



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans:D

Explanation:

Eat Right Movement: It was launched by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). The movement aims to cut down salt/sugar and oil consumption by 30% in three years. It also aims to engage and enable citizens to improve their health and well-being by making the right food choices. GFSP (Global Food Safety Partnership) – GFSP, established by the World Bank, is a unique public-private initiative dedicated to improve the safety of food in middle-income and developing countries. FSSAI entered into a partnership with GFSP for cooperation in the areas of food safety.

2. Ans:A

Explanation:

Empowering Youth for Undertaking Value Added Innovative Translational Research (E-Yuva) is a scheme that would be implemented by Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)

3. Ans:A

Explanation:

The Defence Minister of India has launched the e-Chhawani portal for providing municipal services to citizens living in 62 Cantonment Boards all over India. Through the portal, the residents of cantonment areas will be able to avail basic services like renewal of leases, application for birth & death certificates, water & sewerage connections, etc. It is developed by eGov Foundation, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) and National Informatics Centre (NIC).

4. Ans:C

Explanation:

The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) has received the Asia Environmental Enforcement Award-2020. Awarded by: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). WCCB got the award twice in three years. It has been awarded this year under the Innovation category. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) It is a statutory body constituted under the WildLife (Protection) Act, 1972. Ministry: Ministry of Environment and Forests. Mandate: To combat organized wildlife crime in the country. Headquarter: New Delhi Regional offices: Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai and Jabalpur WCCB has developed an online Wildlife Crime Database Management System to get real time data to analyse trends in wildlife crimes across India. This system has been successfully used for carrying out operations such as Operation Save Kurma, Thunderbird, Wildnet, Lesknow, Birbil, Thunderstorm, Lesknow-II etc resulting in huge seizures of Tiger/Leopard Skin/bones, Rhino Horn, Elephant Ivory etc.

5. Ans:D

Explanation:

Hyderabad has won a green contest among cities in India, and emerged one of the 'Tree Cities of the World'. Awarded by: Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Hyderabad has maintained urban forestry under its Haritha Haram programme and its Urban Forest Parks plan. The city was evaluated on five metrics: 'Establish Responsibility', 'Set the Rules', 'Know What You Have', 'Allocate the Resources', and 'Celebrate the Achievements'.

6. Ans:D

Explanation:

The Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy conducted the Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the Arabian Sea. The military exercise between the navies of both countries aims to enhance operational interoperability and overall cooperation among them. Indian naval ship INS Talwar and the Indonesian Navy's multirole corvette KRI Bung Tomo participated in the exercise.

7. Ans:D

Explanation:

State-owned Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has signed a Statement of Intent with Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary of Greenstat Norway, to set up a Centre of Excellence on Hydrogen.

8. Ans:C

Explanation:

Participatory notes of Overseas Derivative Instruments have a tendency to raise the hackles of the regulators. Outstanding P-notes hitting a 31-month high in November is likely to have caused considerable consternation. What's the Concern? These instruments have gained notoriety on account of their rampant misuse prior to 2008. The anonymity provided by P-notes, where the final owner can be concealed from regulators, had led to entities using this route to round-trip funds. What are Participatory Notes? Participatory Notes or P-Notes (PNs) are financial instruments issued by a registered foreign institutional investor (FII) to an overseas investor who wishes to invest in Indian stock markets without registering themselves with the market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

Key points: P-Notes are Offshore Derivative Investments (ODIs) with equity shares or debt securities as underlying assets. They provide liquidity to the investors as they can transfer the ownership by endorsement and delivery. While the FIIs have to report all such investments each quarter to SEBI, they need not disclose the identity of the actual investors.

9. Ans:C

Explanation:

Nathu La is a mountain pass in the Himalayas. It connects the Indian state of Sikkim with China's Tibet Autonomous Region. It is also one of the four officially agreed BPM (Border Personnel Meeting) points between the Indian Army and People's Liberation Army of China for regular consultations and interactions between the two armies, which helps in defusing stand-offs.

10. Ans:C

Explanation:

Delhi Police have named environmental activists Disha Ravi, Nikita Jacob, and Shantanu Mukherjee, who are volunteers of this global environment movement. What is Extinction Rebellion, also referred to as 'XR'? Initially, launched in the United Kingdom on October 31, 2018, as a response to a report by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Now, it is a global movement which seeks to "rebel", and asks groups to "self-organise", without the need for anyone's permission, to come up with collective action plans as long as they adhere to the group's core principles and values. It is a

decentralised, international and politically non-partisan movement using non-violent direct action and civil disobedience to persuade governments to act justly on the Climate and Ecological Emergency. The group has “three core demands” of governments around the world. It wants governments to “Tell the Truth”, to “Act Now”, and to “Go Beyond Politics” in order to confront the climate and ecological emergency that the world is faced with.