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Preface

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NATIONAL

Delhi-Meerut Expressway

Question- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Delhi-Meerut Expressway to the nation. In this regard which one of the given is not true?

- (a) This expressway is 14 lanes from Nizamuddin Bridge to Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border.
- (b) Up to the 27.74 km length the expressway will be 14 lanes and the remaining will be of 6 lanes.
- (c) This will be the second expressway on which there will be cycle path on the block at about 28 km from Delhi to Dasna.
- (d) The project was laid on December 31, 2015 by Prime Minister Modi.

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:-

- On May 27, 2018 Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Delhi-Meerut Expressway to the nation.
- 14-lane of Delhi-Meerut Expressway is the first accessed phase, which extended from Nizamuddin Bridge to Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border.
- The construction cost of this 8.360 km part of the length is about Rs. 841.50 crores.
- It includes 6-lane expressway and 4-4 service lanes on both sides.
- The project was laid by the Prime Minister on December 31, 2015.
- This expressway aims to provide fast and secure connectivity between Delhi and Meerut and Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- The total length of this project is 82 km. upon which initially the 27.74 km length will be of 14 lanes while there will be the remaining 6 lane expressway.
- The estimated cost of this project is Rs. 4975.17 crores.
- This will be the first Express on which there will be a cycle path on the block about 28 km between Delhi and Dasna.
- This project will have 11 flyover / interchange, 5 large and 24 small bridges, three rails over bridges, 36 vehicles and 14 underpass passes for pedestrians.
- On completion of the project, it will take only 60 minutes to travel from Delhi to Meerut.



Reference:

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44th Summit of G-7 Nations-2018

Question: Where did the 44th Summit of G-7 nations concluded on June 8th- 9th, 2018?

- (a) Charlevoix Quebec City, Canada
- (b) Ise-Shima, Japan
- (c) Taormina, Italy
- (d) Brussels, Belgium



Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On 8th-9th June, 2018, the 44th Summit of G-7 nations concluded in Charlevoix Quebec City, Canada.
- It was the sixth opportunity when Canada hosted the summit.
- Earlier Canada had hosted it in the year 1981, 1988, 1995, 2002 and 2010.
- Chairmanship of 44th Summit was given to the Canada at the 43rd Summit of G-7 held in Taormina (Italy) on May 26-27, 2017.
- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, French President Emmanuel Macron, US President Donald Trump, British Prime Minister Theresa May, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, joined in the G-7 Summit.
- The European Union was represented by the European Commission President Jean Claude Juncker and European Council President Donald Tusk.
- On the closing of this two-day summit, leaders of G-7 member countries said they are committed to keeping Iran's nuclear program permanently peaceful.
- G-7 is an informal organization. It has no headquarter or secretariat. There is no charter at all.
- The selection of its president is based on the rotation system.
- In the Rambouillet near Paris, in 1975 in the backdrop of the global economic downturn and oil crisis of the 1970s, a meeting of the world's most industrialized, democratic and non-socialist 6 nations - France, America, Britain, Italy, Germany, and Japan was organized on the call of the then President of France, *Valery Giscard d'Estaing*, in which this group was formed.
- In 1976, after the participation of Canada, this group came to be known as G-7.
- The European Union's participation began with this group since 1977 but it is not considered as a separate member.
- With the joining of Russia in G-7 in the year 1994, this group was known as G8 from the year 1997.

- It is significant that on March 27th, 2014 Russia was suspended from the organization indefinitely by the original G-7 countries.
- Now it is again member of G-7.
- The 45th summit of the G-7 nations will be organized in France in 2019.

See also the links below:

<http://www.consiliium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2018/06/08-09/>

<https://g7.gc.ca/en/official-documents/>

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Prime Minister's visit to Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore

Question: Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Narendra Modi was on an Official Visit to the Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore from 31 May to 2 June 2018. Who is the newly elected Prime Minister of Malaysia?

- (a) Mohamed Razzak
- (b) Dr. Mahathir Mohamad
- (c) Mohamed Nasheed
- (d) Lee Hsien Loong

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:



- Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Narendra Modi was on an Official Visit to the Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore from 31 May to 2 June 2018.
- In the first phase of his journey he made a visit to Indonesia between May 29-31, 2018.
- He held delegation level talks with Malaysian President Joko Widodo in Jakarta.
- He also met the people of the Indian community residing there.
- **Important MoUs / announcements made during visit are as follows:**
 - I. Agreement between the two countries for cooperation in defense sector.

- II. Structural agreement between the two countries on cooperation in exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.
- III. MoU on scientific and technical cooperation.
- IV. MoU on technical cooperation in railway sector.
- V. MoU on health support.
- VI. MoU on pharmaceutical, biological and cosmetic regulatory functions.
- VII. MoU between the two countries on policy negotiations and interaction of the thinkers.
- VIII. MoU between Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration and Institute of Public Administration of Indonesia, etc.
 - After this visit, the Prime Minister made a visit to Singapore from May 31st to June-2 2018.
 - A delegation level talks with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.
 - In Singapore, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also attended the 17th Shangri-La dialogue.
 - **The list of major MoUs signed between India and Singapore during the visit is as follows:**
 - I. Contract for mutual recognition on nursing.
 - II. Regarding the support of logistics and support for services for navigational coordination between the Indian Navy and Singapore Navy, naval ships, submarines and aircraft trips (implementation of shipyard aviation entities) implementation agreement
 - III. Expansion on MOU on the cooperation in the field of cyber security between the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India and Singapore Cyber Security Agency, Singapore Computer Emergency Response Team (SINCERT).
 - IV. Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of a Joint Working Group (JWG) on FinTech led by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) and the Department of Financial Services (DFS), the Ministry of Finance, India, and the relevant government agencies on both sides.
 - V. Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of planning between the NITI Aayog and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise, etc.

- On May 31st, 2018 Prime Minister Narendra Modi stayed for a short period in Kuala Lumpur to meet Dr. Mahathir Mohammed, newly elected Prime Minister of Malaysia.
- Significantly, three countries of ASEAN, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore are strategic partners of India.
- The Indian government gives utmost importance to its relations with the ASEAN region and is committed to deepening its relations with ASEAN member countries within the framework of 'Act East Policy'.

See also the links below:-

<http://mea.gov.in/outgoing-visit-detail.htm?29932/IndiaIndonesia+Joint+Statement+during+visit+of+Prime+Minister+to+Indonesia+May+30+2018>

<http://mea.gov.in/outgoing-visit-detail.htm?29924/Visit+of+Prime+Minister+to+Indonesia+Malaysia+and+Singapore+29+May++2+June+2018>

<http://mea.gov.in/outgoing-visit-detail.htm?29931/List+of+MoUsAnnouncements+made+during+the+visit+of+Prime+Minister+to+Indonesia+2931+May+2018>

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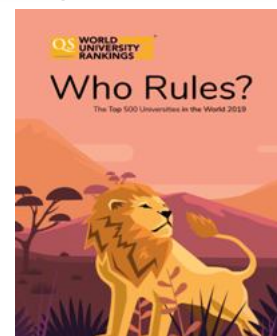
QS World University Ranking-2019

Question- Which university among the given has been ranked top in the recently released 'QS World University Ranking-2018'?

- Stanford University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Harvard University
- Oxford University

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:



- On June 6th, 2018 QS World University Ranking-2019 was released.
- 1000 universities from 85 countries were included to make this list.
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) situated in America got top place in the Rankings.
- MIT was followed by Stanford University, Harvard University and California Institute of Technology second, third and fourth rank respectively.
- After this, the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge were ranked fifth and sixth respectively.
- In the QS World University Ranking-2019, three institutions of India have got place in the top 200.
- These three Indian institutes are IIT Bombay received (162nd), IISc, Bangalore (170th) and IIT Delhi (172nd).

Reference:

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2019>

Kundli-Ghaziabad-Palwal Expressway

Question- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the prestigious road project Kundli-Ghaziabad-Palwal Expressway (Eastern Peripheral Expressway) to the nation. In regards to this project which one of the given is not true?

- This is the country's first Axis Control Highway.
- The length of this expressway is 13 km.
- Construction cost of this project is approximately Rs 4617.87 crores.
- This is the first expressway of the country fully solar power utilized.

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 27th, 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the prestigious Kundli-Ghaziabad-Palwal Expressway (Eastern Peripheral Express Way) to the nation.
- The length of this expressway is 135 km.
- This expressway has been constructed by the National Highways Authority of India to reduce traffic pressure in Delhi and NCR.
- This expressway connects NH-1 and NH-2.
- The construction cost of this project is approximately Rs 4617.87 crores.
- This is the first expressway of the country upon which full use of solar power (up to 135 km) has been done.
- 8 solar power plants of 4000 kW (4 Mw) capacity have been set up on this expressway for the lighting of underpasses and for the operation of solar pumps for water plants.
- There is also provision of rain water harvesting at every 500 meters on this expressway and there is a provision of drip irrigation on the entire route.
- This is the country's first Axis Control Highway (As much the vehicle travels as much as the toll is).
- On this day, the Prime Minister also inaugurated the Digital Art Gallery created by NHAI in the border of Sonipat on the number 5 of this expressway.



- This Expressway has also been installed 36 reproductions (India Gate, Gateway of India, Ashok Stambh etc.) of monuments displaying Indian culture and heritage.

Reference:

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10th meeting of the Global Coalition in Relation to Ending Lymphatic Filariasis.

Question-In June, 2018, the 10th meeting of the Global Coalition was held in relation to ending lymphatic filariasis. In this regard, what is not true in the alternative?

- The meeting was held in Shimla.
- The meeting was inaugurated by Union Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda.
- During the program, the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister gave the GAELF award to 11 countries.
- 73 countries including India are suffering from Lymphatic Filariasis.

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On June 13th, 2018, the 10th Meeting of the Global Coalition in relation to ending lymphatic filariasis was held in New Delhi.
- This meeting was inaugurated by Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda did so.
- India will always welcome newer initiatives and research to translate into the Filariasis elimination programme.
- At the event, Shri Nadda also gave away the GAELF awards to 11 countries- Cambodia, Cook Islands, Egypt, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Niue, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Tonga and Vanuatu, for successfully interrupting the transmission.
- The Union Health Minister also released the Accelerated Plan for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) 2018 for India.
- With the concerted efforts of Government, state governments and development partners, 100 districts out of total 256 endemic districts have achieved elimination target and stopped Mass Drug Administration after successful validation by Transmission Assessment Survey (TAS) and are under post MDA surveillance.
- Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) or commonly known as Elephantiasis is one of the oldest and most debilitating neglected disease, which is currently endemic in 73 countries of the world, including India.
- LF disease is caused mainly by Wuchereria Bancrofti and spread by Culex mosquito.
- This mosquito grows in dirty accumulated water.
- NGOs, private sector, academic and research institutes are also associated with this coalition. Its meeting is held biennially.
- The second meeting was held in 2002 in Delhi.
- India is again hosting the 10th meeting which recognizes that India has highest burden of Lymphatic Filariasis and there is need of taking leadership role to Eliminate lymphatic filariasis.



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Indore Municipal Corporation to issue bonds AMRUT Yojana

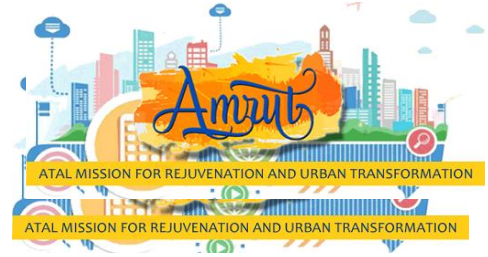
Question: What will be the third municipal corporation to issue the bond for the Amrut Yojana recently?

Pune Municipal Corporation?

- (a) Hyderabad Municipal Corporation
- (b) Indore Municipal Corporation
- (c) Bhopal Municipal Corporation

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:



- On June 26th, 2018, according to the report published Indore Municipal Corporation is going to issue bonds worth Rs 170 crores on June 28, 2018 aimed at ensuring economic participation of citizens in developmental activities of the city.
- The public issue of these bonds will be available on National Stock Exchange on June 28 from 11 am to 1 pm.
- Indore Municipal Corporation has been granted double “A” rating.
- Indore Municipal Corporation is the third in the country and first in the state to issue such bonds.
- The amount obtained from this will be used for Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).
- According to Commissioner Municipal Corporation there is possibility of huge investment in this taking into account the economic, social, academic, infrastructure development and professional scenario of Indore.
- Information was given that goal has been set for water supply, sewerage, flood water drainage, urban transport and green space development in urban areas through the Government of India’s ambitious AMRUT Yojana.
- Indore Municipal Corporation has to spend an amount of Rs 972.26 crore under AMRUT Yojana which includes Centre’s share of Rs 324.05 crore, state’s share of Rs 486.13 crore and Rs 162.08 croer of the Municipal Corporation.
- The Corporation has issued public bonds to ensure public participation in this Rs 160 crores.
- Rs 629.20 crore from the bond will be used on the drinking water system of Indore city, Rs 268.06 crore on sewerage system development, Rs 10 crore on flood water drainage, Rs 40 crore on urban transport and Rs 25 crore on developing the green belt area.
- It was informed that the bond period will be 10 years on which interest will be given every six months and after 7 years, the investor will be able to free 25 percent amount of the bond every year.
- It is notable that earlier Pune and Hyderabad Municipal Corporation have also issued bond before Indore Municipal Corporation for AMRUT Yojana as per the Government of India.
- It is noteworthy that 34 cities of the state have been selected for this ambitious scheme of the Government of India.
- In this scheme, the Ministry of Urban Development of the Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 6200 crores in five years to the state.

Reference:

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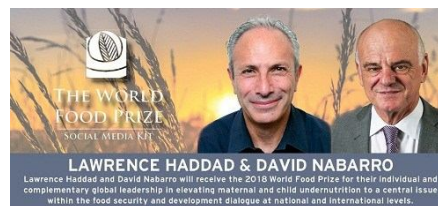
World Food Prize of 2018

Question: Who amongst the given has been selected for the prestigious World Food Prize of 2018?

- (a) Drs. Subra Suresh and Dr. Akhouri Sinha
- (b) Drs. Lawrence Haddad and David Nabarro
- (c) Sir Fazole Hassan and Dr. Sanjay Rajaram
- (d) Dr. David Beckmann and Joe Luc

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:



- On 25th June, 2018, the World Food Awards Foundation has announced the prestigious World Food Prize for the year 2018.
- Drs. Lawrence Haddad and David Nabarro were announced today as the 2018 World Food Prize Laureates during a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- The Prize rewards their individual but complementary global leadership in elevating maternal and child under-nutrition within the food security and development dialogue at national and international levels with the result of reducing the world's number of stunted children by 10 million between 2012 and 2017.
- The World Food Prize is the most prominent global award for individuals whose breakthrough achievements alleviate hunger and promote global food security.
- This year's \$250,000 prize will be divided equally between the two recipients.
- Dr. Lawrence Haddad, British economist and food policy researcher and Dr. David Nabarro has worked with WHO and the United Nations on health and starvation issues.
- The award was instituted in 1986 by the founder of the Green Revolution and the Nobel Peace Prize winner (1970) by Dr. Norman Borlaug.
- First World Food Award was given in 1987 to Dr. M.S. Swaminathan; the father of Green Revolution in India.

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3rd Annual Meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Question- On 25-26 June, 2018, at which of the given places the third annual meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) was organized?

- (a) New Delhi (b) Jaipur (c) Bangkok (d) Mumbai

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:



- On 25th-26th June, 2018, 'Third Annual Meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank' (AIIB's Third Annual Meeting), 2018 was organized in Mumbai.
- Meeting was organized jointly by the Economic Department of the Ministry of Finance and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
- The main theme of this year's meeting is 'Mobilizing Finance for Innovation and Collaboration': 'Funding for Infrastructure: Innovation and Collaboration'.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated this meeting.
- The two day meeting was attended by the representatives of various institutes, private sector and civil societies and the top policy-makers of AIIB member countries.

- This year the Asian Infrastructure Forum was also launched.
- Experts discussed the project specially and discussed innovative financing for critical infrastructure needs.
- AIIB is a multilateral development bank whose objective is to improve social and economic development beyond Asia and beyond, which started working in January 2016.
- Its headquarters is in Beijing, China.

Reference:

<http://www.aiib-am2018.gov.in/>

Cyber Security Framework -2018

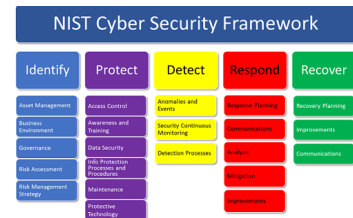
Question-Which department of Ministry of Defence has organized a workshop on “Cyber Security Framework-2018” for Department of Defence?

- (a) Department of Defence (b) Department of Defence Production(DDP)
 (c) Department of Defence Research and Development
 (d) Department of Ex- servicemen Welfare

Answer-(b)

Related Facts-

- According to PIB press release posted on 19 June 2018 Defence Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated a workshop on Cyber Security Framework for Department of Defence which was organized by Department of Defence Production (DDP).
- Defence Minister stressed her concern over vulnerability of defence sector being more prone to cyber attack.
- DDP has formulated Cyber Security Framework and also establishing Cyber Security Cells at various levels to handle cyber security related issues.
- This Framework provides a common mechanism to all organization to describe their current level of cyber security status and let them identify and prioritize opportunities for improvement and continuously assess progress towards the target area, this framework is also in line with national policies and guidelines for cyber security.
- A strong Cyber Security Framework is need of hour, as all defence PSUs and ordnance factories are increasingly relying on information technology so any compromise may have far reaching consequences, and can deteriorate the effectiveness of our defence sector and national security.



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Government declares national targets for off-shore wind power

Question: Recently, the Central Government has declared medium and long term target for off-shore wind power capacity additions, which are 5 GW by 2022 and how many GW by the year 2030?

- (a) 30 GW (b) 22 GW (c) 50 GW (d) 15 GW

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On 19th June, 2018, the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy recently invited Expressions of Interest (EoI) for the first 1 GW offshore wind project in India, which has evoked keen response from the industry both global and Indian.



- Now to give confidence to the wind industry, the Ministry has declared medium and long term target for off-shore wind power capacity additions, which are 5 GW by 2022 and 30 GW by 2030.
- While this may look moderate in comparison to India's on-shore wind target of 60 GW and its achievement of 34 GW and solar target of 100 GW by 2022, this would still be challenging considering the difficulties in installing large wind power turbines in open seas.
- It may be mentioned that offshore wind turbines are of much larger dimensions and capacities than onshore turbines.
- The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy had notified National Off-Shore Wind Policy in October 2015 to realize the offshore wind power potential in the country.
- Two regions where preliminary studies are conducted are off coast of Gujarat and that of Tamil Nadu.
- For precise wind quality measurements one LiDAR has been installed near Gujarat coast which is generating data about quality of off-shore wind since November, 2017.
- Encouraged by quality of off-shore wind, a private sector player has also installed LiDAR in Gulf of Kutch in Gujarat for offshore wind resource measurements. Plans are afoot to install more of such equipment in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat.
- Globally there has been installation of about 17 to 18 GW of off-shore wind power led by countries such as UK, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands & China.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=180043>

National Defence Authorisation Bill

Question- Recently, the US Senate Passed the National Defence Authorisation Act: NDAA), 2019 to seek enhanced defence ties with which of the following countries?

(a) Russia (b) North Korea (c) China (d) India

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On 19th June, 2018, the US Senate Passed the National Defence Authorisation Bill: NDAA), 2019 to seek enhanced defence ties with India.
- 716 billion dollar National Defence Authorisation Bill (NDAA) 2019, passed by a bipartisan vote of 85-10.
- Significantly, America recognized India as a major defense partner in the year 2016.
- Like other close associates of the United States, this recognition allows to buy more advanced and sensitive technologies from the America.
- India has been able to purchase more modern and sensitive technologies.
- This bill has been passed in the honour of Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John McCain, who is battling cancer for the past several months.



Reference:

<https://theprint.in/governance/us-senate-passes-bill-seeking-enhanced-defence-ties-with-india/72189/>

India's First National Disaster Risk Index- 2018

Question- Which of the following states is at the top in the first 'Disaster Risk Index' released recently?

(a) Maharashtra (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Gujarat

Answer (a)

Related Facts:

- India's first Disaster Risk Index was released in June 2018.
- The index prepared by the Home Ministry in association with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) is now in the form of a draft report.
- According to which Maharashtra is the most vulnerable state in India i.e. is at top position.
- The disaster index is currently in form of a draft, which is yet to be officially released by the Centre.
- The list was prepared by the Ministry of Home Affairs in coordination with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Maharashtra is followed by West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh respectively.
- While Delhi is at 'most risk' among Union Territories.
- The index gauges potential hazards and disasters across the 640 districts of the
- It has been ranked on the basis of the disadvantages of population, animal, agriculture and environment against the disasters.
- According to the index in the recent past, some states like Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Tripura, and Himachal Pradesh have taken significant steps in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).
- Among districts, Maharashtra's Pune tops the list with a vulnerability factor of 9.48 on a scale of 10.
- Pune is closely followed by Bengal's North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas. Bangalore and Gulbarga in Karnataka also make the list.



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NATIONAL YOGA OLYMPIAD-2018

Question- Where was the 'National Yoga Olympiad-2018' organized between June 18th-20th, 2018?

(a) Mumbai (b) Chandigarh (c) Jaipur (d) New Delhi

Answer (d)

Related Facts:

- During 18-20 June, 2018, A 3-day National Yoga Olympiad was inaugurated at the National Council of Educational Research and Training in CIET in New Delhi.
- This was inaugurated by Mr. Eric Falt, Director and UNESCO Representative of the New Delhi Cluster Office for India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, the Maldives and Sri Lanka.
- It is worth mentioning that the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) organized National Yoga Olympiad for the third consecutive year.



- This is the third consecutive year of National Yoga Olympiad of NCERT and this year about 500 students from 26 States and 4 RIEs are participating in the Olympiad as compared to the participation of students from 25 States/UTs last year.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=180025>

11th Common Review Mission (CRM) report

Question: Recently, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare released the 11th Common Review Mission (CRM) report of the National Health Mission. According to this, what percentage of record in reduction of MMR since 2013, has registered, which is the highest percentage decline so far when compared to all the previous reductions in MMR as per the earlier rounds of SRS?

(a) 13 percent (b) 22 percent (c) 19 percent (d) 26 percent

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On 18th June, 2018, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare released the 11th Common Review Mission (CRM) report of the National Health Mission.
- India has registered a record 22% reduction in MMR since 2013, which is the highest percentage decline so far when compared to all the previous reductions in MMR as per the earlier rounds of SRS.
- “Maternal Mortality Ratio of India has declined from 167 in 2011-2013 to 130 in 2014-2016.
- 60% to 70% of health work in the States is done through NHM.
- NHM has a huge responsibility in making India healthy and disease free.
- The Ministry has undertaken to strengthen Sub Health Centres as Health and Wellness Centres (HWC-SHC) in a phased manner so as to meet the commitment of operationalizing 1,50,000 HWC by 2022.
- The 11th CRM team visited 16 States/UTs, of which 4 were North-Eastern States, 6 were High Focus States and 6 were Non-High Focus States.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=180021>

106th Indian Science Congress

Question: At which of the following places 106th Indian Science Congress will be organized between 3rd-7th January, 2019?

(a) Banaras Hindu University (b) Lucknow University
(c) Lovely Professional University (d) Delhi University

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- During 3-7 January 2019, between 106th Indian Science Congress will be organized in Lovely Professional University (LPU), Jalandhar Punjab.
- It will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- It is notable that the Indian Science Congress will be held for the first time in Jalandhar.
- The five-day event will have 18 full sessions along with medical, chemical, environmental and other fields of science.



- The theme of the 106th Indian Science Congress – ‘Future of India: Science and Technology’.
- This Science Congress will be chaired by of Lovely Professional University Ashok Mittal.
- Along with this congress four parallel mega programs will also be organized for children’s science conferences, women’s science conferences, science communicators meet and science exhibition.
- 105th Indian Science Congress was organized in Manipur University, Imphal (Manipur) from 16-20 March, 2018.

Reference:

http://www.sciencecongress.nic.in/science_congress_events.php

23rd European Union Film Festival-2018

Question: Where did the 23rd European Union Film Festival-2018, started?

(a) Pune (b) Mumbai (c) New Delhi (d) Jaipur

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 18, 2018, the 23rd European Union Film Festival (EUFF), 2018, was launched in Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi, to highlight European cinemas.
- The EU Film Festival 2018 to be held from 18 – 24 June.



With a selection of 24 latest European films from 23 EU Member States, this years’ film festival brings some unusual stories for the world cinema enthusiasts.

- The European Union Film Festival is organized by Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India partnering with the Delegation of the European Union and embassies of EU Member States in various city film clubs.
- The festival will traverse through 11 cities in India including New Delhi, Chennai, Port Blair, Pune, Puducherry, Kolkata, Jaipur, Visakhapatnam, Thrissur, Hyderabad and Goa from 18th June till 31st August.
- Celebrating diversity, the EUFF will screen movies from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain and Sweden.

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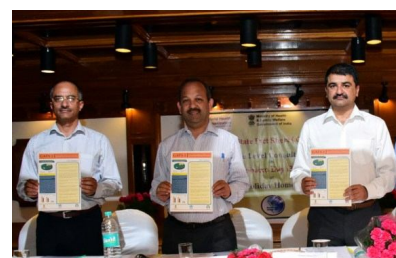
Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) Report of Himachal Pradesh

Question- Recently, the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) Report of Himachal Pradesh was released. In relation to this report, what is not true in the given options?

- (a) This report was made on 31st May 2018 released by BK Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh.
- (b) The second phase of the survey by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was done by April, 2018.
- (c) This survey was done in 30 different states of the country.
- (d) In Himachal Pradesh, there was a shortfall of about 24 percent in the consumption of tobacco during this period.

Answer- (b)

Related Facts:



- On May 31st, 2018, Additional Chief Secretary (Health) B.K Agarwal released the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) Report of Himachal Pradesh. GATS is a systematic way of monitoring the use of tobacco among adults and to detect the main component to control the use of tobacco.
- The first phase of GATS survey was conducted in the year 2009 -10, under the supervision of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, while its second phase lasted till the end of 2017.
- This survey has been conducted in 30 different states of the country and Himachal has achieved remarkable achievement and been ranked 6th highest decline in tobacco use, which has been reduced by about 24 percent.
- Complete control over tobacco is a daunting task, as it is one of the most heavily used addictive product. It can be reduce use with substantial efforts.
- Shimla was declared the First Tobacco Free City in the country and soon after entire Himachal has been declared tobacco free.
- In order to spread awareness Department of Health, Police, Non Government Organizations, Panchayati Raj Institutions and the media are continuously working very hard.
- Amount of Rs 1.50 crore was collected through challans of 1.30 lakh people and this amount will be spent on Tobacco Control Programs in the state.
- The aim of State Government is to make the H. P Secretariat and University campus completely tobacco free, so that the other institutions of the state can follow them too.
- Dr. Alok Ranjan, who came from Mumbai's Tata Institution of Social Sciences, gave a detailed presentation on GATS report.
- 16 percent of people in Himachal Pradesh are consuming tobacco whereas this is 28.6 percent in the country.
- Lot of people are consuming bidi and around 70 lakh people die every year from tobacco worldwide.
- Tobacco damages every organ of our body. Smokeless tobacco keeps the risk of lung cancer, while the consumption of other products leads to throat cancer.
- Goal is to bring down the number of people consuming tobacco below 10 percent. He said that the media has been a major contributor to attain this achievement in the state.

Reference:

<http://himachalpr.gov.in/OnePressRelease.aspx?Language=1&ID=12256>

Smart India Hackathon 2018

Question: In the mid-18th to 22nd of June, 2018, how will the final edition of the first hardware version of Smart India Hackathon 2018 be held in the country's prestigious institutions?

(a) 12 (b) 15 (c) 10 (d) 7

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 11th, 2018, the Ministry of HRD along with AICTE, Persistent Systems, i4C and IIT Kharagpur is all set to host the Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon 2018 – Hardware edition.
- Smart India Hackathon 2018 is in line with the 'Make in India' initiative of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- It is proving to be an important vehicle for scouting new ideas and help them convert them into products and businesses.
- The SIH2018 – Hardware edition is the first of its kind innovative initiative by Ministry of HRD to provide national platform to young technical minds of India to showcase their disruptive innovations and creative products which can bring out revolutionary changes in



crucial sectors like agriculture, health, clean water, waste management, automotive, smart communication, and education.

- The Hardware edition is the sub-edition of SIH2018.
- For Hardware Hackathon, 4362 team ideas were received with participation from 50000+ students across 752+ technical institutions.
- After two internal rounds of evaluations with support from industry experts, 106 teams have been shortlisted to compete under the 10 themes in the SIH2018 Hardware edition Grand Finale.
- Shri Prakash Javadekar explained that the Grand Finale of the Hardware Hackathon will be a 5 days event.
- It will take place simultaneously at 10 prestigious institutions (Nodal centers) across India – IIT Kanpur (Drones theme), IIT Kharagpur (Agriculture theme), IIT Guwahati (Rural Technology theme), CEERI Pilani (Smart Communication theme), CSIO Chandigarh (Healthcare theme), IISc Bengaluru (Smart Vehicles theme), IIT Roorkee (Clean water theme), NIT Trichy (Waste Management theme), COEP Pune (Security theme), and Forge Coimbatore (Import Substitution theme).
- The top 3 winning teams under each theme will stand to win cash prizes – Rs 1,00,000/- to Winning team, Rs 75,000/- to First Runner up team and Rs 50,000/- to Second Runner up team.
- The Grand Finale for Software edition has already been successfully completed on Mar 30 & 31, 2018 at 28 nodal centers and now winning teams have started working on further enhancing their projects.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179892>

Sterlite Copper Factory

Question: The action of closure of the Sterlite Copper Factory by the Tamil Nadu Government was done under which of the given Acts?

- (a) Section 18 (1) (B) of the Water Act, 1972 (b) Section 17 (1) (B) of Water Act, 1973
(c) Section 18 (1) (B) of the Water Act, 1974 (d) Section 17 (1) (B) of the Water Act, 1978

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:



- On May 28th, 2018, the Tamil Nadu government ordered closure of the Sterlite Copper Factory located in Thoothukudi.
- After the government order this plant was sealed on this day.
- The government some time before the order was issued by the Tamil Nadu government's Environment and Forest Department to permanently shut down the plant.
- A few weeks ago, 13 people were killed in police firing in the movement to shut down the plant.
- With the decision to discontinue the factory, more than 3500 workers (including 2000 workers on contract) have been affected directly.
- This action has been done in the wider public interest under Section 18 (1) (B) of the Water Act, 1974.
- The State Pollution Control Board had asked to close it.
- The State Pollution Control Board did not renew the consent of Vedanta Limited to operate the Copper Smelter Plant in the order of 9th April, 2018.
- The closure of this plant was initiated during the tenure of former Chief Minister Jayalalitha.
- This is India's second largest copper-making plant.

