



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) at Jamnagar and National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) at Jaipur on 5th Ayurveda Day (i.e) 13th November, 2020. Dedication to the nation of ITRA, Jamnagar as an Institution of National Importance and NIA, Jaipur as an Institution Deemed to be University is a historic step not just in the modernization of Ayurveda Education. This will provide them the autonomy to upgrade the standard of Ayurveda education, frame various courses as per emerging national and international demand and excel in modern research to generate more and more evidences. The Ayurveda Day is being observed every year from 2016, on the day of Dhanwantri Jayanti. This year it falls on 13th November 2020.

2. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Bahrain's longest-serving Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has died. He was 84. Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa (1935 – 2020) was a Bahraini royal and politician who had served as the Prime Minister of Bahrain from 19 January 1970 until his death on 11 November of 2020, having taken office over a year before Bahrain's independence on 15 August 1971. He was the longest-serving Prime Minister of any government in the world. The Al Khalifa family has ruled Bahrain since 1783. Bahrain is a sovereign state in the Persian Gulf. The island nation is situated between the Qatari peninsula and the north eastern coast of Saudi Arabia to which it is connected by the 25-kilometre King Fahd Causeway. Bahrain, a staunch ally of neighbouring Saudi Arabia and the United States, is also the home base of the US Navy's Fifth Fleet.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Collins Dictionary has declared “lockdown” as the word of the year, given the rise in the usage of the term in a pandemic-ridden world. It has defined lockdown as “a security measure in which those inside a building or area are required to remain confined in it for a time” and “the imposition of stringent restrictions on travel, social interaction, and access to public spaces”. While the word gained traction with the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic, this has certainly not been the first instance that the world has faced a lockdown. Lockdown 2020: The declaration of COVID-19 as a pandemic by the World Health

Organisation (WHO) on March 11 set into motion global restrictions on movement, congregations and travel. China, where the SARS-CoV2 virus first made its appearance, was the first country to enforce lockdown and quarantine measures as early as January. The Collins English Dictionary is a printed and online dictionary of English. It is published by HarperCollins in Glasgow.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The government has set up a 22-member `to make this sector globally competitive and to become the manufacturing hub for the world. The Committee will look into issues pertaining to the Capital Goods Sector including technology development, mother technology development, global value chains, testing, skill training, global standards, reciprocity issues, custom duties. The Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) under the chairmanship of Secretary of Department Heavy Industries with representation at sufficiently senior level officers from the concerned Ministries/Departments is proposed to meet quarterly.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Under Operation Greens Scheme TOP to TOTAL, 50% transportation subsidy is now made available for air transportation for 41 notified fruits and vegetables from North-Eastern and Himalayan States to any place in India. Airlines will provide the transport subsidy directly to the supplier/consignor/consignee/agent by way of charging only 50% of the actual contracted freight charges and will claim the balance 50% from MoFPI as subsidy. The scheme was approved and the amended Scheme Guidelines were notified on 02.11.2020. In relaxation of other conditions for Operation Greens – TOP to TOTAL Scheme for transportation through Airlines from eligible airports, all consignment of notified fruits and vegetables irrespective of quantity and price would be eligible for 50% freight subsidy. The transportation subsidy was earlier extended under Operation Greens Scheme for Kisan Rail Scheme with effect from 12.10.2020. Railways charge only 50% of freight charges on the notified fruits and vegetables. All the airports in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim (Bagdogra), and Tripura from North-East, and Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh among the Hilly States.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), approved the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020. The salient aspects of the Banking Regulations include:

Laying down the requirements for setting up IFSC Banking Units (IBUs) Permitting persons resident outside India (having net worth not less than USD 1 Million) to open foreign currency accounts in any freely convertible currency at IFSC Banking Units (IBUs) Permitting persons resident in India (having net worth not less than USD 1 Million) to open foreign currency accounts in any freely convertible currency at IBUs to undertake any transaction under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) of the Reserve Bank of India. Laying down the permissible activities of IBUs including credit enhancement, credit insurance, and sale , purchase of portfolios, engage in factoring and forfaiting of export receivables and undertake equipment leasing, including aircraft leasing Permitting the Authority to determine business that a Banking Unit may be permitted to conduct in INR with persons resident in India and persons resident outside India, subject to settlement of the financial transaction in relation to such business in freely convertible foreign currency. The above mentioned regulations will be notified by the Government of India in due course.

7. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

President's Chair of Excellence on National Security at National Defence College (NDC). On the occasion of Diamond Jubilee of NDC, President of India has approved the establishment of "President's Chair of Excellence on National Security" on 11 Nov 2020 at Rashtrapati Bhawan. The Chair will not only help in enhancing the intellectual capital of the college but also go a long way in uplifting its credibility and reputation. The chair will be located at National Defence College, New Delhi and shall be provided all academic, administrative and logistic support. NDC was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India in 1960 and has completed 60 years of its formation on 27 April 2020. The college runs a 47 week uniquely designed course on "National Security & Strategic Studies" for 100 course members, of whom 25 are from friendly foreign countries.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation

Part IV of Indian Constitution, Article 45 and Article 39 (f) of Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP), has a provision for state-funded as well as equitable and accessible education. The 42nd Amendment to the Constitution in 1976 moved education from the State to the Concurrent List. Hence, statement 1 is not correct. The education policies by the Central government provides a broad direction and state governments are expected to follow it. However, it is not mandatory, for instance Tamil Nadu does not follow the three-language formula prescribed by the first education policy in 1968.

The 86th Amendment in 2002 made education an enforceable right under Article 21-A.

9. Ans) (b)

### Explanation

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation. It's a Eurasian political, economic and military organisation aiming to maintain peace, security and stability in the region. Hence, statement 1 is not correct. The Chairmanship of SCO is by rotation for a year by Member States. Hence, statement 2 is correct. SCO has two Permanent Bodies SCO Secretariat in Beijing, and Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) in Tashkent. The SCO's official languages are Russian and Chinese.

### 10. Ans) (b)

#### Explanation

Recently, Russia has brokered a new peace deal between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Both countries have been in a military conflict over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh in the South Caucasus.

The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group, chaired by France, Russia and the USA, has also tried to get the two countries to reach a peace agreement for several years. Hence, statement 1 is not correct. OSCE is the world's largest security-oriented intergovernmental organisation. Its mandate includes issues such as arms control, promotion of human rights, freedom of the press, and fair elections. OSCE Minsk Group was created in 1992 by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) to encourage a peaceful, negotiated resolution to the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia over Nagorno-Karabakh.