



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered Mahatma Ayyankali on his Jayanti. Ayyankali (1863 – 1941) was a social reformer who worked for the advancement of deprived untouchable people in the princely state of Travancore, British India. He belonged to the Pulayar community of untouchable people. Ayyankali founded the Sadhu Jana Paripalana Sangham (SJPS) (Association for the Protection of the Poor) which campaigned for access to schools and raised funds to set up Pulayar-operated schools in the interim. Ayyankali later became a member of the assembly of Travancore, known as the Sree Moolam Popular Assembly (SMPA) or Praja Sabha.

2. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology has launched “Chunauti”- Next Generation Startup Challenge Contest to further boost startups and software products with special focus on Tier-II towns of the country. The government has earmarked a budget of over 95 crore rupees over a period of three years for this programme. It aims at identifying around three hundred startups working in identified areas and providing them seed funds of upto 25 lakh rupees and other facilities. Under this challenge the Ministry of Electronics and IT will invite startups in the areas of work including Edu Tech, Agri Tech and FinTech solutions for masses, Supply Chain and Logistic management, Infrastructure, Medical Healthcare as well as jobs and skilling.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Jitendra Singh has said that three Bamboo Clusters will be developed in Jammu, Katra and Samba areas for making of Bamboo basketry, Agarbatti and Bamboo Charcol. It will provide direct employment to nearly 25 thousand people. Apart from this a Mega Bamboo Industrial Park at Ghati near Jammu and Bamboo Technology Training Centre will also come up in the region. A team from his Ministry will soon visit Jammu and explore a field training programme for Bamboo farming in the region. Samba District is a district in the Indian Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir formed in 2006.

4. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

India has co-sponsored a security council resolution that calls for full, effective and meaningful participation of women personnel in peacekeeping operations. The resolution was put forth by Indonesia. UN Security Council Resolution on 'women in peacekeeping' calls for full, effective and meaningful participation of women in peacekeeping operations. India is one of the largest troop contributors to UN peacekeeping operations. In June, India was elected non-permanent member of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2021. India has a long tradition of being associated with UN Peacekeeping since its inception. The country made history in 2007 when she deployed the first all-women Police Unit in the UN Mission in Liberia. India is the fifth largest contributor of uniformed personnel to the UN Peacekeeping Forces.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The 14th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD) was held via video conferencing. It was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and Permanent Secretary (Defence), Singapore Mr Chan Heng Kee. Both sides held discussions on a number of issues of bilateral defence engagements between India and Singapore. At the end of the DPD, the Implementing Arrangement on Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) between India and Singapore was also signed.

6. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the College and Administration Buildings of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University on August 29, 2020. The RLB Central Agriculture University is located in Jhansi and is a prominent institute of the Bundelkhand region. The University has started its first academic session in 2014-15 and is offering Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses in Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry. It is currently operating from the Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi as the main buildings were getting ready.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation

Goods & Services Tax Council is a constitutional body and has been mentioned in Article 279 A of the Indian Constitution. The GST Council is chaired by the Union Finance Minister. The other members are the Union State Minister of Revenue or Finance and Ministers in-charge of Finance or Taxation of all the States.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation

Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) of the Andaman and Nicobar islands are Great Andamanese, Jarwas, Onges, Shompens and North Sentinelese. Shompen is the only PVTG in the region with Mongoloid features. The other PVTGs have negroid features. Some of them interact with 'Great Nicobarese' - a Scheduled Tribe. The population of Andaman and Nicobar Islands' primitive tribes has rapidly declined over the years. The epidemics and crippling health crises of the past have been seen to disproportionately impact these indigenous tribal groups. Juang tribe is PVTG of Orisha and Koyas is a tribe of Lakshadweep islands.

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Urdu had developed and flourished in Delhi during the period of 'Delhi Sultanate' from 12th to 16th century and then during the period of 'Mughal Empire' in Delhi from 16th century to 19th century when several court poets used this language in their great poetry and writings. It is one of the languages mentioned in the 8th Schedule to the Constitution. Also, it is one of the official languages in states like Kashmir, Telangana, UP, Bihar, New Delhi and West Bengal. Urdu and Hindi taken together form the third largest speech community in the world today. Urdu is a major language of South Asia. It is spoken in countries including India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal. It has become the culture language and lingua franca of the South Asian Muslim diaspora outside the sub-continent, especially in the Gulf and the Middle East, Western Europe, Scandinavia, USA and Canada.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Hurricane Laura, has made landfall in Louisiana located South Central United States) with wind speeds reaching up to 250 km an hour. It originated in the North Atlantic Ocean. Hurricane Laura is a Category 4 storm. A Category 4 storm has wind speeds between 130-156 mph and can uproot trees and bring down power lines. Hurricanes are categorized on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, which rates them on a scale of 1 to 5 based on wind speed.