Indian Air Force to create Airbridge for Mansarovar Yatra

Question-Indian Air Force is to provide Airbridge for Mansarovar Yatra between which two places?

- (a) Pithoragarh and Gunji (b) Lucknow and Nepalganj (c) Dongba and Nyalam
(d) Kathmandu and Kodari

Answer-(a)

Related Facts-

- According to PIB press release posted on 20 June 2018, Indian Air Force would provide Airbridge service between Pithoragarh and Gunji for Mansarovar Yatra.
- IAF would provide this service for three month starting from 18 June.
- This Airbridge service is an effort to airlift 1080 registered passenger to Gunji to enable them to continue their journey for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.
- Because of poor connectivity between some places in the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra route Ministry of External Affairs approached to Ministry of Defence to provide this Airbridge Service.
- Indian Air Force has deployed three MLH class military helicopters(heptrs) stationed at Pithoragarh which would carry 60-70 passengers a day, these heptrs are from the Kirpan and Nubra Warrior units of IAF.

About Airbridge Service

- Airbridge is route and means of delivering material and resources from one place to another by an airlift.
- In the second World War Germans had used Airbridge on various occasions.
- This Service is mostly used in warfare and rescue operations where it is difficult to reach by land route or any other means.



Reference:

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Report on the Composite Water Management Index

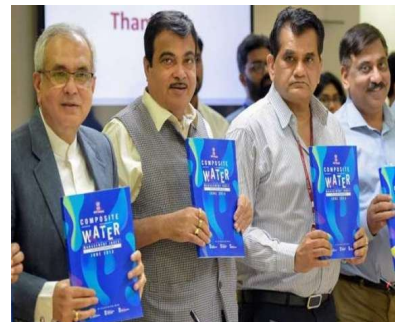
Question- Which state has got the lowest position in the Composite Water Management Index prepared by the NITI Aayog recently?

- (a) Bihar (b) Rajasthan (c) Jharkhand (d) Odisha

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 14th June 2018, NITI Aayog has prepared a report on Composite Water Management Index (CWMI).
- The Report was launched today by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources and Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.
- Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog and Secretaries/ senior officials of Ministry of Water Resources, Drinking Water & Sanitation and Rural Development were also present at the launch event.
- According to this report, Gujarat has got top position in the index in non-Himalayan states. After this, Madhya Pradesh is second, Andhra Pradesh third, Karnataka fourth and Maharashtra fifth.
- In the non-Himalayan states, Jharkhand has got the lowest position in this index.
- After this is the location of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. According to the



- Reports, performance of Jharkhand, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the water management is the worst.
- According to this report, Tripura got top position in the index in the Northeast and Himalayan states.
- This is followed by Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Assam respectively.
- Meghalaya in the northeast and Himalayan states has been ranked lowest in the index.
- TheReport also mentions that there is a serious water crisis in the country and there is a threat to lakhs of lives and livelihoods.
- Accordingly, about 60 million (600 million) people are battling water problems About 2 lakh people die every year due to lack of clean water.
- According to theReport, by the year 2030, demand for water supply doubled in the country.
- This report is a step further in direction and keeping in view the criticality of water for life as released in a report on “Healthy States, Progressive India” which covered the ranking of States/ UTs in various health parameters in February 2018.
- The CWMI is an important tool to assess and improve the performance of States/ Union Territories in efficient management of water resources.
- This has been done through a first of its kind water data collection exercise in partnership with Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation and all the States/ Union Territories.
- The index would provide useful information for the States and also for the concerned Central Ministries/Departments enabling them to formulate and implement suitable strategies for better management of water resources.
- Simultaneously a web portal on the subject has also been launched.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179962>

Dam Safety Bill, 2018

Question- On 13 June 2018, the Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for introduction of Dam Safety Bill, 2018 in the Parliament. Consider the following statements in regard to this-

- (i) The Bill provides for constitution of a National Committee on Dam Safety.
 - (ii) The Bill provides for establishment of National Dam Safety Authority.
 - (iii) The Bill provides for constitution of a State Committee on Dam Safety.
 - (iv) Central Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Conservation Minister will be the Chairman of National Committee on Security.
- (a) Only (i), (ii) and (iv) (b) only (i), (ii) and (iii) (c) only (i), (iv)

Answer- (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 13th, 2018, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for introduction of Dam Safety Bill, 2018 in the Parliament.
- It will help all the States and Union Territories of India to adopt uniform dam safety procedures which shall ensure safety of dams and safeguard benefits from such dams. This shall also help in safeguarding human life, livestock and property.
- The draft Bill has been finalised after wide consultation with leading Indian experts and international experts.
- The Bill provides for proper surveillance, inspection, operation and maintenance of all specified dams in the country to ensure their safe functioning.



- The Bill provides for constitution of a National Committee on Dam Safety which shall evolve dam safety policies and recommend necessary regulations as may be required for the purpose.
- The Bill provides for establishment of National Dam Safety Authority as a regulatory body which shall discharge functions to implement the policy, guidelines and standards for dam safety in the country.
- The Bill provides for constitution of a State Committee on Dam Safety by State Government.

National Dam Safety Authority

- It shall maintain liaison with the State Dam Safety Organisations and the owners of dams for standardization of dam safety related data and practices;
- It shall provide the technical and managerial assistance to the States and State Dam Safety Organisations;
- It shall maintain a national level data-base of all dams in the country and the records of major dam failures;
- It shall examine the cause of any major dam failure;
- It shall publish and update the standard guidelines and check-lists for the routine inspection and detailed investigations of dams and appurtenances;
- It shall accord recognition or accreditations to the organisations that can be entrusted with the works of investigation, design or construction of new dams;
- It will also look into unresolved points of issue between the State Dam Safety Organization of two states, or between the State Dam Safety Organization of a State and the owner of a dam in that State, for proper solution;
- Further, in certain cases, such as dams of one State falling under the territory of another State, the National Authority shall also perform the role of State Dam Safety Organization thereby eliminating potential causes for inter-state conflicts.

State Committee on Dam Safety

- It will ensure proper surveillance, inspection, operation and maintenance of all specified dams in that State and ensure their safe functioning.
- It further provides that every State shall establish a “State Dam Safety Organization”, which will be manned by officers from the field dam safety preferably from the areas of dam-designs, hydro-mechanical engineering, hydrology, geo-technical investigation, instrumentation and dam-rehabilitation.
- There are over 5200 large dams in India and about 450 are under construction.
- Plus there are thousands of medium and small dams. Due to lack of legal and institutional architecture for dam safety in India, dam safety is an issue of concern.
- Unsafe dams are a hazard and dam break may cause disasters, leading to huge loss of life and property.
- The Dam Safety Bill, 2018 address all issues concerning dam safety including regular inspection of dams, Emergency Action Plan, comprehensive dam safety review, adequate repair and maintenance funds for dam safety, Instrumentation and Safety Manuals.
- It lays onus of dam safety on the dam owner and provides for penal provisions for commission and omission of certain acts.

Reference:

<http://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1535327>

Cabinet approval to Repositioning of North Eastern Council

Question-On 13th June 2018, Union Cabinet approved the reconstitution of North Eastern Council (NEC). Consider the following statements in this regard-

- (i) NEC was established under the North Eastern Council Act, 1971.
- (ii) Under the e-system, Union Minister of State for North Eastern Region Development will be the Chairman of North Eastern Council.
- (iii) Union Minister of State for Home will be Vice Chairman of the Council.
- (iv) The Governor and Chief Minister of the North Eastern States will be its members.

Which of the above statement / statements is or are correct?

- (a) Only (i) and (iv) (b) only (ii) and (iii) (c) only (ii), (iii) and (iv) (d) above all

Answer- (a)

Related Facts



- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) for the nomination of the Union Home Minister as ex-officio Chairman of North Eastern Council (NEC).
- NEC is a statutory body with Governors and Chief Ministers of all the eight North Eastern States as its Member.
- The Cabinet also approved that Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of DoNER would serve as Vice Chairman of the Council.
- NEC implements various projects through the State and Central agencies.
- Under the new arrangement with Home Minister as Chairman and Minister of DoNER as Vice Chairman, NEC and all the Governors and Chief Ministers of North Eastern States as Member would provide a forum for discussing inter-state matters more comprehensively and also consider common approaches to be taken in future.
- NEC can now also perform the tasks undertaken by the various Zonal Councils to discuss such inter-State issues as drug trafficking, smuggling of arms and ammunition, boundary disputes etc.
- This repositioning of NEC will help it to become a more effective body for the North Eastern Region.
- The Council shall, from time to time, review the implementation of the projects/schemes included in the project; recommend effective measures for coordination among the state Governments for these projects etc.
- The Council shall have such powers as may be delegated to it by the Central Government.
- NEC was established under the North Eastern Council Act, 1971 as an apex level body for securing balanced and coordinated development and facilitating coordination with the States.
- Subsequent to the Amendment of 2002, NEC has been mandated to function as a regional planning body for the North Eastern Area and while formulating a regional plan for this area, shall give priority to the schemes and projects benefiting two or more states provided that in the case of Sikkim, the Council shall formulate specific projects and schemes for that

Reference:

<http://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1535331>

Shri Piyush Goyal dedicates NLCIL's Three 100 MW Solar Power Projects to the Nation

- On 14 JUN, 2018 The Union Minister for Railways, Coal, Finance & Company Affairs, Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL)'s three



100 MW Solar Power Projects for commercial operation and dedicated these projects to the Nation .

- The Solar Power projects situated at Thoppalaakkarai and Sethupuram in Virudhunagar District and Sellaiya Sezhiyanallur in Tirunelveli District, with an installed capacity of 100 MW each, were erected at a cost of Rs.1300 Crores, which includes Operation & Maintenance cost for 15 Years.
- The power produced from these units will be given to Tamilnadu Power Generation and Distribution Company (TANGEDCO) at a cost of Rs.4.41/- per unit.
- A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed by NLCIL and Anna University in the presence of Hon'ble Minister, Chairman and Managing Director and other functional Directors of NLCIL.
- This MOU was signed by Dr. V. Manoharan, General Manager/Centre for Applied Research & Development, NLCIL, Neyveli and Dr. S. Ganesan, Registrar, Anna University, Chennai.
- The MoU would help set up a pilot project on solar drying of lignite, in order to increase its Caloric Value from 2700 Kcal to 4350 Kcal. The cost of the pilot project is Rs.2 Crore 69 Lakhs.

About Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited

- NLCIL is a 'Navratna' profit making, Government of India Enterprise engaged in mining of lignite and generation of power through lignite based thermal power plants.
- NLCIL was established by Gol in 1956, following the discovery of lignite deposits in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179977>

PM inaugurates Integrated Command and Control Centre at Naya Raipur

- On 14th June, 2018 Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Chhattisgarh.
- He inaugurated the Integrated Command and Control Centre at Naya Raipur Smart City.
- At a large public meeting, the Prime Minister dedicated the modernized and expanded Bhilai Steel Plant, to the nation.
- He laid the foundation stone for IIT Bhilai.
- He also unveiled a plaque to mark the commencement of phase-2 of BharatNet.
- The Prime Minister inaugurated air services between Jagdalpur and Raipur.
- He also distributed laptops, certificates and cheques etc. to beneficiaries under various schemes.
- He said that the Bhilai Steel Plant has contributed in a big way to nation-building. He said the modernized and expanded plant would be instrumental in building a strong foundation for New India. He also spoke of the benefits that the other development projects launched today would bring about.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseFramePage.aspx?PRID=1535553>

Decision to start Prime Minister National Health Security Mission

Question- It was decided to start the Prime Minister National Health Security Mission (Ayushman Bharat Yojana) in the recently concluded Uttar Pradesh cabinet meeting. In this regard, which is not true in the given options?

- (a) The aim of the scheme is to provide healthcare to the deprived, backward and economically weaker sections of society in the state.
- (b) Families marked in the Social, Economic and Caste Census 2011, under the scheme, will get the benefit of the scheme.
- (c) The State Government will provide free medical facilities to about 1.18 crore households under the scheme.
- (d) The weighted total expenditure on the scheme will be borne between the Government of India and the state government in the ratio of 75:25.

Answer- (d)

Related Facts:

- In the meeting of the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet concluded on May 29, 2018, the decision to launch Prime Minister's National Health Security Mission ('Ayushman Bharat' scheme) with the objective of providing health security to the families of deprived, backward and economically weaker sections of the society is taken.
- The benefits of the scheme are proposed to families marked in the socio-economic and caste census, 2011, under the scheme.
- Under this scheme, the state government will provide free medical facilities to about 1.18 crore households (about 6 lakh people).
- The proposed scheme will be operated by the Government of India at the place of previously operated 'National Health Insurance Scheme'. This scheme will be based on eligibility and the eligible families will be provided free medical insurance facility on the basis of family floortore per annum up to Rs 5 lakhs, through listed state and private hospitals.
- The weighted total expenditure on the scheme will be borne by the Government of India and the State Government in the ratio of 60:40.
- Proposed scheme will be operated by the Health Insurance Welfare Committee (State Agency for Comprehensive Health and Integrated Services – Sachies) under the Department of Medical, Health and Family Welfare.
- The implementation of the scheme will be done through the selected insurance company through e-tendering.
- To provide free medical facilities to eligible families All the state's medical colleges, community health centers and private hospitals will be listed.
- Under the scheme, eligible families can enroll in listed state and private hospitals and get free treatment of secondary, tertiary and critical diseases up to the amount of five lakhs.
- The claims presented after treatment by temiends will be done by the respective insurance company.
- The State Government will appoint 'Ayushman Mitra' for recruitment of beneficiaries and other assistance in government hospitals.
- 'Ayushman Mitra' will act as coordination / interface between the insurance company and the government hospital.
- Useful IT based software for efficient operation, monitoring and monitoring of the scheme by the state government. The system will be developed.



Reference:

<http://information.up.nic.in/attachments/files/5b0d73b2-9120-4811-9261-41e80af72573.pdf>

Fourth India International Science Festival

Question: Where will the 4th Indian International Science Festival, 2018 be organized between October 5th-8th, 2018?

(a) New Delhi (b) Lucknow (c) Hyderabad (d) Ahmedabad

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- The fourth edition of the India International Science Festival will be organized by Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences in association with Vijnana Bharati at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow during 5-8 October, 2018.
- The decision to hold the Festival in Lucknow was taken at the first preparatory meeting for the 4th India International Science Festival (IISF) chaired by Union Minister for Science & Technology, Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- Officials of Ministries of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and DG, CSIR and representatives of Vijnana Bharti (VIBHA), the partner organisation for the festival, were among those who attended the meeting.
- The 1st IISF was held at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) New Delhi in December, 2015.
- The mega S&T expo attracted more than 3 lakh people.
- India had also set a Guinness Book of World Records, when 2000 school students performed two experiments at the Festival.
- The second Festival at CSIR-National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi in December 2016 showcased Indian achievements in various fields of science and technology.
- The third in the series was held in October 2017 in Chennai.



Reference:

<https://scienceindiafest.org/>

Visit of Prime Minister of the Netherlands to India

Question-During 24-25 May, 2018, the Prime Minister of the Netherlands was on an official visit to India. The Prime Minister of the Netherlands is-

(a) Kevin Rood (b) Mark Rutte (c) Kevin Pietersen (d) Antonio Tillerson

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On 24-25 May, 2018 the Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mark Rutte was on an official visit to India.
- His visit is taking place within a year of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the Netherlands in June 2017.
- This is the second visit of Prime Minister Rutte to India since June 2015, but the first after being re-elected as Prime Minister in 2017.
- The high level delegation that accompanied him included the Deputy Prime Minister along with and Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Minister of Foreign Trade and Development, Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management and Medical Care.
- In addition, about 231 business representatives representing 130 companies had come with them.
- Companies involved in trade missions represent agriculture, horticulture, logistics, education, smart cities, water, health and life sciences, IT and ocean areas.



- On May 24th, 2018, Mark Rutte had done delegation level talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Following the talks, the two countries made the detailed announcement of MOU / agreements and initiatives in different areas.
- Includes G2G (Government to Government), Knowledge Institution, Water, Agro food and Horticulture, High-Tech / IT / Space, Life Sciences and Health, Smart Citizens, Business and Continuous Nutrition.
- The Netherlands signed the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and became the 64th Signatory Country.
- The Netherlands government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Haryana Government to support the state with diversification of agriculture sector, with a focus on horticulture crops.
- During this visit, Prime Minister Mark Rutte inaugurated the Indo-Dutch Ganga Forum for furthering the MoU signed between India's Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Protection Ministry and the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment.
- During this period, the Indo-Dutch CEO form was held in New Delhi.
- Significantly, there is a bilateral trade between India and the Netherlands of \$ 7.621 billion (April 2017 to February, 2018).
- In the period 2000 to December 2017, the Netherlands is India's fifth largest investor with cumulative investment of US \$ 23 billion.
- There are 235,000 migrant Indians in the Netherlands, which is the largest overseas Indian community on the mainland of Europe.

Reference:

<http://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-info.htm?1/1079/Visit+of+Prime+Minister+of+Netherlands+to+India+May+2425+2018>

Countries' 100th Functional Airport

Question- India's 100th Functional Airport will be –

- (a) Mopa Airport (b) Pakyong Airport (c) Sabarimala Airport
(d) Durgapur Airport

Answer: (b)

Related Fact:

- On 4th May, 2018, Pakyong Airport of Sikkim got license to start the operation Airline services.
- The operation is scheduled to start in June 2018 at this air base.
- Once commissioned, it will be the 100th functional airport in the country.
- As on date, Sikkim is the only state in the country without a functional airport.
- Various categories of aircraft of the IAF will be able to operate from the new airport in Sikkim which shares borders with China.
- The government has been focusing on improving infrastructure along the borders with China as part of a broader policy initiative.
- The Greenfield airport, which is around 60 KM from the Sino-India border, received the aerodrome license from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation for commercial operations.
- The airport was approved by the Centre in 2008 and was constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 350 crore. The project is being billed as an engineering marvel — it has been built at an height of 4,500 feet in an inhospitable terrain.
- Low-cost airline SpiceJet has been granted permission to fly to Pakyong from Kolkata under the Civil Aviation Ministry's regional connectivity scheme.



- SpiceJet has already conducted a dry run at the airport with one its Bombardier Dash 8-Q400 aircraft successfully landing there on March 5.
- Also in March, A Dornier 228 of the Indian Air Force landed at the airport.
- The nearest Bagdogra airport in West Bengal is about 150 km from Gangtok and air passengers have to take the road after alighting there.

Reference:

https://twitter.com/sureshprabhu?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fm.dailyhunt.in%2Fnews%2FIndia%2Fhindi%2Fnews%2Bworld%2Bhindi-epaper-news%2Bnews%2Fsikkim%2Bme%2Bshuru%2Bhoga%2Bdesh%2Bka%2B100va%2Beyaraport%2Bviman%2Bsevai%2Bke%2Blie%2Bmila%2Blaizens-news%2B87190706

International

44th Summit of G-7 Nations-2018

Question: At which of the following places the 44th Summit of G-7 nations concluded during June 8- 9, 2018?

- (a) Charlevoix Quebec City, Canada (b) Ise-Shima, Japan (c) Taormina, Italy (d) Brussels, Belgium



Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- During 8-9 June, 2018, the 44th Summit of G-7 nations concluded in Charlevoix Quebec City, Canada.
- This was the sixth opportunity when Canada hosted the summit.
- Earlier Canada had hosted it in the year 1981, 1988, 1995, 2002 and 2010.
- It is notable that on May 26-27, 2017, at the 43rd Summit of G-7 held in Taormina (Italy), chairmanship of 44th Summit was given to the Canada.
- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, French President Emmanuel Macron, US President Donald Trump, British Prime Minister Theresa May, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, joined the G-7 Summit.
- The European Union was represented by the European Commission President Jean Claude Juncker and European Council President Donald Tusk.
- On the closing of this two-day summit, leaders of G-7 member countries said they are *committed to permanently ensuring that Iran's nuclear program remains peaceful.*
- It is known that the G-7 is an informal organization. it is no headquarter or secretariat. There is no charter at all.
- The selection of its president is based on the rotation system.
- In the Rambouillet near Paris, in 1975 In the backdrop of the global economic downturn and oil crisis of the 1970s, a meeting of the world's most industrialized, democratic and non-socialist 6 nations – France, America, Britain, Italy, Germany, and Japan was organized on the call of the then President of France, *Valery Giscard d'Estaing*, in which this group was formed.
- In 1976, after the participation of Canada, this group came to be known as G-7.
- The European Union's participation began with this group since 1977 but it is not considered as a separate member.
- With the joining of Russia in G-7 in the year 1994, this group was known as G8 from the year 1997.

- It is significant that on March 27, 2014 Russia was suspended from the organization indefinitely by the original G-7 countries.
- Now it is again known as G-7.
- The 45th summit of the G-7 nations will be organized in France in 2019.

See also the links below:-

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2018/06/08-09/>

7th OPEC International Seminar

Question- At which of the following places the 7th OPEC International Seminar was organized on 20-21 June 2018?

(a) Vienna (b) Abu Dhabi (c) New York (d) Moscow

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On 20-21 June, 2018 7th OPEC International Seminar was organized in Vienna (Austria).
- The main theme of this International Seminar was – “Petroleum-Cooperation for a Sustainable Future”.
- The Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan lead an official Indian delegation to participate in the Seminar.
- It is notable that India’s engagement with OPEC is important as India sources about 82% of crude oil, 75% of natural gas and 97% of LPG from OPEC member countries.
- Energy Ministers from all the OPEC countries including Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iran as well as Russia, China, Oman participated in the Conference.



Reference:

<https://www.opecseminar.org>

18th International ICT Conference, 2018

Question: Where was the 18th International ICT Conference be held on 17th-18th June, 2018?

(a) Kathmandu (b) New Delhi (c) Dhaka (d) Colombo

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On 17th-18th June, 2018, the '18th International ICT Conference' was held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- The main theme of this two-day conference was 'Sustainable Development Goals for Smart Society'.
- It will be organized by the Federation of Computer Associations (CAN Federation).
- About 500 participants including Japan, China, Korea, India and Nepal’s ICT user trainers, professionals, professors, experts and researchers will attend the conference.



Reference:

<http://www.itconference.org.np/program.php>

India–Greece Business Forum

Question: On the occasion of official visit of the President of The Republic of India to Athens. The President addressed a Business Forum “The Greece India Business Forum” in Athens, Who organized this Forum?

1. Ministry of Commerce
2. Embassy of India in Athens
3. Enterprise Greece
4. World Trade Organization

(a) 1 and 2 (b) 1, 3 and 4 (c) 2 and 3 (d) None of the above

Answer-(c)

Related Facts-



- On the occasion of the official visit of the President of the Republic of India to Athens, from June 18 – 19, 2018, a Business Forum the “Greece-India Business Forum” was organized on Tuesday the 19th of June, in Athens.
- This Forum was organized by The Embassy of India in Athens in collaboration with Enterprise Greece.
- Greece has expertise in the fields of agriculture, food and dairy technology, and shipping while India is expanding its capacity in the areas such as Energy, Infrastructure and supply chain.
- President emphasized the strong economic potential between the two nations across a vast variety of areas, according to The President both countries has immense opportunities for mutual trade.
- This Forum was attended by 30 companies from India led by the Confederation of Indian Industry, Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture and the Trade Promotion Council.
- After Greek government –debt crisis which is also known as the Greek Depression, this kind of business summit may prove a pivotal role to revitalize Greek economy and provides opportunity to various sectors of Indian economy.

Reference:

<https://presidentofindia.nic.in/press-release-detail.htm?1368>

Global Flight Pricing Report

Question: According to the ‘Global Flight Pricing Report’, which Indian Airlines is at the second place among the cheapest airline in the world?

(a) Air India Express (b) Indigo (c) Go-Air (d) Air Deccan

Ans: (a)

Related Facts:-

- On May 15, 2018; ‘Global Flight Pricing Report’ was released by Rome2Rio.
- ‘Rome2rio’ is a Melbourne based travel planning site (search engine).
- According to ‘Global Flight Pricing Report’, India’s Air India Express is in second place in the world’s cheapest airlines.
- While another Indian Airlines ‘Indigo’ is at the fifth place.
- Two other Indian Airlines also include the world’s top affordable airlines that provide international connectivity.
- It is Jet Airways at 12th and Air India at 13th position.
- Malaysia based ‘AirAsiaX’ is at the top in the list.
- While Indonesia Air Asia and Primera are ranked third and fourth respectively.



- Apart from this, 'Etihad', 'Ryan Air', 'Qantas', 'VAO Air' and 'Virgin Australia' are among the Top Ten Economical Airlines.
- It is noteworthy that in the top ten does not include even a single airline of UK or US.

See the links below:-

<https://www.rome2rio.com/labs/2018-global-flight-price-ranking/>

Women Political Leaders: WPL Summit-2018

Question: Where was the 'World Political leaders: WPL Summit-2018' organized between June 6-8, 2018?

(a) Haiti (b) Liberia (c) Lithuania (d) South Africa

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 6-8 June, 2018 World Political leaders: WPL Summit-2018 was held in Vilnius, Lithuania.
- It was organized by the Women Political Leaders' Global Forum (WPL Global Forum) in the co-hostess of Lithuania Parliament 'Seimas'.
- This high-level summit is a unique meeting of women's political leaders who provides a platform to women political leaders.



Reference:

<https://www.womenpoliticalleaders.org/summits/>

Global Peace Index, 2018

Question: In the Global Peace Index- 2018 released by the London-based Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), which of the following countries has topped?

(a) Denmark (b) Iceland (c) New Zealand (d) Austria

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 6th, 2018, 'Global Peace Index, 2018' was released by the London-based Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).
- This is the 12th edition of this index.
- The theme of the Global Peace Index of the year 2018 is 'Measuring Peace in a Complex World'.
- In this index year 2018, 163 independent countries of the world have been ranked according to their level of peace.
- The GPI covers 99.7% of the world's population, using 23 qualitative and quantitative indicators from highly respected sources, and measures the state of peace.
- **The Index used three thematic domains as under:**
 - (i) the level of Societal Safety and Security;
 - (ii) the extent of Ongoing Domestic and International Conflict; and
 - (iii) the degree of Militarization.
- The results of the 2018 GPI find that the global level of peace has deteriorated by 0.27% in the last year, marking the fourth successive year of deteriorations.
- Ninety-two countries deteriorated, while 71 countries improved.
- The 2018 GPI reveals a world in which the tensions, conflicts, and crises that emerged in the past decade remain unresolved, especially in the Middle East, resulting in a gradual, sustained fall in peacefulness.



- Underlying the fall in peacefulness, six of the nine regions in the world deteriorated in the last year.
- The four most peaceful regions – Europe, North America, Asia-Pacific, and South America – all recorded deteriorations, with the largest overall deterioration occurring in South America, owing to falls in the Safety and Security domain, mainly due to increases in the incarceration rate and impact of terrorism.
- According to the Report, due to violence in the year 2017, the global economy suffered 14.76 trillion in purchasing power parity which is 12.4% of the global GDP.
- According to the Global Peace Index (GPI), 2018, with 1.096 scores, Iceland received the top place in this index i.e. Iceland is the most peaceful country in the world.
- The following is the order of the most peaceful 4 countries after Iceland: New Zealand-2nd (Score -1.192), Austria-3rd (Score -1.274), Portugal-4th (Score -1.318), and Denmark-5th (Score -1.353).
- Syria has been ranked at the bottom at 163th position of the index with 163th position with Score 3.6. It shows that Syria is the world's most troubled country.
- In the sequence of the most troubled 4 countries after Syria are: (162) Afghanistan (Score: 3.585), (161) South Sudan (Score: 3.508), (160) Iraq (Score: 3.425), (159) Somalia (Score- 3.367).
- In Global Peace Index-2018, India achieved 136th (Score-2.504) position in the list of 163 countries.
- It is noteworthy that last year India was at 137th position.
- In the neighboring countries of India, Bhutan is at 19th, Sri Lanka is at 67th, Nepal is at 84th and Pakistan at 151st.
- This index includes Canada 6th, Singapore 8th, Japan 9th, Germany 17th, UK 57th, France 61st and Americas 121st in other major countries of the world.

Reference:

<http://economicsandpeace.org/reports/>

Proposal to make India Observer in IOC

Question: Which of the following countries recently proposed to make India a supervisor in the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC)?

(a) Myanmar (b) Saudi Arabia (c) Bangladesh (d) Iran

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On May 6, 2018, Bangladesh proposed to make India an observer in the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC).
- Bangladesh has proposed to give a new look to OIC's Charter so that non-Muslim countries like India can be included as observer Member States.
- Significantly, OIC is an organization of 57 countries of Muslim majority.



Organisation of Islamic Cooperation

Reference:

<https://www.indiatoday.in/pti-feed/story/bangladesh-proposes-indias-induction-as-oic-observer-1227785-2018-05-06>

Volcanic Eruption for Hawaii Island

Question: Which of the given volcano erupted in the Hawaii Islands recently, due to which an emergency was announced in the situated country?

(a) Kilauea (b) Monaloa (c) Kohla (d) Mauna Kea

Answer: (a)

Related Facts

- On May 2nd, 2018 explosion in the Kilauea volcano located in Hawaii Island in the US Happened.
- This volcano is located on the Big Island near the city of Waho.
- An emergency was announced on May 4th, 2018 after the eruption.
- This eruption has increased the amount of sulfur dioxide in the atmosphere.
- Already this week, alerts regarding the volcano were issued by local and central administration.
- The Lilani state has been most affected by the eruption.
- According to the US Geological Survey, the magnitude of Earthquake measured 6.9 on the Richter scale.
- Earlier, in 1924 the volcano was erupted.



Reference:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/trevornace/2018/05/07/hawaii-volcano-erupts-rivers-of-lava-pour-through-neighborhoods/#7412f7e36b5f>

Economics

Approval increase additional share capital of M / s HDFC Bank

Question: Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the proposal to increase of how much amount of maximum share capital by M/ s HDFC Bank Limited?

(a) 24,000 crores

(b) 25,000 crores

(c) 30,000 crores

(d) 35,000 crores

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On June 13th, 2018, The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for grant of permission to M/s. HDFC Bank Ltd. to raise additional share capital of up to a maximum of Rs. 24,000 crore.
- This including premium, over and above the previous approved limit of Rs. 10,000 crore, such that the composite foreign shareholding in the Bank shall not exceed 74% of the enhanced paid-up equity share capital of the bank.
- The decision would ensure that the composite foreign shareholding in the bank inclusive of all types of foreign investments, both direct and indirect, will not exceed 74% of the enhanced paid-up equity share capital of the bank.



- It will be subject to Foreign Direct Investment Policy conditionality and other sectoral regulations / guidelines.
- The proposed investment is expected to strengthen the capital adequacy ratio of the bank.

