



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

India's power and renewable energy minister R K Singh said the government is aiming at meeting the complete power demand of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands through renewable energy sources. Government is aiming for 100 per cent renewable energy in Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep and India is ready to share expertise among other small island nations. India has installed about 1,36,000 megawatts (MW) of Renewable Energy capacity with capacity addition of another 57,000 MW under implementation. The target is now to achieve 450 gigawatts of Renewable Energy capacity by 2030. He was addressing delegates from multiple countries including Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago and South Africa here under the Know India Programme. The programme is managed by the ministry of external affairs for engagement with Indian origin youth to enhance their awareness about India's art and culture.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

MARCOS are being deployed in the Eastern Ladakh alongside the Indian Army against the Chinese military. MARCOS are present in the vicinity of the Pangong Tso lake where they will soon be conducting missions using boats. The Marine Commandos, abbreviated to MARCOS and officially called the Marine Commando Force (MCF), is the special forces unit of the Indian Navy that is responsible for conducting special operations. MARCOS was founded in February 1987. MARCOS are capable of operating in all types of environments; at sea, in air and on land. The force has gradually acquired experience and an international reputation for professionalism. The MARCOS regularly undertake specialised maritime operations in Jammu and Kashmir through the Jhelum River and Wular Lake.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Following years of public outcry and campaigning by American pop star Cher, the "world's loneliest elephant" embarked on a mammoth move from Pakistan to retirement in a Cambodian sanctuary. Kaavan is dubbed the "world's loneliest elephant" after languishing alone for years in a Pakistani zoo. The plight of the male Asian elephant, who's been alone since the death of his partner Saheli in 2012, has captured worldwide attention. The loss of his mate Saheli in 2012 took a toll on Kaavan's mental health. Elephants

are social animals that thrive on the company of other elephants.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Government of India (GOI) has announced the third stimulus package of Rs. 900 Crore for the Mission COVID Suraksha- The Indian COVID-19 Vaccine Development Mission. This grant will be provided to the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) for Research & Development of Indian COVID-19 vaccines. The COVID-19 Vaccine development Mission with end-to-end focus from preclinical development through clinical development and manufacturing and regulatory facilitation for deployment, would consolidate all available and funded resources towards an accelerated product development.

Led by Department of Biotechnology and implemented by a dedicated Mission Implementation Unit at Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), the existing activities under National Bio Pharma Mission (NBM) and Ind-CEPI Mission will provide complementary strengths to this Mission.

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

8 Track and Field Athletes were included in the core group of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme at the 50th MOC meeting held on November 26. The Target Olympic Podium Scheme is a flagship program of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports which is an attempt to provide assistance to India's top athletes.

The Scheme looks to add a premium to the preparations of these athletes so that they can win Olympic medals in 2020 and 2024 Olympics. Under the Scheme, the Department of Sports shall identify athletes who are potential medal winners in 2020 / 2024 Olympics. The idea of the Scheme is to also keep an eye in the future and fund a Developmental Group of Athletes who are medal prospects for the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024 and Los Angeles Games in 2028. The Mission Olympic Cell is a dedicated body created to assist the athletes who are selected under the TOP Scheme. The MOC is under the Chairmanship of the Director General, Sports Authority (DG, SAI).

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Guru Nanak Jayanti or GURPURAB is being celebrated with religious fervour across India and the world today. It marks the birth of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak, who laid the foundation of Sikhism. This year marks the 551st birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev. Guru Nanak (1469 – 1539), also referred to as Baba Nanak was the founder of Sikhism and is the first of the ten Sikh Gurus. His birth is celebrated worldwide as Guru Nanak GURPURAB on Katak Pooranmashi ('full-moon of the Katak') Journeys (Udasis): During first quarter of the 16th century, Nanak went on long udasiya ('journeys') for spiritual pursuits. He visited several places in "nau-khand" ('the nine regions of the earth'), presumably the major Hindu and

Muslim pilgrimage centres. He preached the message of ik onkar ('one God'), who dwells in every one of his creations and constitutes the eternal Truth. With this concept, he would set up a unique spiritual, social, and political platform based on equality, fraternal love, goodness, and virtue. Nanak's words are registered in the form of 974 poetic hymns, or shabda, in the holy text of Sikhism, the Guru Granth Sahib, with some of the major prayers being the Japji Sahib; the Asa di Var; and the Sidh Gohst.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Bibi Jagir Kaur, the first woman to be elected SGPC president more than 20 years ago, has made a comeback and has been elected as the new SGPC president. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (or SGPC) is an organization in India responsible for the management of gurdwaras, Sikh places of worship in three states of Punjab, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh and union territory of Chandigarh. SGPC also administers Darbar Sahib in Amritsar. The SGPC is governed by the chief minister of Punjab. The SGPC manages the security, financial, facility maintenance and religious aspects of Gurdwaras as well as keeping archaeologically rare and sacred artifacts, including weapons, clothes, books and writings of the Sikh Gurus. It was formed in 1920. The first and the only woman and also incumbent President of SGPC is Jagir Kaur .

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Recently, Defence Ministers of India and Vietnam have discussed collaboration in defence industry capability building, training and cooperation in United Nations (UN) peacekeeping operations, etc. India-Vietnam Relations; Cooperation at Multiple Fora:

At the UN Security Council, both India and Vietnam will serve concurrently as non-permanent members in 2021. India and Vietnam closely cooperate in various regional forums such as East Asia Summit, Mekong Ganga Cooperation, Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM). Vietnam invited India for ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM Plus) being hosted by Vietnam in December 2020. The ADMM-Plus is a platform for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its eight Dialogue Partners Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and the USA (collectively referred to as the "Plus Countries"), to strengthen security and defence cooperation for peace, stability, and development in the region.

Vietnam is a member of ASEAN.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation

'Sweet Revolution' is a strategic step to emphasize the increase in honey production in the state, which

can be a major contributor to doubling the income of the farmers. The 'Sweet Revolution' was launched in 2016 to promote beekeeping and associated activities. Jharkhand is one of the states to implement sweet revolution and there is huge potential for honey production. Government through the sweet revolution is promoting beekeeping as part of its aim to double farmers' income and ensure tribal upliftment.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation

India Climate Change Knowledge Portal will help in disseminating knowledge among citizens about all the major steps the Government is taking at both national and international levels to address climate change issues. It will be a single point Information resource which provides information on the different climate initiatives taken by various Line Ministries enabling users to access updated status on these initiatives. Components: The eight major components included in the knowledge portal are: India's Climate Profile The northern part of the country is characterized as a continental climate with hot summers and cold winters. The coastal regions of the country, however, experience warmer temperatures with little variation throughout the year and frequent rainfall. National Policy Framework For Example In order to strengthen the implementation of environmentally sound management of hazardous waste in the country, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has amended the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016. India's Nationally determined contributions (NDC) Goals NDC's are at the heart of the Paris Agreement and the achievement of these long-term goals. NDC's embody efforts by each country to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.