



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

It is a Global database to identify missing persons. Launched by Interpol. It can identify missing persons through family DNA and help the police solve cold cases in member countries.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Supreme Court has agreed to intervene after the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) sounded the alarm on a spate of complaints about illegal adoption of COVID orphans through private individuals and organisations.

What's the issue?

NCPCR statistics shows that 3,621 children were orphaned, 26,176 children lost either parent and 274 children were abandoned between April 1, 2021 to June 5, 2021. The second wave of the pandemic was at its worst form during this period, leaving a trail of death across the country. NCPCR had received many complaints in May that private individuals and organisations have been actively collecting data on these children while claiming that they want to assist families and children in adoption. Social media posts are circulating that children are up for adoption. This is plainly illegal and violates the Juvenile Justice Act. The Act also prohibits the disclosure of identity of children with regard to the name, school, age, address or any information which would reveal the essential details of the child.

What is the procedure to be followed with children who have been orphaned?

If someone has information about a child in need of care, then they must contact one of the four agencies: Childline 1098, or the district Child Welfare Committee (CWC), District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) or the helpline of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. Following this, the CWC will assess the child and place him or her in the immediate care of a Specialised Adoption Agency. When there is a child without a family, the State becomes the guardian.

3. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Raimona Reserve Forest in Assam has been upgraded as the National Park. It will now be the sixth National Park in Assam.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The United States of America (USA) is set to hand over three out of 24 MH-60 Romeo helicopters to the Indian Naval Force in July 2022. In February 2020, India and the US had signed Rs 15,157 crore (\$2.13 billion) deal to buy 24 MH-60 Romeo helicopters from Lockheed Martin.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

India has been elected as the member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of the six main organs of the United Nations, for three-year terms of 2022-24. India was elected to the 54-member ECOSOC, by the UNGA on June 7, 2021, in the Asia-Pacific States category, along with Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Oman.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

India launched the Innovation CleanTech Exchange Mission, a global initiative to create a incubators network across member countries to boost clean energy innovation.

7. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Food and Agricultural Organisation's (FAO) food price index (FPI) rose at their fastest monthly rate in a Decade in May. However, world cereal production is on its way to reach a new record.

Reasons for this inflation Revived demand in some countries. A backlog of low production Market and supply disruptions due to restrictions on movement due to COVID-19 Impact of the inflation Higher inflation will affect poor countries dependent on imports. Huge Multi-National Companies such as Nestlé and Coca-Cola could pass on increased prices of their raw materials to consumers.

What is inflation?

It measures the average price change in a basket of commodities and services over time. However, a certain level of inflation is required in the economy to ensure that expenditure is promoted and hoarding money through savings is demotivated. Important value additions FPI is released by Food and Agriculture Organisation It is a measure of the monthly change in international prices of a basket of food commodities. It consists of the average of five commodity group price indices- cereals, oilseeds, dairy products, meat and sugar. It is weighted with the average export shares of each of the groups.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

APEC Leaders met online to discuss ways to build back the economy better from the pandemic. APEC is a regional economic forum established in 1989 to take maximum advantage of the growing interdependence of the Asia-Pacific. It has 21 members. Aim: To create greater prosperity for the region by promoting balanced, inclusive and sustainable growth.

India is not a member of APEC.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

China is hosting Foreign Ministers from the 10 ASEAN countries. The event also marks the 30-year anniversary of relations. ASEAN is being seen as a key space where Chinese and Quad initiatives may rub up against each other.

Concerns for China:

There are possibilities that Quad members will further rope in ASEAN members to counter China as Southeast Asia is of great significance to the U.S.' Indo-Pacific Strategy. China recently called the Quad as "an Asian NATO".

What is ASEAN?

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations is a regional organization which was established to promote political and social stability amid rising tensions among the Asia-Pacific's post-colonial states. The motto of ASEAN is "One Vision, One Identity, One Community".

ASEAN Secretariat – Indonesia, Jakarta.

Genesis:

Established in 1967 with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) by its founding fathers. Founding Fathers of ASEAN are: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Ten Members: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Significance of ASEAN for India:

Against the backdrop of aggressive moves by China, including the Ladakh standoff, India placed the ASEAN at the centre of India's Act East policy and held that a cohesive and responsive ASEAN is essential for security and growth for all in the region. ASEAN is necessary for the success of the Security And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) Vision. The region is significant for diversification and resilience of supply chains for post-Covid-19 economic recovery. It is India's 4th largest trading partner with about USD 86.9 billion in trade.

10. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Turkey's Sea of Marmara, that connects the Black Sea to the Aegean Sea, has witnessed the largest

outbreak of ‘sea snot’. The sludge has also been spotted in the adjoining Black and Aegean seas.

What is sea snot?

It is a slimy layer of grey or green sludge, which can cause considerable damage to the marine ecosystem. It is formed when algae are overloaded with nutrients. A ‘sea snot’ outbreak was first recorded in the country in 2007. Back then, it was also spotted in the Aegean Sea near Greece. Overloading of nutrients happens because of warm weather caused by global warming, water pollution, uncontrolled dumping of household and industrial waste into the seas etc.