See also the links below:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintHindiRelease.aspx?relid=72726>

NSE Platform for Corporate Bonds

Question: Which platform was launched by the National Stock Exchange (NSE) recently to facilitate repo on corporate debt securities?

(a) Tri-party repo market (b) Tri-party bond market (c) Corporate Bond Market (d) None of these

Ans: (a)

Related Facts:

- On June 12, 2018, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE), India's leading stock exchange announced the launch of its 'Tri-Party Repo Market' platform in its Debt Segment to facilitate repo on corporate debt securities.
- Tri-party repo is a type of repo contract where a third entity (apart from the borrower and lender), called a Tri-Party Agent acts as an intermediary between the two parties to the repo to facilitate services like collateral selection, payment and settlement, custody and management during the life of the transaction.
- NSE will act as tri-party agent and offer an online web based, anonymous, order matching & multilateral trading platform to facilitate repo transactions.
- NSE would avail the services of National Securities Clearing Corporation Ltd (NSCCL), for performing collateral services viz. collateral valuation, margining, and settlement. Settlement of repo transactions shall be guaranteed by NSCCL.
- This eliminates counter party risk, and would results in higher and wider participation in the corporate bond market.
- To begin with, NSE will offer basket repo for tenor of 1 day to 7 days.
- The basket repos would facilitate borrowing and lending of funds against various baskets of corporate debt securities.
- The baskets will include corporate bonds, certificate of deposits and commercial papers.
- Participants will be able to provide securities forming part of the basket as collateral towards repo.
- The first few members who have participated on the platform are Axis Bank Ltd and ICICI Securities Primary Dealership Ltd.



See also the links below:

https://www.nseindia.com/content/press/PR_cc_12062018.pdf

World Bank approves \$ 450 million loan

Question- Recently, the approval to IBRD loan for the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) -National Groundwater Management Improvement Program was given by the World Bank Executive Board of Directors. What is not true in this regard?

- (a) The Executive Board of the World Bank approved for the USD 450 million IBRD loan for the scheme.
 (b) Grace period of loan amount is 6 years. (c) The cost amount of the plan is Rs.6000 crores.



(d) This scheme is sponsored by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Protection.

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 5th, 2018, IBRD loan of USD 450 million approved by the World Bank's Executive Board of Directors for the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) – for National Groundwater Management Improvement Program.
- The maturity period of this loan amount is 18 years and grace period is 6 years.
- This scheme is sponsored by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Protection.
- The cost of the plan is Rs.6000 crores.
- This scheme will be implemented in the five year period from 2018-19 to 2022-23 with the help of World Bank.
- The proposal of the scheme has already been recommended by the Finance Expenditure Committee of the Ministry.
- Cabinet approval will be received shortly by the Ministry for the project.
- The purpose of this scheme is to improve the situation of ground water management with community participation in the primary areas of the country.
- The primary areas have been identified in the states of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
- These states cover two types of large earth bodies-alluvial and aquatic-rocky layers found in India.
- With the implementation of this scheme, about 8350 Gram Panchayats are expected to be benefitted in 78 districts of these territories.
- The funds will be made available to the partner states in the form of grants-in-aid.
- Under the scheme, active participation of communities in different activities such as Water User Association, Monitoring and Distribution of Ground Water Data, Water related Income-Expenditure, Preparation of Water Safety Schemes in accordance with Gram Panchayats and implementation of IEC activities related to sustainable water management is proposed.

See also the links below:

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2018/06/05/world-bank-board-approves-usd450-million-improve-groundwater-management-select-states-india>

Rural Impact Investments

Question: How much amount of loan was given to 'Rural Impact Investments' by US Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC: OPIC)?

(a) \$ 5 million (b) \$ 6 million (c) \$ 7 million (d) \$ 8 million

Ans: (a)

Related Facts:-

- In June 2018, a \$ 5 million loan was given to 'Rural Impact Investments' by US Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).
- This loan is to support domestic small and medium enterprises.
- 'Rural Impact Investments' is an NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company).
- This NBFC has been financed by the IndusInd Bank.
- This financing is actually a loan guarantee agreement.



Exchange Rate of Foreign Currency in Indian Rupee notified

Question- According to recent notification by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) for exchange rate of Foreign Currency in Indian Rupee, which foreign currency has maximum value in Indian rupee for imported goods?

(a) Bahrain Dinar (b) Pound Sterling (c) Qatari Riyal (d) Kuwait Dinar

Answer-d

Related Facts-

- According to PIB press release posted on 21 June 2018, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) determined the rate of exchange of conversion of each of the foreign currencies.
- Kuwait Dinar has maximum conversion rate for imported goods which is 233.05 rupee for single unit of Kuwait Dinar.
- Exchange rate for conversion of the foreign currencies specified in two schedules, schedule-I is for single unit conversion rate and schedule-II is for 100 unit conversion rate.
- From 22 June 2018 mentioned rate will be used relating to imported and export goods.
- CBIC is the nodal National agency responsible for administering Custom, GST, Central Excise, Service Tax and Narcotics. It comes under the ambit of Ministry of Finance.



Reference:

<http://www.pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1535895>

Loan sanction to promote irrigation in Madhya Pradesh

Question: What was the amount of loan sanctioned to promote irrigation in the state of Madhya Pradesh recently by the Asian Development Bank?

(a) 275 million dollar (b) 327 million dollar (c) 375 million dollar (d) 450 million dollar

Answer: (c)

Related Facts

- On 31st May, 2018 by the Asian Development Bank sanctioned a loan of rupees 375 million dollar to Madhya Pradesh in order to promote irrigation.
- The purpose of this project is to improve the irrigation system of Madhya Pradesh and to help increase the income of the farmer.
- Project will expand the irrigation network and system efficiency.
- Project's total cost amount is \$ 535.1 million.
- In which the government will be given an amount of 160.71 million dollars.
- The projected completion period of the project is September, 2025.
- In the first phase, a new, efficient climate friendly network will be developed under Kundalya Irrigation Project (125,000 hectares).
- This project will be able to irrigate 7.2 million hectares of land by 2025.
- It will help the farmers to adopt micro irrigation strategies and, in total, 838,000 people of 419 villages will be helped.



Reference:

<https://www.financialexpress.com/economy/adb-funds-375-mn-project-for-irrigation-boost-in-madhya-pradesh/1188477/>

KVIC RETAINS IT'S CONTRACT FOR AIR INDIA AMENITY KITS

Question: KVIC has recently recieved an order of amenity kits for third time from air india, KVIC belongs to which ministry?

- a. Ministry of agriculture b. Ministry of corporate affairs
c. Ministry of micro,small and medium enterprises d. Ministry of commerce and Industry

Answer:- c

Related Facts:

- According to PIB press release posted on 18 JUN 2018, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), an apex organisation under the ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises received an order of Rs. 8 crore from Air India for the supply of amenity kits.
- These kits consist of Khadi herbal beauty care products containing Khadi hand sanitizer, moisturizer lotion, handmade soap, for its international passengers.
- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has received this order third time in succession.
- According to KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena, Air India decided to repeat its order for the use of natural and eco-friendly Khadi products to promote the use of indigenous fabric and to increase its sourcing from KVIC.
- National carrier Air India decided to use natural and eco-friendly Khadi products on its international flights, and placed an order with KVIC for getting 1.85 lakh units of amenity kits.
- For KVIC it is a matter of pride and privilege to bag the repeat order for the amenity kits successfully for the third time.
- The latest order will also greatly support in providing sustainable employment through micro enterprises to the rural artisans hence it will have all round benefit as it is economical and environmentally beneficial at the same time.
- In December 2015, the Air India placed a trial order worth Rs 1.21 crore to the KVIC for the supply of 25,000 units of amenity kits following this, air india placed an order worth Rs 8 crore with KVIC to source 1.85 lakh units of amenity kits. In September 2016, the Air India had placed an order for supplying 5.75 lakh pieces of Khadi soap cakes with the KVIC.
- Because of maintaining the timeline of product delivery and zero compromise in quality of its Khadi products, the repeat orders have started coming in from all sides for KVIC.



Reference:

<http://www.pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1535758>

Earning revenue from e-Visa scheme

Question: How much of the amount has been earned in the form of revenue from the e-visa scheme by the government?

- (a) More than 1100 crores (b) More than Rs.1200 crores (c) More than 1400 crores
(d) More than 1800 crores

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- By May, 2018, the government has so far earned over Rs. 1400 crores as revenue from the highly successful e-Visa scheme.
- The e-Visa scheme was started by the Government of India in the year 2014.



- This facility has been started for the arrival of citizens of 163 countries as a tourist to India.
- According to the official release of the Union Home Ministry, 19 lakh tourists under this scheme traveled to India in 2017.
- More than 25 lakh tourists are expected to visit India in 2018.
- The e-visa fee is divided into four slabs, zero, 25 US dollars, 50 US dollars and 75 US dollars, which is determined on the basis of reciprocity and nationality.
- This scheme is being implemented by the Foreign Office of the Ministry of Home Affairs with the aim of improving the efficiency and transparency of various services being provided to foreign citizens.
- Currently, this facility is available to citizens of 163 countries for entry into India through 25 international airports and five sea ports.
- This scheme can be used for tourism besides medical services and business purposes.
- Visitors on e-Visa can stay in India for a period of 2 months.

Reference:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/finance/government-earns-rs-1400-crore-as-revenue-from-e-tourist-visa/articleshow/64244154.cms>

EFC approves revised cost estimate of DRIP

Question: Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has recently extended the conclusion date of World Bank funded Dam Rehabilitation & Improvement Project (DRIP), till the June-

- a) 2019 b) 2020 c) 2022 d) 2024

Ans: (b)

Related Facts:-

- On June 7 2018; in the meeting of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) revised cost estimate of DRIP has been set for Rs. 3466 Crore.
- World Bank funded Dam Rehabilitation & Improvement Project (DRIP) is a state sector scheme with central component to improve safety and operational performance of selected dams.
- Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) also extended time period for conclusion of this project till June, 2020
- The Scheme commenced in April 2012 and was originally scheduled for six years with closure in June 2018.
- The participating States/Agencies in the DRIP are Damodar Valley Corporation, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited and Central Water Commission.



See the links below:-

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?reid=179851>

Online Analytical Tool to monitor foreign contributions under FCRA

Question: Who amongst the following recently launched an Online Analytical Tool to facilitate closer monitoring of the flow and utilization of foreign contributions received by various organizations registered or permitted under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010?

- (a) Sushma Swaraj (b) Rajnath Singh (c) Narendra Modi (d) General V.K. Singh



Answer: (b)
Related Facts

- On 1st June, 2018, Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh here today launched an Online Analytical Tool to facilitate closer monitoring of the flow and utilization of foreign contributions received by various organizations registered or permitted under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.
- This web-based tool enables decision-makers in various Departments of Government to scrutinize source of foreign funds and their actual use in India.
- It gives them capacity to take data-driven and evidence-based decisions regarding the compliance of the provisions of the FCRA, 2010.
- It has analytical features to conduct big data mining and data exploration.
- Its dashboard will be integrated with the bank accounts of the FCRA-registered entities through the Public Financial Management System for updation of transactional data on a real-time basis.
- Shri Rajnath Singh witnessed a presentation on various aspects of the Analytical Tool and appreciated the painstaking work done by all concerned officials.
- Home Secretary Shri Rajiv Gauba, Director (IB) Shri Rajiv Jain, DG (NIC) Smt. Neeta Verma and officials of Ministry of Home Affairs were present.
- There are approximately 25,000 active organizations registered under The FCRA, 2010.
- Foreign Contributions worth Rs. 18, 065 crores were received by such organizations from foreign donors for various social, cultural, economic, educational and religious activities during financial year 2016-17.
- Each FCRA-NGO conducts multiple financial transactions in receiving and spending the foreign contribution.
- Therefore, there are hundreds of thousands of such transactions annually which can be monitored effectively through this tool.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179686>

Scientific

Defense/Science Short Notes

Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) propulsion based missile

Question- From where successful test of the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) propulsion based missile was done on May 30th, 2018?

(a) Jaisalmer (b) Chandipur (c) Pokaran (d) Bay of Bengal

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 30th, 2018, the technology demonstrator flight test of 'Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR)' propulsion based missile has been carried out successfully from the Launch Center-III of ITR, Chandipur, Orissa.
- The flight test met all the mission objectives.
- The technology of nozzle less booster has been successfully demonstrated in the mission for the first time in the country.
- The missile has not yet been given a formal name.



- It has been designed and developed by DRDO.
- This is called the fastest missile in its class.
- This is surface-to-surface missile.
- SFDR technology was developed by India in collaboration with Russia.

Reference:

<http://idrw.org/desi-meteor-aka-sfdr-test-fired-in-surface-to-air-missile-mode/>

Successful trial of India's first indigenous long distance artillery gun 'Dhanush'

Question: From where the successful test of India's first indigenous long distance artillery gun 'Dhanush' concluded?

(a) Jaisalmer (b) Pokaran (c) Chandipur (d) Bay of Bengal

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On 10 June, 2018, Successful test of India's first indigenous long distance artillery gun 'Dhanush' concluded from Pokaran (Rajasthan).
- It will now be included in the Indian Army.
- This is a 155 mm. x 45 mm. caliber gun and also called 'Desi Bofors'.
- It has been manufactured by Gun Carriage Factory (GCF).
- Its strike range is 38 km. and 81 percent of its components are indigenously developed.



Reference:

<https://www.financialexpress.com/defence/make-in-india-dhanush-indias-first-indigenous-long-range-artillery-gun-clears-final-test-ready-for-induction/1199115/>

Approval of Purchase of Equipments for Defense Forces

Question: In the recent meeting of Defense Acquisition Council (DAC), purchase of equipment of how much amount was approved for defense forces?

(a) More than 6900 crores (b) More than 6500 crores
(c) More than Rs. 6200 crores
(d) More than Rs. 7500 crores

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On May 28, 2018 The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, met and accorded approval for the procurement of equipment for the Defence Forces valued at over Rs. 6900 crore.
- In a major boost to indigenisation and in realisation of India's growing technological prowess, the DAC approved procurement of Thermal Imaging (TI) Night Sights for the Rocket Launcher (RL) used by the Army and the Air Force under 'BUY (Indian) IDDM' category through established Indian Vendors.
- The TI sight for 84mm RL will be used by troops in operations to facilitate accurate and continuous engagement of moving and static enemy targets and destruction of field fortifications (bunkers) during hours of complete darkness.
- The sight will enable own troops to detect and recognize enemy tanks and soldiers' movement during night and engage them with greater efficiency.



- Furthermore, the effect of camouflage and concealment will be drastically reduced as RL detachments will be able to ascertain location of enemy taking cover behind foliage and thin walled constructions with greater ease.
- The DAC also accorded approval for undertaking Design and Development of the Long Range Dual Band Infrared Imaging Search and Track System (IRST) for SU-30 MKI aircraft under 'Make II' sub category and subsequently, for procurement of at least 100 IRSTs under 'Buy (Indian-IDDMM) category.
- The system will be able to operate in day and night conditions and will substantially enhance the capabilities of the aircraft.
- With the above approvals, in the last eight months alone, the DAC has pursued modernisation of the Armed Forces with greater vigour and has accorded major thrust on indigenisation.
- Approvals for procurement of equipment valued at approx Rs 43,844 crore, have been accorded, of which, Rs 32,253 crore would be Made-in-India, through the indigenous route.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179587>

Use of AI by the Railway

Question: For the first time where will the Artificial Intelligence (AI) be used to control air circulation for issuing emergency alerts, supervision and care functions in the 10.28 km long tunnel by the Railway?

(a) Jammu and Kashmir (b) Uttarakhand (c) Manipur (d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- According to the reports published in May 2018, for the first time, artificial intelligence will be used in the 10.28 km long tunnel by Railway in Imphal for controlling air circulation for the issuing of emergency alerts, supervision and care.
- This tunnel is a section of the 110 km long railway line from Jiribam to Manipur's capital city (Imphal).
- This system will also be used in Hyderabad, Mumbai and Ahmedabad metro.
- Indian Railways is already using this technology to detect errors or problems in its signaling system.
- This is the first time that such a technique will be used in the air circulation in the tunnel.
- In this system the system will control the air circulation in other aspects as well as the air circulation.
- It will alert the passenger in case of fire and assist in the prompt withdrawal in the context of any issue.
- This tunnel also has a security tunnel per 500 meters.



Reference:

<http://railanalysis.in/rail-news/railways-use-artificial-intelligence-ai-control-air-circulation-maintenance-work-10-28-km-long-tunnel-imphal/>

26th RIMPAC Exercise

Question: Where will the RIMPAC practice be conducted from June to August 2, 2018?

(a) America (b) New Zealand (c) Sri Lanka (d) India

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Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- 26th Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise scheduled June 27 to Aug. 2, in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.
- The theme of RIMPAC 2018 is “Capable, Adaptive, Partners.”
- This year, in this exercise, 26 countries India including will participate.
- Participating nations and forces will exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of maritime forces.
- Twenty-six nations, 47 surface ships, five submarines, 18 national land forces, and more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate in this exercise.
- It is the world’s largest international maritime exercise which was started in year 1971.
- This year’s exercise includes forces from Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Vietnam.
- This is the first time Brazil, Israel, Sri Lanka and Vietnam are participating in RIMPAC.
- Additional firsts include New Zealand serving as Sea Combat Commander and Chile serving as Combined Force Maritime Component Commander.
- This is the first time a non-founding RIMPAC nation (Chile) will hold a component commander leadership position.

Reference:

<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/Pages/US-Navy-Announces-26th-RIMPAC-Exercise.aspx#.Wxo3-DSFPIU>

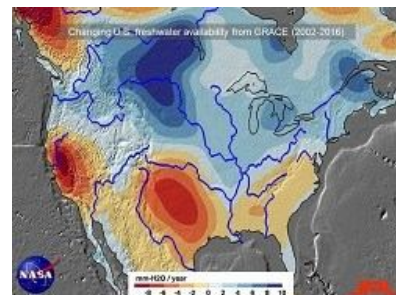
NASA’s revelations about freshwater on the Earth

Question: Which of the following mission under NASA’s satellites recently revealed the major changes in global freshwater?

- (a) Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment
- (b) Gravity Recovery and Atmospheric Study
- (c) Gravity Recovery and Changes in Freshwater
- (d) None of these

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:



- The journal ‘Nature’ published on May 16th, 2018, revealed major changes in freshwater reserves upon the Earth.
- This study shows a time series data collected by NASA satellites under NASA’s Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) mission.
- During 14-year (2002 to 2016) study span of the collected data, less than the average (red color) and more (blue color) has been used to refer to the status of fresh water in the map. Red on the global map refers to less storage of freshwater while blue color refers high storage.
- It is important that in a first-of-its-kind study, scientists have combined an array of NASA satellite observations of Earth with data on human activities to map locations where freshwater is changing around the globe and to determine why.
- The study tracked the global trends of freshwater in 34 areas around the world.

- It is important that NASA launched the twin 'GRACE' satellites as a joint mission with the German Aerospace Center in the year 2002.

Reference:

<https://www.nasa.gov/press-release/nasa-satellites-reveal-major-shifts-in-global-freshwater>

Naval Exercise Malabar-2018

Question: During June 6-15, 2018; where will the 22nd edition of tripartite naval exercise Malabar be organized between India, Japan and the United States?

(a) Bay of Bengal (b) South China Sea (c) Philippine Sea (d) Arabian Sea

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- During June 6-15, 2018, the 22nd edition of the Tripartite Naval Exercise Malabar between India, Japan and the United States will be conducted on the coast of Guam in the Philippine Sea.
- In this tripartite exercise, the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) will participate with the navies of India and the US.
- The main objective of this exercise is to develop the common sense of processes for the promotion of interoperability between the navies of the three countries and for marine safety operations.
- During the Exercise Malabar-2018, the Indian Navy will be represented by INS Shahyadri, Fleet Tanker, INS Shakti, Anti-Submarine Corvette INS Kamorta and Long Range Maritime Petrol Aircrafts P8I.
- US Navy will be represented by 100,000 tonnes nuclear powered Super Carrier USS Ronald Reagan F / A-18 fighters, nuclear attack submarines and P-8A patrol aircraft.
- From Japan's side 27,000 tonnes of helicopter carrier, Soryu Class submarine and Kawasaki P-1 marine aircraft will participate.
- It is worth mentioning that 'Exercise Malabar', which started in 1992, is a joint military exercise of India and US Navy, in which Japan is invited partner.
- It is known that the 21st edition of Malabar was organized during 10-17 July, 2017 in the Bay of Bengal



Reference:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-us-japan-all-set-for-malabar-exercise-with-china-in-the-crosshairs/articleshow/64345909.cms>

13th India-Nepal joint exercise: SURYA KIRAN-XIII

Question: Where will the 13th Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII between India and Nepal will be held from May 30 to June 12, 2018?

(a) Gwalior (b) Jaisalmer (c) Saljhandi (d) Pithoragarh

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII between India and Nepal will be conducted at Pithoragarh from 30 May to 12 June 2018.
- The exercise will comprise of nearly 300 soldiers from both



Indian and Nepal Army who would be sharing their experiences gained during conduct of various counter insurgency and counter terrorism operations in the past.

- Exercise SURYA KIRAN is a biannual event which is conducted alternatively in Nepal and India.
- Notably in the series of military training exercises undertaken by India with various countries, Exercise SURYA KIRAN with Nepal is the largest in terms of troop participation.
- The aim of this exercise is to conduct battalion level joint training with emphasis on counter terrorism operations in mountainous terrain.
- During the exercise, aspects of disaster management and joint effort towards relief work have also been included.
- The joint military exercise will enhance the level of defence cooperation which will further strengthen the bilateral relations between the two nations.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179508>

Cabinet approves Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III Continuation Programme

Question- Which phase of the program of continuing the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) Mark-III was approved by the Union Cabinet on June 6th, 2018?

(a) Fifth Phase (b) Second Phase (c) Third Phase (d) Sixth Phase

Answer – (d)

related facts



- On 6th June, 2018, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister has approved the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) Continuation Programme (Phase 6) and funding of thirty PSLV operational flights under the Programme.
- The Programme will also meet the launch requirement of satellites for Earth observation, Navigation and Space Sciences.
- This will also ensure the continuity of production in Indian industry.
- The total fund requirement is Rs. 6131.00 Crores and includes the cost of thirty PSLV vehicles, essential facility augmentation, Programme Management and Launch Campaign.
- The operationalisation of PSLV has made the country self-reliant in the launching capability of satellites for earth observation, disaster management, navigation and space sciences.
- The PSLV Continuation programme will sustain this capability and self-reliance in the launching of similar satellites for national requirements.
- The PSLV Continuation Programme – Phase 6 will meet the demand for the launch of satellites at a frequency up to eight launches per year, with maximal participation by the Indian industry.
- All the operational flights would be completed during the period 2019-2024.
- The Programme will also meet the launch requirement of satellites for Earth observation, Navigation and Space Sciences. This will also ensure the continuity of production in Indian industry.

Reference:

<http://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1534505>

Successful test-fires nuclear capable Agni-5

Question: On 3rd June, 2018, Nuclear the competent inter-continental ballistic missile 'Agni-5' was successfully tested from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island (Wheeler Island) of Odisha. It is a ——— Missile.

(a) Surface to Air (b) Air to Air (c) Surface to Surface (d) Air from Surface

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:



- On 3rd June, 2018 Nuclear The competent inter-continental ballistic missile 'Agni-5' was successfully tested from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island (Wheeler Island) of Odisha.
- Successfully test-fired it's indigenously developed nuclear-capable Long Range Ballistic Missile Agni-5, which has a strike range of 5,000 km, off the Odisha coast.
- The surface-to-surface missile was launched with the help of a mobile launcher from launch pad-4 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Dr Abdul Kalam Island in the Bay of Bengal at 9.48 AM.
- It has been designed and manufactured by the Defense Research and Development Organization.
- 'Agni -5' is a tropical missile.
- This solid propellant powered missile is capable of carrying 1 to 1.5 tons of conventional and nuclear warheads.
- Earlier, it was successfully tested first on April 19, 2012, the second on September 15, 2013, the third on January 31, 2015, the fourth successful December 26, 2016 and the fifth successful test on January 18, 2018.
- It is important that with successful test of 'Agni-5' missile on April 19, 2012, India has exclusive joined ICBM with US, France, Russia, and China.
- This was the sixth trial of the state-of-the-art Agni-5.
- "The flight performance of the missile was tracked and monitored by radars, tracking instruments and observation stations all through the mission.
- Unlike other missiles of the series, Agni-5 is the most advanced with new technologies in terms of navigation and guidance, warhead and engine.

Reference:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-successfully-test-fires-nuclear-capable-agni-5/articleshow/64434530.cms>

IN LCU L-54 Inducted in the Indian Navy

Question: On May 25th, 2018, IN LCU L-54 was included in the Indian Navy. It was constructed by which of the given?

(a) Garden Reach Shipbuilder & Engineers Ltd (b) Cochin Shipyard Ltd.
(c) Mazagaon Shipyard Ltd. (d) Indian Shipping Corporation Limited

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- Indian Navy Chief of Material Vice Admiral G.S. Pabby included the 'IN LCU L-54' ship in the Indian Navy's fleet in Port Blair.
- 'INLCU L-54' Landing Craft Utility (LCU) is the fourth ship of the MK-IV category.
- The design of this vessel has been jointly prepared by the Indian Navy and Indian Army for multipurpose amphibious operations.

- It was built by Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd. (GRSE).
- LCU MK-IV ship is an amphibious ship with its primary role being transportation and deployment of Main Battle Tanks, Armoured Vehicles, troops and equipment from ship to shore.
- These ships based at the Andaman and Nicobar Command, can be deployed for multirole activities like beaching operations, search and rescue, disaster relief operations, supply and replenishment and evacuation from distant islands.
- The ship, commanded by Lieutenant Commander Munish Sethi, has a complement of 05 officers, 41 sailors and is capable of carrying 160 troops in addition.
- The ship, displacing 830 Tons, is capable of transporting various kinds of combat equipment such as the Main Battle Tank, T72 and other vehicles.
- The ship is fitted with state-of-the-art equipment and advanced systems like Integrated Bridge System (IBS) and Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS).
- The remaining four ships of the same class are in advanced stages of construction at M/S GRSE, Kolkata and are scheduled to be inducted over the next year and a half.
- The induction of these ships will contribute to the nation's maritime security needs and is in consonance with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's drive for 'Make in India'.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179539>

Sports

Tennis

French Open-2018

Question: Who amongst the following won the women's singles title in the recently concluded French Open Tennis (Roland Garros) competition?

(a) Simona Halep (b) Sloane Stephens (c) Angelique Kerber (d) Jelena Ostapenko

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- Tennis competition the French Open, 2018 (Roland Garros) concluded in Paris, France. (May 21, 2018-10, June 2018)
- The results of this prestigious Grand Slam competition (second of the year) of lawn tennis are as follows-
- **Men's Singles:-**
 - Winner-Raphael Nadal (Spain)
 - Runner-up Dominic Thiem (Austria)
- **Women's Singles:-**
 - Winner-Simona Halep (Romania)
 - Runner-up Sloane Stephens (America)
- **Men's Doubles:-**
 - Winner-Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (both France)
 - Runners-up Oliver Marach (Austria) and Mate Pavic (Croatia)
- **Women's Doubles:-**



- Winner-Katrina Siniakova and Barbora Krejčíková (both Czech Republic)
- Runner-up Makoto Ninomiya and Eri Hozumi (both Japan)
- **Mixed Doubles:-**
- Winner-Latisha Chan (Chan Yung-Jan) (Chinese Taipei) and Ivan Doding (Croatia)
- Runner-up-Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) and Mate Pavić (Croatia)
- Rafael Nadal won the French Open title for the 11th time.
- Simona Halep won the French Open for the first time.
- Simona Halep reached the final of the competition for the third time.
- The women's singles title is most often won by the American player Chris Evert (7 times) in the French Open.
- Simona Halep won the Grand Slam title for the first time.

See also the links below:-

<https://www.rolandgarros.com/en-us/results/1?type=SM>

Rosmalen Grass Court Open Championship- 2018

Question-Who amongst the following won the men's single title of the *Rosmalen Grass Court Open Championship*, held on June, 2018?

(a) Rafael Nadal (b) Roger Federer (c) Richard Gasquet (d) *Raven Klaasen*

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- 29th edition of the competition *Rosmalen Grass Court Open Championship* concluded in the Netherlands. (June 11-17)
- For Sponsor reasons it is also known as Libe'ma Open.
- **Competition Results:**
- **Men's Singles**
Winner – Richard Gasquet (France)
Runner Up- Jeremy Chardy (France)
- **Woman's Singles**
Winner *Aleksandra Krunic* (Serbia)
Runner Up- *Kirsten Flipkens* (Belgium)
- **Men's Double**
winner- Dominic Inglot (America) and Franco Skögor (Croatia)
Well-runner- Raven Klaasen (South Africa) and Michael Venus (New Zealand)
- **Women Double**
winner- Elise *Mertens* (Belgium) and Demi Schuurs (Netherlands)
Runner Up-Kiki Bertens (Netherlands) and Kirsten Flipkens (Belgium)



Reference:

https://www.tennisworldusa.org/tennis/news/On_the_ATP_results_with/56500/atp-shertogenbosch-dominic-inglot-and-franko-skugor-claim-title/

Cricket

Ireland Tour of Indian Cricket Team- 2018

Question: Which one of the following Players has been selected as the “Player of the Series” in the series of two T-20 matches held in Ireland on June 29th, 2018?

(a) Lokesh Rahul (b) Yujwendra Chahal (c) Kuldeep Yadav (d) Rohit Sharma

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- Indian cricket team's Ireland tour concluded. (June 27-29, 2018)
- India won a 2-0 win over the tour with a clean sweep in the series of two international T-20 matches.
- ‘Player of the Series’ – Yujwendra Chahal (India)
- ‘Most runs in the series’ – Rohit Sharma (India), total 97 runs.
- Indian Captain in Series – Virat Kohli
- Ireland Captain in Series- Gary Wilson
- India won the second match of the series with a difference of 143 runs.
- It is India's biggest victory and overall combined second win in terms of runs in international T20 matches.
- Earlier in April 2018, Pakistan defeated the West Indies by 143 runs in a match played at Karachi.
- In this regards, Sri Lankan team is at the top by defeating Kenya by 172 runs in Johannesburg in 2007.
- In the second match of the series, Siddharth Kaul (India) played his first international T-20 match.



Reference:

http://www.espnricinfo.com/series/_/id/18018/ind-in-eng-2018/

Bihar and Northeast teams to play in domestic season

Question: Recently, BCCI approved the teams from the North-Eastern states and the Bihar Cricket for playing in the domestic season. Which of the following states team BCCI in its general body meeting has not been given approval to play in the domestic season?

