



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the physical distribution of Property Cards under the SVAMITVA Scheme on October 11, 2020 to transform rural India. The SVAMITVA scheme, which was launched in April this year, aims to provide the record of rights to village household owners in rural areas and issue Property Cards. The Scheme is being implemented across the country in a phased manner over a period of four years and will cover around 6.62 lakh villages of the country. The launch will enable around one lakh property holders to download their Property Cards through the SMS link delivered on their mobile phones. This would be followed by physical distribution of the Property Cards by the respective State governments. The move will pave the way for using property as a financial asset by villagers for taking loans and other financial benefits.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

In an effort to provide flexibility to exporters in the realisation of export proceeds, the Reserve Bank has decided to discontinue the system-based automatic caution-listing of exporters. The decision will also empower exporters to negotiate better terms with overseas buyers. As part of automation of the Export Data Processing and Monitoring System, the 'Caution/De-caution Listing' of exporters was automated in 2016. Accordingly, the exporters were to be caution-listed automatically, if any shipping bill against them remained outstanding for more than two years. After contracting for six months in a row, India's exports grew by 5.27 percent year-on-year to 27.4 billion dollars in September while the trade deficit narrowed to a three-month low of 2.91 billion dollars.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2020 to the World Food Programme (WFP) for its efforts to combat hunger. The World Food Programme (WFP) is the food-assistance branch of the United Nations and the world's largest humanitarian organization focused on hunger and food security. Founded in 1961, it is headquartered in Rome. In 2019, the WFP provided assistance to close to 100 million people in 88 countries who are victims of acute food insecurity and

hunger. In 2015, eradicating hunger was adopted as one of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. The WFP is the UN's primary instrument for realising this goal. The World Food Programme was an active participant in the diplomatic process that culminated in May 2018 in the UN Security Council's unanimous adoption of Resolution 2417, which for the first time explicitly addressed the link between conflict and hunger.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Films Division is showcasing select animation and documentary films to mark the International Day of the Girl on 11th October, 2020. The films being screened too amplify the voice of girls and those who are in the forefront of saving girl child from all kinds of exploitation. Every year on 11th October, the International Day of the Girl, UNICEF launches an annual campaign with girls to amplify their voices and stand up for their rights. This year's theme is "My voice, our equal future", seizing the opportunity to re-imagine a better world inspired by adolescent girls – energized and recognized, counted and invested in. October 11, 2012, was the first Day of the Girl Child. In 2020, the world is commemorating 25 years since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action – the global agenda for advancing the rights and empowerment of women and girls, everywhere. In 1995 at the World Conference on Women in Beijing countries unanimously adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The Beijing Declaration is the first to specifically call out girls' rights.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has bowed to Bhai Taru Singh Ji, on the occasion of his 300th birth anniversary. Bhai Taru Singh (1720 – 1745) was a prominent Sikh martyr known for sacrificing his life, in the name of protecting Sikh values, by having had his head scalped rather than cutting his hair and converting to Islam. Gurdwara Shaheed Bhai Taru Singh or Gurdwara Shahidi Asthan Bhai Taru Singh ji is a Sikh Gurdwara at Naulakha Bazaar in Lahore, Pakistan, which commemorates the spot where Bhai Taru Singh was martyred. He was born in Punjab during the reign of the Mughal Empire.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has greeted the Indian Foreign Service officers on IFS Day. The Indian Foreign Service is the diplomatic civil service under Group A and Group B of the Central Civil Services of the executive branch of the Government of India. The service is entrusted to conduct diplomacy and manage foreign relations of India. The administrative and political heads are respectively the Foreign Secretary and the External Affairs Minister. In 1948, the first group of Indian Foreign Service

officers recruited under the combined Civil Services Examination administered by the Union Public Service Commission joined the service. This exam is still used to select new foreign service officers. The origin of the Indian Foreign Service can be traced back to the British rule when the Foreign Department was created to conduct business with the "Foreign European Powers". On September 13, 1783, the Board of Directors of the East India Company passed a resolution at Fort William, Calcutta, to create a department, which could relieve the pressure on the Warren Hastings administration in conducting its business. Established on October 9, 1946, the Indian Foreign Service celebrated 74 years of its existence.

7. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Election Commission of India (ECI) has relaxed Public Notice Time Period for Registration of Political Parties. It has given a relaxation and has reduced the notice period from 30 days to 7 days for the parties who have published their public notice on or before 07.10.2020. Registration of Political parties is governed by the provisions of Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. A party seeking registration under the said Section with the ECI has to submit an application to the Commission within a period of 30 days following the date of its formation as per guidelines prescribed by it in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 324 of the Constitution of India. As per existing guidelines, the applicant association is, inter-alia, asked to publish proposed Name of the party in two national daily news papers and two local daily newspapers, on two days for submitting objections, if any, with regard to the proposed registration of the party before the Commission within 30 days from such publication.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation

The World Bank releases the South Asia Economic Focus report and Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report. The latest South Asia Economic Focus report estimated that India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) can contract by 9.6% in 2020-21. The latest Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report estimates that Covid-19 will push over 1.4% of the world's population into extreme poverty. The Global Financial Stability Report is released by the International Monetary Fund. The Global Gender Gap Report is released by the World Economic Forum.

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Target Rating Points (TRP) is used to calculate the viewership of TV channels determined by the data from Bar-O-meters placed in selected empanelled households which are representative of different socioeconomic categories of the country. TRP represents how many people, from which socio-economic categories, watched which channels for how much time during a particular period. This period is one

minute as per the international standards. While watching a show, members of the household register their presence by pressing their separate viewer ID button. This captures the duration for which the channel was watched and by whom and provides data on viewership habits. Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) is a company registered with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to carry out television ratings in India..BARC was created in 2010 and jointly owned by advertisers, ad agencies, and broadcasting companies, represented by the Indian Society of Advertisers, the Indian Broadcasting Foundation and the Advertising Agencies Association of India.

10. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP):It was notified in 2017.The plan was formulated after several meetings were held by Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) with state government representatives and experts..EPCA is a Supreme Court mandated body tasked with taking various measures to tackle air pollution in the National Capital Region.It is prepared for Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR). GRAP includes the measures to prevent worsening of Air Quality of Delhi-NCR and prevent PM10 and PM2.5 levels to go beyond the 'moderate' national Air Quality Index (AQI) category.