



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Para-swimmer Satyendra Singh Lohia of Madhya Pradesh is the first Divyang Indian sportsperson of the country, who has been awarded with the Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award. He is also the first Asian Divyang swimmer to cross the 42-kilometer Catalina Channel in the US in just 11 hours 34 minutes. He was also conferred with the Best Sportsperson National Award by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu on World Divyanga Day. He has also been awarded the highest sports award of Madhya Pradesh as well as many other national and international honours.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The prize money in four of the seven categories of the National Sports and Adventure Awards has been enhanced. The prize money for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award has been increased to 25 lakh rupees from the previous amount of 7.5 lakh rupees. Arjuna Award has been enhanced to 15 lakh rupees from 5 lakh. The Dhronacharya (Lifetime) awardees, who were earlier given 5 lakh rupees will now be given 15 lakh rupees as cash prize, while Dhronacharya (Regular) will be given 10 lakh instead of 5 lakh rupees per awardee. The prize money for the Sports Awards was last reviewed in 2008.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Union Education Minister has informed that indigenous toy-making will be introduced as a theme in Kala Utsav to encourage students to explore and develop a variety of local toys. He also called for initiating puppet show in Kala Utsav for secondary and higher secondary students. He cited the examples of places like Channapatna in Ramnagaram in Karnataka, Kondapalli in Krishna in Andhra Pradesh, Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu, Dhubari in Assam, and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh which are developing as toy clusters.

The Global Toy Industry is more than 7 lakh crore rupees but India's share is very little in this.

In the new National Education Policy, a lot of attention has been given on the impact of toys on different aspects of children's lives. Learning while playing, learning to make toys, and visiting toy factories, have been made part of the curriculum. Etikoppaka is a small village on the banks of Varaha River in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh. In 2017, the traditional Etikoppaka toys acquired a Geographical Indications (GI) tag. Toys are made of soft wood and lacquer color. The way of toy making

is also known as turned wood lacquer craft.

4. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Lok Sabha Speaker paid floral tributes to the portrait of former Speaker of Lok Sabha Sardar Hukam Singh in the Central Hall of Parliament House on his birth anniversary. Sardar Hukam Singh was an eminent parliamentarian, a noted jurist, a social reformer and an able administrator. He was unanimously elected as the Speaker in the Third Lok Sabha and he chaired the House from 17 April 1962 to 16 March 1967. Later, he was the Governor of Rajasthan from 1967 to 1972.

Sardar Hukam Singh passed away on 27 May 1983.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

India has announced that it is withdrawing from multilateral Military Exercise Kavkaz 2020 to be held in Russia. India had earlier planned to send around 150 Indian Army troops, 45 Indian Air Force personnel and a number of Navy officers to the multilateral military exercise to be held in the Astrakhan region in southern Russia from 15th to 26th September. Both China and Pakistan are going to be a part of the multinational exercise. China's participation in the exercise was also a reason for India to pull out of the multilateral tri-services military exercise. India is locked in a military conflict with the Chinese in eastern Ladakh and on high alert all along the 4,000 kilometre Line of Actual Control (LAC).

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN) launched GSTR-2B for the month of July 2020 as an auto-drafted input tax credit (ITC) statement. GSTR-2B is an auto-drafted ITC statement which will be generated for every registered person on the basis of information furnished by his suppliers in their respective GSTR-1, GSTR-5 (non-resident taxable person) and GSTR-6 (input service distributor).

It is a static statement and will be available for each month on the 12th day of the succeeding month, an official release said. The data in GSTR-2B is reported in a manner that allows taxpayers to conveniently reconcile ITC with their own books of accounts and records. The launch of this GSTR-2B is expected to reduce the time taken for preparing return, minimise errors, assist reconciliation and simplify compliance relating to filing of returns.

7. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Article 246 adopts a threefold distribution of legislative power between the Union and the states. The

subject-wise distribution of this power is given in the three lists of the Seventh Schedule of the constitution.

List-I- the Union List

List-II- the State List

List-III- the Concurrent List

The power to make laws with respect to residuary subjects i.e. the matters which are not enumerated in any of the three lists is exclusively vested in the Parliament. The state legislature has powers to make laws with respect to any of the matters enumerated in the State List. However, there are special instances where Parliament can make laws on state list such as during a national emergency, giving effect to the International agreement.

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation

The term "Minority" is not defined in the Indian Constitution. However, the Constitution recognises religious and linguistic minorities. Article 29 provides that any section of the citizens residing in any part of India having a distinct language, script or culture of its own, shall have the right to conserve the same.

It grants protection to both religious minorities as well as linguistic minorities. However, the Supreme Court held that the scope of this article is not necessarily restricted to minorities only, as use of the word 'section of citizens' in the Article includes minorities as well as the majority. Article 30 says all minorities shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. The protection under Article 30 is confined only to minorities (religious or linguistic) and does not extend to any section of citizens (as under Article 29).

9. Ans) (c)

Explanation

The Prime Minister of India paid tribute to social reformer Mahatma Ayyankali on his 157th birth anniversary. Ayyankali (1863-1914), born in Kerala, was a leader of the lower castes and Dalits. With his efforts, Dalits got the freedom to walk on public roads, and Dalit children were allowed to join schools. He formed Sadhu Jana Paripalana Sangham (SJPS) to work for low castes. Efforts to organise the "depressed classes" and particularly the untouchable castes predated the nationalist movement, having begun in the second half of the nineteenth century.

10. Ans) (b)

Explanation

Prime Minister of India had announced Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana as the National Mission on Financial Inclusion in his Independence Day address on 15th August 2014. It aims to ensure

comprehensive financial inclusion of all the households in the country by providing universal access to banking facilities.