(a) Gujarat (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Uttarakhand (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (c)

Related Facts

- Indian Cricket Control Board (BCCI) in its Special General Meeting (SJM) approved the teams from the North-Eastern states and the Bihar Cricket for playing in the domestic season. (June 22nd, 2018)
- Uttarakhand team has also got approval from the COA to play the Ranji Trophy But the general body has not given him a green signal right now..
- Central Board of the Indian cricketers has also approved the General Assembly in its special meeting.
- There were 28 representatives of state associations in the meeting.



- Under the revised central contracts, a PLUS, A, B, and C -class cricketers will get Rs 7 5, 3 and 1 crore respectively.
- Among the same, the General Assembly has approved the increase in salaries of domestic cricketers and women cricketers.

Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/sport/cricket/uttarakhand-may-have-to-wait-for-entry-into-first-class-cricket/article24233941.ece>

India Afghanistan Test Series- 2018

Question- Consider the following statements in regards to the recently concluded Indo-Afghanistan Test Series, 2018?

- (a) This series was completed in Bangalore.
- (b) Indian team becomes the first Asian cricket team to win any Test match in two days.
- (c) *Mujeeb Ur Rahman* of Afghanistan became the first cricketer to make a Test debut after being born in the 21st century.
- (d) Umesh Yadav (India) completed his 200 wickets in Test matches.



Answer- (d)

Related Facts:

- The only Test match between India and Afghanistan was played at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore. (June 14-18, 2018)
- India on the second day of this historic Test beat Afghanistan by an innings and a record of 262 runs. (14-15 June, 2018).
- Chasing India's 474 runs, Afghanistan team went out 109 for the first innings and at 103 runs the second innings.
- In Test history of 141 years it was 21st occasion when a team won a Test match in just two days.
- India also became the first Asian team to win the Test match in just two days.
- Afghanistan faced only 66.3 overs in both innings.
- This is the fourth opportunity in Test cricket when a team went out twice in a day.
- This is the biggest defeat for any team playing debut match.
- Afghanistan became the second team in the world who lose her debut Test match in two days.
- Earlier, 129 years ago in 1889 South Africa lost her debut test match against England in just two days. However, that test was three days.
- But this was the first time in the five-day Test match history when any team lost their debut Test match in just two days.
- Indian bowler Umesh Yadav got his 100th wicket in Test cricket by outplaying Afghanistan batsman Rahmat Shah.
- 'Man of the Match' – Shikhar Dhawan (India).
- 'Most run in the series' – Shikhar Dhawan (India), total 107 runs
- 'Most wickets in the series' -Ravindra Jadeja (India), total 6 wickets
- In the series, Indian captain was Ajinkya Rahane and Afghanistan captain was Asghar Stanikzai.
- 24 wickets fell for the same day in this Test match.
- The last 116 years ago, 25 wickets were fell in the same day in match of Australia Vs. England, held in Melbourne.
- *Mujeeb Ur Rahman* of Afghanistan became the world's first cricketer (born 28 March 2001), after being born in the 21st
- *Mujeeb* became the youngest cricketer to make Test debut for Afghanistan (17 years and 78 days).

- Along with this Mujeeb become the first cricketer to play debut in a test match without playing any first-class match.
- It was Afghanistan's first test match after getting Test status in June, 2017.
- Afghanistan is the 12th country in the world to play Test matches.
- This was the first Test match played in India in June.
- Now the months of May and July are left in which no Test match has been played in India.
- Yaman Ahmadzai bowled first for Afghanistan in Test cricket as well as Yaman took the first Test wicket for Afghanistan in the form of Shikhar Dhawan.
- The first ball for Afghanistan was played by Mohammad Shahzad and he went out after scoring 14 runs.
- Ishant Sharma took Afghanistan's first Test wicket in the form of *Javed Ahmadi*.

Reference:

<http://www.enavabharat.com/news/current-matches/story/222655.html>

Badminton

Thomas and Uber Cup-2018

Question: Which of the given countries team has won the title of recently concluded Uber Cup, 2018; a women's Badminton competition?

(a) Japan (b) Thailand (c) South Korea (d) China

Answer: (a)

Related Facts



- Men's Badminton Team Competition 'Thomas Cup' and Women's Badminton Team Competition 'Uber Cup' concluded in Bangkok, Thailand. (May 20-27, 2018)
- This was the 30th edition of Thomas Cup and 27th edition of Uber Cup.
- Sponsor- TOTAL
- **Results of Thomas Cup (Men's Competition)**
- Gold Medal – China (3-1)
- Silver Medal-Japan
- Bronze Medal – Denmark and Indonesia
- **Results of Uber Cup (Women's Competition)**
- Gold Medal – Japan (3-0)
- Silver Medal-Thailand
- Bronze Medal – South Korea and China
- Japan has won Uber Cup after 37 years.
- Earlier in the year 1981 Japan had won the Uber Cup.
- China won the Thomas Cup title for the 10th
- Last time, China had won the title in year 2012.
- Japan won (only once) the Thomas Cup in year 2014.

See also the links below:

<http://bwfthomasubercups.com/news-single/2018/05/27/title-no-10-for-china-thomas-cup-final-total-bwf-thomas-uber-cup-finals-2018/>

Sports Miscellaneous

World record of most runs in an innings of one-day internationals (men)

Question: World record of most runs (481) in an innings was made in the England-Australia Men's ODI match, concluded on June 19, 2018. Against which of the following teams this record has been made?

(a) Australia (b) New Zealand (c) India (d) England

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:



- England scored 481 runs for 6 wickets in Nottingham in the third match of the five-match series against Australia, and set the world record for most runs in an innings in ODIs. (June 19, 2018).
- Earlier this record was the name of England, when team scored 444 runs for 3 wickets on the same ground in ODIs in August, 2016.
- Alex Hales contributed 147 runs (92 balls) and Jonny Bairstow contributed 139 runs (92 balls) in these 481 runs.
- This was the first time when the men's cricket team has scored over 450 runs in the International One day match.
- In this match, England defeated Australia by 242 runs and it was England's biggest win and Australia's biggest defeat in figure of runs.
- Morgan scored a fiftieth on 21 balls and became the second English bats man to make the fifties on the lowest balls.
- Earlier, Jos Buttler had scored a fiftieth century against Pakistan in 22 balls on this ground.
- Morgan has so far scored 5443 runs in 180 ODIs for England.
- He left behind Ian Bell's record (161 matches, 5416 runs).
- Although Morgan's name is 6187 runs in total 203 ODIs.
- Prior to England, he has scored 744 runs in 23 ODIs for Ireland.
- England made the record of putting the second most number of sixes (21) in an innings in ODIs.
- The world record for most 22 sixes in an innings is the name of New Zealand, which was made against the West Indies at Queenstown in January 2014.

Reference:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/cricket/2018/06/19/england-vs-australia-third-odi-live-score-updates/>

Sports Personality

Fifth Indian cricketer included in ICC Hall of Fame

Question: Which of the following former Indian cricketers was recently inducted in the ICC Hall of Fame by the International Cricket Council (ICC)?

(a) Sachin Tendulkar (b) Sourav Ganguly (c) Vinod Kambli (d) Rahul Dravid

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- Popular by his nickname 'The Wall' in the world cricket, former Indian classical bats man with an outstanding defence Rahul Dravid has been inducted into the 'ICC Hall of Fame'. (July 1st, 2018)
- ICC announced his induction in a ceremony held in Dublin (Ireland).
- Former Australian captain Ricky Ponting and former women cricketer of England Claire Taylor have also been inducted in the Hall of Fame.
- 45-year-old Rahul Dravid is the fifth Indian to be inducted in this Hall of Fame.
- Earlier, in 2009 Bishan Singh Bedi and Sunil Gavaskar, in 2010 Kapil Dev and in 2015 Anil Kumble were inducted in the Hall of Fame.
- The ICC Cricket Hall of Fame was launched on 2 January 2009.
- The ICC Cricket Hall of Fame recognizes the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history.



See also the links below:

<https://www.icc-cricket.com/media-releases/769200>

Timothy Pereira

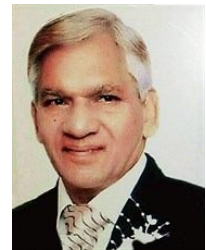
Question: Timothy Pereira passed away recently. He was-

(a) Footballer (b) Cricketer (c) Hockey Player (d) Tennis Player

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On 31st May, 2018, former football player Timothy Pereira passed away. He was 75 years old.
- In year 1967-68 he played for India.
- He represented the Tata Football Club.
- Apart from this, he also played for Goen Sports and State Bank of India.



Reference:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/ex-footballer-timothy-pereira-dead-118060100459_1.html

Mithali Raj

Question- Consider the following matters related to Mithali Raj, Captain of India Women's Cricket Team (ODI and Test) – She

(I) is the first Indian to join the 2000-run club in International Twenty20 cricket.

(II) is the first Indian female player to have 8 consecutive fifties in international women's ODIs.

(III) is the only International Women's ODI player to reach the club of 6000 runs.

(a) I and II (b) I and III (c) II and III (d) I, II and III

Answer- (b)

Related Facts:

- Mithali Raj – Indian women's cricket team captain (ODI and Test).
- Mithali Raj completed 2000 runs in international T-20 cricket in a match against Sri Lanka in women's Asia Cup T-20 tournament in Kuala Lumpur on 7th June, 2018.
- She became the first Indian player (woman / man) to join the 2000 runs club in international T-20 cricket.



- She achieved this feat in his 74th match (2015 runs in 71 innings).
- Harmanpreet Kaur is the captain of the Indian women's cricket team for this T20 tournament.
- It is remarkable that Indian men's cricket captain Virat Kohli has scored a total of 1983 runs (in 57 games) in international T20.
- It is worth noting that in the International Women's ODI match in 2017; Mithali Raj had also made two world records –
 - (i) Consecutive 7 fifties and
 - (ii) First and only female player to join the club of 6000 runs,
- Mithali Raj scored a total of 6373 runs in 194 international women's ODIs.
- She is the only Indian player (woman / man) to captain in the final match of more than one ICC Women's World Cup (2005 and year 2017).

Reference:

<https://www.jansatta.com/khel/womens-asia-cup-t20-2018-mithali-raj-becomes-first-indian-woman-cricketer-to-score-2000-runs-in-t20i-cricket-india-women-vs-sri-lanka-women-match/680285/>

Short Notes

Personalities

New Vigilance Commissioner Appointed

Question: Who among the following was recently appointed as the new Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)?

(a) V.K. Saraswat (b) Sharad Kumar (c) D.K. Pathak (d) Vijay Sharma

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 10th, 2018, former chief of National Investigation Agency (NIA) Sharad Kumar was appointed as the new Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
- His tenure will last for 4 years or 65 years (whichever is earlier).
- It is notable that the Central Vigilance Commissioner is appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the committee, headed by the Prime Minister, which includes, Home Minister and Leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha or the leader of the biggest Opposition party in that House.
- It is worth mentioning that in order to give advice and guidance to central government agencies in the field of vigilance, the government established the Central Vigilance Commission in February, 1964 on the recommendations of the committee for Prevention of Corruption headed by Santhanam.
- It is notable that, in accordance with the ordinance issued by the President, the Central Vigilance Commission was constituted as multimember commission by giving statutory status with effect from 25th August, 1998.
- The structure of the Commission consists – Chairman of CVC and two other Vigilance Commissioner.
- Currently K V Chowdary is Central Vigilance Commissioner and T.M. Bhasin is working as Vigilance Commissioner.



New ambassador of India in ASEAN

Question: Who amongst the given has recently been appointed by the Central Government as the next ambassador of India to ASEAN?

- (a) Suresh K. Reddy (b) Rudrendra Tandon (c) Rajesh Shrivastav
(d) Madhu Sethi

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 5th, 2018, the Central Government appointed Indian Foreign Service Officer Rudrendra Tandon as the next Ambassador of India to ASEAN.
- He is currently working as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- On this post, he will replace Suresh K. Reddy



See also the links below:

https://mea.gov.in/press-releases-hi.htm?dt/29957/Rudrendra_Tandon_appointed_as_next_Ambassador_of_India_to_ASEAN

UPSC's acting Chairman

Question: Who amongst the given has recently been appointed as the acting chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?

- (a) Vinay Mittal (b) Sharad Kumar (c) Arvind Saxena (d) Sujata Mehta

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 10th, 2018, the Central Government appointed Union Public Service Commission member Arvind Saxena as the acting chairman of the Commission.
- His appointment will be effective from June 20, 2018.
- In this post, he will replace the outgoing President Vinay Mittal whose term will be completed on June 19, 2018.
- Significantly, Arvind Saxena became a member of the commission in 2015.



See also the links below:

<https://www.firstpost.com/india/arvind-saxena-appointed-acting-chairman-of-upsc-to-take-over-from-vinay-mittal-on-20-june-4504593.html>

Tommy Thomas

Question: In which of the following countries Indian-origin lawyer Tommy Thomas has recently been appointed as Attorney General?

- (a) Indonesia (b) Malaysia (c) Mauritius (d) Bangladesh

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 4th, 2018, Malaysia's Sultan Muhammad V appointed Indian-origin lawyer Tommy Thomas as new Attorney General of the country.
- Thomas is the first person belonging to minority appointed at this post in last 55 years.



- At this post he replaced Mohammad Apandli Ali.
- Despite of opposition from Islamic groups; Sultan has approved the appointment of Thomas for this post.

See also the links below:

<https://scroll.in/latest/881474/malaysias-king-appoints-ethnic-indian-lawyer-tommy-thomas-as-new-attorney-general>

Interim Prime Minister of Pakistan Appointed

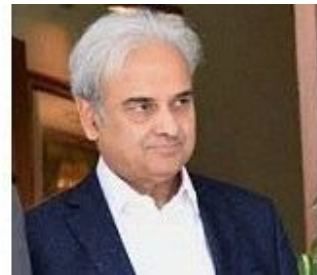
Question: Who amongst the followings was recently appointed as Interim Prime Minister of Pakistan?

(a) Ashif Zardari (b) Shahid Khaqan Abbasi (c) Nasir ul Mulk (d) Ikhtiyar Chowdhury

Answer: (c)

Related Fact:

- On June 1st, 2018, the former Chief Justice of Pakistan, Nasir ul Mulk, took charge as Interim Prime Minister of the country.
- He will be the Interim Prime Minister of the country for a period of two months till the general elections to be held on July 25, 2018 in the country.
- In this post, he replaced the country's Prime Minister, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi.
- He became the 22nd Chief Justice of the country in 2014.



Reference:

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/05/pakistan-names-judge-caretaker-prime-minister-180528094649314.html>

S.D. Moorthy

Question: Recently, in which of the following countries the Indian Foreign Service officer S.D. Moorthy was appointed as the next ambassador of India?

(a) Mozambique (b) Ethiopia (c) South Sudan (d) Somalia

Answer: (c)

Related Facts

- On May 22nd, 2018, Indian Foreign Service officer S.D Moorthy was appointed by Central Government as next Ambassador of India to South Sudan.
- He is currently working as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- It is notable that the capital of South Sudan is Juba.



See the links below:

[http://mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/29912/SDMoorthy appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of South Sudan](http://mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/29912/SDMoorthy%20appointed%20as%20the%20next%20Ambassador%20of%20India%20to%20the%20Republic%20of%20South%20Sudan)

New Chair of the BAFTA

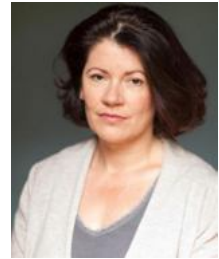
Question: Who has recently been elected as the new chairperson of the British Film and Television Arts Academy (BAFTA)?

(a) Jane Lush (b) Pippa Harris (c) Margaret Harris (d) Jane Harris

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 5th, 2018, the famous British film and television producer Pippa Harris was elected Chair of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA).
- Her tenure is two years.
- At this post, she will replace Jane Lush.
- Earlier she was Vice President of BAFTA.



See also the links below:

http://www.ptinews.com/news/9776688_Pippa-Harris-named-BAFTA-chairperson.html

New Chairperson of the TRIFED

Question: Who amongst the given was recently elected the new chairperson of the TRIFED?

(a) Pratibha Brahma (b) Ramesh Chand Meena (c) Nand Kumar Sai (d) P.J. Kurian

Answer: (b)

Related Facts

- On May 25th, 2018, Ramesh Chandra Meena elected as new chairperson of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd (TRIFED).
- With this, Pratibha Brahma was elected Vice Chairperson of TRIFED.
- He was elected in the General Body meeting of TRIFED, in which 11th Board of Directors was reconstituted.
- It is notable that the National level top organization TIFED was established in the year 1987 under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- It encourages tribal arts and crafts and works for the welfare of tribal craftsmen of the country.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179546>

BVR Subrahmanyam

Question- Recently, senior officer of the Indian Administrative Service, BVR Subrahmanyam took charge as the principal secretary of which state?

(a) Jammu and Kashmir (b) Jharkhand (c) Madhya Pradesh
(d) Chhattisgarh

Answer: (a)

Related Facts

- On 23rd June, 2018, senior officer of the Indian Administrative Service, BVR Subrahmanyam took charge as Chief Secretary of the State of Jammu and Kashmir.



- He is the IAS officer of the 1987 batch Chhattisgarh cadre.
- Earlier, he was working as Additional Principal Secretary (Home) in Chhattisgarh Government.
- Subrahmanyam assumed charges from the outgoing Chief Secretary B B Vyas at Chief Secretary's office chamber.

Reference:

<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-bvr-subrahmanyam-assumes-office-as-chief-secretary-of-jammu-and-kashmir-b-b-vyas-as-adviser-2628338>

Peggy Whitson

Question- Recently Peggy Whitson was in the news. She is a-

(a) Scientist (b) Actress (c) Literature (d) Astronaut

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On 15th June, 2018 NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson, who holds the U.S. record for most cumulative time in space, became retired.
- Whitson has had been the female commander twice in International Space Station.
- She has also a record of being the first woman commander of ISS.
- With her return, his 288-day mission ended.
- This mission began in the month of November last year.
- Under this mission, a distance of 12.22 crores was travelled and 4623 rounds of earth were taken.
- This was his third long term mission at the Space Center.
- With this one the number of total spacewalks of her career has increased to 10.
- She spent a total of 665 days in space, which is the record of the most time spent by an American astronaut.
- She has also been the oldest female astronaut to participate in space exploration.



Reference:

<https://www.nasa.gov/press-release/record-setting-nasa-astronaut-peggy-whitson-retires>

Alicia Pucheta

Question- Alicia Pucheta was recently named as the first woman president of which of the following countries?

(a) Uruguay (b) Paraguay (c) Guyana (d) Guinea

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 28, 2018; Alicia Pucheta was named as Paraguay's first woman president.
- Alicia Pucheta temporarily took charge as the President after the resignation of the current President Horacio Cartes. She will remain in office until the newly elected President Mario Abdo does not take over his 3-year term. She is currently the Deputy President of the country. The capital of Paraguay is the Asuncion.



Reference:

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/246172/alicia-pucheta-to-become-paraguays-first-woman-president/>

Gobind Singh Deo

Question: In which of the following countries did the first Sikh leader of Indian origin, Gobind Singh Deo become the first Sikh to become a cabinet minister?

(a) Indonesia (b) Venezuela (c) Malaysia (d) Thailand

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:-

- On May 21, 2018; first Sikh leader of Indian origin, Gobind Singh Deo became the first Sikh to become a cabinet minister in Malaysia.
- It is notable that in the history of the country Malaysia, he is the first person of the minority community to be appointed as minister.
- Gobind Singh Deo got the charge of communication and multimedia.
- He is one of the two Indian origin people included in the Pakatan Harapan Coalition.
- Apart from him, MP of Indian origin of the Democratic Action Party, M. Kulasegaran has been made Human Resources Minister.



Reference:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/nri/other-news/indian-origin-sikh-man-becomes-malaysias-first-minister/articleshow/64268344.cms>

Shantaram Naik

Question: Shantaram Naik has passed away recently. He was

(a) Former Rajya Sabha member (b) Former Lok Sabha member (c) (a) and (b) both
(d) Former Rajya Sabha Deputy Vice President

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 9th June, in 2018, ex-Goa Congress chief and former Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha member Shantaram Naik passed away. He was 72 years old.
- He was elected from North Goa in the 8th Lok Sabha in 1984.
- They also demanded full state status for Goa which was completed in 1987.
- He was elected for the Rajya Sabha (represented Goa) two times from 2005 to 2011 and from 2011 to 2017.



Reference:

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/former-goa-congress-chief-shantaram-naik-dies-a-72-1864790>

Thanglura Darlong

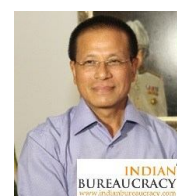
Question: Recently, the Indian Foreign Service officer Thanglura Darlong was appointed as the ambassador of India to which of the given countries?

(a) Oman (b) Moldova and Albania (c) Kuwait (d) South Sudan

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 18th, 2018, Indian Foreign Service officer Thanglura Darlong has been concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of India to the



- Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Albania, with residence in Bucharest (Romania).
- Currently he is serving as Ambassador of India in Romania.
- It is notable that the capital of the Republic of Moldova is the capital of *Chisinau* and the capital of the Republic of Albania is Tirana.

Reference:

<http://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/29906/Thanglura+Darlong+appointed+as+the+next+Ambassador+of+India+to+the+>

Alan Bean

Question: Alan Bean passed away recently. He was-

(a) Actor (b) Astronaut (c) Laureate (d) Painter

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On 27th May 2018, the famous astronaut Alan Bean died. He was 86 years old.
- He was the fourth person to run on the Moon in November 1969.
- He was with Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Charles Pete Conrad in the Apollo-12 mission.



Reference:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-44268960>

New Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir

Question: Who amongst the following recently took charge as new Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir?

(a) Deepak Gupta (b) Kavindra Gupta (c) Rajesh Singh
(d) Mahendra Singh

Reply- (b)

Related Facts:

- On 7th May, 2018, former President of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, Mr. Kavindra Gupta took over charge as the new Deputy Chief Minister of the state.
- At this post, he replaced Dr. Nirmal Singh, who is the current Speaker of the Assembly.
- Kavindra Gupta was sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister of the state on April 30, 2018.
- Gupta, before the ministerial reshuffle, has been given Industries and Commerce as well as Transport portfolios.



Reference:

http://www.ptinews.com/news/9702214_Kavinder-Gupta-assumes-charge-as-Jammu-and-Kashmir-DyCM.html

Arun Date

Question: Arun Date has passed away recently. He was-

(a) Actor (b) Movie Director (c) Painters (d) Singer



Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On 6th May, 2018, Marathi singer Arun Date passed away. He was 84 years old.
- Date, famous for non-film 'bhavgeet' (lyrical poetry) songs, had crooned numbers like "Shukratara" and "Ya Janmavar", which became very popular among people.
- He was the first recipient of the state government's 'Gajananrav Vatave Puraskar'.
- His father, Ramubhaiyya Date, was also a well-known classical music connoisseur and his brother Ravi Date is a famous tabla player.

Reference:

<http://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/renowned-marathi-singer-arun-date-passes-away/1271677>

Arjun Hingorani

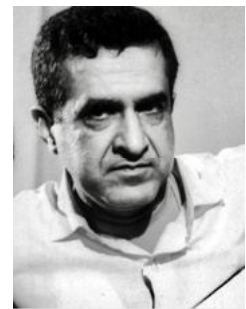
Question: Arjun Hingorani passed away recently. He was-

(a) Actor (b) composer (c) film director (d) painter

Answer- (c)

Related Facts:

- On 5th May, 2018, the famous film producer-director Arjun Hingorani passed away. He was 92 years old.
- He launched actor Dharmendra in Bollywood with 1960 film "Dill Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere".
- Some of his major films include "Kab Kyoon Aur Kahan" (1970), "Kahani Kismat Ki" (1973), "Sultanat" (1983) and "Kaun Kare Kurbanie" (1991).
- Veteran actor Rishi Kapoor, who worked with Hingorani in 1981 film "Kation Ke Kaatil," also remembered the filmmaker.



Reference:

http://www.ptinews.com/news/9700610_Director-Arjun-Hingorani-who-launched-Dharmendra-dies-at-92

Australian Academy of Science

Question- Which Indian origin innovator was elected as the Fellow of Australian Academy of Science?

(a) Sudha Chatterjee (b) Veena Kapoor
(c) Divyanagi Kapoor (d) Veena Sahajwalla

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On May 28th, 2018, the renowned scientist and innovator of Indian origin, Veena Sahajwalla, among the 21 eminent Australian scientists who were elected as Fellow of the Australian Academy of Sciences this year.
- She has been selected as a fellow of this prestigious academy for her contribution in revolutionizing science. Currently, she is associate Dean in the Science Faculty of New South Wales University, Sydney. She is also associated with the Australian Research Council as a Laureate Fellow. She is a B.Tech in Metallurgy from IIT Kanpur.



Reference:

<https://newsroom.unsw.edu.au/news/science-tech/three-new-unsw-fellows-australian-academy-science>

First CFO of the R.B.I

Question: Recently, who has been appointed by the Reserve Bank of India (R.B.I.) as its first Chief Financial Officer (CFO)?

(a) Sudha Balakrishnan (b) Arundhati Bhattacharya (c) Renu Balakrishnan (d) Kiran Mazumdar

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On May 28th, 2018, the Reserve Bank of India (R.B.I.) appointed Sudha Balakrishnan as its first Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- She is the first officer to be appointed for this post created in May last year.
- Her working standards will be equivalent to the executive director of the Reserve Bank.
- Her tenure will be of 3 years.
- Professionally Chartered Accountant Balakrishnan, formerly a member of the National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL).



Reference:

<http://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/sudha-balakrishnan-appointed-first-cfo-of-rbi-5196281/>

Amit Jain

Question: Recently, who has appointed Amit Jain as Regional General Manager of the Asia Pacific region?

(a) Uber (b) Ola (c) MasterCard (d) PepsiCo

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On May 28th, 2018, the online cab booking company Uber appointed Amit Jain as Regional General Manager of the Asia Pacific Region (APAC).
- Amit Jain is currently President of Uber India and South Asia.
- Now he will be responsible for the APAC region in addition to India and South Asia, which includes Australia New Zealand and North Asia.
- He was made President of Uber India in June 2015.
- Uber Technologies Incorporated is a peer-to-peer ridesharing food delivery and transportation network company founded in March 2009.
- Its headquarters is in San Francisco, California.



Reference:

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/info-tech/amit-jain-elevated-as-ubers-asia-pacific-head/article24014664.ece>

Places

India's first Police Museum

Question: At which of the following places Central Government has decided to set up India's first police museum?

(a) Bhopal (b) Ahmedabad (c) Hyderabad (d) New Delhi

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On June 10th, 2018, the Central Government decided to set up India's first police museum in New Delhi.
- This underground museum will be built in National Police memorial premises in Chanakyapuri of Delhi.
- There will be a chance to get to know through this museum the history of central and state police forces.
- Along with this, artwork, uniforms and other materials related to them will also be displayed.
- The museum is expected to be inaugurated on October 21 (Police Commemoration Day) by either Prime Minister or Home Minister.



See also the links below:-

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-to-have-its-1st-police-museum-in-delhi/india-to-have-its-first-police-museum-in-delhi/articleshow/64530804.cms>

Anti Power Theft Police Station

Question: In which of the following states recently the decision has been taken to set up Anti-Power Theft Police Station in every district to prevent electricity theft?

(a) Chhattisgarh (b) Haryana (c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Rajasthan

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- In the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet meeting held on 5th June, 2018, it was decided to set up an Anti Power Theft Police Station in each district (total 75 districts) in the state for the prevention of electric theft.
- The establishment of these stations under the Electricity Act, 2003 will be done for the purpose of preventing power theft under 5 discoms.
- Upon the establishment of these stations, the practical difficulties in registering the complaint will be removed and the complaint will be registered with promptness.
- Investigations of registered complaint can also be done effectively.
- This will reduce the loss of line due to the prevention of power theft, increase in revenue in the form of quenching mitigation fee, and the goal of 'Power for All' can be obtained with in time.



See also the links below:-

<http://information.up.nic.in/attachments/files/5b16a982-29b8-4177-8271-10650af72573.pdf>

Kabir Das Academy

Question: Kabir Das Academy will be set up in which of the following cities of Uttar Pradesh?

(a) Lahartara (b) Maghar (c) Kushinagar (d) Lucknow

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- A proposal in regards to establish Kabir Das Academy was approved by the Uttar Pradesh government in a cabinet meeting held on June 5th, 2018.



- This academy will be established in Magahar (the place of burial of Saint Kabir), Sant Kabir Nagar district.
- For this work 'Uttar Pradesh Awas Avam Vikas Parishad' has been nominated as the executive body.
- The cost of the scheme has been valued by executive body at Rs 75 reduced to Rs 2359.00 lakhs finally by the Construction assessment division.

See also the links below:

<http://information.up.nic.in/attachments/files/5b16a982-29b8-4177-8271-10650af72573.pdf>

Launch of BEL's representative office in Vietnam

Question: Recently, a representative office of the Public sector Navaratna company, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), was established (opened) in Hanoi, Vietnam. In this regard, what is not true in the alternative?

- (a) This office was inaugurated by Defense Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- (b) This is the first representative office established by BEL in Hanoi.
- (c) The Defense Minister handed over the symbolic key of the Representative Office to the Chairman and Managing Director of BEL, Gowtama MV.
- (d) This office is located on the 5th floor of TNR building.

Ans: (d)

Related Facts:-

- On June 13, 2018, Defense Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the Representative Office of the public sector Navaratna Company, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), established in Hanoi, Vietnam (VIRO).
- This is the first representative office established by BEL in Hanoi.
- During the meeting of the Vietnam-India Defense Industry Trade held in Vietnam, the Defense Minister handed over the symbolic key of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) representative office to the Chairman and Managing Director of BEL, Gowtama MV.
- This representative office (VIRO) has been opened on the 10th floor of the TNR building near the Indian Embassy in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam.
- There has been an increase in BEL's presence in Southeast Asian countries like Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.
- Through this representative office, BEL's exports will be encouraged in areas such as Weapon Systems, Radar Systems, Naval System, Military Communications System, Electronic Warfare System, War Management System and Coastal Monitoring System.



See also the links below:-

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179938>

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Park

Question: On whose name the main building of the Uttarakhand Secretariat Premises has been named?

- (a) Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna
- (b) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- (c) Govind Vallabh Pant
- (d) Puran Chandra Joshi

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On 30th May, 2018, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Mr. Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated the newly constructed Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Park at Cantonment Board, Clementtown, Dehradun.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister also inaugurated the Prime Minister Jan Aushadhi Centre at Cantonment Board.
- From the Jan Aushadhi Centre, generic medicines at cheaper rates would be available.
- Chief Minister said that main building of the Uttarakhand Secretariat Premises has been named after Dr. Kalam, expressing gratitude towards Dr. Kalam.
- Dr. Kalam in his book, 'My Journey: Transforming Dreams into Actions', it has been mentioned that how after coming to Devbhoomi, his life changed.



