



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

The COVID-19 pandemic has reached the Bondas, a tribal community residing in the hill ranges of Malkangiri district in Odisha. Four members of the community have tested positive for COVID-19.

Bondas, a particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG), live in settlements comprising small hutments in the hills of the Khairapat block. Their population is around 7,000.

Odisha is home to 62 tribal communities — the largest diverse groups of tribal population in India. Thirteen of them are PVTGs. Tribal populations are found in the entire seven districts of Kandhamal, Mayurbhanj, Sundargarh, Nabarangpur, Koraput, Malkangiri and Rayagada.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The Assam government has inaugurated a 1.8-km ropeway across the Brahmaputra river, and described it as India's longest river ropeway.

Connecting Kachari Ghat (Guwahati) to Dol Govinda Temple on the northern bank, the ropeway passed the famous Umananda temple on a small island.

The ropeway uses a “twin-track, single-haul, bi-cable double reversible jig back” system. The ropeway comprises two cabins — each with a capacity of 30 passengers plus one operator.

The ropeway cuts travel time between the two banks to 8 minutes. The current travel options between the two banks are by ferry (30 minutes or more) or by road through a bridge that usually takes over an hour in the traffic. Apart from substantially reducing travel time, the ropeway will provide a breathtaking view of the mighty Brahmaputra and promote tourism in the State.

3. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched an ambitious NRI unified portal.

In Uttar Pradesh, the State Government will prepare a database of the migrant workers of the state working in different countries of the world. It will help in providing them assistance during any emergency. This portal would not only help in investment in the state, but also provide an opportunity for those who want to go abroad. It would also prove helpful to overseas Indians and NRIs to get their problems with the local administration or the State Government resolved.

4. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The tourism global industry has been devastated by the coronavirus pandemic, with USD 320 billion lost in exports in the first five months of the year and more than 120 million jobs at risk, the UN chief said.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said that tourism is the third-largest export sector of the global economy, behind fuels and chemicals, and in 2019 it accounted for 7 per cent of global trade.

It employs one in every 10 people on Earth and provides livelihoods to hundreds of millions more.

But in the first five months of 2020, because of the pandemic, international tourist arrivals decreased by more than half and earnings plummeted.

The USD 320 billion in lost exports from January through May is three times what was lost during the year 2009 at the height of the last global financial crisis.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Jammu and Kashmir's agriculture department has created an e-auction portal to promote trading of GI-tagged 'Kashmir Saffron'.

The Department, under the aegis of India International Kashmir Saffron Trading Centre (IIKSTC), has created the portal in collaboration with NSE-IT, with the sole motive to assure buyers to have access to quality 'Kashmir Saffron'.

The Saffron growers of Kashmir valley and buyers across India have been requested to register themselves as sellers and buyers for E- trading on www.saffroneauctionindia.com, so that hassle free e-Trading between registered growers and buyers is ensured.

Kashmir saffron, which is cultivated and harvested in the Karewa (highlands) of Jammu and Kashmir, has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry.

The unique characteristics of Kashmir saffron are its longer and thicker stigmas, natural deep-red colour, high aroma, bitter flavour, chemical-free processing, and high quantity of crocin (colouring strength), safranal (flavour) and picrocrocin (bitterness).

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

A Global team of scientists has discovered one of the earliest galaxies using India's AstroSat.

A global team led by scientists of the Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) has discovered one of the earliest galaxies in extreme ultraviolet light.

AstroSat, India's first multi-wavelength satellite that has five unique X-ray and ultraviolet telescopes

working in tandem, has detected extreme UV light from a galaxy called AUDFs01, 9.3 billion light-years away from Earth.

Astrosat, India's first dedicated multi-wavelength space telescope, was launched by ISRO on a PSLV-XL in 2015.

The scientific payload contains six instruments.

The Ultra Violet Imaging Telescope (UVIT)

The Soft X-ray imaging Telescope (SXT)

The LAXPC Instrument

The Cadmium Zinc Telluride Imager (CZTI)

The Scanning Sky Monitor (SSM)

The Charged Particle Monitor (CPM)

7. Ans) (a)

Explanation

The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 mandates 33.3% reservation for women in PRIs across the country.

Article 15 (3) to the Constitution of India empowers the State to make special provisions for women.

Article 243D provides that one-third of the total number of seats and offices of the Chairpersons in PRIs at each level shall be reserved for women.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation

Genome India Project is inspired by the Human Genome Project (HGP 1990-2003), an international programme that led to the decoding of the entire human genome.

Genome can be defined as “an organism’s complete set of DNA, including all of its genes and it is all the genetic matter in an organism.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation

It is a statutory body established in 1982 under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981.

It supervises Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and helps them develop sound banking practices and integrate them to the CBS (Core Banking Solution) platform.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation

A super app is an omnichannel digital platform, i.e.- a platform developed by a company offering various services and products under one umbrella.

The concept of the super app first emerged in China and southeast Asia where internet companies like WeChat, Go-Jek and Grab evolved their apps into versatile feature apps.

There are two concepts of super app emergence:

Customer Traffic to Services: These companies used the opportunity of customer traffic on their platforms that originally came as social media by offering additional services leading to increased revenue realisations.

Services to Target Customer: The traditional business conglomerates with a large portfolio with a presence in shopping malls, grocery and entertainment are building digital assets. These businesses observe high customer footfall and high repeat purchase frequency.