



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Asiatic cheetah, which once roamed India's vast forests and grasslands, was declared extinct here in 1952, after decades of human intervention, hunting and habitat degradation. The IUCN Red List classifies the species as critically endangered globally. The Asiatic cheetah is now found only in Iran. The Asiatic cheetah is arguably the most distinct of the cheetah subspecies. It is lighter in weight, has a smaller head and shorter legs. It faces many threats, including persecution killing, habitat loss (prey depletion), targeted poaching for skins, body parts and live trade, and even road-kill. Cheetahs are fairly adaptable and present across varied climate and habitats in their extant range. However, they require specialized prey and do not tolerate landscapes that have medium to high human populations. Cheetahs have wide climatic tolerances but the impacts of climate change and increasing human populations are placing pressure on cheetah habitats.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Japan, India and Sri Lanka had signed the Memorandum of Cooperation for the development of East Coast Terminal (ECT) in May 2019. (Tripartite agreement) The ECT project was expected to showcase India-Japan cooperation in a part of South Asia where Chinese infrastructure projects have been prominent. Recently, Sri Lanka decided to scrap this 2019 agreement with India and Japan for operating the ECT. Both India and Japan were taken by surprise, given the negotiations thus far, and given that nearly 70% of the transshipment business through ECT is linked to India.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The following are the Nine Missions under the Prime Minister's Science Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC)

1. Electric vehicles
2. Artificial Intelligence
3. Quantum Frontier
4. Waste to wealth
5. National Biodiversity

6. Natural Language Translation
7. Bioscience for human health
8. Deep Ocean Exploration
9. AGNi

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The International Space Station's Atmosphere-Space Interactions Monitor- ASIM observatory recently caught a single blue 'jet'. Blue Jet lightning is upward lights emitted from the thunderstorm clouds. The blue jets can be seen when some positively charged upper part of the cloud interacts with a negatively charged layer present immediately above it.

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget presentation proposed to establish a multipurpose seaweed park in Tamil Nadu.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

World Cancer Day is observed every year on 4 February by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).

It's headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland

World Cancer Day 2019-21 theme: 'I Am And I Will'.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

A dedicated Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management (CWCM) has been established at the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, an institution under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Indian Prime Minister will inaugurate the Chauri Chaura Centenary Celebrations at Chauri Chaura, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, on 4th February 2021. The day marks 100 years of the 'Chauri Chaura' incident, a landmark event in India's fight for independence. Important value additions The Chauri Chaura incident took place on 4 February 1922 at Chauri Chaura in the Gorakhpur district of the United

Province (modern Uttar Pradesh) in British India. In this, a large group of protesters participating in the Non-cooperation movement, clashed with police who opened fire. In retaliation the demonstrators attacked and set fire to a police station, killing all of its occupants. The incident led to the death of three civilians and 22 policemen. Mahatma Gandhi, who was strictly against violence, halted the non-cooperation movement on the national level on 12 February 1922, as a direct result of this incident.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Union Minister of Agriculture recently informed Lok Sabha about Agri India Hackathon. Important value additions The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has started organising KRITAGYA- a National level hackathon in August 2020 to promote innovation in agriculture and allied sectors in the country. The advantages of organising Agri-Hackathon are to allow the students along with faculties, innovators for showcasing their innovative approaches & technologies in agriculture and allied sectors.

ICAR has also put in place an Institutional mechanism through Research Institutes, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), and Agriculture Universities (AUs) to address the problems being faced by the farming sector.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Department under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution in association with State/UT Governments is implementing the 'One Nation One Ration Card' (ONORC) plan for nationwide portability of ration cards under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). So far, the facility has been enabled in 32 States/UTs covering almost 86% of the NFSA population of the country. Under ONORC, the beneficiaries can lift their entitled foodgrains from any ePoS (electronic Point of Sale device) enabled Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice by using their same/existing ration cards with biometric authentication on the ePoS device at the time of lifting the foodgrains through portability. No direction has been given to States/UTs for the issuance of new ration cards to beneficiaries under ONORC. However, for the sake of uniformity under ONORC operations, States/UTs have been advised to adopt a standard bi-lingual format for ration cards whenever they decide to issue/print new ration cards under NFSA in the future. The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under NFSA is operated under the joint responsibilities of the Central and State/UT Governments.