



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

IIT Kanpur has developed indigenous seed balls named BEEG (Bio -compost Enriched Eco-friendly Globule) which will help people and farmers in plantation with safety in Corona times and will also provide employment to people. The BEEG is developed in collaboration with Agnys Waste Management Private Limited (start-up at IIT Kanpur). The Seed Balls are comprised of indigenous variety of seeds, compost, and clay. There is no need for digging pits for planting saplings . These seed balls are to be thrown at aimed places and they will germinate when come into contact with water. BEEG is enriched with the right ingredients and seeds to germinate early, and are the best way to utilise Monsoon and plant as many trees as possible without risking lives by social gathering during Covid 19.

2. Ans (a)

Explanation :

After the all India handicrafts and handloom boards, the ministry of textiles has disbanded another advisory body — the All India Powerloom Board. The All India Powerloom Board was first constituted as an advisory board in 1981. It was reconstituted for a period of two years in 2013. It had representatives of central and state governments, Powerloom Federation and was headed by the Union minister of textiles. The decision to disband the boards follows an assessment that they failed to impact policy-making and became vehicles of “political patronage”. Ministry of Textiles has also notified a change in the status of all eight Textiles Research Associations (TRAs). They now cease to be “affiliated bodies” of the ministry. The TRAs will now be “approved bodies” for conducting testing, research and developmental activities related to the textiles sector.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Union Health Minister presided over a review meeting with States/UTs on the “eSanjeevani” and “eSanjeevaniOPD” platforms. In a short span of time since November 2019, tele-consultation by eSanjeevani and eSanjeevaniOPD have been implemented by 23 States (which covers 75% of the population) and other States are in the process of rolling it out. eSanjeevani, the Tele-Medicine platform rolled out by Health Ministry, has completed more than 1,50,000 tele-consultations enabling patient to doctor consultations from the confines of their home, as well as doctor to doctor consultations. This

eSanjeevani platform has enabled two types of telemedicine services viz. Doctor-to-Doctor (eSanjeevani) and Patient-to-Doctor (eSanjeevani OPD) Tele-consultations. The former is being implemented under the Ayus

human Bharat Health and Wellness Centre (AB-HWCs) programme. Hence only statement 1 is correct.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The Department of Military Affairs (DMA), Ministry of Defence (MoD) has prepared a list of 101 items for which there would be an embargo on the import beyond the timeline indicated against them. The list of 101 embargoed items comprises of some high technology weapon systems like artillery guns, assault rifles, corvettes, sonar systems, transport aircrafts, LCHs, radars and many other items to fulfil the needs of the defence Services, Mr. Singh said. The list also includes wheeled Armoured Fighting Vehicles (AFVs) with indicative import embargo date of December 2021, of which the Army is expected to contract almost 200 at an approximate cost of over ₹5,000 crore. The embargo on imports is planned to be progressively implemented between 2020 to 2024. The Government also intends to reach a turnover of \$25 billion through indigenously manufactured defence products and also expects to export products worth \$5 billion. Government has also decided that in any government contract over ₹200 crore, no foreign company can participate in the tendering process. This year ₹52,000 crore items are to be bought only from Indian companies. MoD has also bifurcated the capital procurement budget for 2020-21 between domestic and foreign capital procurement routes. Hence both statements are correct.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), has launched AIM iCREST – an Incubator Capabilities enhancement program for a Robust Ecosystem focused on creating high performing Startups. AIM has joined hands with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Wadhvani Foundation for launching it. AIM iCREST has been designed to enable the incubation ecosystem and act as a growth hack for AIM's Atal and Established incubators across the country. Under the initiative, the AIM's incubators are set to be upscaled and provided requisite support to foster the incubation enterprise economy, that will help them to significantly enhance their performance. This will be complemented by providing training to entrepreneurs, through technology driven processes and platforms. Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

More than 38,000 Indians became Australian citizens in 2019-2020, a 60% increase from the previous

year and the largest diaspora group to be granted the country's citizenship. Out of the over 2,00,000 people who became Australian citizens in 2019-2020, 38,209 were Indians, the highest number on record, followed by 25,011 Britishers, 14,764 Chinese and 8,821 Pakistanis. As per the Australian Bureau of Statistics' 2016 census, 6,19,164 people in Australia declared that they were of ethnic Indian ancestry. This comprises 2.8% of the Australian population. Among those, 5,92,000 were born in India. Hence both statements are correct.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation

Anganwadi is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented by the States/UTs which serves as a rural child and maternal care centre in India.

Centrally Sponsored Schemes on the other hand are schemes that are implemented by state governments. However, the cost of these schemes is borne on a shared basis in the ratio of 50:50, 70:30, 75:25 or 90:10. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.

Anganwadi centres provide a package of six services: supplementary nutrition, pre-school non-formal education, immunisation, health check-up, nutrition and health education, and referral services. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

In addition to fighting malnutrition and ill health, the programme is also intended to combat gender inequality by providing girls the same resources as boys.

The beneficiaries under the Anganwadi Services Scheme are identified on the basis of Aadhaar.

It was started by the Government of India In 1975 as part of the Integrated Child Development Services program to combat child hunger and malnutrition. Hence, statement 3 is not correct.

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Eravikulam National Park is located in the High Ranges (Kannan Devan Hills) of the Southern Western Ghats in the Devikulam Taluk of Idukki District, Kerala. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.

It spreads over an area of 97 square km and hosts South India's highest peak, Anamudi (2695 m), in its southern area. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.

The Rajamalai region of the park stays open to the public for tourism.

The park is in continuity with the neighboring Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Anamudi Shola National Park, Pampadum Shola National Park, Kurinjimala Sanctuary and Anamalai Tiger Reserve.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Arakunomics is a new integrated economic model that ensures profits for farmers, quality for consumers through regenerative agriculture. Hence, option A is correct.

It is based on work with tribal farmers in Araku for nearly 20 years.

This economic model is a tribute to the tribal farmers of Araku region for the world-class coffee produced and launched in Paris in 2017, as well as for the high carbon landscape transformation they did in over 955 villages, thereby planting 25 million trees.

10. Ans) (c)

Explanation

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) came into existence in 1987 as the national nodal agency under the aegis of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

It was registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984. Hence, statement 1 is correct.

It started its operations in 1988 with its head office in New Delhi.

Objectives: Socio-economic development of tribal people, promotion of economic welfare, empowerment of tribal people with knowledge, tools and information and their capacity building.

It mainly undertakes two functions which are Minor Forest Produce (MFP) Development and Retail Marketing and Development.