



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans (c)

Explanation:

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the Ministerial meeting of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition (GPC). Hosted by UNAIDS and UNFPA on behalf of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition (GPC), the conference this year holds significance in achieving the 2016 UNGA commitment to end AIDS by 2030. Member States of GPC had agreed to reduce new adult HIV infections by 75% at the end of 2020 from 2010 levels. In 2017, a global coalition of United Nations Member States, donors, civil society organizations and implementers was established to support global efforts to accelerate HIV prevention. Membership includes the 25 highest HIV burden countries, UNAIDS Cosponsors, donors, and civil society and private sector organizations. The overarching goal of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition is to strengthen and sustain political commitment for primary prevention by setting a common agenda among key policy-makers, funders and programme implementers.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Ministry of Food Processing launched the GIS One District One Product (ODOP) digital map of India. The digital ODOP map provides detailed information about ODOP products to all stakeholders. The GIS ODOP digital map of India provides details of ODOP products of all the states and facilitates the stakeholders. The digital map also has indicators for tribal, SC, ST, and aspirational districts. It will enable stakeholders to make concerted efforts for its value chain development.

3. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries inaugurated the capacity building component of the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme (PM-FME Scheme). Launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the PM-FME Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme. It aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote formalization of the sector and provide support to Farmer Producer Organizations, Self Help Groups, and Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain. With an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25, the scheme envisions to directly assist the 2,00,000 micro food processing units for providing

financial, technical, and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.

4. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

World Philosophy Day is being observed on 19 November. World Philosophy Day was introduced in 2002 by UNESCO to foster philosophical analysis, research and studies on major contemporary issues, so as to respond more effectively to the challenges that are confronting humanity today. In 2005 the UNESCO General Conference proclaimed that World Philosophy Day would be celebrated every third Thursday of November. The 2020 edition invites the world to reflect on the meaning of the current pandemic, underlining the need, more than ever before, to resort to philosophical reflection in order to face the multiple crises we are going through. Philosophy is the study of the nature of reality and existence, of what is possible to know, and of right and wrong behaviour. It comes from the Greek word *phílosophía*, meaning 'the love of wisdom.'

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

World Toilet Day is being celebrated on November 19. This year the theme remarks the importance of "Sustainable sanitation and climate change". It is an official United Nations international observance day on 19 November to spread awareness about the global sanitation crisis. Objective: To reach, SDG #6 i.e. to reach everyone with sanitation, and halve the proportion of untreated wastewater and increase recycling and safe reuse. It was established by the World Toilet Organization in 2001. Twelve years later, the UN General Assembly declared World Toilet Day an official UN day in 2013. UN-Water is the official convener of World Toilet Day. World Toilet Day is marked by educational campaigns and other activities. Events are planned by UN-Water, local civil society organizations and volunteers.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Former Goa Governor and BJP leader Mridula Sinha died at the age of 77. Mridula Sinha (1942 – 2020) was an Indian writer and politician who served as Governor of Goa from August 2014 to October 2019. She was the first woman Governor of Goa. She was also the former chairperson of Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB), Ministry of Human Resource Development. Mridula Sinha was also a former president of BJP Mahila Morcha. A renowned Hindi writer, her works like *Jyon Mehendi Ko Rang*, a novel is adapted into a T.V. Serial and short Story 1 "Dattak Pita" and autobiography on Vijayaraje scindia Rajpath se lok path par are made into feature films as Dattak and Ek thi Rani Aisi Bhi respectively.

7. Ans) (d)

Explanation

India's Initiative to Fight TB:

National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme: To align with the ambitious goal, the programme has been renamed from the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) to National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP). Eliminating TB by 2025: India is committed to eliminating tuberculosis from the country by 2025, five years ahead of the global target by the World Health Organisation (WHO) i.e. 2030. The Nikshay Ecosystem: It is the National TB information system which is a one-stop solution to manage information of patients and monitor program activity and performance throughout the country. Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY): This scheme is aimed at providing financial support to TB patients for their nutrition. TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign: Launched In September 2019 it is showcasing the highest level of commitment for the elimination of TB. The Saksham Project: It is a project of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) that has been providing psycho-social counselling to DR-TB patients. The Government of India has partnered with the Global Fund to launch JEET (Joint Effort for Elimination of TB), a private sector engagement program operating across the country.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Under Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) exploration blocks shall be awarded on a continuous basis through e-bidding in a transparent manner. Features:

Revenue sharing model instead of Profit sharing for hydrocarbon exploration. Hence, statement 1 is correct. Under revenue sharing model, the government share accrues immediately on production, unlike in cost-recovery where the contractors first claimed its costs before splitting leftover profits, if any. Unified license for all types of hydrocarbons. Full marketing and pricing freedom of gas. The Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) replaced the erstwhile New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) in March 2016.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) traces its origin to the Special Police Establishment (SPE) which was set up in 1941 by the Government of India. The functions of the SPE then were to investigate cases of bribery and corruption in transactions with the War & Supply Deptt. Of India during World War II. The Delhi Special Police Establishment Act was therefore brought into force in 1946. The CBI's power to investigate cases is derived from this Act. CBI can investigate any case in any state of India. However, first the CBI has to take the consent of the states. There are two types of consent for a probe by the CBI.

These are: general and specific. When a state gives a general consent (Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act) to the CBI for probing a case, the agency is not required to seek fresh permission every time it enters that state in connection with investigation or for every case. When a general consent is withdrawn, CBI needs to seek case-wise consent for investigation from the concerned state government. If specific consent is not granted, the CBI officials will not have the power of police personnel when they enter that state. This hurdle impedes seamless investigation by the CBI.

10. Ans) (c)

Explanation

Parambikulam Tiger Reserve It is a well protected ecological portion in the Nelliampathy-Anamalai landscape of the Southern Western Ghats in India. It is located in the Palakkad District of Kerala. It was declared as Tiger Reserve during 2008-09. Anakkayam Small Hydro Electric Project will come up in the buffer zone of the Parambikulam Tiger Reserve (PTR) and will also create a 5.617-km-long tunnel within the forest. It has the world's largest and oldest teak tree named "Kannimara", which is believed to be 350 years old.