



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

India's National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), of the Ministry of Environment announced the adoption of the Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards [CA|TS] across all of the country's 50 Tiger Reserves. The announcement means India is the first among the 13 tiger range countries to nationally adopt CA|TS, which are a set of minimum standards setting the benchmark for managing conservation sites. CA|TS is a conservation tool that sets best practice and standards to manage target species, and encourages assessments to benchmark progress. Tigers are the first species selected for the initiative. Launched in 2013, the tool was developed in collaboration with field managers, tiger experts and government agencies engaged in tiger conservation. CA|TS is a partnership of tiger range governments, inter-governmental agencies, institutions, NGOs and conservation organisations. WWF is helping tiger range countries to implement CA|TS.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

International Tigers day was observed on July 29, 2020. In 2010, the Heads of the Governments of Tiger Range countries at St. Petersburg, Russia, had resolved to double tiger numbers across their global range by 2022 by signing the St. Petersburg declaration on tiger conservation. During the said meeting it was also decided to celebrate July 29 as Global Tiger Day across the world, which is since, being celebrated to spread and generate awareness on tiger conservation. There are currently 13 tiger range countries -- India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The International Day of Friendship is being celebrated on July 30, 2020. The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. This initiative that follows on the proposal made by UNESCO defining the Culture of Peace as a set of values, attitudes and behaviours that reject violence and endeavour to prevent conflicts by addressing their root causes with a view to solving problems.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The 2020 World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is being celebrated on July 30. In 2013, the United Nations designated July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. The 2020 theme for the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons will focus on the first responders to human trafficking. These are the people who work in different sectors - identifying, supporting, counselling and seeking justice for victims of trafficking, and challenging the impunity of the traffickers. The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), as guardian of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and the Protocols thereto, assists States in their efforts to implement the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons (Trafficking in Persons Protocol).

5. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

The Government of India has notified changes in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) norms on civil aviation. These rules will be called as the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2020. It will permit non-resident Indian nationals to own 100 % stake of Air India. The amendment removes the exception which permitted Overseas Citizens of India 100% FDI in air transport, but not Air India. This category of citizens has been replaced with NRIs, now allowed to commit 100% FDI in air transport, including Air India, through automatic route. Last month, the government for the third time extended the deadline to bid for Air India. The deadline was extended by two months till August 31st. The divestment process for the national carrier was initiated on January 27th. Hence only statement 2 is correct.

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The banking sector, led by the Indian Banks Association (IBA), had recently submitted a proposal for setting up a bad bank to the finance ministry and the RBI. A bad bank is a bank set up by the government to buy the bad loans and other illiquid holdings of another financial institution. The entity holding significant Non Performing Assets (NPAs) will sell these holdings to the bad bank at market price, thus clearing its balance sheet.

The proposal envisages setting up an Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC) platform to buy stressed pools from banks and turn them around. This would allow banks to write off the appropriate provisions for the portfolio sold and get the discounted value that the ARC pays for the distressed

pool purchase. The stressed assets can alternatively be sold to an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF), which could turn them around.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

According to Tiger Census 2018 Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of tigers at 526, closely followed by Karnataka (524) and Uttarakhand (442). Hence, statement 1 is correct.

The Northeast has suffered losses in population. Further, the number of tigers in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha has steadily declined, which is a matter of concern.

Chhattisgarh is the only state out of the 20 tiger-bearing states where the 2018- census counted 19 tigers, significantly fewer than the 46 of 2014. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

Out of 50 tiger reserves in the country, three reserves - Mizoram's Dampa reserve, Bengal's Buxa reserve and Jharkhand's Palamau reserve - have no tigers left.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation

The word hepatitis refers to any inflammation of the liver — the irritation or swelling of the liver cells from any cause.

It can be acute (inflammation of the liver that presents with sickness — jaundice, fever, vomiting) or chronic (inflammation of the liver that lasts more than six months, but essentially showing no symptoms).

Usually caused by a group of viruses known as the “hepatotropic” (liver directed) viruses, including A, B, C, D and E.

Other viruses may also cause it, such as the varicella virus that causes chicken pox. SARS-CoV-2, the virus causing Covid-19 may injure the liver, too.

Other causes include drugs and alcohol abuse, fat buildup in the liver (fatty liver hepatitis) or an autoimmune process in which a person's body makes antibodies that attack the liver (autoimmune hepatitis).

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is an investment made by a firm or individual in one country into business interests located in another country.

Generally, FDI takes place when an investor establishes foreign business operations or acquires foreign business assets, including establishing ownership or controlling interest in a foreign company.

It is different from Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) where the foreign entity merely buys equity shares of a company. FPI does not provide the investor with control over the business.

Routes through which India gets FDI:

Automatic Route: In this, the foreign entity does not require the prior approval of the government or the RBI.

10. Ans) (c)

Explanation

The 91st Constitutional Amendment of 2003, pertaining to Anti-Defection law, provided an exception that disqualification on grounds of defection does not apply, if 2/3rd of the members of the legislature party decide to merge with another party. Hence, statement 1 is correct.

The Chairman/Speaker has been given the final authority to decide questions of disqualification of a member of a House under the provisions of the Tenth schedule to the constitution.

In case of Rajya Sabha (Upper House), Vice-president is the chairman. Thus, he/she is the final authority regarding matters of defection.