



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

Date: 13-10-2020

EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog (RKA) has started a nation-wide campaign to celebrate “Kamdhenu Deepawali Abhiyan” this year on the occasion of Deepawali festival. Through this campaign, the RKA is promoting extensive use of cow-dung/ Panchgavya products during this Diwali Festival. Manufacture of Cow dung based Diyas, Candles, Dhoop, Agarbatti, Shubh-Labh, Swastik, Samrani, Hardboard, Wall-piece, Paper-weight, Havan samagri, Idols of Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi for this year’s Diwali festival has already started. Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog (RKA) has been constituted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the conservation, protection and development of cows and their progeny and for giving direction to the cattle development programmes. RKA is high powered permanent body to formulate policy and to provide direction to the implementation of schemes related to cattle so as to give more emphasis on livelihood generation.

2. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

TRIFED under Ministry of Tribal Affairs in collaboration with Chhattisgarh MFP Federation and IIT, Kanpur will be launching Tech for Tribals initiative on 13th October, 2020. The program titled “Tech for Tribals” aims at the holistic development of tribals with a focus on entrepreneurship development, soft skills, IT, and business development through SHGs operating through Van Dhan Kendras (VDVKs).

Under this initiative, TRIFED has tied up reputed national institutions such as IIT, Kanpur; Art of Living, Bangalore; TISS, Mumbai; KISS, Bhubaneswar; Vivekananda Kendra, Tamil Nadu and SRIJAN, Rajasthan. They will be conducting Vandhan-ESDP Training Programs in the States of Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Bangladesh Cabinet approved a draft law to include death penalty as the highest punishment for rape. The decision to amend the Prevention of Women and Children Repression Act-2000 was announced after the Cabinet meeting Chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka. The ordinance will be issued after getting approval of the President as Parliament is not in session. Currently, the highest punishment for rape is life imprisonment. Bangladesh has been witnessing widespread protests over the last several

days against the gang rape of a woman in Noakhali which came to light on 4th of October.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Taking note of Pakistan's "meagre progress" in combating money laundering and terror financing, the Asia-Pacific Group (APG) on Money Laundering retained the country on its 'Enhanced Follow-Up' list. APG is a regional affiliate of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF). The APG Secretariat is located in Sydney, Australia. APG was founded in 1997 in Bangkok, Thailand, and currently consists of 41 member jurisdictions in the Asia-Pacific region. The APG said, Pakistan will remain in the enhanced follow-up list and will have to continue to report back to the APG on progress to strengthen its implementation of comprehensive Anti-money Laundering and Terrorist Financing measures. Pakistan is desperate to move out of 'grey list' as its inclusion in the list has adversely impacted its economy and image. The FATF had placed Pakistan in the grey list in June 2018. China, Pakistan's all-weather ally, has prevented it from being blacklisted by the FATF for the past two years, with support from Turkey and Malaysia. Three votes are necessary at the FATF meet to prevent blacklisting.

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli has signed a MoU with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune for installing a state of the art super computer in the process of becoming part of the National Super Computing Mission of the Government of India. A total of 10 Centrally Funded Institutions have been inducted into National Super Computing Mission (NSM) including IISc, Bangalore and seven IITs in addition to NIT, Trichy. The objective of the NSM is to empower technology institutions with high-performance computing capabilities that can be used for solving socially relevant, computationally intensive problems. NIT Director said that the super Computing facility worth 17 crore rupees will be made available to neighbouring educational institutions, as mandated and in line with NEP-2020.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Union Finance Minister announced two sets of measures to generate consumption demand and boost capital spending in the economy. Under Leave Travel Concession (LTC) Cash Voucher Scheme, the Government has decided to give cash payment to employees in lieu of one LTC during 2018-21, in which full payment on Leave encashment and tax-free payment of LTC fare in 3 flat-rate slabs depending on class of entitlement will be given. Special Festival Advance Scheme which was meant for non-gazetted government employees is being revived as a one-time measure, for gazetted employees too. All central

govt. employees can now get interest-free advance of Rs. 10,000, in the form of a prepaid RuPay Card, to be spent by March 31, 2021. Capital Expenditure Boost for States: A special interest-free 50-year loan to states is being issued, for ₹ 12,000 crore capital expenditure (the interest-free loans given to states are to be spent by March 31, 2021):

- 200 crore each for 8 North East states.
- 450 crore each Uttarakhand, Himachal.
- 7,500 crore for remaining states, as per share of Finance Commission's devolution.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation

A hurricane starts out as a tropical disturbance. This is an area over warm ocean waters where rain clouds are building. In the western North Pacific, they are called "typhoons".

In the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea, they are called "cyclones".

In Australia, they are called "Willy-Willy".

Hurricanes are characterised by a low-pressure centre surrounded by a spiral arrangement of thunderstorms that produce strong winds and heavy rain.

Hurricanes move with a counter clockwise wind flow in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise wind flow in the Southern Hemisphere.

In the Atlantic, the Saffir-Simpson wind scale is used to measure their destructive power.

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation

The World Bank has recently released its biennial South Asia Economic Focus report. The fall 2020 edition is titled "Beaten or Broken? Informality and Covid-19". The report includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. It does not take Myanmar into consideration for the report.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation

Bharatmala Pariyojana is an umbrella program for the highways sector envisaged by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Under this programme National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has mandated the development of national highways. The objective of the Bharatmala Pariyojna is to optimise the efficiency of freight and passenger movement across the country by bridging critical infrastructure gaps through effective interventions. The effective interventions include the development of economic corridors, inter corridors and feeder routes, national corridor efficiency improvement, border and international connectivity roads, coastal and port connectivity roads and greenfield expressways.

10. Ans) (b)

Explanation

Central Information Commissioners are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the Prime Minister as Chairperson, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister. The Chief Information Commissioner and an Information Commissioner shall hold office for such term as prescribed by the Central Government or until they attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. They are not eligible for reappointment.