



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

of the Constitution prohibits the Parliament and the state legislatures from making laws that “may take away or abridge the fundamental rights” guaranteed to the citizens of the country.

Judicial review :

The power of Judicial Review comes from the Constitution of India itself (Articles 13, 32, 136, 142 and 147 of the Constitution). The power of judicial review is evoked to protect and enforce the fundamental rights guaranteed in Part III of the Constitution. Article 13 of the Constitution prohibits the Parliament and the state legislatures from making laws that “may take away or abridge the fundamental rights” guaranteed to the citizens of the country. The provisions of Article 13 ensure the protection of the fundamental rights and consider any law “inconsistent with or in derogation of the fundamental rights” as void.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The two-day Asian Waterbird Census-2020 commenced in Andhra Pradesh. About AWC: Asian Waterbird Census is an annual event in which thousands of volunteers across Asia and Australasia count waterbirds in the wetlands of their country. This event happens every January. This event is coordinated by wetlands International and forms part of global waterbird monitoring programme called the International Waterbird Census (IWC). It was started in the year 1987. Its main focus is to monitor the status of waterbirds and the wetlands. In India, the AWC is annually coordinated by the Bombay Natural history Society (BNHS) and Wetlands International.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Kambala is an annual buffalo race which is a tradition in the Karnataka’s Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts’ farming community. Jallikattu is typically practised in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu as a part of Pongal celebrations on Mattu Pongal day, which occurs annually in January. Anaval pidi (pulling the tail of a tusker) will be held at the Major Umayanalloor Sree Balasubramanyaswamy Temple, Kerala. A tusker is the main attraction of the event.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The country now has an estimated 2967 tigers as per the latest census. With this number, India is home to nearly 75 percent of the global tiger population and has already fulfilled its resolve of doubling tiger numbers, made at St. Petersburg in 2010, well ahead of the target year of 2022. India's five tiger landscapes are: Shivalik Hills and Gangetic Plains, Central Indian Landscape and Eastern Ghats, Western Ghats, North-East Hills and Brahmaputra Plains, and the Sundarbans. Central India and Eastern Ghats have the highest number of tigers.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The U.S. Congress has passed the 'Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act' to increase the number of scholarships for Pakistani women in higher education under a merit and needs-based programme.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

In Madhya Pradesh, 'Launch Pad Scheme' is being started for boys and girls coming out of child care institutions and having completed 18 years of age. The objective of this scheme of the Women and Child Development Department is to provide such a platform to these youth, through which they will be able to become self-reliant by continuing their education and training.

7. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

It is a joint initiative of TRIFED (under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs) and the Ministry of Food Processing. TRIFOOD Parks are food processing centres aiming at promoting value addition to minor forest produce. It was launched under the Van Dhan Yojana in 2020. The parks procure raw materials from the Van Dhan Kendras and process them to be sold across the country through Tribes India outlets. The minimum support price for minor forest produce is fixed by the Tribal Affairs Ministry and it is revised every three years by a pricing cell constituted under the Ministry.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Vietnam has started buying rice from India for the first time in decades after its local prices jumped to their highest in nine years amid limited domestic supplies. The purchases underscore tightening supplies in Asia, which could lift rice prices in 2021. It could even force traditional buyers of rice from Thailand

and Vietnam to switch to India which is the world's biggest exporter of the Rice. In December, the world's biggest rice importer China started buying Indian rice for the first time in at least three decades due to tightening supplies from Thailand, Myanmar and Vietnam and an offer of sharply discounted prices. Vietnam is the world's third biggest exporter of rice.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Indian Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the permanent campus of IIM Sambalpur recently. Sambalpur is a city in Odisha, located on the banks of river Mahanadi. Sambalpur is one of the ancient places of India, with recorded settlements in the prehistoric age. It is known for Sambalpuri Saree which is known for their incorporation of traditional motifs like shankha (shell), chakra (wheel), phula (flower). It is made from fabric woven on a hand-loom. Hirakud Dam, the longest earthen dam in the world and the largest artificial lake of Asia, is at Sambalpur. Sambalpur derives its name from the Goddess Samalei who is regarded as the reigning deity of the region.

10. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research's National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, Pappanamcode have developed a new product, Banana Grit or Granules. It is developed from Nendran bananas which are raw in nature. Changanikodan Nendran Banana is also called as Changanikodan. It is a banana variety that originated in Chengazhikodu village of Thrissur District in Kerala. These are now cultivated on the banks of the Bharathapuzha river also. Nendran bananas are planted in October and are grown organically which is the reason for its unusual yellow colour and texture. The Changanikodan/ Nendran banana got Geographical indication (GI) tag in 2014.