



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Environment Ministry has reconstituted the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) to include an expert from the School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi, and a molecular biologist. The CZA is a statutory body chaired by the Environment Minister and tasked with regulating zoos across the country. The authority lays down guidelines and prescribes rules under which animals may be transferred among zoos nationally and internationally.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The festival of AshadhiEkadashi was celebrated in Maharashtra. AshadhiEkadashi is the eleventh lunar day (Ekadashi) of the bright fortnight (Shuklapaksha) of the Hindu month of Ashadha (June - July). This holy day is of special significance to Vaishnavas, followers of Lord Vishnu. AshadhiEkadashi is one of the most significant festivals in Maharashtra.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Senior diplomat Indra Mani Pandey has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva. MrPandey, a 1990 batch IFS officer is presently additional secretary in the External Affairs ministry.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) have launched a new scheme called 'Accelerate Vigyan' to provide a single platform for research internships, capacity building programs and workshops across the country. The primary objective of this inter-ministerial scheme is to encourage high-end scientific research and prepare scientific manpower, which can lead towards research careers and knowledge-based economy.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Both provisions were added by the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019.

The Central Government may, by notification add an organization to the First Schedule or the name of an individual in the Fourth Schedule. The first schedule contains list of terrorist organizations while fourth schedule contains list of terrorists. Under the Act, an investigating officer is required to obtain the prior approval of the Director General of Police to seize properties that may be connected with terrorism.

6. Ans) (d).

Explanation:

Oxford University vaccine: ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 is made from a virus (ChAdOx1), which is a weakened version of a common cold virus (adenovirus) that causes infections in chimpanzees, that has been genetically changed so that it is impossible for it to replicate in humans.

Bharat Biotech India: Covaxin is a vaccine candidate to developed by BBIL against the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research's National Institute of Virology (NIV). CanSino Biologics' COVID-19 vaccine, China: Ad5-nCoV vaccine candidate is a genetically engineered vaccine candidate with the replication-defective adenovirus type 5 as the vector to express SARS-CoV-2 spike protein.

7. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Section 309 in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 provides for right of speedy trial. Further Supreme Court has held the right to speedy trial as part of right to life and liberty under the article 21 of the constitution. Article 20(1) in the Constitution states that 'no person shall be convicted of any offence except for violation of the law in force at the time of the commission of the act charged as an offence, nor be subjected to a penalty greater than that which might have been inflicted under the law in force at the time of the commission of the offence'.

In Selvi and Ors v. State of Karnataka, Supreme Court declared involuntary administration of brain mapping, narco analysis and polygraph test as violative of human rights and the Constitution. The Article 20(3) of the Indian constitution regarding the right against self-incrimination states that 'no person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself'.

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

•In Jharkhand, the Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) generally known as Sahiyadidis have played an important role in the recently conducted door-to-door Intensive Public Health Survey from

June 18 to 25 to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Jharkhand has become the first state to complete such a survey within a stipulated time.

- The Sahiyadis identified 55 thousand 215 people aged above 40 years with the highest risk of Corona infection, or are suffering from severe respiratory diseases.
- The ASHAs in Jharkhand, known as “Sahiyas”, have been supporting delivery of health care services to the last mile, especially in the tribal areas.

9. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The ‘Accelerate Vigyan’ (AV) scheme for research internships, was launched by the Union Government’s Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB). To encourage high-end scientific research and prepare scientific manpower which leads to research careers and knowledge based economy.

10. Ans (c)

Explanation:

From July 4, 2020, **Central Committee for reforms in Criminal Law**, headed by **Ranbir Singh** was constituted by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) & is going to start a 3 months long online consultation exercise. The objective of this exercise is to gather opinions by consulting with experts and collating material for their report to the government. The committee is headed by Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University (NLU), and Delhi.