



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

A giant slab of ice bigger than the Spanish island of Majorca has sheared off from the frozen edge of Antarctica into the Weddell Sea. It has now become the largest iceberg currently afloat in the world.

Key takeaways

The iceberg is designated A-76 by scientists. A-76 broke away from Antarctica's Ronne Ice Shelf. It was spotted in recent satellite images captured by the Copernicus Sentinel-1 mission. It surpassed the now second-place A-23A iceberg which is also floating in the Weddell Sea. Spain's popular tourist island of Majorca lies in the Mediterranean. The Weddell Sea is part of the Southern Ocean and contains the Weddell Gyre. Its land boundaries are defined by the bay formed from the coasts of Coats Land and the Antarctic Peninsula.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Dahanu Gholvad Sapota (Chikoo) was in news recently. A consignment from Palghar district of Maharashtra was shipped to the United Kingdom, giving major boost to exports of GI certified products.

Key takeaways

GI certification of Ghovad Sapota is held by Maharashtra Rajya Chikoo Utpadak Sangh. The fruit is known for its sweet and unique taste. It is believed that the unique taste is derived from calcium rich soil of Gholvad village. Sapota-growing states- Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh. Highest growers: Karnataka, Maharashtra.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Kyoto University in collaboration with a Japanese firm will be building the wooden satellites by 2023.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Indian Navy is set to decommission its first destroyer, INS Rajput, on May 21, 2021, which had been in service for 41 glorious years. The motto of INS Rajput was 'Raj Karega Rajput'. INS Rajput was the lead ship of the Kashin-class destroyers, and was built by the erstwhile USSR (Soviet Union).

5. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The International Day for Biological Diversity (also known as World Biodiversity Day) is a United Nations–sanctioned international day held on May 22 every year to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. The theme of 2021 World Biodiversity Day is “We’re part of the solution”.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

India has moved a notch higher at the third spot on EY’s Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index due to an exceptional performance on the solar photovoltaic (PV) front. China is at second and the US on top. The so-called emerging markets now represent half the countries in the 40-strong index, including four African markets featuring in the top 30.

7. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Iran has unveiled a supercomputer, its strongest till date developed domestically by Tehran’s Amirkabir University of Technology (AUT), according to the state-run news website IRNA.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

China successfully sent a new ocean-monitoring satellite into orbit as part of its effort to build an all-weather and round-the-clock dynamic ocean environment monitoring system which would provide early warning on marine disasters.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will transfer a surplus of Rs 99,122 crore to the government for the nine-month accounting period ended March 31. The bank also decided to maintain the contingency risk buffer at 5.5 percent.

Provisions in this regard:

The RBI, founded in 1934, operates according to the Reserve Bank of India Act of 1934. The act mandates that profits made by the central bank from its operations be sent to the Centre. As the manager of its finances, every year the RBI also pays a dividend to the government to help with the finances from its surplus or profit. A technical Committee of the RBI Board headed by Y H Malegam (2013), which reviewed the adequacy of reserves and surplus distribution policy, recommended a higher transfer to the

government.

10. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Kalakshetra, as the name suggests, is a centre for artistic endeavour. It is an arts and cultural academy dedicated to the preservation of traditional values in Indian art and crafts, especially in the field of Bharatanatyam dance and Gandharvaveda music. Founded in 1936 by the vibrant visionary Rukmini Devi Arundale. The Institution stands testimony to her dream of creating a space where the essence of Indian thought would find expression through artistic education. Located in Chennai, the Kalakshetra Foundation, as it is known today, is a vital centre for the study and performance of fine arts. In 1994, an Act of the Parliament of India recognised the Kalakshetra Foundation as an “Institute of National Importance.”