



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

New chief for National Commission for SCs is Vijay Sampla. About National Commission for Scheduled Castes: In order to provide the Scheduled Castes of Indian society safeguards against exploitation and to promote their social, economic, educational and cultural development, the Commission was set up by the Government of India. The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) was established by amending Article 338 and inserting a new Article 338A in the Constitution through the Constitution (89th Amendment) Act, 2003. By this amendment, the erstwhile National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was replaced by two separate Commissions namely- the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC), and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) from February, 2004. It consists of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and three other members. They are appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly passed Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2021. The Bill seeks to replace the ordinance promulgated in November last year that seeks to curb religious conversions carried out by fraudulent or any other undue means. Key Provisions:

It makes religious conversion for marriage a non-bailable offence. The onus will be on the defendant to prove that conversion was not for marriage. The notice period to the district magistrate for the religious conversion is two months. In case of conversion done by a woman for the sole purpose of marriage, the marriage would be declared null and void.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

After two Chinese coast guard ships entered waters off the Senkaku islands recently, Japan protested against China's intrusion in the uninhabited islets in the East China Sea. Tensions have escalated between the two countries after Beijing enacted a legislation allowing its coast guard to use weapons against foreign ships that it views illegally entered its waters.

What's the issue?

Japan and China are locked in a dispute over the islands in the East China Sea which Tokyo calls the

Senkakus and Beijing the Diaoyu. The islets are administered by Japan, however, Beijing claims the islands as its own.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has asked UN member states to support the US for its re-election to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC). Background: Trump regime had taken the U.S. out of the Council in 2018, saying it was biased against Israel and had members who were human rights abusers. About elections to the UNHRC: Elections to the Council happen annually, with countries serving for three years on a rotational basis, as some of the seats expire on 31 December every year. Members shall not be eligible for immediate re-election after two consecutive terms.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Also called as qualified investors or professional investors. They are those who have an understanding of various financial products and the risks and returns associated with them. They can take informed decisions regarding their investments and are recognised by many securities and financial market regulators globally. Why in News? SEBI moots concept of ‘accredited investor’. It said the accreditation once granted shall be valid for a year. It also said the accreditation may be carried out via ‘Accreditation Agencies’ which may be the market infrastructure institutions or their subsidiaries.

6. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian has denounced what he called the “institutionalised repression” of China’s Uighur minority. What’s the issue? Rights groups believe that at least 1 million Uighurs and other Turkic-speaking Muslim minorities are incarcerated in camps in the western region of Xinjiang. Mr. Le Drian cited Xinjiang among several examples of “considerable regressions for human rights” in 2020. Who are Uighurs? A Muslim minority community concentrated in China’s northwestern Xinjiang province. They claim closer ethnic ties to Turkey and other central Asian countries than to China.

7. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Ghana became the first country to receive vaccines under COVAX – an initiative to reduce vaccine disparity between high- and low-income countries – with 600,000 doses of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine arriving in the capital Accra. What is COVAX? COVAX is a partnership between the World

Health Organization (WHO) and two international groups – the Gavi vaccine alliance and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) – which aims to send vaccines to developing countries. The majority of its funding has come from high-income countries and international organisations like the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Governor of Kerala Arif Mohammed Khan has recently inaugurated the first Digital University of India at Mangalapuram. The “Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology (Digital University)” has been established by upgrading the two-decade old state government’s Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management Kerala (IIITM-K).

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Based on the three pillars of people, process and platform, the NUDM will create a shared digital infrastructure for urban India. The mission seeks to make urban governance and service delivery citizen-centric and ecosystem-driven in all cities and towns by 2024. Its technology design principles are based on the National Urban Innovation Stack, which was released in 2019. The NUDM has been launched jointly by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs along with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Dutch Indian Water Alliance For Leadership Initiative (DIWALI) was established recently between India and Netherlands to find solutions for water related challenges. The experts from both countries would explore the potential and sustainability of Dutch Solutions to resolve challenges in specific water-challenged sites in India. Scalable, sustainable, and affordable solutions shall be given importance. Led by: Dutch consortia titled “Water for Change. Integrative and Fit-for-Purpose Water Sensitive Design Framework for Fast-Growing Livable Cities” and IIT Roorkee as the lead and other consortia members – MANIT, Bhopal; CEPT University, Ahmedabad; IIT Gandhinagar; CWRDM, Calicut.