Reference:

<http://www.uttarakhandbulletin.com/2018/05/30/cm-inaugurates-newly-constructed-dr-p-j-abdul-kalam-park/>

Rebuilt Blast Furnace-1 of Rourkela Steel Plant

Question: Rourkela steel plant was established with the help of which of the following countries?

(a) UK (b) Russia (c) Western Germany (d) France

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 11th, 2018, the Union Minister of Steel, Chaudhary Birender Singh dedicated the rebuilt Blast Furnace-1 'Parvati' of SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) to the Nation.
- Parvati is the first Blast Furnace of SAIL that was dedicated to the nation on 3rd February 1959 by the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
- Rourkela Steel Plant was established in the year 1955.
- Located in Odisha state, this plant was established with the help of Germany.
- This is the first integrated steel plant in the public sector in India.
- The Blast Furnace was put down on 6th August 2013 for total rebuilding. Although erected on the old foundation, the rebuilt furnace equipped with superior technology has a higher production capacity.
- With the rebuilding, the annual production capacity, of the furnace has increased from 0.438 Million tonnes (MT) to 1.015 MT.
- The Steel Minister also laid the foundation stone of the Burns and Plastic Surgery Department of Super Specialty block at Ispat General Hospital.
- This unit is the only burns and plastic surgery in the region and will fulfil the requirements of not only Rourkela but also of the people of neighboring districts and states.
- The Minister also visited the state-of-the-art New Plate Mill of RSP and planted saplings in the Pragati Udyan situated in front of the Mill.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179891>

New Tourist Guest House in Uttarakhand

Question: Recently, the Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand laid the foundation stone of the Tourist Guest House being constructed by the Uttar Pradesh government in Haridwar, Uttarakhand. What is not true in regards to this?

- (a) A new tourist guest house will be constructed on Uttar Pradesh tourism on 2,964 square meters of land in the Alaknanda Hotel Complex.
(b) This tourist guest house will have 95 rooms.
(c) Its construction cost will be Rs. 41 crores.
(d) The name of this tourist house will be Bhagirathi Tourist Guest House.

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 28, 2018, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath of Uttar Pradesh and Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Trivendra Singh Rawat laid the foundation stone of the Tourist Guest House being constructed by the Uttar Pradesh government in Haridwar, Uttarakhand.
- Construction cost of this Tourist Guest House (100 rooms) will be Rs. 41 crores.
- This tourist house will be named as Bhagirathi Tourist House.
- A new tourist guest house (hotel) will be constructed by Uttar Pradesh tourism on 2,964 square meters of land available in the Alaknanda Hotel Complex.
- The period of construction is 2 years.
- Until its construction, the current Alaknanda Hotel will be operated by the U.P. State Tourism Corporation.
- After the new hotel is built, the old hotel will be transferred to Uttarakhand state.
- Uttar Pradesh Government has given financial and administrative approval of Rs 26.54 crores except for furniture and interior in the first phase.
- The new tourist accommodation will be of 6 floors, including the ground floor.



Reference:

<http://information.up.nic.in/attachments/files/5b0c129d-cb78-4afa-9a54-0ff00af72573.pdf>

Brahmaputra Study Centre

Question: How much fund will be provided by the Ministry of DoNER for setting up 'Brahmaputra Study Center' in Guwahati University campus?

- (a) 25 crores (b) 28 crores (c) 30 crores (d) 35 crores

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 29, 2018, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh has informed the the Government has approved setting up of an exclusive "Brahmaputra Study Centre" at Gauhati
- For this a fund of about Rs. 28 crore will be provided by the Ministry of DoNER.
- University has decided to provide land within the campus for a separate block for the Brahmaputra Study Centre / Department.



- It is devoted to the research on the causes and prevention of frequent floods in the river and includes some of the internationally renowned scholars from across the world.
- Gauhati University is one of the oldest universities in the country and it needs to cultivate a unique identity for itself which could attract scholars from far and wide by setting up the “Brahmaputra Study Centre”.
- Gauhati University will offer an opportunity for research in different aspects of river Brahmaputra in physics, hydrology, waterways, environment, disaster/flood management, hydro-power production etc.
- Some international level scholars will also be part of this center.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179611>

India’s First Centre for Energy Regulation

Question: Which Indian Institute of Technology recently established India’s first advisory center for the Center for Energy Regulation (CER) with the help of the United Kingdom Government?

(a) IIT, Madras (b) IIT, Kanpur (c) IIT, Roorkee (d) IIT, Kharagpur

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 17th, 2018, the Centre was launched by Shri PK Pujari, Chairperson, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) at a ceremony held in New Delhi.
- At the ceremony, the Centre’s logo and web portal were also unveiled in the presence of other key dignitaries including Shri AK Bhalla, Secretary, Ministry of Power; Shri RC Bhargava, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur and Mr. Gavin McGillivray, Head of Department for International Development (DFID) India.
- The Centre is an initiative by the Department of Industrial and Management Engineering, IIT Kanpur and is partly supported by the UK Government.
- The aim of the Centre is to strengthen the Indian power sector and towards this aim, the Centre will be working closely with key stakeholders in the Indian power sector, particularly the Central and State governments, civil society groups, businesses in the area and academia.
- Some of the objectives of the Centre include increasing the interaction between businesses, regulatory authorities and academia; developing the required knowledge base for future policy decisions; research into the power sector and developing a collaborative research environment.
- The Department of Industrial and Management Engineering at IIT Kanpur has been actively involved in regulatory research and policy advisory.
- The activities of CER include R & D in relation to issues like development of Indian economy, energy efficiency, energy demand, safety etc.



Reference:

<http://dora.iitk.ac.in/dora/centre-for-energy-regulation>

Jerusalem

Question- Which of the following countries has decided to move its embassy to Tel Aviv in Israel by the end of May?

(a) India (b) Sweden (c) Paraguay (d) Norway

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Related Facts

- On 7th May 2018, According to Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon, Paraguay Israel at the end of May will transfer his embassy located in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.
- Paraguay is the third country in the world to transfer its embassy to Jerusalem.
- Earlier, America and Guatemala have announced their move to relocate to Jerusalem.
- America moved its embassy to Jerusalem on May 14th, 2018, and two days later, Guatemala also moved to its embassy here.
- In 2002, Israel closed its embassy located in Ascension of Paraguay due to its budgetary views, which resulted in Paraguay's closure of its embassy located in Tel Aviv.
- Paraguay re-opened its embassy office in Israel in 2014, and Israel reopened its embassy in Paraguay in 2015.



Reference:

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/czech-pm-says-country-will-open-honorary-consulate-not-embassy-in-jerusalem/>

Awards & Honors

19th International Indian Film Academy Award (IIFA), 2018

Question: Which one of the given film was conferred “Best Film award” in the 19th International Indian Film Academy Award (IIFA)?

(a) Mom (b) Hindi Medium (c) Tumhari Sulu (d) Badshaho

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 24th June, 2018, 19th International Indian Film Academy Award (IIFA) was organized in Bangkok, Thailand.
- **Major awards and winners are:**
- Best Film – ‘Tumhari Sulu’ – (Director-Suresh Triveni)
- Best Director – Saket Chaudhary (Film-Hindi Medium)
- Best Actor – Irrfan Khan (Film-Hindi Medium)
- Best Actress- Sridevi (posthumous) (film-Mom)
- Best Supporting Actor – Nawazuddin Siddiqui (Film-Mom)
- Best Supporting Actress – Meher Vij (Film-Secret Superstar)
- Best Story – Amit V Masurka (film-Newton)
- Best Screenplay – Nitesh Tiwari and Shreyash Jain (film-Bareilly K. Barfi)
- Best budding director- Konkona Sen Sharma (Film-A Death in the Gunj)
- Best Music Director – Amaal Mallik, Tanishk Bagchi & Akhil Sachdeva (Badrinath Ki Dulhania)



- Best Playback Singer (Male)- Arijit Singh (Film – Jab Harry Met Sejal), song – ‘Hawayein’.
- Best Playback Singer (Female)- Meghna Mishra (film-Secret superstar), song- ‘Mai Kaun Hu’.
- Best Lyricist- Manoj Muntishir (film-Badshaho), song- ‘Mere Rashke Kamar’
- Outstanding Achievement Award – Anupam Kher.
- Style Icon of the Year Award- Kriti Sanon.

Reference:

<https://www.iifa.com/blog/Wv2huyAAAJ6MfEJV/iifa-2018-press-release>

Femina Miss India, 2018

Question: Who is the winner of the recently concluded Femina Miss India, 2018 competition?

(a) Priyanka Kumari (b) Meenakshi Chaudhary (c) Anukreethy Vas (d) Shreya Rao

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- 55th Femina Miss India- 2018, the event took place in Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai.
- In the event, Anukreethy Vas from Tamil Nadu became the winner of the ‘Femina Miss India, 2018’ title.
- After this victory, he will get an opportunity to represent India in the ‘Miss World 2018’ contest.
- Meenakshi Chaudhary, the first runner-up of this competition and Shreya Rao from the second runner-up Andhra Pradesh.
- Contest was held for the title of ‘Femina Miss India, 2018’ between 30 contestants in this competition.
- In the competition Anukreethy Vas won the ‘Beauty with Purpose’ award.
- It is known that Miss India is organized by ‘Femina’, a journal published by Bennett, Coleman & Company.



Reference:

<http://www.freepressjournal.in/entertainment/femina-miss-india-world-2018-crown-goes-to-anukreethy-vas/1300027>

Santokba Humanitarian Award

Question: Who was recently awarded the Santokba Humanitarian Award?

(a) Dr. Manmohan Singh (b) Dr. Arvind Pangariya (c) Kailash Satyarthi (d) Prof. J. S. Rajput

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 30th May 2018, Nobel Peace Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi was awarded the Santokba Humanitarian Award.
- President Ramnath Kovind honored him with this award.
- This award was given to his contribution in the reform of the society.
- It is notable that this award is provided annually by the Sri Ramakrishna Foundation.
- 1 crore amounts and trophy is provided under this award.
- Prominent awardees in the past include industrialist Ratan Tata, Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama, Sudha Murthy, Dr S. Swaminathan, Sam Pitroda and Verghese Kurien.



Reference:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/satyarthi-given-santokba-humanitarian-award-118053001521_1.html

T.K. Ramanathan Award-2017-18

Question: Recently T.K. Ramanathan Award was received by which of the followings?

(a) Dipesh Kumar (b) TV Swaminathan (c) Pranjesh Guneshwaran (d) Ratnesh Gunneshwar

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 19th May, 2018, Prajnesh Gunneswaran won the prestigious K. Ramanathan award for the year 2017-18 at the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA) annual day function at the SDAT tennis stadium in Chennai.
- In the form of award he received cash amount of Rs 30,000.



Reference:

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-sports/tk-ramanathan-award-for-prajnesh/article23940169.ece>

CEAT Cricket Awards-2017-18

Question: Who amongst the following was recently elected as International Cricketer of the Year for 2017-18?

(a) R. Ashwin (b) Shikhar Dhawan (c) Chris Gayle (d) Virat Kohli

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On May 28th, 2018, CEAT Cricket Awards were distributed for the year 2017-18 at a ceremony held in Mumbai by the Best tires manufacturer in India
- Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli was selected as the International Cricketer of the Year for the year 2017-18.
- This was the third opportunity he got this award.
- Prior to this, he got the award in the year 2011-12 and 2013-14.
- The list of other award recipients is as follows:
- International batsmen of the year-Shikhar Dhawan
- International Bowler of the Year – Trent Bolt (New Zealand)
- T-20 Bowler of the Year – Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)
- T-20 batsmen of the year-Colin Munro (New Zealand)
- Outstanding Innings of the Year – Harmanpreet Kaur
- Domestic Player of the Year-Mayank Agarwal
- Under-19 Player of the Year – Shubhaman Gill
- Popular Choice Award – Chris Gayle (West Indies)
- Lifetime Achievement Award- Farokh Engineer (Formerly Famous Wicketkeeper)



Reference:

<https://www.news18.com/cricketnext/news/ceat-awards-virat-kohli-named-international-cricketer-of-the-year-1762209.html>

Operations & Campaign

Awareness campaign with the support of railway on the protection of children

Question: Recently, Chairman of the Railway Board Ashwani Lohani and Chairman of the National Child Rights Protection Committee, Mr. Stuti Kakkar initiated awareness campaign on protection of children. This is being jointly operated by which of the followings?

- (a) Policy Commission and Railways
- (b) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Railways
- (c) National Child Rights Protection Commission and Railways
- (d) Department of Women and Child Development and Railways

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 7th June 2018, Chairman of Railway Board Ashwani Lohani and Smt Stuti Kacker, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, initiated awareness campaign on protection of children.
- This campaign is jointly being run by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Railways.
- Under the campaign, awareness will be spread on the protection of children coming in contact of railways in the form of passengers, separated from their families the spoiled children and the smuggled children.
- This campaign has been launched to solve the issue of protection of children in the entire railway system and to make all stakeholders, travelers, vendors and coolies sensitive.
- This standard procedure of railway is currently applicable to 88 stations to ensure the care and protection of children in connection with the railway.
- It will be extended to 174 stations in the coming period.
- On this occasion, Railway Board President Ashwani Lohani released a poster with Stuti Kacker Dharmendra Kumar and Visvesh Choubey, to raise awareness for the protection and care of children coming in contact to railways.



See also the links below:-

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179846>

Immunization campaign in Madhya Pradesh

Question: Immunization campaign will be run under the extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan in Madhya Pradesh on 16th July, 13th August and 10th September, 2018. In this regard, which of the following is not true in this regards?

- (a) During the campaign, children aged 6 years will be immunized.
- (b) This campaign will be operated in the eight aspiring districts selected by the Indian Government in the state.
- (c) Vaccination against 9 diseases under campaign will be done.
- (d) Under the campaign, a grant of Rs.2.2 lakhs will also be given by the department to 2,222 Gram Panchayats for 100% achievement.

Answer- (a)

Related Facts:

- Immunization campaign for children of 0-5 years age will be run in MP under the extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan in Madhya Pradesh on 16th July, 13th August and 10th September, 2018.



- This campaign will be operated in the eight aspiring districts selected by the Indian Government namely in *Vidisha, Guna, Barwani, Damoh, Khandwa, Chhatarpur* and *Rajgarh* and *Siddi*.
- During the campaign vaccination against 9 diseases (measles, pneumonia, diarrhea, etc.) will be done.
- Vaccination teams during the campaign will reach all the mazes, colonies, brick kilns, construction workplaces and to the site where there are one or two home sites.
- In this campaign, Department of Health and Women and Child Development, Sports, Forest, Urban Development, School Education etc. are also partners.
- Under the campaign, a grant of Rs.2.2 lakhs will also be given by the department to 2,222 Gram Panchayats for 100% achievement.

Reference:

<http://mpinfo.org/News/TodaysNews.aspx?newsid=20180619N10&LocID=1&PDt=6/19/2018>

Awareness campaign for farmers in Haryana

Question- Haryana Government will organize an awareness program for farmers of the state between June-July 2018. In this regard, what is not true among the given?

- (a) This awareness program will be held from June 20, 2018 to July 15, 2018. Under the campaign
- (b) Programs will be organized at village, block and district level.
- (c) During the program, farmers will be provided information only about the farmers' welfare schemes of the government.
- (d) Seminars will be organized in all the districts as part of the campaign.

Answer- (c)

Related Facts:

- During June 20, 2018 to July 15, 2018 Haryana Government will organize awareness programs for farmers at village, block and district levels.
- During this awareness program, focus on negative effects of burning of crop residue (Parli), its other options and many farmer welfare schemes will be discussed.
- Programs will be monitored by senior officials.
- As a part of the campaign Seminar will also be organized in all the districts.
- A portal has been developed by the Agriculture Department of Haryana State, from which the officers will upload the biodata of the farmers from the respective districts.
- This portal will share information about progressive farmers.



Reference:

<http://www.prharyana.gov.in/hi/haraiyaanaa-kae-karsai-evan-kaisaana-kalayaana-vaibhaaga-kae-paradhaana-sacaiva-daa-abhailakasa-1>

Joint indo-Bangladesh Army Trekking Expedition to Nanda Devi east base camp

Question: Recently, Joint Indo-Bangladesh Army Trekking Expedition to Nanda Devi East Base Camp was flagged off by Director General of Military Trainin at New Delhi. The height of the base camp is –

- (a) 4100 m (b) 4200 m (c) 4300 m (d) 4325 m

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 28th May, 2018, A Joint Indo-Bangladesh Army Trekking Expedition to Nanda Devi East Base Camp (4300m) was flagged off by Director General of Military Trainin at New Delhi.
- It consists of 16-member team of Indian Army and 10-member team from Bangladesh Army.
- Mt Nanda Devi East Base Camp is located at an altitude of 4300M and is one of the challenging trekking routes of Himalayas.
- The Expedition will negotiate treacherous, rocky and glaciated terrain, slippery meadows and streams enroot. It will test the soldiers for technical skills, mental & physical courage.
- The Joint expedition also aims to further strengthen the military to military relations between India and Bangladesh.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179591>

Cochlear Implant Awareness Programme

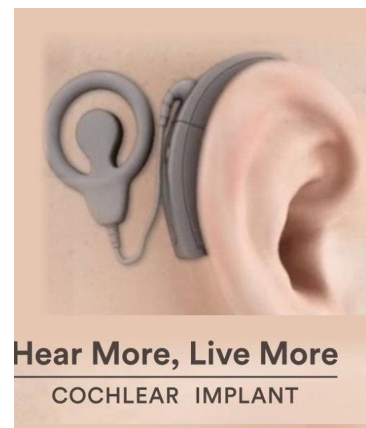
Question: what is the name of the Nodal Agency Cochlear Implant Awareness Programme?

- (a) Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Walking & Shravan Divyangjan
- (b) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Divyangjan Sansthan
- (c) Divyangjan Empowerment Department
- (d) National vision of the Republic of Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- A ‘Cochlear Implant Awareness Programme’ was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in association with Indian Red Cross Society and Sarvodaya Hospital & Research Centre to morrow on 6thMay, 2018 at Huda Convention Centre, Sector-12, Faridabad (Haryana).
- Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar, Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment will be the Chief Guest in the programme.
- The event named Swar Swagtam is of great importance for creating awareness among the public about the Cochlear Implant Programme under ADIP Scheme of the Department.
- Cochlear Implant is a modern technology to help young children who have severe to profound deafness in both ears. Because of hearing impairment they are not able to speak.
- Cochlear Implant provides such children to hear normally in one ear and with post surgical rehabilitation they are able to speak also.
- Cochlear Implants are costly and were not affordable by all.
- Keeping in mind “Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas”, the DEPwD, Ministry of SJ&E is providing benefit of modern technology to poor persons also.
- It is in this direction, the Ministry has introduced Cochlear Implant programme under revised Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) for the poor and needy young children.
- With the implementation of Cochlear Implant program by the Ministry of SJ&E through Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai



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(Nodal Agency), around 1149 surgeries (916 under ADIP Scheme and 233 under CSR) have been conducted across India.

- The Applicants have to apply based on advertisement/details on website to AYJNISHD, Mumbai: adipcochlearimplant.in.
- All the children are undergoing post-operative rehabilitation.
- The Ministry has empanelled 172 hospitals all over India to conduct the cochlear implant surgery.
- Most important outcome of this program is reduction in the cost of implantation and empowers children with deafness to hear and develop speech.
- Sarvodaya Hospital & Research Centre, Faridabad has been part of this scheme and has operated 30 kids from different parts of North India.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179139>

Polythene Elimination Program

Question: In which state from May 27, 2018 to June 2, 2018, will the weekly polythene elimination campaign Polythene Hatao, Paryavaran Bachao Campaign, be conducted throughout the state with the help of public?

(a) Maharashtra (b) Himachal Pradesh (c) Uttarakhand (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- From 27th May, 2018 to 2 June, 2018, the weekly polythene eradication program 'Polythene Hatao, Paryavaran Bachao Campaign' will be conducted throughout the state with the help of public in Himachal Pradesh.
- On May 18, 2018, According to director of the Department of Environment, Science and Technology, D.C. Rana, the decision to run this campaign by the state government has been taken under the theme of World Environment Day 'Beet Plastic Pollution' of this year.
- In the coordination and monitoring of the Deputy Commissioner, this campaign will be run in every district of the state.
- This program will be run by urban local bodies, Panchayati Raj institutions.
- All government offices, institutions and non-government institutions will also be assisted for the success of this program.
- During the program, plastic waste will be collected from the entire region.
- The collected plastic waste will be used by the Public Works Department to make roads and inadequate waste in road construction will be used as fuel in cement industries.
- During this, there will be special focus on the cleaning of rivers, streams, water sources, tourist sites.



Reference:

<http://himachalpr.gov.in/OnePressRelease.aspx?Language=1&ID=12086>

Commission & Committee

Chief Ministers Subgroup Constituted to Coordinate Policy Approaches for Agriculture and MGNREGS

Question: Central government has set up a Chief Ministers Subgroup to Coordinate Policy Approaches for Agriculture and MGNREGS under the chairmanship of which of the followings?

(a) Dr. Raman Singh (b) Shivraj Singh Chauhan (c) Vijay Rupani (d) Mamta Banerjee

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:



- On 19th June, 2018, Central Government has set up a Chief Ministers Subgroup to Coordinate Policy Approaches for Agriculture and MGNREGS.
- The Prime Minister nominated the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh to convene this Sub-Group of seven Chief Ministers.
- The Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Sikkim, and Shri Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, have been named as Members of the Sub-Group. The Sub-Group will be serviced by the NITI Aayog.
- The Sub-Group will submit its report within three months from its date of constitution.
- The first meeting of the Sub-Group is expected to be held within the next month, as per the convenience of the Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh.
- **Terms of Reference of the Sub-Group has tentatively been assigned as follows:**
 - (i) To suggest a wider choice of State specific interventions both for pre-sowing and post-harvest to further improve the thrust on incomes, water conservation and waste to wealth.
 - (ii) To align works under MGNREGS fully to the requirements of achieving the goal of Doubling Farmers' Income by 2022. This will improve thrust on Water Conservation, individual Beneficiary Schemes, Construction of Rural Haats, Vermi-Composting etc.
 - (iii) To make recommendations on interventions of MGNREGS that can facilitate reduction of agrarian distress including work availability, wage rates, seasonality etc.
 - (iv) To explore the possibilities of MGNREGS as a livelihood resource for development and diversification of livelihoods of small and marginal farmers specially belonging to SC/ST households.
 - (v) To suggest ways of aligning MGNREGS and its livelihood thrust with women Self Help Groups (SHGs), producer Groups, and Producer Companies to enable a better use of resources for livelihood.
 - (vi) To explore successful convergence of program resources across Departments to ensure optimal fund utilization, efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability.
- The move comes in the backdrop of the vision of the Prime Minister towards Doubling Farmers' Income by 2022 which requires a multi-dimensional and inclusive approach.
- It comes close on the heels of the unanimous decision taken at the 4th meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog on 17th June.

Reference: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=180041>

Group to study SEZ Policy

Question- Recently, the central government constituted a group of eminent persons under whose chairmanship to study the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) policy?

(a) Neel Raheja (b) Rabindra Sannardi



(c) Baba Kalyani under Act, 2005 passed by Parliament in May, 2005.

(d) Shrikant Badiga

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 6th, 2018 Government of India has constituted a group of eminent persons to study the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Policy of India.
- The group headed by Baba Kalyani, has Ravindra Sannareddy, MD, Sricity SEZ Ltd, Neel Raheja, Group president K Raheja Group, Arun Misra, MD, Tata Steel SEZ Ltd, Anita Arjundas, MD, Mahindra Life Space Developer, Ajay Pandey, MD and Group CEO, GIFT City SEZ Ltd, Srikanth Badiga, director, Hyderabad Phoenix Developer, principal secretaries (industries) of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka as members while additional secretary (in-charge of SEZ division, department of commerce) will be member secretary, and the director of SEZ, Department of Commerce, will be the coordinating officer.
- The SEZ Policy was implemented from 01st April, 2000.
- Subsequently the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 was passed by Parliament in May, 2005 and received Presidential assent on the 23rd of June, 2005 and the Special Economic Zone Act was enacted.
- The SEZ Act, 2005, supported by SEZ Rules, came into effect on 10th February, 2006.
- The group will evaluate the SEZ policy, suggest measures to cater to the needs of exporters in the present economic scenario and make the SEZ policy WTO compatible, suggest course correction in SEZ policy, make comparative analysis of the SEZ scheme and dovetail the SEZ policy with other similar schemes.
- The Group is required to submit its recommendation in 3 Months' time.
- This group will do the following:
 - will study the policy SEZ.
 - will give suggestions as per the needs of exporters in the current economic scenario.
 - will make the SEZ policy to WTO.
 - Will Comparative analysis of SEZ schemes and suggestions will be made to make the SEZ policy consistent with other similar schemes.
- This group will give its recommendation in three months.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179793>

Tuticorin Violence

Question: Recently, under whose chairmanship the Tamil Nadu government constituted a one-member inquiry commission for Tuticorin Violence?

(a) Justice Aruna Jagadishan (b) Justice T. Raghavan (c) Justice S. Ramalingam

(d) Justice P Ramalingam

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On May 23, 2018, the Tamil Nadu government constituted one member inquiry commission, under the chairmanship of Justice Aruna Jagadishan, a retired judge of Madras High Court, to investigate Tuticorin violence.
- It is worth mentioning that on May 22, 2018, 10 people were killed in a jolt to protest the issue of permanent closure of Vedanta Sterlite Copper Plant unit in Tuticorin for the alleged pollution related issue. Planning & Project



Mobile App 'ReUnite'

Question: On June 29th, 2018, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation Suresh Prabhu launched the mobile app 'Reunite'. This app will provide assistance in-

- (a) tracking missing and abandoned children
- (b) online bill payment
- (c) online air ticket booking
- (d) registration of the registration

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On June 29th, 2018, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu launched a mobile application called ReUnite.
- It helps to track and trace missing and abandoned children in India.
- This app has been developed by the NGO, Bachpan Bachao Andolan & Capgemini.
- This is an effort to reunite parents whose children have gone missing and is a wonderful use of technology to address real life social challenges.
- The app is multiuser where parents and citizens can upload pictures of children, and provide detailed description like name, birth mark, address, report to the police station, search and identify missing kids.
- The photographs will not be saved in the mobile phone's physical memory. Amazon Recognition, web facial recognition service, is being used to identify missing kids.
- The app is available for both Android and iOS.
- Bachpan Bachao Andolan, (BBA) is India's largest movement for the protection of children and works along with law enforcement agencies and policymakers.
- Kailash Satyarthi; Nobel Laureate is the founder of Bachpan Bachao Andolan.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1537135>

New bridge on Ganga river in Phaphamau of Allahabad

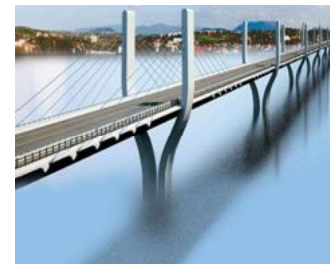
Question: Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the project for construction of new bridge on Ganga River in Phaphamau of Allahabad. What is not true in the choice about this project?

- (a) This approval was granted on June 6, 2018.
- (b) The length of this bridge will be 9.9 km.
- (c) This bridge will be of 6-lane.
- (d) The construction period of this bridge is scheduled for 5 years.

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On June 6th, 2018, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the project for construction of new bridge on Ganga River on National Highway-96 in Phaphamau, Allahabad.
- The bridge will be of length 9.9 km and this bridge will be of 6-lane.
- Its construction cost will be Rs. 1948.25 crores.
- The construction period for this project is scheduled for 3 years.
- The construction of this bridge is likely to be completed by December, 2021.
- This new 6-lane bridge will be beneficial for traffic coming from Lucknow via Faizabad through National Highway-27 via Naini



Bridge from National Highway-76.

- This bridge, built on the river Ganga in Phaphmau, will be the 29th bridge to be built on the Ganga River between Allahabad and Farakka.

See also the links below:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-cm/cabinet-approves-construction-of-a-new-6-lane-bridge-with-its-approaches-across-river-ganga-at-phaphmau-allahabad-in-uttar-pradesh-118060800199_1.html

Mukhyamantri Madhu Vikas Yojana

Question: In the meeting of the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet recently, the guidelines for implementation of ' Mukhyamantri Madhu Vikas Yojana' were approved. In relation to this scheme, what is not true in the alternative?

- (a) This scheme will be implemented by the Horticulture Department.
- (b) The Government had announced this scheme in the budget presented in March 2018.
- (c) In the budget for the scheme, a provision of Rs. 10 crore has been made.
- (d) Under the scheme, the government will provide 75 percent subsidy to the beekeepers.

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On 6th June, 2018; Guidelines for implementation of Chief Minister Madhu Vikas Yojana were approved in the meeting of Himachal Pradesh Cabinet.
- This scheme will be implemented effectively by the Department of Horticulture.
- In addition to those engaged in professional beekeeping, beekeepers who are willing to adopt it as a means of livelihood will also be benefitted.
- This plan was announced in the budget presented by the government in March 2018.
- A provision of Rs 10 crore has been made in the budget for the scheme.
- Under the scheme, the government will provide 80% subsidy to the beekeepers.



See also the links below:-

<http://pradhanmantrivikasyojana.in/mukhyamantri-madhu-vikas-yojana-himachal-pradesh/>

Vanya Plus double fortified salt distribution scheme

Question: Recently, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan launched state-level iron and iodized Vanya Plus double fortified salt distribution scheme in which of the given districts?

- (a) Shivpuri (b) Muraina (c) Mandla (d) Betul

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 3rd, 2018, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan launched state-level iron and iodine-based 'Vanya Plus double fortified salt distribution scheme' through online mode in Mandla district.
- Beneficiaries of 89 Tribal abundance Development blocks of 20 districts of the state will be benefitted.
- In the Tendupatta collector and unorganized conference held in village Anjanika in Mandla district, the Chief Minister distributed bonus amount of Rs 25 crores to Tendupatta collectors of Mandla and Dindori district.



- On this occasion, he inaugurated the construction works of Mandla and Dindori district with a total cost of approximately Rs 48 crores.

See also the links below:-

<http://www.mpinfo.org/News/TodaysNews.aspx?newsid=20180603N13&LocID=1>

Gopabandhu Sambandika Swasthya Bima Yojana.

Question- Recently, the health insurance scheme was started by the Odisha government for the executive journalists. What among the given below is not true in this option related to the scheme?

- (a) This scheme was started on June 1, 2018.
- (b) Name of scheme is Gopabandhu Sambandika Swasthya Bima Yojana.
- (c) In the first phase, 3233 working journalists will get benefit of up to 1.5 lakh rupees in 1 year.
- (d) Under the scheme, minimum 5 members of the family of the journal will be covered.

