



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans: (a)

Explanation:

The Odisha government has requested the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) to conduct a fresh study for identifying the movement of Olive Ridley sea turtles.

- This would help Odisha renew its conservation efforts along its coast.
- Odisha has emphasised on working with the local community for conservation.
- Olive ridley turtles are among the smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles found in the world. They are found in warm and tropical waters, primarily in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, but also in the warm waters of the Atlantic Ocean.
- They are predominantly omnivorous.

2. Ans: (b)

Explanation:

The Election Commission (EC) recently has revoked the status of a veteran leader and former Madhya Pradesh CM as a star campaigner for the party.

- A star campaigner can be described as persons who are nominated by parties to campaign in a given set of constituencies.
- These persons are, in almost all cases, prominent and popular faces within the party.
- There is no specific definition according to law or the Election Commission of India.
- Star campaigners for a party will not exceed 40 where it is a recognised political party. Election commission reduced this number to 30 because of Pandemic.
- For parties that are deemed unrecognized, the number of star campaigners will not be more than 20.

3. Ans: (a)

Explanation:

In a major relief to bus operators in Punjab, Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Friday ordered 100 per cent waiver on motor vehicle tax till December 31 for all stage carriage, mini and school buses, while deferring payment of arrears of taxes without interest and penalty till March 31, 2021. The move will result in financial benefits totalling Rs 100 crore to the transport sector.

4. Ans: (b)

Explanation:

President after two years of the commencement of Indian Constitution and thereafter every 5 years, has to constitute a Finance Commission of India.

The Fifteenth Finance Commission was constituted on 27 November 2017 against the backdrop of the abolition of Planning Commission and the introduction of the goods and services tax (GST), which has fundamentally redefined federal fiscal relations.

5. Ans: (d)

Explanation:

- Kochi-Muziris Biennale was in the news recently. Its 5th edition has been postponed to 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- In mythology, Muziris was a port city, among the earliest of its kind in the world.
- When Kerala established itself as a major center for spice, the ancient port of Muziris emerged as its hub.
- Currently, the Muziris Heritage Project is one of the biggest conservation projects in India, where the state and the central governments have come together to conserve a rich culture that is as old as 3000 years or more.

6. Ans: (c)

Explanation:

Kerala was adjudged the best governed state in the country while Uttar Pradesh ended at the bottom in the large states category, according to the Public Affairs Index-2020.

In the small state category, Goa ranked first with 1.745 points, followed by Meghalaya (0.797) and Himachal Pradesh (0.725).

Chandigarh emerged the best governed union territory in the category of UTs with 1.05 PAI points, followed by Puducherry (0.52) and Lakshadweep (0.003). Dadar and Nagar Haveli (-0.69), Andaman, Jammu and Kashmir (-0.50) and Nicobar (-0.30) were the least performers.

7. Ans: (b)

Explanation:

The UNESCO, under its Man and Biosphere programme has included Panna Biosphere region as one of its Biosphere Reserve. Panna National park was included as biosphere reserve by the Union Ministry of Environment and Forest.

The UNESCO has described the National Park as a critical tiger habitat and has also pointed out that it is home to World Heritage site of Khajuraho temples.

8. Ans: (b)

Explanation:

CM of Telangana launched Dharani portal for all kinds of land registrations. The entire registration process will be carried out digitally and people can visit the offices of the tehsildar-cum-sub-registrar only for once. The entire registration process will be completed within an hour after submitting necessary documents and land records will be updated on the portal real time.

9. Ans: (b)

Explanation:

As per a Central Board of Direct Taxes notification, declaration under the Vivad se Vishwas Scheme shall be required to be furnished latest by Dec. 31, 2020. However, only in respect of the said declarations made, the payment without additional amount can now be made up to March 31, 2021. The scheme provides a mechanism for resolution of pending tax disputes related to direct taxes (Income Tax and Corporate Tax) in simple and speedy manner.

10. Ans: (c)

Explanation:

- Recently, the PLACID Trial, a multicentre randomized controlled trial (RCT), has shown that convalescent plasma (CP) therapy for Covid-19 patients gave no positive effects and did not improve the outcome of the patients.
- The trial results indicate that there was no difference in the 28-day mortality.
- Progression of Covid-19 from moderate to severe in patients treated with CP along with basic standard care had no difference when compared to basic standard care alone.

Convalescent Plasma Therapy

- Convalescent Plasma, extracted from the blood of patients recovering from an infection, is a source of antibodies against the infection.
- The therapy uses blood from people who have recovered from an illness to help others recover.
- Blood donated by people who have recovered from Covid-19 has antibodies to the virus that causes it.