats:
- 1) While the Western Ghats are considered as a biodiversity hotspot, that is not the case with the Eastern Ghats.
 - 2) The Eastern Ghats are ancient, having Gondwanaland relict forests, while the formation of the Western Ghats is recent.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2
9. With reference to Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), consider the following statements:
- 1) The approval for application of a vaccine is given by the CDSCO.
 - 2) It can not give emergency authorisation without late-phase trials.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2
10. With reference to Serial Interval of SARS-CoV-2, consider the following statements:
- 1) It is the duration between symptom onset of a primary case and symptom onset of secondary.
 - 2) The serial interval depends on other epidemiological parameters such as the incubation period.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both 1 and 2 d) Neither 1 nor 2