



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

Date: 27-08-2020

EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The Ministry of Culture has announced 7 new circles of Archaeological Survey of India.

New circles have been created in Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal and Gujarat. Trichy, Raiganj, Rajkot, Jabalpur, Jhansi & Meerut have been announced as new circles.

In Archaeology, the Hampi city in Karnataka is a place of international repute hence Hampi Mini Circle has been converted into a full-fledged circle. Earlier there were 29 ASI circles across the country.

2. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

NITI Aayog in partnership with the Institute of Competitiveness released the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020. As the first report to examine export preparedness and performance of Indian states, EPI intends to identify challenges and opportunities; enhance the effectiveness of government policies; and encourage a facilitative regulatory framework. The structure of the EPI includes 4 pillars: Policy; Business Ecosystem; Export Ecosystem; Export Performance. Most Indian states performed well on average across the sub-pillars of Exports Diversification, Transport Connectivity, and Infrastructure. The average score of Indian states in these three sub-pillars was above 50%. Overall, most of the Coastal States are the best performers. Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu occupy the top three ranks, respectively.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (M/o SJ&E) has postponed the launch of “KIRAN” TOLL-FREE Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline (1800-599-0019) number which was due to be launched on 27-08-2020. The helpline 1800-599-0019, developed by the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry, along with its partners aims at providing support for early screening, first-aid, psychological support, distress management, mental wellbeing, preventing deviant behaviour and psychological crisis management. The helpline will offer support in 13 languages for any individual, family, NGOs, DPOs, parent associations, professional associations, rehabilitation institutes, hospitals or anyone in need of support across the country. The helpline will be supported by 660 volunteers,

clinical and rehabilitation psychologists and 668 volunteer psychiatrists along with 75 experts at 25 helpline centres which will have a capacity of handling 300 clients per hour. The helpline will be coordinated by the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD, Chennai) and the National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR, Sehore).

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Africa free of polio, a landmark in a decades-long campaign to eradicate the notorious disease around the world. A WHO commission has certified that no cases had occurred on the continent for the past four years, the threshold for eradication of poliovirus. Poliovirus now joins smallpox in the list of viruses that have been wiped out in Africa.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar greeted entire women community on the occasion of women's equality day. The 100th anniversary of the Women's Equality Day is being observed in the United States. The day is observed primarily in the US on August 26, to commemorate American women getting the constitutional right to vote. The Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution was adopted in 1920. The law prohibits denying citizens, of the United States, the right to vote on the basis of gender. Women's Equality Day was first marked in 1972. It is proclaimed each year by the President of the United States. Women's Equality Day is now often observed across the world to encourage and spread awareness about women's empowerment.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

The National Health Authority (NHA) has released the Draft Health Data Management Policy of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) in the public domain. The draft of the policy has been released on the official website of National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) and will be available for public comments and feedback till 3rd of next month. The Draft Policy is the maiden step in realizing NDHM's guiding principle of "Security and Privacy by Design" for the protection of individuals' data privacy. Data collected across the National Digital Health Ecosystem (NDHE) will be stored in at the central level, the state or Union Territory level and at the health facility level, by adopting the principle of minimality at each point, according to the document. It encompasses various aspects pertaining to health data like data privacy, consent management, data sharing and protection. The NDHM was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of 74th Independence Day. Jan Arogya Yojana, which has been

mandated to design and roll out NDHM in the country

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) has decided to integrate the electronic Pension Payment Order (e-PPO) generated through PFMS application of CGA (Controller General of Accounts), with Digi Locker, in order to enhance Ease of Living of Central Government Civil Pensioners. This system will enable any Pensioner to obtain an instant print-out of the latest copy of their PPO, from their Digi Locker account. This initiative will create a permanent record of their respective PPO in their Digi Locker and at the same time eliminate delays in reaching the PPO to new Pensioners, as well as the necessity of handing over a physical copy.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

With a focus on indigenous development of futuristic technologies, a five-member expert committee has been constituted to review the charter of duties for all laboratories of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The committee was constituted by G. Satheesh Reddy, Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D), who is also the Chairman, DRDO. The five-member committee is headed by Professor V. Ramagopal Rao, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. The terms of reference are: to study and review the charter of duties of all the labs of the DRDO, to redefine the charter of duties of the labs on the current and futuristic defence and battlefield scenario, and to minimise the overlap of technologies amongst the labs. The committee has to submit its report within 45 days.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Pulikkali, a colourful part of Onam celebrations in Thrissur, will be an online-only affair this year due to COVID-19. Pulikkali is a recreational folk art from the state of Kerala. The folk art is mainly practiced in Thrissur district of Kerala. It is performed by trained artists to entertain people on the occasion of Onam, an annual harvest festival, celebrated mainly in Kerala. On the fourth day of Onam celebrations (Nalaam Onam), performers painted like tigers and hunters in bright yellow, red, and black dance to the beats of instruments like Udukku and Thakil. Literal meaning of Pulikkali is the 'play of the tigers' hence the performance revolve around the theme of tiger hunting. Pulikkali was introduced in Thrissur by Shakthan Tampuran two centuries ago.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

China has launched first of the four advanced naval warships it is building for Pakistan, amid deepening defence ties between the two all-weather allies.

Pakistan-China defence ties turn a new chapter with the launch of the first ship of Type-054 class frigate. The Type-054 class, equipped with the latest surface, subsurface, anti-air weapons, combat management system, and sensors, will be one of the technologically advanced surface platforms of the Pakistan Navy fleet, the report said.