



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The US administration has once again amended the H-1B visa norms.

Changes:

Rules to give priority to higher wages and skills for selection of deserving candidates. The old lottery system of work visa selection will not be followed now. What is the new wage-based H-1B work visa regime? Priority in selection of visas to applications of those employers where the “proffered wage equals or exceeds” the prevailing level in that area of employment (The proffered wage is the wage that the employer intends to pay the beneficiary). This regime will also take into account the skill set that the respective worker brings to the country and cross check it whether such skill set is available at the same cost among the US workers.

2. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

National Youth Day is celebrated on January 12th. The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand is celebrated as the National Youth Day. The 24th National Youth Festival is being held in virtual mode due to COVID-19 with the theme "YUVAAH – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka'.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The 2014 National Youth Policy (NYP) defined youth as persons between 15 and 29 years. This segment of the society accounted for 27.5% of the population as per NYP, 2014. According to the NYP report, the Central government spends about ₹2,710 per youth on education, skill development, employment, healthcare and food subsidies. As of 2017-18, youth participation in India’s labour force was 38.3%. Drawing from the 2018 State of Working India Report, the youth unemployment rate is pegged to be at least 18.3% (3.47 crore youths).

4. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Union Minister for Earth Sciences, Harsh Vardhan has launched Coastal Research Vehicle (CRV) ‘Sagar

Anveshika' at the Chennai Port. The vehicle will be used to carry out environment indexing and bathymetric (mapping underwater features) in both coastal and offshore waters. It will be used for research purposes by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) and has been built by Titagarh Wagons, Kolkata, West Bengal. NIOT already has 6 Research Vessels – Sagar Kanya, Sagar Sampada, Sagar Nidhi, Sagar Manusha, & Sagar Tara.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Law Commission shall, on a reference made to it by the Central Government or suo-motu, undertake research in law and review of existing laws in India for making reforms therein and enacting new legislations. It shall also undertake studies and research for bringing reforms in the justice delivery systems for elimination of delay in procedures, speedy disposal of cases, reduction in cost of litigation etc. The Law Commission of India is a non-statutory body constituted by the Government of India from time to time. The Commission was originally constituted in 1955 and is re-constituted every three years.

The Union Cabinet had approved Twenty-second Law Commission of India for a period of three years from the date of publication of the Order of Constitution in the Official Gazette.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation

The second and final Session of India's seventh Trade Policy Review (TPR) was concluded recently at the World Trade Organization in Geneva. The TPR is an important mechanism under the WTO's monitoring function in which member countries' trade and related policies are examined by the WTO with an aim to contribute towards improved adherence to WTO rules, while providing constructive feedback to the Member under review. WTO appreciated India on the move of introducing of Goods & Services Tax in 2016. India was also praised for its efforts to implement WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement. It also said that the policies have remained very much the same from the past 5 years.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) is a national highway network connecting most of the major industrial, agricultural and cultural centres of India. It forms a quadrilateral connecting the four major metro cities of India, viz., Delhi (north), Kolkata (east), Mumbai (west) and Chennai (south). The sides of quadrilateral are: Delhi to Mumbai (1419 km), Mumbai to Chennai (1290 km), Chennai to Kolkata (1684 km) and Kolkata to Delhi (1453 km). It is the largest highway project in India and the fifth longest in the world.

The Golden Quadrilateral project is managed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) under

the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Star Air has commenced the direct daily flight operations from Kalaburagi, Karnataka to Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh under the RCS-UDAN (Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik). UDAN: It is a regional airport development and “Regional Connectivity Scheme” (RCS) of Government of India
Objective: Letting the common citizen of the country fly
Aim: (1) Making air travel affordable and widespread; (2) To boost inclusive national economic development, job growth and air transport infrastructure development of all regions and states of India. It is operated under the Ministry of Civil Aviation
Inaugurated under the UDAN scheme, Kalaburagi airport recently completed a successful 1 year of service. The airport has become the fastest growing airport in the country.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Promising concentrations of vanadium found in the palaeo-proterozoic carbonaceous phyllite rocks in the Depo and Tamang areas of Papum Pare district in Arunachal Pradesh. This was the first report of a primary deposit of vanadium in India.

Key Points:

Vanadium is a high value metal used in strengthening steel and titanium. India consumed 4% of about 84,000 tonnes of vanadium produced across the globe in 2017. China, which produces 57% of the world's vanadium, consumed 44% of the metal. The largest deposits are in China, followed by Russia and South Africa.

10. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

It is a cloud-based IT solution for planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of Covid-19 vaccination in India. The platform will be used for recording vaccine data and will form a database of healthcare workers too. The app will have separate modules for administrator, registration, vaccination, beneficiary acknowledgement and reports. The Once people start to register for the app, the platform will upload bulk data on co-morbidity provided by local authorities. In the process of forming database of Healthcare Workers, which is in an advanced stage across all States/UTs, data is presently being uploaded on the Co-WIN platform.