



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans:(d)

Explanation:

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), for providing affordable loans to street vendors. Earlier, the Scheme was announced as a part of the Economic Stimulus-II under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. The scheme would benefit vendors, hawkers, thelewale and people involved in goods and services related to textiles, apparel, artisan products, barbers shops, laundry services etc. in different areas.

2. Ans:(a)

Explanation:

The 2+2 dialogue is the highest-level (Ministerial) institutional mechanism between India and the USA that brings together the perspectives of the two countries on foreign policy, defence and strategic issues. India also holds such dialogue with Japan as well. India also holds 2+2 dialogue with Australia at the foreign secretary and defence secretary level.

3. Ans:(b)

Explanation:

Bangladesh Government launched the 'no mask, no service' policy to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the policy, the services will be provided to only those people who wear face mask. No one will be permitted to enter the offices without face masks. All the offices in Bangladesh have been directed to put up the 'no mask, no service' notice on their notice board.

4. Ans:(a)

Explanation:

A country put in the grey list may face-

- Economic sanctions from IMF, World Bank, ADB etc.
- The problem in getting loans from the IMF, World Bank, ADB and other countries.
- Reduction in international trade.
- International boycott.
- Reduction in bilateral and multilateral trade.

5. Ans:(b)

Explanation:

International Snow Leopard Day came into being on October 23, 2013, when political leaders from 12 countries came together for the first time to endorse the 'Bishkek Declaration' on the conservation of snow leopards.

About snow leopard:

- IUCN Status -Vulnerable
- Listed in Schedule I of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.
- Listed in Appendix I of the CITES, which makes trading of animal body parts (i.e., fur, bones and meat) illegal in signatory countries.

6. Ans:(d)

Explanation:

The ECA 1955 was used to curb inflation by allowing the Centre to enable control by state governments of trade in a wide variety of commodities. The states imposed stock limits to restrict the movement of any commodity deemed essential. It helped to discourage hoarding of items, including food commodities, such as pulses, edible oils and vegetables.

The Centre imposed limits on the extent of onion stocks that traders and wholesalers can hold invoking a provision of the newly amended Essential Commodities Act of 1955. The stock holding limits will be in force till December 2020.

7. Ans:(c)

Explanation:

The Golan Heights were part of Syria until 1967, when Israel captured most of the area in the Six Day War, occupying it and annexing it in 1981. That unilateral annexation was not recognised internationally, and Syria demands the return of the territory. Syria tried to regain the Heights in the 1973 Middle East war but was thwarted. Israel and Syria signed an armistice in 1974 and the Golan had been relatively quiet since. In 2000, Israel and Syria held their highest-level talks over a possible return of the Golan and a peace agreement. But the negotiations collapsed and subsequent talks also failed.

8. Ans:(a)

Explanation:

It was established in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles as an affiliated agency of the League of Nations. It became the first affiliated specialized agency of the United Nations in 1946. Its headquarters is in Geneva,

Switzerland. India will be presiding over the upcoming meeting of the Governing Body to be held in November 2020. India would have the opportunity to interact with the senior officials and social partners of the member.

9. Ans:(b)

Explanation:

The year 2020 marks 100 years of discovery of Indus Valley Civilisation, and a new study has shown that dairy products were being produced by the Harappans as far back as 2500 BCE.

By analysing residues on ancient pots, researchers show the earliest direct evidence of dairy product processing, thus throwing fresh light on the rural economy of the civilisation. The studies were carried out on 59 shards of pottery from Kotada Bhadli, a small archeological site in present-day Gujarat.

10. Ans:(d)

Explanation:

It aims at providing day time electricity to farmers for farming and irrigation. It would help in the expansion of micro irrigation in the state. Micro irrigation is defined as the frequent application of small quantities of water directly above and below the soil surface; usually as discrete drops, continuous drops or tiny streams through emitters placed along a water delivery line.

It would complement irrigation projects of the State- Sujalam Sufalam and SAUNI (Saurashtra-Narmada Avtaran Irrigation) yojana. It would complement central government initiatives like neem coating urea, Soil Health Cards, KUSUM Yojana, etc. India has now reached 5th position in the world in the last few years in solar power and is advancing fast. Further, it has given the world the plan of 'One Sun, One World, One Grid'.