



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Union Minister of Jal Shakti launched a special mission mode campaign to provide potable piped water supply in all Schools & Anganwadi Centres across the nation within 100 days. This mission was envisaged by the Prime Minister on 29th September, 2020 while releasing the 'Margdarshika' for Gram Panchayats and Paani Samitis for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Provisions have been made under Jal Jeevan Mission for ensuring safe water through tap water connection in schools, anganwadi centres, health care centres, etc. National Jal Jeevan Mission has reached out to States/ UTs to ensure that during this campaign, Gram Sabhas are convened at the earliest to pass a resolution for providing safe water in all schools, anganwadi centres and other public institutions in the village in the next 100 days. These facilities will be operated and maintained by the Gram Panchayat and/ or its sub-committee i.e. Village Water & Sanitation Committee or Paani Samiti. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) aims at the universal coverage of provision of tap water connection to every rural home by 2024. Under the mission, special focus is on women and children.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The Swachh Bharat Diwas, 2020 was celebrated on occasion of Gandhi Jayanti with the distribution of Swachh Bharat Puraskar by the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The Swachh Bharat (2020) Awards were conferred to the best performing States/UTs, districts, blocks, GPs and others in various categories marking six years of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) launch. The awards were given by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS). Top Awards were conferred upon Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab & others. Gujarat was felicitated with the first prize in the state category; Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu as best district; Khachrod, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh as best block; and Chinnaur, (Salem) as the best Gram Panchayat for Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shauchalaya (SSSS) campaign organized from 1st Nov 2019 to 30th April 2020. For the week-long Gandagi Se Mukh (GMB) campaign launched by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 8th August 2020, Telangana received the top award for maximum Shramdaan participation.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Union Minister for Shipping launched diamond jubilee celebration of Shipping Corporation of India, on the occasion of its foundation day. The minister congratulated SCI for completing its 59 glorious years and entering into 60th year. The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) is a Government of India Public Sector Enterprise with that operates and manages vessels that services both national and international lines. Its headquartered in Mumbai.

Timeline:

SCI was established on 2 October 1961 by the amalgamation of Eastern Shipping Corporation and Western Shipping Corporation.

SCI was also awarded the prestigious "Navratna" status by the Indian Government in 2008.

On the 21st of November 2019, the Government of India approved the privatisation of SCI.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Wild Life Week is being celebrated in India. Wildlife Week is celebrated every year in India between October 1 and 8. The annual theme of the campaign is to promote the preservation of fauna – i.e. animal life. Wildlife Week was conceptualized in 1952 with the overall goal of raising awareness to serve the long-term goal of safeguarding the lives of wildlife through critical action. In addition, the Indian Government established an Indian Board of Wild Life which works to improve awareness towards the preservation of wildlife.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Earlier this week, late actor Irrfan Khan's wife Sutapa Sikdar made an appeal to legalise CBD oil in India for its potential to treat cancer. Her appeal followed the criticism of actor Rhea Chakraborty after it was reported that she had administered CBD oil, used as a pain reliever for some, to Sushant Singh Rajput when he was alive. CBD oil is an extract from the cannabis plant. The two main active substances in it are cannabidiol or CBD and delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC. The high that is caused by the consumption of cannabis is due to THC. CBD, however, does not cause a "high" or any form of intoxication. CBD oil is made by extracting CBD from the cannabis plant, then diluting it with a carrier oil like coconut or hemp seed oil. Cannabidiol can reduce pain and anxiety. It also reduces psychotic symptoms associated with conditions such as schizophrenia as well as epilepsy. There is not enough robust scientific evidence to prove that CBD oil can safely and effectively treat cancer. CBD oil manufactured under a licence issued by the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 can be legally used. However, the use of cannabis as a medicine is not much prevalent in India.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Speaking at the UN General Assembly, Chinese President Xi Jinping made two promises that came as a welcome surprise to climate change watchers. First, Xi said, China would become carbon net-zero by the year 2060. Net-zero is a state in which a country's emissions are compensated by absorptions and removal of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. Absorption can be increased by creating more carbon sinks such as forests, while removal involves application of technologies such as carbon capture and storage. Second, the Chinese President announced a small but important change in China's already committed target for letting its emissions "peak", from "by 2030" to "before 2030". That means China would not allow its greenhouse gas emissions to grow beyond that point. Xi did not specify how soon "before 2030" means, but even this much is being seen as a very positive move from the world's largest emitter. China is the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases. It accounts for almost 30% of global emissions, more than the combined emissions in the United States, the European Union and India, the three next biggest emitters. Getting China to commit itself to a net-zero target is a big breakthrough, especially since countries have been reluctant to pledge themselves to such long term commitments.

So far, the European Union was the only big emitter to have committed itself to a net-zero emission status by 2050.

7. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Zombie Fire is a fire from a previous growing season that can smoulder under the ground which is made up of carbon-rich peat. When the weather warms, the fire can reignite. These are also known as holdover fires. The reason for Zombie fires is that, due to the climate change the temperatures in winter and spring were warmer than usual during 2019-20. Temperature in Siberia in 2020 had gone through the roof, with the region recording a severe heatwave. Nearly all of this year's fires inside the Arctic Circle occurred on continuous permafrost, with over half of these burning on ancient carbon-rich peat soils. The tundra is drying up and vegetation there like moss, grass, dwarf shrubs, etc are starting to catch fire. These fires in the Arctic spreading to areas which were formerly fire-resistant is a more worrying feature. However, they are not limited to regions with Tundra vegetation.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is an index that shows the growth rates in different industry groups of the economy in a fixed period of time. It is compiled and published monthly by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. IIP is a composite indicator that measures the growth rate of industry groups classified under: Broad sectors, namely,

Mining, Manufacturing, and Electricity. Base Year for IIP calculation is 2011-2012. The eight core sector industries included in IIP are coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity. These eight industries account for 40.27% in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation

The National Crime Records Bureau was set-up in 1986 under the Ministry of Home Affairs based on the recommendations of the National Police Commission (1977-1981) and the MHA's Task Force (1985). National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) was first proposed in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on Mumbai in 2008 as a counter-terrorism measure that collects and collates a host of information from government databases. NCRB brings out the annual comprehensive statistics of crime across the country ('Crime in India' report). Being published since 1953, the report serves as a crucial tool in understanding the law and order situation across the country.

10. Ans) (c)

Explanation

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is the Nodal Ministry for matters relating to the Senior Citizens. Article 41 of the Constitution states that the State shall, within the limits of its economic capacity and development, make effective provision for securing the right to work, to education and to public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement, and in other cases of undeserved want. Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana is a pension scheme for senior citizens that comes with guaranteed returns on monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or on an annual basis for a period of 10 years. It is exclusively available to those who are 60 years of age and above. Vayoshreshtha Samman is conferred as a National award (part of celebrations of International Day of Older Persons), and given to eminent senior citizens & institutions in recognition of their services towards the cause of the elderly persons.