



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. Ans)(d)

Explanation:

India has extended its financial aid by NR (Nepalese rupee) 37.23 million for the construction of the sanitation facility for the pilgrims at the Pashupatinath Temple in Kathmandu, Nepal. With this the total outlay of the project reaches Rs 2.33 crore which will be constructed under the Nepal-Bharat Maitri: Development Partnership as a high impact community development scheme by India.

2. Ans)(b)

Explanation:

The Sports Ministry prepared to establish Khelo India State Centres of Excellence(KISCE) under the Khelo India Scheme and identified 8 state owned sports facilities to upgrade as KISCE. Kiren Rijiju is the present Youth affairs & Sports minister.

3. Ans)(a)

Explanation:

The Pune based Serum Institute of India(SII), leading manufacturer of immunobiological drugs and vaccines signs a new supply agreement with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Vaccine alliance Gavi's procurement partner to supply Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine(PCV) to low income countries all over the world.

4. Ans)(d)

Explanation:

India has joined the first-of-its-type initiative namely Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) as a founding member to support responsible and human-centric development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). With this, India became the 15th founding member of GPAI which also include the United States (US), the United Kingdom (UK), European Union (EU), Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, and Singapore for launch of GPAI. GPAI will be supported by a Secretariat, to be hosted by Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France as well as by two Centers of Expertise- one each in Montreal, Canada and Paris.

5. Ans)(d)

Explanation:

According to the report titled "Policy Brief: The Impact of COVID-19 on Food Security and Nutrition" released by Italy based Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), around 45 million people were fall into acute food insecurity since February 2020 due to of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, of which a majority of 33 million people reside in South and Southeast Asia, and most of the remainder in Sub-Saharan Africa.

6. Ans)(d)

Explanation:

China's unmanned submersible named 'Haidou-1' has dived to a depth of 10,907 metres at the world's

deepest ocean point in Pacific Ocean, setting a new record for the country during which samples from the deep sea and high-definition images of the geological environment were collected.

7. Ans)(c)

Explanation: Singapore topped IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2020. The Index topped the 63rd edition of IMD rankings.

8. Ans(a)

Explanation:

The Ministry of Sports is to establish Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) under the Khelo India Scheme. The aim is to enhance India's Olympic performance.

9. Ans)(b)

Explanation:

The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) reported that it was the world's 9th largest recipient of foreign direct investments (FDI) in the year 2019 in its World Investment Report 2020. India has received \$51 billion in foreign investment in 2019.

10. Ans)(c)

Explanation:

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched a unique project at Dahanu in Palghar district of Maharashtra, a state with more than 50 lakh palm trees. Under the project, Neera and Palmgur will be produced in India. Neera and Palmgur have huge potential to create employment in the country.