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 1st, 2018, a health insurance scheme was introduced for the executive journalists by the Government of Odisha.
- The name of this scheme is Gopabandhu Sambandika Swasthya Bima Yojana.
- In the first phase, 3233 working journalists will get benefit of up to Rs 2 lakh in one year.
- Under the scheme, minimum 5 members of the journalist's family will be covered.
- Distribution of health insurance card will be done by district information and district offices of public relations offices.



See also the links below:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/odisha-launches-health-insurance-scheme-for-journalists-118060100693_1.html

Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Housing Scheme

Question: Up to what Maximum percentage of the target of each fiscal year under the Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Housing Scheme will be sanctioned to the concerned beneficiaries in case of natural calamity by the Jharkhand Government?

- (a) 25 percent
- (b) 50 percent
- (c) 60 percent
- (d) 70 percent

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On 30th May, 2018 Jharkhand Cabinet approved to add certain provisions in the selection of beneficiaries of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Housing Scheme.
- In the past, beneficiaries were selected on the basis of Socio-Economic Caste based Census 2011.
- After the approval of the Cabinet, Under this scheme, homeless people aged above 30 years or the families with widow head (having monthly income less than Rs. 5,000), or living in a mud house with single room; verified by district, whose names are not mentioned in the Social Economic Census 2011, even then, it has been recommended to provide housing to their families.
- In addition to this, Families and single abandoned women, who were affected by floods, earthquakes, landslides, hailstorms, arson and outbreaks of elephants, who were unable



to make their own accommodation, it was decided to provide accommodation to families or women also under this scheme.

- Approval of the beneficiaries will be done on the basis of the Deputy Commissioner.
- Up to 25 percentage of the target of each fiscal year under the Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Housing Scheme will be sanctioned to the concerned beneficiaries in case of natural calamity by the Jharkhand Government.

Reference:

<http://cm.jharkhand.gov.in/hi/node/6341>

Employees Insurance-cum-Savings Scheme

Question- In the recently concluded Madhya Pradesh cabinet meeting, it has been decided to double the contribution and insurance value by revising the Employees Insurance-cum-Savings Scheme, 2003, with what per cent of share being fixed as contribution in the savings fund and what per cent of share in insurance premium?

(a) 60 and 40 percent (b) 50 and 50 percent (c) 65 and 35 percent (d) 75 and 25 percent

Answer- (a)

Related Facts:

- In a meeting of Cabinet held on June 29th, 2018, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan it has been decided to double the contribution and insurance value by revising the Employees Insurance-cum-Savings Scheme, 2003, with 60% share being fixed as contribution in the savings fund and 40% share in insurance premium.
- This arrangement will be effective from July 1, 2018, as Employee Insurance-cum-Savings Scheme, 2018.
- This will benefit about 4.50 lakh employees of the state.
- The Cabinet has decided to include nearly 50 lakh additional families of 5 cadres in State Illness Assistance Scheme.
- The five cadres include architects and handicraft artisans, pensioners of Social Security Scheme, patta holders with forest rights, Bidi labourers and unorganized labourer cadre of Mukhya Mantri Jan-Kalyan Yojana.
- After the inclusion of these cadres, now nearly 1 crore 50 lakh families will be eligible for an amount of maximum Rs 2 lakhs for the treatment of marked diseases under State Illness Assistance Fund Scheme.



Reference:

<http://mpinfo.org/Story/StoryDetails.aspx?StoryID=180529S1&CatId=2>

Madhya Pradesh cabinet decision on May 29, 2018

Question: Recently, Madhya Pradesh Cabinet has approved to extend Gokul Mahotsav Yojana related to prevalent revenue expense for next how many years from April 1, 2017 in the 12th Five-Year Plan under Animal Husbandry Department?

(a) 2 years (b) 3 years (c) 4 years (d) 5 years

Answer- (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 29th, 2018, in a meeting of the Cabinet held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan it has been decided the Cabinet has approved to extend Gokul Mahotsav Yojana related to



prevalent revenue expense up to next three years from April 1, 2017 in the 12th Five-Year Plan under Animal Husbandry Department.

- The Cabinet decided to approve total Rs 1250 crore financial structure including centre's share of Rs 750 crore and state's share of Rs 500 crore for continuation of National Agriculture Development Scheme from year 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- The Cabinet has decided to grant approval of total Rs 1172 crore 68 lakh 90 thousand including centre's share of Rs 703 crore 61 lakh 34 thousand and state's share of Rs 469 crore 7 lakh 56 thousand financial structure for continuation of National Food Security Scheme from year 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- The Cabinet has decided to grant approval of total Rs 113 crore 20 lakh 92 thousand.
- In this there is a centre's share of Rs 67 crore 92 lakh 55 thousand and state's share of Rs 45 crore 28 lakh 37 thousand financial structure for continuation of Soil Health Card Scheme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture from year 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- In order to provide relief to farmers affected by natural calamities, the Cabinet approved to continue the scheme of contribution of State government in the coming years and to provide the necessary provision in the budget of Cooperative Department to change small term loans to mid-term loans.

Reference:

<http://mpinfo.org/Story/StoryDetails.aspx?StoryID=180529S1&CatId=2>

Chandranna Bima Yojana

Question: Recently, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched the third year of Chandranna Bima Yojana in Amravati. What is not correct in the choice of this scheme in relation to this scheme?

- (a) The scheme was launched for the first time on October 2, 2016.
- (b) Beneficiaries of the age group of 8-65 years will receive the benefit of this scheme.
- (c) Under the scheme, around 2.5 crore workers of the unorganized sector will be benefited.
- (d) Under the scheme, a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs will be provided in case of permanent disability due to accidental death or accident.

Answer – (b)

Related Facts

- On May 31st, 2018, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched the third year of Chandranna Bima Yojana in Amravati.
- On October 2, 2016, for the first time in the state, the Chandranna Bima Yojana was launched.
- The second year of this plan is completed on May 31, 2018.
- The schemes of Aam Admi Bima Yojana, Pradhana Manthri Jeevana Jyothi Bima Yojana, Pradhana Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and the Individual Accident Bima Policy of the State government are included in this insurance scheme.
- According to the Chief Minister, this scheme will benefit about 25 million workers in the unorganized sector.
- The state government will pay the total sum insured; the beneficiaries will be given only 15 rupees per annum.
- The entire policy amount will be paid by the State government on behalf of the labourers.
- The beneficiaries have to pay only Rs. 15 per annum.
- The beneficiaries aged between 18 to 70 years or their dependents will get insurance of Rs. 5 lakh for accidental death, up to Rs. 2.50 lakh for temporary disability due to an accident and up to Rs. 5 lakh for permanent disability due to an accident



Samagra Sansadhan Portal and Mobile App

Question: Recently, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarai Vijayan inaugurated the Samagra Sansadhan portal and mobile app. What is not true in this regard?

- (a) It was inaugurated on May 31, 2018.
- (b) More than 40,000 classrooms will be made hi-tech through this portal and mobile app by June 2018.
- (c) This portal and mobile app have been developed by Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education.
- (d) Guidelines have been issued to the educational directors to ensure the utilization of the overall resource portal in 55,000 classrooms by the state government.

Answer- (d)

Related Facts:

- On May 31, 2018, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarai Vijayan inaugurated the Samagra Sansadhan portal and mobile app.
- Over 40,000 classrooms are set to go hi-tech across the state by June this year with the Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education developing a portal and its mobile app for the purpose.
- For this purpose, this portal and mobile app have been developed by Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education.
- The state government has issued an order directing educational directors to ensure proper use of the Samagra Resource Portal in 45,000 classrooms.
- It also contains over 19,000 digital resources in the form of videos, audios, pictures, interactive simulations, which can be sorted class and subject wise.
- Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) has already provided specific training in Samagra to 74,000 teachers during this summer vacation.
- Under a state government initiative- IT@School Project- that aims to impart IT education to schools, it was decided to digitise 45,000 classrooms in Kerala and make them hi-tech.
- The project envisages a comprehensive up gradation of various elements of classroom learning such as infrastructure, textbooks, learning materials, teacher training, handbooks, monitoring and evaluation, and e-governance using ICT.
- According to K Anvar Sadath, Vice Chairman and Executive Director, KITE, 34,500 schools have been made hi-tech and the rest are expected to be upgraded by June end.
- The first phase would cover classes 8 to 12 and the second phase from 1 to 7.



Reference:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/portal-mobile-app-developed-for-use-in-hi-tech-classes-in-ker-118052900819_1.html

Hot Cooked Food Scheme

Question: Recently, the decision to resume the hot cooked food scheme in the Uttar Pradesh cabinet meeting was taken. In this regard, what is not true in the alternative?

- (a) This scheme will now be linked with mid-day meal to be distributed in basic schools.
- (b) Under the decision, mid-day meals (food) of



Anganwadi will be cooked centers only in basic schools.

(c) The scheme was started to provide nutritious food to children at Anganwadi centers.

(d) The number of children of 3-6 years of age getting benefit t Anganwadi centers is 38.11 lakh.

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On May 29th, 2018; in the meeting of UP Cabinet it was decided to resume the hot cooked food scheme, closed before for a long time.
- This scheme will now be linked with Mid-Day Meals to be distributed in Basic schools and Mid-Day Meal will be cooked in Anganwadi centers only in Basic schools.
- The number of children of 3 years and 6 years of age who have benefitted at Anganwadi centers is 39.11 lakh.
- Monthly expenditure on hot cooked food is estimated at 43.99 crores and annual expenditure is Rs. 527.98 crores.
- Under the hot cooked food scheme hot food cooked by the Anganwadi workers served to the children of age 3-6 years present in Anganwadi centers.
- The children of 3-6 years of age will be provided with 300 grams of calories and 7-8 grams of protein through hot-cooked food and 200 grams of calories and 7 grams of protein through Morning Snacks at Anganwadi center.
- The rate of Rs 8 per beneficiary per day for children up to the age of 3-6 years by the Government of India is permissible.
- This amount is proposed to be spent in ratio of Rs.3.50 on Morning Snacks and 4.50 on Hot-cooked food.

Reference:

<http://information.up.nic.in/attachments/files/5b0d73b2-9120-4811-9261-41e80af72573.pdf>

PRAAPTI: app

Question: Which Ministry recently launched the PRAAPTI app and web portal?

(a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (b) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

(c) Ministry of Power (Energy) (d) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On May 29th, 2018, Union Minister of State for Energy (Independent Charge) R.K. Singh launched the web portal “PRAAPTI” (Payment Ratification and Analysis in Power Procurement for bringing transparency in Invoicing of generators) www.praapti.in
- PRAAPTI app and web portal have been developed to bring transparency in power transactions between power producers and power distribution companies (discom).
- This app and web portal will collect invoices and payment data for various long-term power purchase agreements from power producers.
- This will help the stakeholders to obtain monthly and traditional data of the outstanding balance of power distribution companies in terms of power purchase.
- Through this app, users can also get information related to the payments made to the power producer by the power distribution companies, can also evaluate the financial performance of the companies.
- This portal will be helpful in evaluating the relative ease of payment to various power producers companies in the relative assessment of power distribution companies to various states.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179615>

Inauguration of European gas pipeline

Question- Recently, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev inaugurated a pipeline at Sangachal Terminal. In this regard, which one among the given is not true?

- (a) Sangachal Terminal is located 55 kilometers (35 miles) north-west of the capital Baku.
- (b) This pipeline will make the first direct route for gas transportation in Europe's largest gas fields except Russia.
- (c) The purpose of the Southern Gas Project is to transport gas from Caspian Sea to Europe (3,500 km).
- (d) The total cost of amount of this project is 40 billion US dollars (35 billion euro).

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- May 29, 2018, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev inaugurated a pipeline at Sangachal Terminal.
- This pipeline will create the first direct route to transport gas from one of the world's largest fields to Europe bypassing Russia.
- Sangachal Terminal is located 55 kilometers (35 miles) southwest of the capital Baku.
- The purpose of the Southern Gas Project is to transport gas from Caspian Sea to Europe (3,500 km).
- The total cost of amount of this project is 40 billion US dollars (35 billion euro).
- 10 billion cubic meters of natural gas in Europe from the South Gas Corridor by year 2020 In addition Turkey will be sent 6 billion cubic meters of gas.
- By 2020, the Southern Gas Corridor is expected to bring around 10 billion cubic meters of natural gas to Europe a year. Another 6 billion cubic meters of gas will go to Turkey.
- The South Caucasus Pipeline from Azerbaijan will transport gas to Turkey, where it will feed into Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline, or TANAP.



Reference:

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/azerbaijan-inaugurates-european-gas-pipeline-132528>

Distribution of benefits of Mukhyamantri Jan-Kalyan (Sambal) Yojana

Question: What is not correct in the option in relation to Mukhyamantri Jan-Kalyan (Sambal) Yojana?

- (a) The scheme will be launched by the Government of Madhya Pradesh on June 13, 2018.
- (b) Registered beneficiaries under the scheme will be eligible for profit from previous 1st May 2018.
- (c) Beneficiaries registered under the scheme will not be deprived of the benefits of other schemes.
- (d) No limit has been set for medical facility.

Answer- (b)

Related Facts:

- Madhya Pradesh Government will launch the Mukhyamantri Jan-Kalyan (Sambal) Yojana on June 13, 2018.



- This scheme will bring a new dawn in the lives of the poor and will bridge the gap between rich and poor. Benefits of the scheme will be distributed to beneficiaries on June 13 at the Janpad headquarters in the state.
- Distribution of benefits to the beneficiaries will continue at the gram panchayat and urban body level.
- Beneficiaries registered under the scheme will not be deprived of the benefits of other schemes.
- Through Jan-Kalyan Yojana the government stands with the poor. Cheques of financial assistance of Rs 4 thousand and Rs 12 thousand will be given from April 1 to May 30 to those beneficiaries in whose houses either boy child or girl child up to two children is born.
- Rs 2 lakh assistance will be given in case of natural death in the family of any beneficiary and Rs 4 lakh assistance will be given in case of accidental death.
- For last rites Rs 5 thousand will be provided to the beneficiary in cash.
- The Chief Minister said that a committee of five persons from the public will be formed at the gram panchayat and urban body level for monitoring and supervision of the scheme.
- Efforts will be made to enhance employment resources by linkage of self-help groups with banks.
- No limit will be set for medical treatment. Government hospitals of the border states of other states will also be linked to the sick assistance scheme.
- He distributed registration cards of unorganized sector labourers, residential pattas, forest rights certificates and assistance amount under Mukhya Mantri Swarozgar Yojana and free gas connections of Ujjwala Yojana to 5-5 beneficiaries each from Satna and Katni district in a symbolic form.

Reference:

<https://www.nayaindia.com/hindi-news/madhya-pradesh-shivraj-singh-chauhan-jan-kalyan-yojna.html>

Madhya Pradesh Shramik Seva (Maternity Benefit) scheme, 2018

Question: Recently, the Chief Minister's Labor Service (Maternity Benefit) scheme, 2018, was effectively implemented in Madhya Pradesh. What is not true about this scheme?

- (a) This scheme was effective from 1st April, 2018.
 (b) Under the scheme, the women labor of the unorganized sector will be reimbursed due to absence from work during delivery.
 (c) Under the scheme two thousand rupees will be provided in two installments.
 (d) Benefits of the scheme will be available to pregnant women, nurses and unorganized women workers of more than 18 years of age.

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On April 1st, 2018, the Madhya Pradesh Shramik Seva (Maternity Benefit) scheme, 2018 introduced for all unemployed laborers registered in all rural and urban areas of the state by the Madhya Pradesh government (applicable)) happened.
- The State Government has issued guidelines regarding this scheme.
- The women workers of unrecognized sector will be reimbursed for the financial loss due to absence from work during delivery.
- The aim of the scheme is to create a high risk pregnancy early identification, safe birth, pregnancy and vaccination after birth of the baby, cash incentive for women and child health and creating favorable environment.
- Under the scheme 16 thousand rupees will be provided in two installments.



- The eligible beneficiaries of the Janani Suraksha Yojana of the Central Government, operated in Pradash, will also get the benefit of this scheme.
- At the first pregnancy, the eligible beneficiary will be paid Rs. 3000 / – as the first and second installment in the Pradhan Mantri Matritva **Vandana Yojana** (PMMVY).
- The remaining balance of one thousand rupees will be provided under the Chief Minister's Labor Service (Maternity Benefit) scheme.
- The entire amount of Rs. 4 thousand rupees will be paid to the beneficiary on the second pregnancy only by the Chief Minister's Labor Service (Maternity Benefit) scheme.
- In the first deliverable Prime Minister Mata Vandana Yojana, the amount of Rs. 2 thousand rupees of the third installment can be taken at the end of the first vaccination cycle in the prescribed period.
- Benefits of scheme will be available to pregnant women, nurses and unorganized women workers of more than 18 years of age.
- Maternity Aid will be available at the Government Hospital and at the maximum of two live birth deliveries.
- The amount of eligible beneficiaries will be deposited in the Aadhar linked bank account.

Reference:

<http://www.dprmp.org/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=537092&disid=2>

Expansion of policies under the DAY-NULM

Question: In which year National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) was started by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs?

(a) 2014 (b) 2015 (c) 2016 (d) 2018

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 18th, 2018, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs (Independent Charge) Hardeep Singh Puri announced the expansion has expanded its ambit "The National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) to cover some additional sectors in the informal economy.
- The National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), seeks to reduce poverty and vulnerability of the urban poor through access to gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities.
- This announcement was made at a Workshop on "Making Cities Work for All: Integrating the informal economy organised by National Institute of Urban Affairs in collaboration with Women in the Informal Employment.
- In addition to providing social security, strengthening tenure security and improving basic infrastructure and public services in informal settlements where urban poor are concentrated, these initiatives are likely to reduce vulnerability and improve working conditions.
- Informal employment includes all those workforce who are neither covered by any social security net nor have any form of job security and the informal sector includes enterprises that take the form of unincorporated partnerships and proprietorships (having less than 10 workers).
- The National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) was started by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in the year 2015.
- Its purpose is to provide social security, reduce poverty and developing skill among the urban poor and increase self-employment.



National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM)
Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation
Government of India

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179382>

Cauvery Management Plan Approved

Question: Recently, the Cauvery Management Plan draft submitted by the Center was approved by the Supreme Court to ensure the smooth distribution of Cauvery water among the four states of South India. Which of the following States does not include these four states in the alternative?

(a) Karnataka (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Puducherry

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 18th May, 2018, the Supreme Court approved the Centre's draft Cauvery Management Scheme for smooth distribution of water among four southern riparian states (Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Puducherry).
- The three-member bench of Chief Justice Deepak Mishra, Justice A.M. Khanvilkar and Justice D.Y. Chandrachud rejected the suggestions of Karnataka and Kerala governments over the scheme, terming them as devoid of merits.
- The bench said that the verdict of the revised Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal will be passed to the final conclusion by the Cauvery Management Plan in the verdict of the Supreme Court on February 16, 2018.
- It is known that the apex court, in its verdict delivered on February 16, had asked the Centre to frame the Cauvery management scheme, including creation of the Cauvery Management Board, for release of water from Karnataka to Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry.
- The bench also dismissed Tamil Nadu's plea seeking initiation of contempt against the Centre for non-finalisation of Cauvery scheme. .
- The apex court clarified that it will see that this scheme is only in reference to the court's decision.
- Earlier, the court had objected to the provision of giving the right to center about the direction of the scheme from time to time, which resulted in that the center removed of this provision.



Reference:

http://ptinews.com/news/9732163_SC-approves-draft-Cauvery-Management-Scheme

Increase in the amount of Shagun Yojana

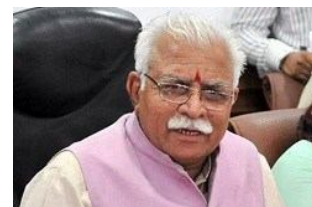
Question: Recently, under the Social Harmony Inter-caste Marriage Shagun Yojana the Haryana Government has decided to give how much amount in the form of incentive to the couple who have done inter-caste marriage in the state.

(a) 1.50 lakhs (b) 2.00 lacs (c) 2.50 lakhs (d) 3.00 lacs

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On May 17th, 2018, the Haryana government decided to give with immediate effect an amount of 2.50 lakh in the form of incentive under the Chief Minister's Social Harmony Intercast Marriage Shagun Scheme to the couple doing Intercast marriage to the state.
- Previously, only 1.01 lakh rupees were made available.
- This scheme has been launched to eliminate the discrimination of caste and to increase mutual harmony in the society.



- To get the benefit of the scheme, one in the couple is required to belong to the Scheduled Castes and one from the non-Scheduled Castes.
- He must be a permanent resident of Haryana.
- This amount will be available after giving marriage registration certificate to the competent authority.
- The amount given to the couple will be given as joint fixed deposit (FD) in their name.
- This incentive amount can be withdrawn after 3 years of marriage.

Reference:

<http://prharyana.gov.in/hi/haraiyaanaa-sarakaara-nae-tauranta-parabhaava-sae-paradaesa-maen-antarajaataiya-vaivaaha-karanae>

Haryana Gramin Vikas Yojana

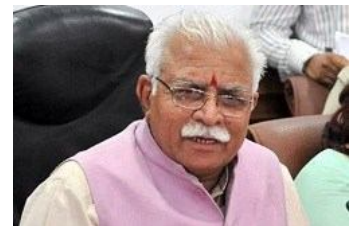
Question: How much amount has been provided for the ‘Haryana Gramin Vikas Yojana’ by the Haryana Government for the current financial year 2018-19?

(a) 450 crores (b) 475 crores (c) 500 crores (d) 550 crores

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On May 17th, 2018, a spokesperson of the Development and Panchayat Department informed that Haryana Government has started a new scheme under the name of Haryana Gramin Vikas Yojana.
- Under this scheme development work will be carried out according to the needs and necessities of the village Panchayats.
- For the current financial year 2018-19, a provision of Rs 500 crores has been made for this scheme.
- In this new scheme, the Chief Minister’s scheme for Scheduled Castes, Nirmal Basti and Footpath of Roads and Chowpal Subsidy has been merged.



Reference:

<http://prharyana.gov.in/hi/haraiyaanaa-sarakaara-nae-haraiyaanaa-garaamaina-vaikaasa-yojanaa-kae-naama-sae-eka-nai-yojanaa>

Treaty & Agreements

Agreement between Ministry of Railways and RCIL

Question: Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Rail Ministry and Indian RailTel Corporation Limited, RCIL has projected revenue of how many crore in the financial year 2018-19 from operations?

(a) 900 crores (b) 1100 crores (c) 1200 crores (d) 1400 crores

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On May 22nd, 2018, Ministry of Railways and RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RCIL), a CPSE under the administrative control of the Ministry of Railways, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- RCIL is implementing several Rail projects all over India for doubling, New Line, Electrification, Workshops etc.



- The MoU was signed by Railway Board Secretary, Shri Ranjanesh Sahai and RCIL, Chairman and Managing Director, Shri N. Kashinath and laid down the targets for 18-19, both financial and physical, for various important Projects.
- As per targets under MoU, RCIL has projected revenue from operations of Rs. 1200 crore and several other target regarding CCTV & Wi-Fi at Stations development of Content on Demand (CoD) services on trains etc.

See the links below:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179499>

Agreement in India and Vietnam

Question- Recently, the Union Cabinet was informed about the postal stamps issued jointly by the Postal Department of India and Vietnam. In this regard, what is not true in the alternative?

- (a) The joint postage stamp was released on 25th February, 2018.
 (b) An agreement was taken place between the Postal Department (Ministry of Communications) and Viet Nara Post, on releasing of India-Vietnam: joint stamps on 'ancient architecture'.
 (c) On the Indo-Vietnam joint memorial postal stamp, a picture of Sanchi Stupa and Pho Minh Pagoda is printed.
 (d) The Memorandum of Understanding for the release of joint stamps between the Postal Departments of the two countries was signed on December 18, 2017.

Ans: (a)

Related Facts:-

- On June 13th, 2018, the Union Cabinet was informed about the postal stamp jointly issued by the Postal Department of India and Vietnam.
- An agreement was taken place between the Postal Department (Ministry of Communications) and Viet Nara Post, on issuing of India-Vietnam: joint stamps on 'ancient architecture'
- This joint postage stamp was released on January 25th, 2018.
- On the India-Vietnam joint commemorative postal stamp, a picture of Sanchi Stupa (India) and Pho Minh Pagoda (Vietnam) is printed.
- The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 18 December 2017 to issue joint stamps between the postal department of India and Vietnam.



See also the links below:-

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179942>

Agreement in ICMR-INSERM, France

Question: Recently, information was given by the Union Cabinet regarding the MOU between Indian Medical Research Institute (ICMR) and Institut National de la Santeet de la Recherche Medicale Medicale (INSERM). In which month the Memorandum of Understanding was signed?

- (a) January, 2018 (b) February, 2018 (c) March 2018 (d) April, 2018

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 13th, 2018, the Union Cabinet was given information



regarding the MOU between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Institut National de la Santeet de la RechercheMedicale Medicale (INSERM), France.

- The Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions was signed in March 2018.
- Its aim is to cooperate with each other in areas of mutual interest in medical, biological science and health research field.
- Based on the best scientific methods of both sides biological ethics, rare diseases and interactions between the areas as diabetes metabolic (metabolic) disorders, the ethics and regulatory issues of genes editing technique and rare diseases mutual interaction consideration to focus on other areas of interest was agreed upon.
- This agreement memorandum will further strengthen relations between the two sides in the field of mutual interest under the rule of international scientific and technology cooperation.

See also the links below:-

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179936>

Agreement between India and Denmark

Question- Recently Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in April 2018 between India and Denmark on technical cooperation in which of the following fields was appraised?

(a) Information Technology (b) Electronics (c) Formic management and public administration
(d) Continuous and smart urban development

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On June 6th, 2018, the Union Cabinet was apprised of the MoU signed in April, 2018, between India and Denmark for technical cooperation in the field of sustainable and smart urban development.
- Its purpose is to promote bilateral cooperation in the field of continuous and smart urban development based on reciprocity and shared benefit through the exchange of knowledge through institutional cooperation, research and development and commercial relations on related issues.
- Under this MoU the two sides agreed to increase mutual cooperation in the areas of cooperation such as smart urban solutions, survival, durable and integrated urban planning, redevelopment and land use, waste in energy, integrated solid waste management, sustainable transportation system, water and sanitation management, energy efficiency, consumption of resources and other related areas etc.
- A Joint Working Group will be constituted to implement strategies of programs for cooperation under the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding.



See also the links below:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179819>

Agreement in India and Netherlands

Question: Recently, the Union Cabinet gave approval to the Memorandum of Understanding signed in April, 2018 between India and the Netherlands on technical cooperation in which of the following fields?

(a) Continuous urban development (b) Information Technology



(c) Water management and mobility management (d) Electronics and Information Technology

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 6th, 2018, the MoU between India and the Netherlands was approved by the Union Cabinet on technical cooperation in the field of spatial planning, water management and mobility management.
- The purpose of this MoU is to provide water supply and drainage system, reusing waste water and recycling, conserving clean water by artificial development of water sources, integrated solid waste management and heritage conservation and parity for mutual benefits, affordable housing, smart city Based on the development, geographical information system, between the two countries, the area of local planning, water management and mobility management encourage participation and strengthen it.
- Joint Working Group will be formed to formulate and implement strategies for programs under MOU
- Meeting of This group will be held in India and the Netherlands respectively once a year.

See also the links below:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179822>

Agreement in India and Britain

Question: Recently for technical cooperation in which of the given fields a MoU was signed in April, 2018, between India and Britain?

(a) Public administration (b) Renewable energy (c) Continuous urban development
(d) Information Technology

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 6th, 2018, the Union Cabinet apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding signed in April, 2018, between India and Britain on technical cooperation in the field of continuous urban development.
- Its aim is to provide institutional support and strengthen the two countries in the field of sustainable urban development.
- In the areas of cooperation Development of smart cities, solid waste management, environmentally friendly affordable housing, waste water management, capacity building in urban institutions, skill development in urban areas, urban mobility, intellectual transport system and change centric development, innovation in financial access and other related fields are included.
- Under this MoU, an India-UK joint working group will be constituted.
- This work group will formulate strategies and programs on cooperation in the ambit of the Memorandum of Understanding.



See also the links below:-

https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-cm/cabinet-approves-memorandum-of-understanding-mou-between-india-and-united-kingdom-118060700435_1.html

Agreement between India and Peru

Question: Recently an approval has been given by the Union Cabinet to the agreement signed between India and Peru in May, 2018. This agreement is for which of the following fields?

(a) Information Technology (b) Agriculture (c) New and renewable energy (d) Tax evasion

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 13th, 2018, the Union Cabinet approved the agreement between India and Peru in the field of New and Renewable energy.
- This agreement was signed in May 2018 in Lima, Peru.
- The purpose of the agreement is to establish collaborative institutional relations between the two countries to enhance technical bilateral cooperation on the basis of mutual benefit and equality in the context of new and renewable energy.
- Under this agreement, a Joint Committee has been constituted to prepare an action plan for implementation.
- Peru is located in the South American continent whose capital is 'Lima'.
- The currency of this country is Nuevo Sol, and the most of population (90 percent) of living here is the people from Christian faith.



See also the links below:-

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peru>

Agreement in Ministry of MSME and Ministry of AYUSH

Question: Recently, the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and the Ministry of AYUSH . In this regard, what is not true in the alternative?

- (a) This MoU was signed on June 4, 2018.
(b) The objective of this agreement is to establish India as a 'Global Health Service' and to be a global leader.
(c) This partnership has been done by both the Ministries to develop enterprises in AYUSH sector.
(d) Under the Memorandum of Understanding, MSME Ministry will provide financial assistance to the AYUSH Ministry for developing AYUSH enterprises.

Ans: (d)

Related Facts:-

- On June 4, 2018, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministries of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and the Ministry of AYUSH in New Delhi in the presence of the State Ministers of both the Ministries.
- This Memorandum of Understanding will ensure reconciliation through the institutions and schemes of both the Ministries for the development of AYUSH enterprises in the country.
- The aim of this partnership is to establish India as a global leader in 'Holistic Health Care'.
- This partnership has been done by both the ministries to develop enterprises in the AYUSH sector.
- The two ministries will organize regional workshops for the development of entrepreneurship in the AYUSH sector and the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium



Enterprises will formulate new schemes with the help of SIDBI for the benefit AYUSH industries.

- AYUSH industry includes Ayurveda, Greek, Siddha and Homeopathy drug manufacturing units as well as public and private health care delivery centers.

See also the links below:-

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintHindiRelease.aspx?relid=72567>

First MRA to be done with FTA Partners

Question-Recently Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) was signed in the nursing sector between India and Singapore. In this regard, which of the following is not true in the given options?

- (a) It was signed on June 1, 2018.
- (b) This is the first Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with FTA affiliates.
- (c) Under this it was agreed to recognize 5 Indian nursing institutes in Singapore.
- (d) This will pave the way for healthcare providers to reach overseas markets.

