



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

In India and elsewhere, a new illness, with some symptoms common with the rare Kawasaki disease, has been affecting children with Covid-19. Kawasaki disease affects children. Its symptoms include red eyes, rashes, and a swollen tongue with reddened lips — often termed strawberry tongue — and an inflamed blood vessel system all over the body. There is constant high fever for at least five days.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Eulophia obtusa also known as ground orchid has been rediscovered in India after 118-year hiatus in Dudhwa Tiger Reserve. In India, the species — listed as “critically endangered” in the IUCN Red List of endangered species was last recorded in Pilibhit in 1902.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Vice President of India launched an indigenous mobile app ‘Elyments’, a new social media platform under Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign. The new Made in India app, created by Sumeru Software Solutions, is available for download worldwide both on iOS and Android platforms. The app is available in eight different regional languages.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

In a new milestone in lunar exploration, NASA said that its Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) spacecraft had found evidence that the Moon’s subsurface might have greater quantities of metals such as iron and titanium than thought before. The metallic distribution was observed by the Miniature Radio Frequency (Mini-RF) instrument aboard the LRO. The LRO’s Mini-RF instrument was measuring an electrical property within lunar soil in crater floors in the Moon’s northern hemisphere.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project announced that it had finished mapping nearly one-fifth of the world's ocean floor. Since the launch of the project in 2017, the surveying of the ocean bed as per modern standards has gone up from around 6 per cent to 19 per cent. Seabed 2030 is a collaborative project between the Nippon Foundation of Japan and the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO). The project was launched at the United Nations (UN) Ocean Conference in 2017.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

In accordance with the 3rd edition of "The Global E-waste Monitor 2020 report-Quantities, flows, and the circular economy potential" report, the world dumped a record 53.6 million tonnes of e-waste in 2019, an increase of 21% in 5 years. With this e-waste becomes the world's fastest-growing domestic waste stream. Notably, this waste is enough to form a line 125 kilometers long. China is the biggest contributor to e-waste with 10.1 million tonnes (mt) followed by the United States (US) with 6.9 mt and India with 3.2 mt at 2nd and 3rd rank respectively. Together these three countries accounted for nearly 38% of the world's e-waste last year.

7. Ans)(c)

Explanation:

The 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge' for Indian tech entrepreneurs and startups was launched by Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi, with an objective to support and build Aatmanirbhar App Ecosystem. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (Meity) in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) launched the challenge & will regulate the challenge.

8. Ans)(d)

Explanation:

Union Minister NitinGadkari announced a new road project – Chambal Expressway – to facilitate traffic between Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. The 280-km-long expressway, to be constructed at a cost of Rs 6,000 crore, will go parallel to the Chambal river via Shivpuri, Bhind, Morena to Kota (Rajasthan). The expressway will connect the North-South Corridor to the East-West Corridor and will lead to overall development of the area.

9. Ans)(d)

Explanation:

The USMCA enters into force on July 1st 2020 bringing major change. As one of the most modern Trade Agreements in the world it is focused on implementing international standards while seeking to promote best practices for all industries. The Agreement between the United States of America, Mexico, and Canada (USMCA), is a free trade agreement between the north American countries. Rather than a wholly new agreement, it has been characterized as “NAFTA 2.0”.

10. Ans)(a)

Explanation:

Government of Odisha launched 1st of its kind scheme, ‘Balaram’ to provide agricultural credit of Rs 1,040 crore to landless farmers facing hardships during COVID 19. The Scheme is designed in collaboration with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).