



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

Date: 18-06-2020

EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The theme for 2020 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is "Food. Feed.Fibre. - the links between consumption and land". The theme is focuses to change public attitudes which are the leading driver of desertification and land degradation.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Pashupatinath Temple is a famous and sacred Hindu temple complex that is located on the banks of the Bagmati River, approximately 5 km north-east of Kathmandu in the eastern part of Kathmandu Valley, the capital of Nepal.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Pashupatinath Temple project will be constructed under the Nepal-Bharat Maitri: Development Partnership as a high impact community development scheme by India.

4. Ans) (c)

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World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed on 17 June. The day is aimed to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.

5. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

A new species of fish has been discovered in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. It was discovered by Dr. Keshav Kumar Jha, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Zoology, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat. The new species of the fish is named as Schizothoraxsikusirumensis. It is from the genus Schizothorax. The name of the new fish species "Schizothoraxsikusirumensis" was derived from the name of the rivers where it was found.

6. Ans)(d)

Explanation:

India's first nationwide online delivery-based natural gas trading platform, "Indian Gas Exchange (IGX)" has been launched by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister DharmendraPradhan during an e-ceremony (virtual). It has been launched on the lines of Prime Minister NarendraModi's vision to provide clean, affordable, sustainable and equitable supply of energy to every citizen. Notably, IGX will work as a wholly owned subsidiary of the India Energy Exchange (IEX), which is India's energy market platform. Headquarters of IGX located in New Delhi.

7. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) under Ministry of Labour and Employment has launched Multi-location claim settlement facility. This new facility has replaced the old using system of geographical jurisdiction for claim process. On current pandemic crisis COVID 19, multi-location claim facility tends to improve service delivery and ensure social security for its more than 6 crore subscribers.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Chairman M. Ajit Kumar launched the 'e-Office' application in over 500 CGST and customs offices across India, on 15th June at New Delhi. The e-Office is a Mission Mode Project(MMP) under the e-Governance of India. e-Office has been developed by the National Informatics Center(NIC), and supported by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG). CBIC functions under Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Maharashtra signed 12 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with 12 domestic and foreign companies for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth Rs 16,030 crores. It is a part of the Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0 initiative.

10. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Manipur Chief Minister (CM) N. Biren Singh inaugurated three projects undertaken by the State Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) through Video Conferencing (VC) from the Chief Minister's Secretariat Imphal.