



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

Date: 20-02-2021

---

### EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The TRAFFIC, the Wildlife Trade Monitoring Network, is a leading non-governmental organisation working on wildlife trade in the context of both biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

It is a joint program of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). It was established in 1976 and has developed into a global network, research-driven and action-oriented, committed to delivering innovative and practical conservation solutions.

2. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Telangana's capital, Hyderabad has been recognized as a 2020 Tree City of World, by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Arbor Day Foundation, for its commitment to growing and maintaining urban forests. Hyderabad is the only city from India to have been recognized as a Tree City, till date.

3. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out joint user trials of indigenously developed Helina and Dhruvastra Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) from the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) [HAL Dhruv] at the Pokhran deserts in Rajasthan on February 19, 2021. Helina is the Army version and Dhruvastra is the Air Force version of the ALH.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved a slew of amendments to the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

The latest amendments:

Empower the District Magistrates (DM) to issue adoption orders as well as monitor the implementation of the law. Empower the DMs and the additional DMs to monitor the functioning of agencies responsible for implementing the JJ Act. The District Child Protection Units will function under the DMs. Before someone sets up a shelter home for children and sends their proposal for registration under the JJ Act to

the State, a DM will have to assess their capacity and conduct a background check. A DM could also independently evaluate the functioning of the Child Welfare Committee, Special Juvenile Protection Units and registered childcare institutes.

5. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

India to gift 2 lakh vaccine doses to UN peacekeepers. The announcement was made by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during his remarks at a UN Security Council open debate on the implementation of resolution 2532 (2020), passed last year. What is UNSC resolution 2532? The resolution: Demands a general and immediate cessation of hostilities in all situations on its agenda” (i.e., those already identified by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)). Calls for all parties engaged in armed conflicts (i.e., including those not specifically on the UNSC agenda) to “engage immediately in a durable humanitarian pause for at least 90 consecutive days”. Specifically excludes UNSC designated terrorist groups, e.g., the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. What is peacekeeping? It’s significance? United Nations Peacekeeping is a joint effort between the Department of Peace Operations and the Department of Operational Support. Every peacekeeping mission is authorized by the Security Council. The financial resources of UN Peacekeeping operations are the collective responsibility of UN Member States. According to the UN Charter, every Member State is legally obligated to pay their respective share for peacekeeping.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The FATF’s Plenary and Working Group meetings, scheduled to be held from February 21 to 26 in Paris, is all set to decide on Pakistan’s grey list status. However, Pakistan is unlikely to exit the Financial Action Task Force’s (FATF) ‘grey’ list until June.

ackground:

Pakistan was placed on the ‘grey’ list in June 2018 and given a timeline to implement 27 action points.

About FATF:

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 on the initiative of the G7. It is a “policy-making body” which works to generate the necessary political will to bring about national legislative and regulatory reforms in various areas. The FATF Secretariat is housed at the OECD headquarters in Paris. Black List: Countries known as Non-Cooperative Countries or Territories (NCCTs) are put in the blacklist. These countries support terror funding and money laundering activities. The FATF revises the blacklist regularly, adding or deleting entries. Grey List: Countries that are considered safe haven for supporting terror funding and money laundering are put in the FATF grey list. This inclusion serves as a warning to the country that it may enter the blacklist.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Built by Mohammed Quli Qutab Shah, in 1591 to commemorate the end of the plague in the city. Each minar stands on a lotus-leaf base, a special recurrent motif in Qutub Shahi buildings. Why in News? No records of chilla (a small shrine) adjacent to Charminar, says the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The ASI was responding to a Right to Information query.

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved signing of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) between India and Mauritius. The India-Mauritius CECPA will be the first trade Agreement to be signed by India with any African country. It is a limited agreement. It will cover Trade in Goods, Rules of Origin, Trade in Services, Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures, Dispute Settlement, Movement of Natural Persons, Telecom, Financial services, Customs Procedures and Cooperation in other Areas. CECPA provides for an institutional mechanism to encourage and improve trade between the two countries. Both sides have also agreed to negotiate an Automatic Trigger Safeguard Mechanism (ATSM) for a limited number of highly sensitive products within two years of the Signing of the Agreement.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The 12-year-old son of Shabnam, a death row convict from Uttar Pradesh's Amroha, appealed to President Ram Nath Kovind to "forgive" his mother. Shabnam has exhausted most of her legal remedies, and if executed, will be the first woman in independent India to be hanged for a crime. Clemency powers of the President are covered under article 72. The pardoning power of President is wider than the governor and it differs in the following two ways: The power of the President to grant pardon extends in cases where the punishment or sentence is by a Court Martial but Article 161 does not provide any such power to the Governor. The President can grant pardon in all cases where the sentence given is sentence of death but pardoning power of Governor does not extend to death sentence cases.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The 19-km long four-lane bridge connecting Dhubri in Assam and Phulbari in Meghalaya will be India's longest bridge once completed. It will be built at an estimated cost of Rs 4,997 crore was approved in

February 2019 and work of have been awarded in November 2020. Assam & Meghalaya will have a direct connection with West Bengal through this bridge. The bridge will be located on NH-127B, originating from Srirampur on NH-27 (East-West Corridor), and terminating at Nongstoin on NH-106 in the State of Meghalaya.