



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed International Bharathi Festival 2020 and paid tributes to the Bharathiyar on his Jayanti. The festival is being organised by Vanavil Cultural Centre to celebrate the 138th birth anniversary of Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathi. Subramania Bharati (1882 – 1921) was a Tamil poet, Indian independence activist and a social reformer from Tamil Nadu. He is also known as ‘Bharathiyar’ and ‘Mahakavi Bharati’. He is considered as one of the pioneers of modern Tamil literature. He used Nondi Chindu in most of his works. His poetry covered political (related to Indian Independence movement), social (women and Dalit empowerment) and spiritual themes. The word ‘Chindu’ refers to a couplet or poem in Tamil set to a particular meter. There are various types of Chindus. Nondi Chindus were meant for by ‘Nondis’, the narrators or announcers in folk dramas and event.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Indian Railways has launched The Hospital Management Information System (HMIS), another major IT initiative towards according priority for the well-being of its work force. The HMIS in Railways has been developed by Indian Railways in coordination with RailTel Corporation Limited. The objective of the HMIS is to provide a single window of clearance of hospital administration activity such as clinical, diagnostics, pharmacy, examinations, industrial health etc. The primary objectives of envisaged solution are: Effectively manage all the health facilities & its resources Monitor performance of hospitals across the administrative channel Impart quality health care services to its beneficiaries Improve the patient turn-around time Generate and maintain EMR (electronic medical records) of all patients Presently, 3 Modules of HMIS – Registration, OPD Doctor Desk & Pharmacy – are being taken up implemented. These three modules are going to be implemented on trial basis at Central Hospital, Lallaguda and will progressively be implemented across all Health Units over SCR.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has circulated draft of Indian Ports Bill 2020 for public consultation which will repeal and replace the Indian Ports Act, 1908. The Bill also seeks to create an

enabling environment for the growth and sustained development of the ports sector in India through the following broad methods: Constitution of Maritime Port Regulatory Authority Formulation of the National Port policy and National Port plan in consultation with Coastal State Governments, State Maritime Boards and other stakeholders. Formulation of specialised Adjudicatory Tribunals namely Maritime Ports Tribunal and Maritime Ports Appellate Tribunal to curb any anti-competitive practises in the port sector and act as a speedy and affordable grievance redressal mechanism.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

As many as 2927 Court complexes across India have been connected so far by a high-speed Wide Area Network (WAN) under e-Courts Project. It has led to completion of 97.86 % sites out of 2992 sites conceived to be connected with high speed WAN under the project. The Government approved the computerization of 14,249 district & subordinate Courts under the e-Courts Phase I project (2007-2015). The objective of the e-Courts project is to provide designated services to litigants, lawyers and the judiciary by universal computerization of district and subordinate courts in the country by leveraging Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for improved justice delivery. Envisaging further ICT enhancement through universal computerization of all the courts, the Phase II of the project was approved by the Cabinet in July 2015 with a cost of Rs 1670 crore under which 16,845 courts have been computerized. Under e-Courts Project, one of the largest digital networks of the world was conceived by Department of Justice along with the e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India to connect the 2992 court complexes located all over India by a high-speed Wide Area Network (WAN) via different modes of connectivity.

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Just within a year of operationalising NEFT 24x7, the Reserve Bank has announced that the Real Time Gross Settlement System or the RTGS facility will now be available for round the clock transactions, with effect from December 14. Round the clock availability of RTGS will provide extended flexibility to businesses for effecting payments. The system can also be leveraged to enhance operations of Indian financial markets and cross-border payments. RTGS, which began its operations on 26th March, 2004 with a soft launch involving four banks, presently handles 6.35 lakh transactions daily for a value of 4.17 lakh crore rupees across 237 participant banks. RBI has informed that RTGS uses ISO 20022 format which is the best-in-class messaging standard for financial transactions. The term real-time gross settlement (RTGS) refers to a funds transfer system that allows for the instantaneous transfer of money and/or securities. RGTS is the continuous process of settling payments on an individual order basis without netting debits with credits across the books of a central bank. Once completed, real-time gross

settlement payments are final and irrevocable

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary launched a programme of Socio-Economic Profiling of PM SVANidhi beneficiaries and their families, as an additional component of PM SVANidhi Scheme.

Under this, a complete profile of each PM SVANidhi beneficiary and their family members will be prepared. Based on the profiled data, benefits of the various eligible Central Schemes would be extended to them for their holistic socio-economic upliftment. The launch has been in the context that PM SVANidhi scheme should not be seen merely from the perspective of extending loans to street vendors but should also be seen as an instrument for outreach to street vendors and their families for their holistic development and socio-economic upliftment. In the first phase, 125 cities have been selected for the programme. The profile will identify potential eligibility of beneficiaries and their family members for select Central Government schemes and facilitate linkages. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is implementing Prime Minister Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi, PM SVANidhi Scheme since 1st June this year with an objective to provide affordable working capital loan up to 10 thousand rupees to Street Vendors for facilitating resumption of their livelihoods adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

World Health Organisation applauds India for Fitness Ka Dose Aadha Ghanta Roz campaign. The campaign was launched as part of the nation-wide Fit India Movement by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Kiren Rijiju on December 1. The campaign has gained the support of celebrities from different fields - Bollywood, sportspersons, writers, doctors, fitness influencers, among others, who have enthusiastically urged Indians to follow the basic mantra of 30 minutes of fitness every day. Fit India Movement was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of National Sports day in 2019.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Morocco is an Arab country sharing borders with Algeria (South-East) and Western Sahara (South-West) but not with Libya. Morocco is the only African country with coastal exposure to both the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. It is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean in the North and North-West and Mediterranean Sea in the North.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation

HelpAge India has been presented the UN Population Award for 2020 in the institutional category. For the first time in the history of the UN Population Award, the honour is being conferred on an Indian institution. Only two Indians have been awarded in the past four decades since the award was established in 1981: former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1983 and industrialist-philanthropist J.R.D.Tata in 1992. Bhutan's Queen Mother Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck has been awarded the United Nations Population Award in the individual category for 2020 for her work on sexual health and ending gender violence. HelpAge India is a leading charity in India working with and for disadvantaged elderly for nearly 4 decades. It was set up in 1978 and is registered under the Societies' Registration Act of 1860. It is a Non Profit Organization and not established by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Recently, the World Health Organization's (WHO) released the 2019 Global Health Estimates. The WHO Global Health Estimates provide a comprehensive and comparable assessment of mortality and loss of health due to diseases and injuries for all regions of the world. Key Findings of the Global Health Estimates 2019: Top Ten Causes of Death: Ischaemic heart disease, Stroke, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Lower respiratory infections, Neonatal conditions, Trachea, bronchus and lung cancers, Alzheimer disease and other dementias, Diarrhoeal diseases, Diabetes mellitus, Kidney diseases. Non-communicable diseases make up 7 of the world's top 10 causes of death, an increase from 4 of the 10 leading causes in 2000. Heart disease : It now represents 16% of total deaths from all causes and the number of deaths from heart disease increased by more than two million since 2000 to nearly 9 million in 2019. Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia: Ranked 3rd in both the Americas and Europe in 2019. Women are disproportionately affected: globally, 65% of deaths from Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia are women. Diabetes: Deaths from diabetes increased by 70% globally between 2000 and 2019, with an 80% rise in deaths among males. In the Eastern Mediterranean, deaths from diabetes have more than doubled and represent the greatest percentage increase of all WHO regions.