



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The Department of Food and Public Distribution has sent letters to States Governments/UTs to include all eligible disabled persons under the National Food Security Act 2013.

Section 38 of the Act mandates that the Central Government may from time to time give directions to the State Governments for effective implementation if the provisions of the Act.

The Section 10 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 provides for coverage of persons under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana. The Atma Nirbhar Bharat Package of the Government of India is for the persons, who are not covered either under NFSA or any States Scheme PDS Cards. Hence, the disabled persons without ration cards are also eligible for getting benefits under Atma Nirbhar Bharat package.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The Vice President of India recently released a report titled 'Status of Sex Ratio at Birth in India'.

The report mentioned that there has not been any change in the sex ratio at birth in India from 2001-2017- the number of girl children born is much less than what is the general or natural norm.

It was brought out by the Indian Association of Parliamentarians for Population and Development (IAPPD). It stressed the need for rigorous implementation of Pre-conception & Pre-natal Diagnostics Techniques law to bring about a balance in the sex ratio.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

Trinidad and Tobago is one of the wealthiest countries in the Caribbean. It is located near Venezuela.

Map of Trinidad and Tobago

Over a year after fleeing India to escape arrest in a rape trial, fugitive self-styled godman Nithyananda unveiled the new central bank and freshly-minted currency of Kailasa — the 'Hindu sovereign nation' he claims to have founded in 2019. Several news reports have suggested that the 'nation' is located in a small private island near Trinidad and Tobago, that Nithyananda allegedly purchased from Ecuador.

4. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Nine people were killed after a massive fire swept through the Srisailem hydroelectric plant.

The Srisailem Dam is constructed across the Krishna River in Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh near Srisailem temple town. It is the 2nd largest capacity working hydroelectric station in the country.

The dam was constructed in a deep gorge in the Nallamala Hills in between Kurnool and Mahabubnagar districts.

5. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

Ministry of Agriculture is funding start-ups under the innovation and agri-preneurship component of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana in 2020-21.

A component, Innovation and Agri-entrepreneurship Development programme has been launched under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana in order to promote innovation and agripreneurship by providing financial support and nurturing the incubation ecosystem.

These start-ups are in various categories such as agro-processing, artificial intelligence, digital agriculture, farm mechanisation, waste to wealth, dairy, fisheries etc.

The following are the components of this scheme:

Agripreneurship Orientation - 2 months duration with a monthly stipend of Rs. 10,000/- per month. Mentorship is provided on financial, technical, IP issues etc.

Seed Stage Funding of R-ABI Incubatees – Funding upto Rs. 25 lakhs (85% grant & 15% contribution from the incubatee). Idea/Pre-Seed Stage Funding of Agripreneurs – Funding up to Rs. 5 lakhs (90% grant and 10% contribution from the incubatee).

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The Perseids meteor shower is active from August 17-26.

The Perseids are one of the brighter meteor showers of the year. They occur every year between July and August and tend to peak around mid-August.

Made of tiny space debris from the comet Swift-Tuttle, the Perseids are named after the constellation Perseus. This is because the direction, or radiant, from which the shower seems to come in the sky lies in the same direction as Perseus.

The Perseids are widely sought after by astronomers and stargazers because most years at its peak, one can see 60 to 100 meteors in an hour from a dark place.

They are visible in the Northern Hemisphere and can be viewed in skies all across.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism was observed on 21 August.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 72/165 (2017), established 21 August as the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism.

It was proclaimed to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorism and to promote and protect the full enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, adopted unanimously in its resolution 60/288, on 8 September 2006, notes that the dehumanization of victims counts among the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief was observed on 22 August. The UN General Assembly, in its resolution A/RES/73/296, designated 22 August as the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief. The day recognizes the importance of providing victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief and members of their families with appropriate support and assistance in accordance with applicable law. Freedom of religion or belief, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to peaceful assembly and the right to freedom of association are enshrined in articles 18, 19 and 20 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

9. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition is being observed on 23 August. The night of 22 to 23 August 1791, in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) saw the beginning of the uprising that would play a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. It is against this background that the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is commemorated on 23 August each year.

It was first celebrated in a number of countries, in particular in Haiti (23 August 1998) and Goree in Senegal (23 August 1999).

10. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), a PSU under the Department of Fertilizers, Vijaipur (MP) is going to set up an Organic Waste Converter (OWC) Plant.

The biodegradable waste collected in the unit shall be transported to OWC where the same shall be segregated from non-degradable parts. It will take around 10 days to convert it into ready to use compost.

The project aims to recycle around 2000 Kg per day of the biodegradable waste generated in township

including the horticulture waste and convert it into ready to use compost.

The unit plans to utilize this compost as manure thus substituting consumption of fertilisers/ manure used for developments of Parks or Public places. The compost can also be used by the residents in their Lawns and Kitchen Gardens.