



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Recently, a king cobra (*Ophiophagus hannah*), was sighted in the recently declared conservation reserve, Tillari, in Maharashtra.

About King Cobra

They are one of the most venomous snakes on the planet and the longest of all venomous snakes. Their venom is not the most potent among venomous snakes, but the amount of neurotoxin they can deliver in a single bite—up to two-tenths of a fluid ounce—is enough to kill 20 people, or even an elephant. They are the only snakes in the world that build nests for their eggs, which they guard ferociously until the hatchlings emerge. They live mainly in the rain forests and plains of India, southern China, and Southeast Asia. They are comfortable in a variety of habitats, including forests, bamboo thickets, mangrove swamps, high-altitude grasslands, and in rivers. They face a variety of threats stemming from human activities such as:

- Deforestation.
- International pet trade.
- Persecution by humans.
- Used for skin, food, and medicinal purposes.
- Protection Status:
- IUCN Red List: Vulnerable.
- CITES: Appendix II.
- Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule II.

2. Ans) (d)

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Sirisha Bandla has made headlines as the second Indian-origin woman to head to space as part of Virgin

Space Ship Unity on July 11.

4. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The President appoints new Governors for 8 states.

Governors of States in India (Article 152-162):

A governor is a nominal head of a state, unlike the Chief Minister who is the real head of a state in India.

According to the 7th Constitutional Amendment Act 1956, the same person can be the Governor of two or more states.

The Governor of a State shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

Removal:

The Governor shall hold office during the pleasure of the President. Can be terminated earlier by: Dismissal by the president, at whose pleasure the governor holds office or Resignation by the governor.

There is no provision of impeachment, as it happens for the president.

Some discretionary powers are as follows:

Can dissolve the legislative assembly if the chief minister advises him to do following a vote of no confidence. Following which, it is up to the Governor what he/ she would like to do. Can recommend the president about the failure of the constitutional machinery in the state. Can reserve a bill passed by the state legislature for the president's assent. Can appoint anybody as chief minister If there is no political party with a clear-cut majority in the assembly. Determines the amount payable by the Government of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram to an autonomous Tribal District Council as royalty accruing from licenses for mineral exploration. Can seek information from the chief minister with regard to the administrative and legislative matters of the state. Can refuse to sign an ordinary bill passed by the state legislature.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

A new 'Ministry of Cooperation' has been created for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country.

Roles/Functions of the new ministry:

Provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country. Help deepen cooperatives as a "true people-based movement reaching up to the grassroots". Streamline processes for ease of doing business' for cooperatives and enable development of multi-state cooperatives (MSCS).

What are cooperative societies?

A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common

economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically controlled. The need for profitability is balanced by the needs of the members and the wider interest of the community.

Provisions of Indian Constitution related to Cooperatives:

The Constitution (97th Amendment) Act, 2011 added a new Part IXB right after Part IXA (Municipals) regarding the cooperatives working in India. The word “cooperatives” was added after “unions and associations” in 19(1)(c) under Part III of the Constitution. This enables all the citizens to form cooperatives by giving it the status of fundamental right of citizens. A new Article 43B was added in the Directive Principles of State Policy (Part IV) regarding the “promotion of cooperative societies”.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Supreme Court has directed the Central government to place on record the latest information on the appointment of Information Commissioners, vacancies and pendency of cases in the Central Information Commission (CIC).

Central Information Commission:

Established by the Central Government in 2005, under the provisions of the Right to Information Act (2005). Members: The Commission consists of a Chief Information Commissioner and not more than ten Information Commissioners. Appointment: They are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the Prime Minister as Chairperson, the leader of the single largest Opposition party in the Lok Sabha and a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister. Tenure: The Chief Information Commissioner and an Information Commissioner shall hold office for such term as prescribed by the Central Government or until they attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. They are not eligible for reappointment.

7. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Kappa and Lambda variants have been labelled as Variants of Interest (VoI) by WHO.

Concerns for India:

Kappa was first detected in India and more than 3,500 of the close to 30,000 cumulative samples submitted by the country to the GISAID initiative are of this variant. In the last 60 days, the Kappa variant has made up 3 per cent of all samples submitted by India. India, in fact, leads the GISAID table for Kappa submissions and is followed by the UK, US, Canada, etc.

What is Lambda?

Lambda is the newest VoI identified by the UN health agency. It was first identified in Peru in December last year and has so far been detected in samples from about 26 countries shared with GISAID. The

highest number of samples submitted is from Chile followed by the US. Peru is third on the list.

What is a Variant of Interest?

This means that the genetic changes involved are predicted or known to affect transmissibility, disease severity, or immune escape. It is also an acknowledgement of the fact that the variant has caused significant community transmission in multiple countries and population groups.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Central Government of India has created a separate and new ministry named 'Ministry of Co-operation'.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

A rare Melanistic Leopard (commonly known as Black Panther) has been recorded in Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve (NNTR) of Maharashtra. The tiger reserve comprises the notified area of Navegaon National Park, Navegaon Wildlife Sanctuary, Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary, New Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary and Koka Wildlife Sanctuary. NNTR has connectivity with the major tiger reserves in Central India like Kanha and Pench Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh, Pench & Tadoba-Andhari TR in Maharashtra, Indravati tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh and indirectly with the Kawal & Nagarjunsagar Tiger Reserve in Telangana & Andhra Pradesh and Achanakmar TR in Chhattisgarh. It is also connected to important tiger bearing areas like Umred-Karhandala sanctuary and Bramhapuri division.

10. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

It is India's first paint made from Cow Dung. Union MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari is the brand ambassador of Khadi Prakritik Paint. The Paint has been launched with the twin objectives of increasing farmers' income and creating self-employment across the country.