



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

An endangered species of monkey, found only in Assam and parts of Bhutan, has a far-from-golden trait — forced abortion.

The geographic range of golden langurs is limited to Assam, India and neighboring Bhutan where they live year-round. Golden langurs occupy moist evergreen and tropical deciduous forests as well as some riverine areas and savannas in Assam and Bhutan.

Primatologists have observed that the Gee's golden langur (*Trachypithecus geei*), endemic to the semi-evergreen and mixed-deciduous forests straddling India and Bhutan, induce stillbirth of babies killed inside the womb of females, besides practising infanticide.

In 2003, they were considered endangered by the IUCN Red List, and listed as Appendix I on the CITES website. The main reason for low numbers of golden langurs is because of their localized habitat and the rapid loss of this habitat due to deforestation. Chakrashila is India's first wildlife sanctuary with golden langur as the primary species.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on Monday launched PM Svanidhi, or Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi scheme, which is a special micro-credit facility plan to provide affordable loan of up to ₹10,000 to more than 50 lakh street vendors, who had their businesses operational on or before 24 March. The the scheme is valid until March 2022.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

India has been elected to the non-permanent seat of the Security Council for the term 2021-22.

The non-permanent members are elected for two-year terms — so every year, the General Assembly elects five non-permanent members out of the total 10.

India has earlier been a non-permanent member of the Security Council in 1950-51, 1967-68, 1972-73, 1977-78, 1984-85, 1991-92 and 2011-12.

4. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Socotra or Soqotra, located between the Guardafui Channel and the Arabian Sea, is the largest of four islands in the Socotra Archipelago. The island of Socotra constitutes around 95% of the landmass of the Socotra archipelago.

In 2008 Socotra was recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Southern Transitional Council (STC) declared self-rule in the south in April, complicating U.N. efforts to forge a permanent ceasefire in a war that has separatists and the government fighting as nominal allies in a Saudi-led coalition against the Houthi group, who control the north.

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Van Dhan Scheme is an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED. It was launched on 14th April, 2018 and seeks to improve tribal incomes through value addition of tribal products.

The scheme will be implemented through Ministry of Tribal Affairs as Nodal Department at the Central Level and TRIFED as Nodal Agency at the National Level. At State level, the State Nodal Agency for MFPs and the District collectors are envisaged to play a pivot role in scheme implementation at grassroots level. Locally the Kendras are proposed to be managed by a Managing Committee (an SHG) consisting of representatives of Van Dhan SHGs in the cluster.

The SHGs would also undertake primary value addition of the MFPs using equipment such as small cutting and sieving tools, decorticator, dryer, packaging tool etc based on MFPs available in the area.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is an international organization that seeks to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy, and to inhibit its use for any military purpose, including nuclear weapons. The IAEA was established as an autonomous organisation on 29 July 1957. Though established independently of the United Nations through its own international treaty, the IAEA Statute, the IAEA reports to both the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The NCPOR under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has undertaken studies in the Western Himalaya in Chandra basin in Lahaul-Spiti (Himachal Pradesh) since 2013.

The NCPOR has established a high-altitude research station named 'Himansh' in Himalaya at 4,000 metres altitude at Sutri Dhaka, a remote location in Lahaul-Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh. The NCPOR has also been doing research in the Arctic region and the Antarctica continent.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

An extreme helium star or EHe is a low-mass supergiant that is almost devoid of hydrogen, the most common chemical element of the universe. There are 21 of them detected so far in our galaxy. The origin and evolution of these Hydrogen deficient objects have been shrouded in mystery. Since there are no known conditions where stars devoid of hydrogen can be formed from molecular clouds, it is theorized that they are the product of the mergers of helium-core and carbon-oxygen core white dwarfs. Extreme helium stars form a sub-group within the broader category of hydrogen-deficient stars.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The theme of the 6th International Day of Yoga 2020 is “Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family”. Due to COVID-19, this year International Day of Yoga will be celebrated virtually at 7 am on June 21 so people will join through digital platforms.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

On 19 June 2015, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution A/RES/69/293 and proclaimed 19 June as the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict. The day aims to raise awareness about conflict-related sexual violence and honour the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world.