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 1st June 2018, India has signed the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) in Nursing with Singapore. This is the first MRA signed by India with any of FTA partners.
- In a major gain for India, Singapore agreed to expand coverage of Indian nursing institutions by recognising seven (7) nursing institutions in the MRA.
- This has paved way for our healthcare service providers to institutionally access markets abroad.
- It will further open up doors for India to enter into similar mutual recognition arrangements with other countries.
- India and Singapore concluded the 2nd Review of India Singapore CECA which was officially announced by both sides today during Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's State visit to Singapore.
- Both countries could reach a common understanding on various unresolved issues in the 2nd Review which were pending since 2010.
- In the review, India and Singapore agreed to expand the coverage of tariff concessions, liberalize the rules of origin and incorporate new Product Specific Rules (PSRs) to further enhance the trade between the two countries.



See also the links below:

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MoUs Signed Under “Adopt a Heritage” Scheme to Enrich Tourism

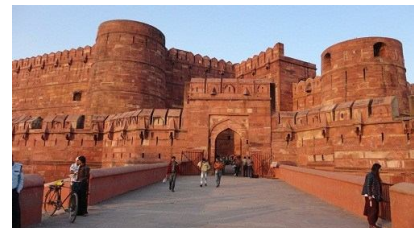
Question- How many MoUs were signed under “Adopt a Heritage” scheme for the sustainable development of heritage and tourism?

- a) 3 b) 6 c) 4 d) 2

Answer- a

Related facts:

- According to the PIB Press Release posted on 19 June 2018, Shri Raghvendra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, proclaimed that 3 MoUs were signed under



“Adopt a Heritage” scheme , 6 are at headway and 31 more Adarsh Monuments are enlisted for being included in the scheme.

- The scheme is administered by Ministry of Culture , Ministry of Tourism and Archaeological Survey of India.
- Project aims to induce Public Sector Companies ,Private Sector Companies and Corporate Citizens/individuals for taking the responsibility of multidimensional development under the CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) activities through operation and maintenance of world- class tourist infrastructure and amenities.
- The programme primarily focuses on providing basic amenities like cleanliness, public conveniences, drinking water, ease of access for differently abled and senior citizens, standardized signage, illumination and advanced amenities such as surveillance system, night viewing facilities, tourism facilitation center and an enhanced tourism experience for increment of tourism on mass level.
- Regarding “Adopt a Heritage scheme” pertaining to Red Fort being put on hold Ministry of Culture has clarified that project is making good progress.

Reference:

<http://www.pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1535947>

Agreement between NMDC, NLC and ECT

Question: Recently, the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) Limited and NLC India Limited signed an MoU with Environment Clean Technologies of Australia for the establishment of R & D facility at which of the following places for cooperation in research and development?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Karnataka
(d) Haryana

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 30th, 2018, National Mines Development Corporation (NMDC) Limited and NLC India Limited (formerly Neyveli Lignite Corporation) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Australia’s Environment Clean Technologies for cooperation in research and development.
- This MOU was signed in Canberra, Australia.
- Its aim is to set up Research and Development (R & D) facility in Tamil Nadu.
- The goal of this MoU is to develop jointly low emission iron and steel process through an integrated Coldry-Mamtor plant to be built in India.
- A special purpose vehicle will also be built to complete the R & D phase of the project.
- This project will be executed in two phases.
- Phase-I involves an AUD 35-million R&D phase funded by the Indian partners, which aims at scaling up ECT matmor-coldry technologies to deliver an integrated pilot plant capable of producing approximately two tonnes of metal per hour.
- Phase-II involves commercial expansion targeting an integrated steel-making facility with a proposed capacity of five-lakh-tonne per annum at an estimated cost of AUD 300 million.



Reference:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/nmdc-nlc-sign-pact-with-australian-firm-for-r-d-118053000700_1.html

Partnership of Indian Meteorological Department for sending alert for extreme weather

Question- Recently, with whom of the following partnership for sending alert for extreme weather was made by the Indian Meteorological Department?

- (a) National Disaster Response Force (b) Uttar Pradesh Meteorological Department
(c) BSNL (d) Ocean Development Department

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 27th May, 2018, according to senior officials of the Earth Science Ministry the Indian Meteorological Department has partnered with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to send a warning of severe weather.
- Its purpose is to provide the public with warning information about extreme weather.
- In the case of worst weather, the Indian Meteorological Department will send alert to BSNL, and with the help of BSNL technology, this alert will be forwarded to all BSNL customers registered in Delhi area.
- This is an experimental phase and will be shared with other weather agencies after its success.



Reference:

<https://telecom.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/imd-teams-up-with-bsnl-to-send-extreme-weather-warnings/64344672>

Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India signs an MoU with Government of Uttar Pradesh

Question: Recently, the Memorandum of Understanding between Central Women and Child Development Ministry and Women and Child Development Department, Uttar Pradesh was signed. Which one of the given is not true in the regards to MoU?

- (a) This MoU was signed in New Delhi.
(b) Its purpose is to manage the house for widows in Sunrakh Bangar, Vrindavan.
(c) The valid duration of the Memorandum is 5 years.
(d) The MoU was signed on May 29, 2018.

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 29th May, 2018, the Ministry of Women and Child and Development, Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh, in New Delhi for management of Home of Widows at Sunrakh Bangar, Vrindavan.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has constructed this shelter home for widows with a capacity of 1000 inmates.
- The MoU shall be in force for a period of 2 years which may be renewed for further period on satisfactory running of the Home.



- The Home shall be run by the Government of Uttar Pradesh themselves or by any state government institution or by any civil society or by any reputed non-government organization to be decided by the State Government.
- According to the MoU, the Government of Uttar Pradesh shall be responsible for activities including setting up mechanism for identifying beneficiaries, providing residential care to the widows, deploying staff as per norms with prescribed qualification and experience.
- The MoU further states that senior officials of Government of Uttar Pradesh shall visit and check the security staff periodically and monitor their performance.
- The MoU also includes provisions for facilitating Aadhar Cards for all inmates and medical/geriatric care for inmates.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179614>

Agreement in YMCA University of Science and Technology and Ador

Question: Recently, an agreement has been done between the YMCA University of Science and Technology Faridabad and Ador Welding Limited Mumbai. In relation to this agreement, what is not true in the alternative?

- Under the agreement, Ador Company will organize seminars and workshops for training of students in accordance with industrial requirements.
- Apart from this, the company will provide internship and employment opportunities for university students.
- The purpose of the agreement is to increase the employment potential of the students in the welding and manufacturing sector.
- The company offered technical support and 25 percent discount on equipment for setting up excellence centers based on welding technology in the university campus.

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On May 9th, 2018, the agreement was signed between Ador Welding Limited, Mumbai's leading company in YMCA University of Science and Technology, Faridabad (Haryana) and welding equipment manufacturing sector.
- This agreement, on behalf of the University, was signed by Dr. Vikram Singh, Dean (Academic) and Shekhar Gupta, Senior Manager (Northern Area) of Ador Company.
- On this occasion, the company offered technical support and 50 percent discount on equipment for setting up an excellence center based on welding technology in the university campus.
- In addition to organizing seminars and workshops for the training of students in accordance with the industrial requirements of Ador Company, internships and employment opportunities will also be made available to the university students.
- The benefits of this agreement will also be available to the students of Engineering, as well as students of the Welding Diploma Course, run by the University's Community College.



Reference:

<http://www.prharyana.gov.in/hi/node/25210>

India and Norway sign MoU to extend health cooperation

Question: For the cooperation in which field recently a MoU has been signed between India and Norway?

a) Defense b) Space research c) Oil exploration d) Health Sector

Ans: (d)

Related Facts:-



- On June 7, 2018; the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for extending the cooperation in the health sector.
- Smt. Preeti Sudan, Secretary (HFW) and Mr. ILS Ragnar Kamsvåg, Ambassador of Norway signed the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Through the Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI), this cooperation will be extended for the span of three (from 2018 to 2020) years.
- This cooperation between India and Norway is in accordance with the development aims of the Government of India as outlined in its National Health Policy 2017 for achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- It will help in focusing about the global health issues of common interest.
- It will enable cooperation in the areas related to maternal, new-born, child health and shall build on experiences from NIPI phase I and II.
- NIPI Phase 3 (2018-2020) will be built on the experiences of NIPI Phase I and II.
- It will extend up to the intensified districts and also establish an innovation hub.
- The best practices in maternal and newborn child health carried out under the National Health Mission and NIPI will be shared for global proliferation and learning.
- The NIPI initiative through its work in the last ten years during 2007-2017 has resulted in newer initiatives.
- At national level NIPI has also supported for providing National Health Mission through the credible technical support in the five Indian states.

See the links below:-

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179856>

Agreement between Governments of India World Bank

Question: In order to Strengthening Public Financial Management in Rajasthan Project, the Government of Rajasthan and the World Bank signed a loan agreement of how much million US dollar?

(a) 20.8 million US \$ (b) 21.7 million US \$ (c) 23.5 million US \$

(d) 25.6 million US \$

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:



- On May 29, 2018, the Government of India, the Government of Rajasthan and the World Bank signed a \$21.7 million loan agreement for the Strengthening Public Financial Management in Rajasthan Project.
- With higher devolution of central funds to the states, the Project will help the state government put in place systems for better planning and budget management, enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in public spending, and strengthen the capacity of the revenue systems across key departments.
- These departments include Finance, Excise and Commercial Taxes Planning, and the Department of Information Technology, among others.

- The agreement for the Project was signed by Sameer Kumar Khare, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India; Manju Rajpal, Secretary Finance (Budget), on behalf of the Government of Rajasthan; and Hisham Abdo, Acting Country Director, World Bank India, on behalf of the World Bank.
- Rajasthan recognizes the need to strengthen both its expenditure and revenue sides, to address the rising requirements for higher development and social expenditure.
- The Project will help the departments put in place architecture to strengthen Public Financial Management (PFM) rules, regulations & practices through modernized procurement arrangements; robust audit functions; better commitment management processes; leverage IT infrastructure to enhance use of latest technologies such as big data; and a more efficient tax assessment and audit procedure.
- The state government is acutely aware of the need for higher efficiency in public expenditure and has already made progress in fiscal consolidation since the adoption of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act (FRBM Act).
- The Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) – a complete web-based solution for capturing government's financial transactions including budget planning, preparation, allocation and distribution, fund management, treasury operations, and accounting is already functional.
- The state has also enacted the Rajasthan Transparency in Public Procurement (RTPP) Act to regulate and strengthen procurement regulations.
- Another major initiative of the government was the introduction of the 'Bhamashah' scheme for efficient service delivery by enrolling women as the head of family.
- The \$21.70 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), has a 6-year grace period, and a maturity of 14 years.

Reference:

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2018/05/29/project-signing-rajasthan-strengthen-fiscal-performance-under-new-world-bank-project>

Agreement in Railway Ministry and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

Question: According to the MoU signed recently between Railway Ministry and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited, what is the target of earning revenue from operations for Rail Vikas Nigam Limited in the financial year 2018-19?

(a) 6600 crores (b) 7500 crores (c) 7600 crores (d) 7800 crores

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- The Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Railways and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) was signed on May 21, 2018.
- This MoU was done in the context of the company's financial and non-financial goals.
- Secretary, Railway Board Ranjanesh Sahai and Chairman and Managing Director of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited, S.C. Agnihotri have signed on this MoU in Rail Bhawan.
- Under the Memorandum of Understanding, for the financial year 2018-19, a target of earning revenue from operations for Rail Vikas Nigam Limited has been set at Rs. 7600 crores.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179438>

Conference

Conference on National Consultation on Child Protection

Question: At which of the following places the Conference on National Consultation on Child Protection was held recently?

(a) Jaipur (b) Lucknow (c) New Delhi (d) Bhubaneswar

Answer: (c)

Related Facts

- On June 5th, 2018, the National Consultation Conference on Child Protection was held in New Delhi.
- It was organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- This discussion in this conference was held on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Juvenile Justice Act (POSCO), 2012 for Sexual Offenses.
- In the discussions, best practices and experiences were shared by the Police Department of various states.



See also the links below:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179781>

Unofficial Meet of Foreign Ministers of IBSA

Question- The unofficial meet of Foreign Ministers of India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) concluded at which of the following places on June 4th, 2018?

(a) New Delhi (b) Johannesburg (c) Pretoria (d) Saint Petersburg

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 4th, 2018, the informal meeting of the Foreign Ministers of India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) was concluded in Pretoria, South Africa.
- In this meeting, Indian Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj, South Africa's Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Lindiwe Sisulu, and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, Mr. Marcos Bezerra Abbott Galvao
- Foreign ministers exchanged views on cooperation related to development and cooperation between developing countries.
- He accepted the IBSA announcement on mutual cooperation to contribute towards the broad understanding of development cooperation in the form of an enterprise similar to developing countries. The Ministers discussed the proposed IBSA events for the year 2018-19 to celebrate the group's 15th anniversary.
- They agreed to continue cooperation between the developing countries through their multilateral missions in view of the Buenos Aires Action Plan (BAPA) +40 events.
- He also thanked Brazil for the proposal to host the 9th IBSA Trilateral Commission meeting in New York on September 28, 2018, other than the 73rd United Nations General Assembly.
- It is known that IBSA is an international trilateral group to promote international cooperation between India, Brazil and South Africa. It was established in June 2003.



See also the links below:

<https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/29956/Joint+Press+Release++IBSA+Foreign+Ministers+Meeting+Pretoria+June+04+2018>

UNWTO Executive Council's 108th Meeting

Question: In which of the following cities 108th Meeting of UNWTO Executive Council's was concluded between 23 – 25 May 2018?

(a) New York (b) Berlin (c) Rome (d) San Sebastian

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- During 23 and 25 May, 2018, the 108th Meeting of the UNWTO Executive Council held in San Sebastian, Spain.
- In this three-day meeting, the Indian delegation was represented by Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism, Shri K. J. Alphons.
- Alphons chaired the meeting of the UNWTO's 'Program and Budget' Committee.
- Minister of State for Tourism (Independent Charge) met the UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili and discussed the development of a joint action plan with focus on tourism innovation and digital transformation.
- Apart from this, the Indian delegation participated in discussions on tourism and digital transformation and started the 'Digital India Program' initiated by the Central Government to convert India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.
- It is known that the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is an agency of the United Nations responsible for promoting responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.
- It was founded in the year 1975 and it has headquarters in Madrid, Spain.
- The Council meets at least twice a year, *the next to be held in Bahrain.*



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179583>

Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zonal-01

Question: Where was the meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zonal-01 held recently?

(a) Bhopal (b) Ranchi (c) Patna (d) Dehradun

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On 28 May, 2018; the meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zonal-01 held in a local hotel located at ISBT in Dehradun.
- This meeting was held for the first time in Uttarakhand.
- The meeting was chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan.
- Zone wise meetings are being organized in the context of these subjects, how the state can be connected to each other and how the development is being done.
- It is known that presently Sumitra Mahajan is the President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)



See also the links below:

<http://www.dailypioneer.com/state-editions/dehradun/lok-sabha-speaker-arrives-to-attend-cpa-meet.html>

Kisaan Maha-Sammelan in MP

Question- On June 10th, 2018, at which of the following places the Kisaan Maha-Sammelan under the Krishak Samriddhi Yojana, organized in Madhya Pradesh?

(a) Bhopal (b) Jabalpur (c) Circle (d) Shivpuri

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 10th, 2018, Kisan Maha Sammelan held under the Krishak Samraddhi Yojana was organized in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- During this sammelan, the incentive through RTGS/NEFT directly in the bank accounts of wheat, gram, red lentil and mustard producing farmers of Rabi year 2018-19 were transfer by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan.
- On this day, Kisan Maha Sammelan was also organized at the development blocks of the state.
- In addition to agricultural seminars in the conference, exhibition focused on agricultural achievement and modern techniques of agriculture will also be set up.
- Agricultural scientists in the seminar conveyed the farming techniques to the farmers.
- In the Sammelan, information was provided to farmers about Soil Health Cards, changes in crop cycle, innovative advanced seed, intermediate crop, promoting horticultural crops, plantation on the fence of farms, organic farming, prime minister crop insurance scheme, custom hiring and custom processing, animal husbandry, fisheries with the promotion of the Chief Minister's Youth Venture Scheme.



See also the links below:

<https://www.dprmp.org/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=549256&disid=25>

East India Climate Change conclave

Question: Where was the East India Climate Change Conclave held in June 2018?

(a) Bhubaneswar (b) Patna (c) Ranchi (d) Raipur

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On 24-25 June, 2018 Eastern East India Climate Change Conclave was organized in Patna, Bihar.
- The conference was jointly inaugurated by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Union Forest, Environment and Climate Change Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan at Gyan Bhavan.
- It was organized by the Bihar Environment and Forest Department with the support of Asian Development Research Institute and Action on Climate Expert Parties.
- The conclave was attended by ministers and officials of 6 Eastern states namely Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Assam.
- The conclave discussed various issues related to climate change.



Reference:

<http://210.212.23.61/AdminPanel/Files/PressRelease/472.pdf>

India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission

Question- Recently, 15th session of the India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission's, was held at which of the following places?

(a) New Delhi (b) Canberra (c) Mumbai (d) Perth

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On 15th June, 2018, 15th session of the India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission was held in Canberra, Australia.
- Union Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu represented India in this session.
- He co-chaired this session with Australian Trade, Tourism and Investment Minister Steven Ciobo.
- Both the ministers gave special emphasis on the need for increasing bilateral trade and investment.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=180175>

Workshop 'Mission Raftar'

Question- Recently, the Ministry of Railways organized a one-day workshop 'Mission Raftar in New Delhi. What was the purpose of mission Raftar?

- (a) Increase the average speed of freight and passenger trains up to 24 km. / h in the next five years.
- (b) Increase the average speed of freight and passenger trains up to 25 km. / h during the next 4 years.
- (c) Increase the average speed of freight and passenger trains up to 25 km. / h during the next 5 years.
- (d) Increase the average speed of freight and passenger trains up to 30 km. / h in the next 5 years.

Answer- (c)

Related Facts:

- On May 30th, 2018, Ministry of Railways conducted a one day workshop "Mission Raftar" in New Delhi.
- This mission aimed at raising the average speed of freight trains and coaching trains.
- The aim of the mission is to increase the average speed of freight and passenger trains to 25 km / h in the next five years.
- The average speed of freight trains is 24 km. / h while the average speed of passenger trains (excluding suburban trains) is 44 km. / h.
- The main railway route under the Golden Quadrilateral is Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Howrah, Howrah-Chennai, Chennai-Mumbai and Howrah-Mumbai.
- These routes operate 58 percent freight traffic and 52 percent passenger traffic, which is only 15 percent of the railway network.
- The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Rajen Gohain, Minister of State for Railways & Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman, Railway Board.
- Also, host of issues ranging from punctuality, rolling stock, removing bottlenecks in terms of traffic, elimination of Unmanned Level crossings were discussed.
- Indian Railways is enthusiastically taking up all the issues with the determination to find the solution in a time bound manner."



- Minister also stated that coal loading was highest i.e. 555 MT in 2017-18.
- In last three months, 18.7% increase is witnessed in coal loading. Ministry of Railways & Coal is coordinating well so as to ensure there is no shortage of coal in power plants.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintHindiRelease.aspx?relid=72495>

WTO's informal ministerial conference

Question- Where did the WTO's informal ministerial conference concluded recently?

(a) Canberra (b) Paris (c) Geneva (d) New Delhi

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On 31st May, 2018 an Informal Gathering of World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministers held in Paris, France.
- Twenty-Eight (28) member countries of the WTO and the Director General of the WTO attended the informal meeting.
- Commerce and Industry Minister, Suresh Prabhu, attended this an Informal Gathering.
- This Ministerial Conference was organized by Australia.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179745>

Kerala International Children's Film Festival, 2018

Question: Recently where was the International Children's Film Festival, 2018 organized in Kerala?

(a) Thrissur (b) Thiruvananthapuram (c) Kochi (d) Kovalam

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- During May 14-20, 2018, the International Children's Film Festival, 2018 was organized in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- For the first time in Kerala, Children Film Festival was organized for children above the age of 5 years and below 18 years of age.
- It was organized by the Kerala Child Welfare Council of State with the support of the Kerala State Film Academy, the Kerala State Film Development Corporation and State Children's Literature Institute.
- Over 140 films, short films and documentaries were exhibited in this ceremony.
- This event was organized in Tagore Theater, Kairali, Neela, Shri and Kala Bhawan Theater.
- During the ceremony, daily workshops were organized on the methods of making cinema.
- The main focus was on children related to orphanages and tribal areas for participation in this.
- Over 4000 national and international representatives attended the program.



Reference:

<http://www.icffk.com/about-icffk.php>

Global Wind Summit- 2018

Question- On 25th-28th September, 2018, where will the first edition of the 'Global Wind Summit-2018' be organized?

(a) New York (b) Montreal (c) Hamburg (d) Colombo

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 25th-28th September, 2018 the first Global Wind Summit will be held in Hamburg, Germany.
- This will be organized with the aim of focusing on innovations to use wind energy with green technology.
- Around 100 countries, including China, India, America, Spain, Denmark, will participate in this four-day conference.



Reference:

<http://www.windenergyhamburg.com/en/>

Associations & Organizations

IFFCO and IPL Bought Stake

Question- Recently, IFFCO and Indian Potash Ltd (IPL) jointly acquired what percentage of stake in Jordan's largest mining company?

(a) 37 percent (b) 42 percent (c) 30 percent (d) 35 percent

Answer- (a)

Related Facts:

- In May 2018, 37% stake was bought in Jordan's largest mining company by IFFCO and Indian Potash Limited (IPL) have acquired 37 per cent stake in Jordan's largest mining and chemical firm JPMC.
- The acquisition of this stake was done for the amount of Rs. 900 crores.
- These shares were bought from Kamil Holdings, a unit of Brunei Investment Agency.
- Kamil Holdings is the largest shareholder in the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) and JPMC is Jordan's largest mining company.
- This deal will ensure phosphatic storage protection of Indian farmers and will help in balanced use of fertilizers in the country.
- It is important that India is dependent on imports for phosphatic fertilizers.
- The country's largest potash fertilizer importer, the IPL has acquired a 27 per cent stake in JPMC.
- Whereas, IFFCO has purchased ten percent stake in JPMC through its subsidiary Kisan International Trading (KIT).
- IFFCO has already a joint venture with 'Jordan India Fertilizer Company' (JIFCO).
- It has 52 per cent stake in it, while JPMC has 48 per cent equity in it.



Reference:

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/ffco-ipl-acquire-37-stake-in-jordan-phosphate-mines-for-rs-900-cr/article24012208.ece>

Infosys Completed Acquisition of Wongdoody

Question- Recently, in how many million dollars Infosys has Completed Acquisition of Wongdoody?

(a) 75 million dollar (b) 80 million dollar (c) 85 million dollar (d) 90 million dollar

Answer- (a)

Related Facts:

- On May 30th, 2018, the acquisition of US-based 'Wongdoody' was confirmed by India's second largest IT Company Infosys.
- Wongdoody is a US based, full service creative and consumer insight agency.
- The acquisition in accordance with the terms was set in an agreement in by the company in April 13th, 2018.
- This deal will be helpful in expanding the worldwide network of Infosys Digital Studios.



Reference:

<https://www.infosys.com/newsroom/press-releases/Pages/award-winning-creative-consumer.aspx>

Law & Justice

Haryana Cabinet approves to set up State Commission for Scheduled Caste

Question: Recently Haryana Cabinet approved the Haryana State Scheduled Caste Commission Act, 2018 for enactment. In this regard, which of the given is not true in the options?

- (a) This approval was granted on May 30th, 2018.
(b) Haryana State Scheduled Castes Commission will be constituted under Act.
(c) The Commission shall have powers same of civil court and criminal court.
(d) This commission will have a chairperson and four non-official members.

Answer- (c)

Related Facts:

- On May 30th, 2018, in the Haryana Cabinet meeting approval was given to enact Haryana State Scheduled Castes Commission Act, 2018.
- Under this Act, Haryana State Scheduled Castes Commission will be set up.
- For the welfare and protection of scheduled castes, this commission will examine and inspect the functions of various security measures provided under the Constitution of India or under any other law, or any order of the government.
- The Commission will examine complaints related to the rights of the Scheduled Castes and being deprived of safety and will bring cases before the appropriate authorities.
- The commission will recommend the measures to be taken by the government for effective implementation of security and other measures for the protection, welfare and socio-economic development of the Scheduled Castes and make appropriate reports to the government every year.
- The commission will have all the powers of the civil court.
- Commission will have a chairperson and four non-official members.

Reference:

<http://www.prharyana.gov.in/hi/haraiyaanaa-kae-maukhayamantarai-sarai-manahara-laala-kai-adhayakasataa-maen-aja-yahaan-hau-39>

Year, Day & Week

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking'

Question: On which date 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' is celebrated?

(a) June 25th (b) June 26th (c) June 23rd (d) June 20th

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 26th, 2018, 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' was celebrated across the world.
- The theme of this day for year 2018, "Listen First – Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe."
- It is noteworthy that on 7th December 1987, the General Assembly decided to observe 26th June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.
- Under this, awareness campaigns are run by various social organizations at the governmental, non-government level to get rid of intoxication.
- On the occasion of this day President Ramnath Kovind presented the fourth National Awards for outstanding services in the field of prevention of Alcoholism & Substance (Drug) Abuse to individuals and institutions at a function organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- It is notable that the Govt. of India has instituted a Scheme of the National Awards for outstanding services in the field of prevention of Alcoholism & Substance (Drug) Abuse from the year 2013.



See also the links below:-

<http://www.un.org/en/events/drugabuseday/>

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression

Question: On which date 'International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression' is celebrated?

(a) June 5 (b) June 4 (c) June 3 (d) June 2

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 4th, 2018, the 'International Day of Innocent Victims of Aggression' was observed all over the world.
- It is notable that the United Nations General Assembly had declared on August 19, 1982, 4 June as this day every year.
- The objective of this day is to save children from the sexual violence, kidnapping and to ensure their access to the schools.



See also the links below :

<http://www.un.org/en/events/childvictimday/>

Global Day of Parents

Question- When is 'Global Day of Parents' celebrated?

(a) June 2 (b) June 1 (c) May 31 (d) June 3

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 1st, 2018, 'Global Day of Parents' was celebrated all over the world.
- It is notable that in the year 2012, the United Nations General Assembly announced to celebrate this day on June 1 every year.
- This day offers an opportunity to appreciate all parents for their lifelong sacrifice towards unselfish commitment to children and nurturing this relationship in all parts of the world.



See the links below:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/parentsday/>

Statistics Day

Question- On 29th June, 2018, 12th Statistical Day 'was celebrated in recognition of the notable contributions made by Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of statistics, statistical system and economic planning. What was the theme of this day?

(a) Agriculture and Agriculture Welfare (b) Quality assurance in official statistics

(c) Better figure better life (d) Social welfare

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On 29th June, 2018, 12th Statistical Day 'was celebrated in recognition of the notable contributions made by Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of statistics, statistical system and economic planning.
- Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation and ISI are having a joint event on 29th June, 2018 at Kolkata to celebrate the Statistics Day.
- 29th June, 2017 marked the beginning of the 125th year of birth of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis.
- ISI has held year-round celebrations which will be culminated on 29th June, 2018.
- Government of India in 2007 has designated 29th June as the "Statistics Day" in the category of Special Days to be celebrated every year at the National level.
- The objective of celebration of this Day is to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation, to acknowledge the contribution of Prof. Mahalanobis, and to pay homage to him.
- Every year, one particular theme of current national importance is selected for focused discussions and efforts throughout the year aimed at bringing about improvements in the selected area.
- The theme selected for the Statistics Day this year is "Quality Assurance in Official Statistics".
- The theme has been chosen to underscore the importance of compliance with essential parameters of quality in statistical systems and products.
- The Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) at Kolkata, set up by Prof. Mahalanobis in 1931, and was declared an autonomous "Institute of National Importance" through an act of Parliament in 1959, celebrates 29th June as the "Worker Day".



- On the occasion, Vice President of India will release a commemorative coin of Rs 125 and circulation coin of Rs 5 denomination as a mark of respect/homage to Prof. Mahalanobis.
- The winners of Prof. P.V. Sukhatme Award 2018 and Prof. C.R. Rao Award 2017 will also be felicitated for their notable contribution in the field of Statistics.

See also related links ...

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=180211>

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

Question: On which date ‘International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict’ was observed throughout the world for ‘eradication of sexual violence in the conflict’?

(a) June 18 (b) June 17 (c) June 20 (d) June 19

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On June 19, 2018, ‘International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict’ was observed throughout the world for ‘eradication of sexual violence in the conflict’.
- The main theme of this day in the year 2018: “The Plight and Rights of Children Born of War”.
- This day is celebrated in order to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence, to honour the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world and to pay tribute to all those who have courageously devoted their lives to and lost their lives in standing up for the eradication of these crimes.
- It is remarkable that On 19 June 2015, the United Nations General Assembly (A/RES/69/293) proclaimed 19 June of each year the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.



Reference:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/elimination-of-sexual-violence-in-conflict/index.shtml>

World Refugee Day

Question: World Refugee Day is celebrated on which date?

(a) June 18 (b) June 16 (c) June 20 (d) June 15

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 20, 2018, ‘World Refugee Day’ was celebrated across the world.
- This day is celebrated for raising awareness of the situation of refugees around the world.
- Indeed, in the year 2000, the United Nations General Assembly passed the resolution and decided to celebrate this day on June 20 every year from 2001.
- According to a report by the U.H.C.R. – The UN Refugee Agency, in the year 2017, 68.5 million people were forced to displace their homes all over the world.
- This displacement occurred as a result of opposition, violence and human rights violations.
- By the end of 2017 there were approximately 25.4 million refugees worldwide.
- 40 million people have been internally homeless according to the report; the number of people with Asylum Seekers is approximately 3.1 million.



International Albinism Awareness Day

Question: When 'International Albinism Awareness Day' is celebrated?

(a) June 10 (b) June 13 (c) June 9 (d) June 6

Answer- (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 13th, 2018, International 'International Albinism Awareness Day' was celebrated worldwide.
- This day is celebrated with the aim of spreading awareness against the discrimination of albinism in the world.
- On 18 December 2014, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming, with effect from 2015, 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day.
- The United Nations Human Rights Council adopted a resolution in 2013 calling for the prevention of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism.
- Albinism is a genetic condition resulting in little or no pigmentation in the skin, hair, and eyes.
- In several cultures around the world, and particularly in many African countries, people with albinism live in constant fear of murder.



Reference:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/albinismday/index.shtml>

4th International Yoga Day Celebrations

Question-At which place Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead 4th International Yoga day?

(a) New Delhi (b) Ahmedabad (c) Hyderabad (d) Dehradun

Answer-(d)

Related Facts-

- According to PIB Press release posted on 20 June 2018, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will lead 4th international yoga day to be celebrated on 21 June 2018 in Dehradun.
- Thousands of volunteers will join the event performing Yoga Asanas in the lawns of Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, located in the lap of the Himalayas.
- In its earlier events it was celebrated at Rajpath in New Delhi in 2015, the Capitol Complex in Chandigarh in 2016, and the Ramabai Ambedkar Sabha Sthal in Lucknow in 2017.
- Prime Minister Modi had participated in all of its earlier editions.
- Yoga has been considered as one of the most precious gifts given by the ancient Indian sages to humankind.
- According to Prime Minister Yoga is not just a set of exercises that keeps the body fit but it is a passport to health assurance, a key to fitness and wellness. He further said that Yoga is not only what you practice in the morning but doing your day-to-day activities with diligence and complete awareness is a form of Yoga as well.
- The Prime Minister shared pictures of people performing Yoga, at various locations across the world in social media and also emphasized the intricacies of various Yoga Asanas.

About International Yoga Day-

- Since its inception in 2015 International Yoga Day is celebrated annually on June 21.
- United Nation General Assembly unanimously declared June 21st as International Day of Yoga.
- Yoga is a mental, physical and spiritual practice which includes breath control, simple meditation and adoption of the specific bodily postures.



- Yoga is attributed mostly to India and considered as a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline.

Reference:

<http://www.pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1535984>

Blood Donor Day

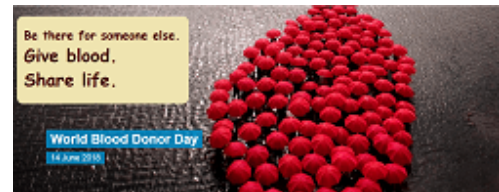
Question- When 'World Blood Donor Day' is celebrated?

(a) June 12 (b) June 14 (c) June 18 (d) June 10

Answer: (b)

Related Facts

- On June 14th, 2018, World Blood Donor Day was celebrated all over the world.
- Slogan for this day in year 2018 was Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life.
- On this occasion, a global event was held in Athens.
- This day is celebrated to increase the awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products and to thank the donors for donating their blood.
- Apart from this, this day is also celebrated for raising awareness about the need for voluntary blood donation.
- This day was celebrated on June 14, 2004 for the first time.
- It is notable that on May 23, 2005, the 58th World Health Assembly agreed to celebrate this day on June 14 by member countries.
- Significantly, this day is celebrated to honor Nobel laureate Carl Landsteiner, who searches for 'A, B and O blood groups'.



Reference:

<http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-blood-donor-day/2018>

Financial Literacy Week

Question: 'Financial literacy week' was observed by the Reserve Bank of India between 4th-8th June, 2018. This year its theme is-

(a) Digital Banking (b) Customer Protection (c) Digital Security (d) Customer Service

Answer- (b)

Related Facts

- During 4-8 June, 2018, The Reserve Bank of India organized the 'Financial Literacy Week'
- Its theme was- 'Customer protection'.
- This week will focus on four customer conservation messages such as

1. Know your liability for unauthorized electronic banking transactions
2. Banking Ombudsman,
3. Good practices for safe digital banking experience and
4. Risk vs. Returns.



Reference:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/asi-unearths-first-ever-physical-evidence-of-chariots-in-copper-bronze-age/articleshow/64475361.cms>

World Oceans Day

Question: World Oceans Day is celebrated on-

(a) 7 June (b) 8 June (c) 6 June (d) 10 June

Answer : (b)

Related Facts:



- On 8th June 2016; The World Oceans Day was celebrated across the world.
- Action Focus of the Day in 2018 is: 'Preventing Plastic Pollution and Encouraging Solution for a Healthy Ocean'.
- According to an estimate, 80 percent of all pollution in the ocean comes from people living on the site.
- 8 million tons of plastic comes in the sea every year, which causes wildlife, fisheries and the erosion of tourism.
- 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals are died every year from plastic pollution.
- Plastic annually loses \$ 8 billion to the maritime ecosystem.
- The purpose of this day is to make people aware about the important role of the oceans in the world.
- Many countries have celebrated World Oceans Day following the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which was held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.
- In 2008, the United Nations General Assembly decided that, as of 2009, 8 June would be designated by the United Nations as "World Oceans Day".
- First "World Ocean Day was celebrated on 8 June 2009.

Reference:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/oceansday/index.shtml>

World Bicycle Day

Question: When was the first ever 'World Cycle Day' celebrated?

(a) June 4 (b) June 2 (c) June 3 (d) May 31st

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:



- On June 3rd, 2018, the first 'World Bicycle Day' was celebrated.
- It is remarkable that the recently acknowledging the uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the bicycle, which has been in use for two centuries, and that it is a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transportation, fostering environmental stewardship and health, the General Assembly decided to declare 3 June World Bicycle Day.
- On this occasion, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu displayed a bicycle rally organized by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC).
- The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has said that cycling is the best and cheapest form of exercise to keep our-self healthy and people must be encouraged to adopt such environment friendly mode of transport.
- In addition, he also Inaugurated Smart Cycle Station for Public Bike Sharing in NDMC on this occasion.

Reference:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/bicycleday/#>

World Milk Day

Question: When 'World Milk Day' is observed?

(a) June 2 (b) June 4 (c) May 23 (d) June 1

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On June 1st, 2018 'World Milk Day' Milk Day was celebrated.
- The purpose of celebrating this day is to attract attention in relation to milk and to provide opportunities for the promotion of activities related to milk industry.
- First World Milk Day was celebrated in the year 2001.
- Significantly, India is a leading country in the field of milk production.
- Dr. Varghese Kurien was the father of the Milk Revolution in India.



Reference:

<https://worldmilkday.org/world-milk-day-events/event/77582-world-milk-day-milk-vending-machine-launch>

International Day of UN Peacekeepers

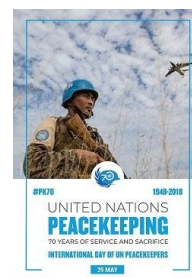
Question- When' International Day of UN Peacekeepers ' is celebrated?

(a) 26th May (b) 29th May (c) 25th May (d) 31st May

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On 29th May 2018, the 'International Day of UN Peacekeepers' was celebrated all over the world.
- In the year 2018, the theme of this day is "UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of Service and Sacrifice".
- It is significant that the first United Nations peace mission was established on May 29, 1948.
- At present, the United Nations Peace Keeping Team has deployed more than 1 lakh military police and civilian personnel in the 14 peacekeeping operations of 4 continents.
- On this day peacekeepers working under UN peacekeeping missions are remembered for their efforts to establish peace in the world.
- For the first time this day was celebrated in 2003.



Reference:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/peacekeepersday/>

Books

Book: Karma Yogi

Question: Who is the author of Book 'Karma Yogi'?

(a) Ramendra Bajpai (b) Ramendra Sinha (c) Prasun Bajpai (d) R.K. Agarwal

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:



- On June 10th, 2018, Union Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla inaugurated the book 'Karmayogi' in the auditorium of the tourist building, Gomtinagar Lucknow.
- The author of this book is Ramendra Sinha (Journalist and Writer).
- The book "*Karma Yogi*" (Yogi Adityanath Ka Jivan Charitra) highlights the multi-faceted personality of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.
- On this occasion, a seminar was also organized on 'Role of Politics, Religion, Media and Youth in Social Harmony'.

See also the links below:

<https://www.patrika.com/lucknow-news/book-launch-programme-in-lucknow-based-on-life-of-yogi-adityanath-1-2933156/>

Book titled "Bharat Rajneeti Ke 50 Shikhar Mahilayen"

Question: Who is the author of book titled "Bharat Rajneeti Ke 50 Shikhar Mahilayen"?

(a) Rajat Sharma (b) Dr. Asshwine Shastri (c) Deepak Chaurasia (d) Prasun Vajpayee

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- In May, 2018 Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has released the book titled "Bharat Rajneeti Ke 50 Shikhar Mahilayen".
- Authors of this book are senior journalist Dr. Asshwine Shastri.
- In this book, the details of interviews with 50 important political women of the country, their struggle for life and challenges in politics and their contribution in the development of the country have been presented.

Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1533751>

Book 'The Spy Chronicles: RAW, ISI and the Illusion of Peace'

Question- Who is the author of 'The Book 'The Spy Chronicles: RAW, ISI and the Illusion of Peace'?

(a) Syed Shahid Hameed and Rajinder Khanna (b) Asad Durrani and A.S. Dulat
(c) Mohammad Akbar Khan and Mohinder Singh (d) Riyaz Hussain, and A. S. Dutt

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- In May 2018, the book 'The Spy Chronicles: RAW ISI and Illusion of Peace' was released by former Vice-President Hamid Ansari, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and former Union Minister Yashwant Sinha in New Delhi.
- The author of this book, are former Head of Indian Intelligence Agency RA.S.A.S. Dulat and Lt. General Asad Durrani, former head of the Pakistani intelligence agency ISI.
- This book highlighted many important issues like Kashmir, peace, and 26/11, Kulbhushan Jadhav, surgical strikes, agreement for Osama bin Laden, role of America and Russia in the Indo-Pak relationship and terrorism.
- It is known that the Indian government had refused to grant Visa to the former ISI chief for the release of his book.
- This book is quite popular these days due to the disclosure of Pakistani army and terrorists and the alliance of the Pakistan government.

Reference:

<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-former-isi-chief-misses-launch-of-his-book-the-spy-chronicles-in-new-delhi-thanks-indian-deep-state-2618219>

Book 'Sher Jung-The Warrior Son of India'

Question: Who is the author of book 'Sher Jung-The Warrior Son of India'?

(a) Mushtaq Ali (b) Capt. S.K. Dhingra (c) Shakti S. Chandel (d) Amit Nagpal

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On May 28th, 2018, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jairam Thakur presented a book 'Sher Jung-The Warrior Son of India' authored and edited by Shri Shakti S. Chandel, a retired IAS officer.
- The book gives a detailed account of life of Sher Jung a freedom fighter hailing from Sirmaur district who participated in the freedom struggle.
- He was associated with Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev.
- He suffered 14 years of imprisonment during the freedom struggle.
- He was an active member of Prajamandal Movement since 1928.



Reference:

<http://www.5daryanews.com/news/230982-Book-on-Sher-Jung-presented-to-Jai-Ram-Thakur>

Miscellaneous

Launch of Air Service between Varanasi-Kathmandu (Nepal)

Question- Recently, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched Air service between Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport of Varanasi to Tribhuvan International Airport of Kathmandu. Which Airlines will provide this flight service between these two cities?

(a) Buddha Air Pvt. Ltd. (b) Air Asia India (c) Spice jet (d) Air India

Answer: (a)

Related Facts:

- On June 29th, 2018, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched air service between Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport of Varanasi to Tribhuvan International Airport Kathmandu (Nepal).
- On this occasion the Chief Minister flagged off the flight of Buddha Airline.
- This service between the two cities will be provided by Buddha Air Pvt. Ltd. located in Nepal.
- This airline connects the major cities of India with capital of Nepal.



See also the links below:-

<http://information.up.nic.in/attachments/files/5b366143-b578-47a6-bee7-75b70af72573.pdf>

Launch of solar powered electric car in Madhya Pradesh

Question: Recently in which city, the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan launched the solar powered electric car?

(a) Gwalior (b) Indore (c) Bhopal (d) Jabalpur

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On June 5th, 2018, on the occasion of World Environment Day, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan launched a solar powered electric car in Bhopal (in the ministry).
- With the launch, the operation of e-vehicle started in the state.
- This electric car will be charged with solar energy and once it is charged it will run till 140 km.
- From this car the cost of travel per km will be only 80 paise.
- Each vehicle will reduce the emission of carbon dioxide (CO₂) of 4.5 tonnes per year and ensure environmental protection.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also launched the bottle destroying machine installed by the Environment Department in Vallabh Bhawan Canteen.
- It is known that this year is dedicated to efforts to make a plastic free country and state.

See also the links below:

<http://www.mpinfo.org/News/TodaysNews.aspx?newsid=20180605N2&LocID=1&PDt=6/5/2018>

Shimla-Chandigarh Heli-Taxi Service Launched

Question: Which one of the given is the first state in the country to provide its official helicopter for the public transport services?

(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Karnataka (c) Kerala (d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On June 4th, 2018, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur flagged off the heli-taxi service between Shimla and Chandigarh from Jubbarhatti air strip near Shimla.
- The price of air ticket for this service is Rs 2999 rupees per person including all taxes.
- This ticket can be purchased through the website of Pawan Hans.
- Under this service, this heli-taxi will be available twice a week (Monday and Friday) between Shimla and Chandigarh in the first phase.
- Similar service will also be started for other destinations in a phased manner.
- Himachal Pradesh is the first state in the country to provide its official helicopter for the public transport.
- With the view of facilitating the movement of tourists, the state government will introduce heli taxi service even in the first phase between Manali-Rohtang soon.
- In the second phase of the Central Government's Udan Yojana, the famous destinations of the state will be connected to the air services.



See also the links below:

<https://navbharattimes.indiatimes.com/state/himachal-pradesh/shimla/heli-taxi-services-started-from-shimla-to-chandigarh-himachal-cm-jai-ram-thakur-gave-his-helicopter-for-service/articleshow/64450462.cms>

Aravali Express Name changed

Question: Recently the name of the Aravali Express has been changed by the India Railway. What is its new name?

(a) Chittaurgarh Express (b) Aravali Amrapur Express (c) Amrapur Aravali Express (d) Mehdi Aravali Express

Answer: (c)

Related Facts

- In June, 2018 the name of the Aravali Express (19707 / 19708) was changed to Amrapur Aravali Express by the Ministry of Railways.
- This decision was taken by the Ministry of Railways on the initiative of Minister of State for Education Vasudev Devanani.
- Located in Jaipur Amrapur Darbar, Sindhi is the head and holy shrine of society.
- Aravali Express (changed name Amrapur Aravali Express) is being operated between Bandra Terminal and Jaipur.

Reference:

<https://www.molitics.in/news/71301/aravali-express-is-now-amrapur-aravali-express-rajasthan->

Increase in the amount of compensation on damage to humans by wild animals

Question: A meeting of Uttarakhand State Wildlife Board held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr. Trivendra Singh Rawat. Which one the given is not true in this regard?

- (a) This meeting was concluded on 15th June, 2018.
- (b) The Compensation amount has been increased from Rs. 3 lakh to 4 lakh if killed by wild animals.
- (c) In case of seriously injured, the compensation amount has been increased to Rs. 2 lakh.
- (d) In case of seriously injured, earlier the compensation amount was paid 50,000 rupees.

Answer- (b)

Related Facts:

- On June 15th, 2018, meeting of Uttarakhand State Wildlife Board held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr. Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- In this meeting decision to increase the compensation amount pertaining to damage caused by wild animals to the humans in the state has been taken.
- The Compensation amount has been increased from Rs. 3 lakh to 5 lakh if killed by wild animals, whereas for seriously injured, the compensation amount has been increased from 50 thousand to Rs. 2 lakh.
- In principle agreement was expressed on the people displaced from the parks and settled at other places be given land rights.
- In this meeting, the principally consensus in the Cabinet appeared in relation to the proposal of granting rights of Bhumidhari to those people who been displaced from the national parks and have been settled elsewhere.
- It was also decided that 100 percent revenue from the tourism in Rajaji Tiger Reserve will be deposited in the fund of Rajaji Tiger Reserve Conservation Foundation. Some part of this will be used for community activities.
- Permission has been granted to Elephant Safari in the buffer zone of the Corbett and Ramnagar forest division.



Reference:

<http://udaydinmaan.co.in/increase-in-the-amount-of-compensation-on-damage-to-humans-by-wild-animals/>

3D Print Human Corneas

Question- For the first time, '3-D printed cornea' was made by scientists. The bio-ink to print cornea was prepared by which of the following?

- a) from Stem cells stem cells of the cornea of a healthy donor

- b) from mixture of stem cells from a healthy donor cornea with alginate
- c) from mixture of stem cells from a healthy donor cornea with collagen
- d) from mixture of stem cells (human corneal stromal cells) from a healthy donor cornea with collagen and alginate

Answer: (d)

Related Facts:

- On May 30th, 2018, according to the proof of concept research in a paper, titled “3D Bioprinting of a Corneal Stroma Equivalent,” in the journal Experimental Eye Research scientist have developed first 3D printed human corneas.
- The Newcastle researchers Abigail Isaacson, a PhD student from the Institute of Genetic Medicine; Dr. Stephen Swioklo; and Che J. Connon, Professor of Tissue Engineering have showed the technique to make bio ink for 3D printed human corneas.
- The bio-ink to print cornea was prepared from mixture of stem cells (human corneal stromal cells) from a healthy donor cornea with collagen and alginate.
- ‘Collagen’ is a group of naturally occurring proteins.
- While alginate or alginic acid or algin is a polysaccharide, which is often found in the cells of brown algae.
- A simple low-cost ‘3D bio-printer’ was used in research.
- This ‘3-D printed’ cornea by scientists is yet to be tested before transplanting to patient’s eye and will take a lot of time.

Reference:

<https://3dprint.com/215202/newcastle-3d-printed-corneas/>

Facebook Offers Digital Literacy Program for Women

Question- Recently, Social Media Forum Facebook partnered with National Commission for Women to launch digital literacy program in collaboration with Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF). Under this partnership, how many women will be trained in the universities located in different cities?

(a) 40,000 (b) 50,000 (c) 60,000 (d) 70,000

Answer- (c)

Related Facts:

- On May 30th, 2018, Social Media Forum Facebook partnered with National Commission for Women to launch digital literacy program in collaboration with Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF).
- Program will provide training through the right use of internet, social media and email.
- Under the partnership, 60,000 women of universities located in major cities of Haryana, Delhi-NCR, Manipur, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu will be provided training.
- This training will be organized in local languages.
- The purpose of this program is to increase awareness and increase the equal participation of women in the digital sector.



Reference:

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/facebook-to-train-60-000-women-in-india-on-safe-use-of-internet-1860172>

Inauguration of facilities under NATRIP at ICAT Manesar

Question: Recently, Union Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Minister Anant Geete launched four new world-class testing facilities in the International Vehicle Technology Center -2 (IKT2) located in Manesar, Haryana. Which feature is not included in the question?

- (a) Noise vibration and hardness
- (b) Lab electrical magnetic compatibility
- (c) Passive safety laboratory
- (d) Power train laboratory

Answer: (d) Related Facts:

- On May 29th, 2018, Union Cabinet Minister of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprise (HI & PE), Anant Geete inaugurated the augmented facilities at the National Automotive Testing and RND Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) at the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) at Manesar in Haryana.
- ICAT has been rendering services of automotive testing & certification to the industry since 2006.
- NATRIP is the largest and most significant initiative in the automotive sector which represents a joining of hands between the Government of India, a number of State Governments and Indian Automotive Industry to create a state of the art testing, validation and R&D infrastructure in the country.
- The augmented facilities are of Noise, Vibration & Harshness Lab (NVH), Passive Safety Lab (PSL), Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Lab and Tyre Test Lab (TTL) and have been completed at ICAT Centre-II at Manesar in Haryana.
- The centre already has fully functional facilities like Powertrain lab, Fatigue lab, Vehicle Evaluation lab, Component lab, CAD-CAE lab and Infotonics lab.
- The newly opened labs have the following facilities: Noise Vibration & Harshness (NVH) Lab, Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Lab, Passive Safety Lab (PSL) and Tyre Test Lab (TTL).
- With an investment of over Rs 1100 crore and a variety of 16 testing facilities (world-class) are being developed for the auto mobile industry in both ICT centers.
- The facilities spread over 8 acres at ICAT Centre-I where 10 different features are available for testing.
- Around 46.6 acres at ICAT Centre-II, the centre is rendering valuable 6 services to the automotive industry in the country in a major way.



Reference:

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=179612>

First inter-Jail World Cup Tournament, 2018

Question: In which of the following countries the first inter-jail World Cup, 2018 tournament was held recently?

- (a) Bolivia (b) Russia (c) Peru (d) Uruguay

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- First Inter-Jail World Cup, 2018 Tournaments concluded in Lima, capital of Peru (25 May, 2018).



- Football teams of different prisons of various countries were formed in this tournament.
- Number of total teams was 16.
- These teams were named after the countries participating in the World Cup and the prisoners were named after the team's players.
- The national anthem of all the countries was also played before matches and all the rules like World Cup matches were followed.
- On 25th May, 2018 the final match was played in Lima Stadium (capacity – 60,000 spectators).
- In the final match, Inmates from Peruvian prisons of Lurigancho (playing for Peru) defeated inmates from Chimbote prison (playing for Russia).
- Winner of the Tournament team won the award ceremony cup, gold medal and sports apparel.
- It is known that Peru qualified for the Football World Cup after 36 years held in Russia in June 2018.

Reference:

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/06/02/peru-gets-out-of-jail-to-win-prisoners-world-cup.html>

Regional Skills Competition, 2018

Question- How many states other than Uttar Pradesh had participated in the regional skill competition organized recently in Indira Gandhi Foundation, Lucknow?

(a) 5 (b) 6 (c) 8 (d) 10

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:



- On 31st May, 2018, Deputy CM of Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Dinesh Sharma inaugurated the 3-day Regional Skill Competition in Lucknow, at Indira Gandhi Foundation.
- In this competition, more than 200 participants from Uttar Pradesh, eight other states- Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Jammu and Kashmir participated.
- After the regional and state level selection selected students will represent India in World Skill Competition in Kazan (Russia) next year.
- It is known that at present, training facilities are being provided to about 7 lakh youth in the state through ITI and Skill Development Mission.
- A winner and a runner-up were declared in each skill category competition and a total of 90 prizes were awarded. Uttar Pradesh remained on top.

Reference:

<https://www.patrika.com/lucknow-news/india-skills-regional-competition-2018-in-hindi-news-2898492/>

Ministry of Railways Launches New User Interface of e-Ticketing System

Question- Recently the online travel portal of the railway www.irctc.co.in has launched its new user interface. In this regard, what is not true among the given?

- (a) The beta version of the new user interface was launched by this portal.
- (b) Through this, the user can get information about the availability of trains and availability of seats without logging in.
- (c) Users can also change the font size on the website.
- (d) Under this facility, information about the availability of berth availability for all the trains except for some trains except for some advance trains i.e. 90 days can be obtained.

Answer- (d)

Related Facts:

- On May 30th, 2018, in line with Union Minister of Railways Shri Piyush Goyal's vision to ensure better user experience by recommending best Information Technology industry practices, Railway's Online Travel Portal – www.irctc.co.in has launched beta version of its new User Interface.
- The new link has more user friendly features for easier navigation.
- The 'Digital India' initiative has paved way for government organizations to harness power of technology and in making lives easier for citizens of India.
- By creating Next Generation e-Ticketing (NGeT) system the new online ticket booking system of Railways provides easy and fast way of booking rail tickets by automating the journey planning and purchase of tickets.
- E-ticketing today constitutes about two third of total reserved tickets on Indian Railways.
- Salient features of the New User Interface:
 - With the launch of new interface of e-Ticketing Website, user can now enquire / search trains and check availability of seats without login also, thereby saving precious time of the users. User can now change font size throughout the website for comfortable viewing experience.
 - The new look and feel will have enhanced class-wise, train-wise, destination-wise, departure/arrival time wise and quota-wise filters for facilitating customer while planning their journeys.
 - Single screen information about the train including the train no, train name, originating and destination station and distances between them, arrival and departure time and journey time has now been arranged.
 - In addition, more features such as new filters on 'My Transactions' where user can also view their booked tickets based on Journey Date, Booking Date, Upcoming Journey and completed journey.
 - To enhance customer's booking experience, interesting features like 'Waitlist prediction', etc have been introduced. Using this feature, user can get the probability of a Waitlisted or RAC ticket getting confirmed.
 - This technique uses algorithm based on historical booking trends of the particular train. This feature will add new value to the online e-ticket booking system of the railways.
 - New attractive colour scheme for different trains with facility to modify the journey details on the journey planner page itself will bring further ease of booking to the users.
 - The new look and feel is providing the facility for the user to find out the availability up to the entire Advance Reservation Period i.e. 120 days at present, except few trains.
 - In the new system, user can perform multiple activities through booked history with improved interface for cancellation of tickets, printing of tickets, request for additional SMS, selecting alternative train by exercising the option of 'Vikalp' and change of boarding point if required.
 - Technological advancements in the development of New User Interface also facilitate seamless navigation in mobiles, desktops, laptops and tablets.
 - Users have been invited to initially, switch to the beta version of the website and get the first hand experience of its look, feel and usage for a period of 15 days during which Railways will take suggestions from them for further changes and improvement of the site.
 - After this the beta version of the new interface will replace the old interface of IRCTC e-ticketing portal enabling a smooth transition of the users to the new interface.



Reference:

<http://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1533835>

Guidelines by Government on Adventure Tourism

Question: Recently, the Minister of State for Tourism (Independent Charge), Shri. K. J. Alphons launched the Guidelines by the Government of India on Adventure Tourism. How many guidelines have been prepared for land based, air based and water based activities respectively?

(a) 10, 5, 5 (b) 12, 7, 5 (c) 15, 7, 7 (d) 10, 7, 7

Answer- (c)

Related Facts:

- On 31st May, 2018, the Minister of State for Tourism (Independent Charge), Shri. K. J. Alphons launched the Guidelines by the Government of India on Adventure Tourism in New Delhi.
- These guidelines on Safety and Quality Norms for Adventure Tourism in India have been formulated along with the Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI) in an effort to make adventure sports safer.
- The guidelines have been framed for 15 Land Based, 7 Air Based and 7 Water Based activities which cover the entire gamut of Adventure Tourism available in India and that the guidelines codify the Standard Operating Procedures and instructions for Risk Mitigation and Emergencies as well as provide for details like Safety precautions, training required, insurance, etc.
- The aim of this initiative is to help adventure tour operators understand and execute safety guidelines in a better manner.
- These guidelines cover land, air and water based activities which include mountaineering, trekking, bungee jumping, paragliding, kayaking, scuba diving, snorkeling, river rafting and many other sports.



Reference:

<http://piibphoto.nic.in/documents/rlink/2018/may/p201853101.pdf>

Swadeshi Samridhi Sim card launched

Question: Recently, Baba Ramdev launched Swadeshi Samridhi Sim card in partnership with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). What is not true in regards to this?

- (a) This card was launched at a function organized in New Delhi.
(b) Initially, the benefits of this SIM card can be obtained only by the Patanjali employees and officers.
(c) After the full launch, people can get 5% discount on Patanjali's products using this SIM card.
(d) Users on getting this card recharge for Rs. 144 will be able to get 2GB data, 100 SMS and unlimited call facility all over India.

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:



- On May 27, 2018; Baba Ramdev launched 'Swadeshi Samridhi Sim Card' in partnership with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in a program organized in New Delhi.
- Initially, the benefits of this SIM card can only be taken by the employees and office-bearers of Patanjali.
- After the full launch, people can get 10% discount on Patanjali's products using this simcard.
- Users on getting this card recharge for Rs. 144 will be able to get 2GB data, 100 SMS and unlimited call facility all over India.

- In addition to the attractive data and call package on this card, will get insurance of Rs. 5 lakh on accidental death cover and Rs. 2.5 lakhs on permanent disability.

Reference:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/telecom/telecom-news/baba-ramdevs-patanjalities-up-with-bsnl-launches-sim-cards/articleshow/64355565.cms>

Bihar Cabinet approves setting up of Fisheries College

Question: Approval for the establishment of a Fishery College at which of the following places was given by Bihar government?

(a) Begusarai (b) Araria (c) Kishanganj (d) Katihar

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On May 29th, 2018, Bihar Cabinet gave its approval to establish a Fisheries College in Kishanganj. The construction cost of this college will be Rs. 40.31 crores.
- In the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, the approval of construction of academic and administrative posts in addition to the development of the college infrastructure from the cost amount of Rs 40.31 crore in financial year 2018-19 was also approved.
- On this day, the Bihar Cabinet approved the construction of 88 new posts in Patna Medical College and Hospital for transplant and Nephrology Department to start the kidney transplant facility.

Reference:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/bihar-cabinet-approves-fisheries-college-at-kishanganj-118052900623_1.html

NABARD approves street lighting system in Arunachal Pradesh

Question: Recently, under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund for Arunachal Pradesh, the National Agricultural and Rural Development Bank (NABARD) approved the amount of funding for the LED solar street lighting system?

(a) 68.28 lakhs (b) 78.29 lakhs (c) 87.83 lakhs (d) 88.25 lakhs

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 19th May, 2018; the National Agricultural and Rural Development Bank (NABARD), for the Arunachal Pradesh under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund, approval has been granted to provide LED Solar Street Lighting System with a total grant of 87.83 lakhs..
- This project will be implemented in four districts of Tirap, Longding Nansai and Tawang.
- On May 18, 2018, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu launched the project in presence of NABARD president Harsh Kumar Bhanwala.
- Bhanwala met Chief Minister Pema Khandu and briefed him about the recently approved Micro Irrigation Fund approved by the Union Cabinet.
- On May 16, 2018, for the purpose of promoting agricultural produce and income of farmers, a fund of Rs. 5000 crores was sanctioned by the government under NABARD to bring more land under micro-irrigation.



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<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/nabard-sanctions-solar-street-lighting-system-in-arunachal-2571673.html>

The launch of the street LED light dashboard

Question: Dashboard was released. On this occasion, on which two street lights of two cities were dedicated to the public on the switch?

(a) Lucknow, Ghaziabad (b) Lucknow, Agra (c) Lucknow, Varanasi (d) Lucknow, Mathura

Answer: (c)

Related Facts:

- On 28th May, 2018 Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath L.E. in Shastri Bhavan, Lucknow The street lights dashboard was released.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister dedicated the public to the public by making a 'click on' the street lights of Lucknow and Varanasi by clicking on the mouse.
- Under the National Street Light program, only 5 months in 15 months, in the 15 Municipal Corporations of Uttar Pradesh, 5.75 lakhs of conventional street lights are equipped with modern energy efficient L.D. Has been converted into lights.
- Ed.Ed. EESL Is being done by own expenditure.
- EE.S.L.E.D. With the change, they will be maintained and maintained for the next 7 years. Will work to change.
- Under the Heart Plan launched by the Union Urban Development Ministry in Kashi, 4,700 Heritage L.D. Street lighting systems have also been installed. The state government will be able to save about 40 million kilowatt of energy annually by this initiative.
- It is said that on January 5, 2015, Street Light Program was started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Under this program, till 2019, 1.34 crore traditional lights in the country have been upgraded to modern LEDs. Changing lights is targeted.



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Medical Expenses for Road Accident Victims

Question: Which of the following states government has recently announced to provide free medical treatment to every road accident victim in the state for the first 48 hours?

(a) Haryana (b) Gujarat (c) Chhattisgarh (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 16th, 2018, the Gujarat Government announced to provide free medical treatment for the first 48 hours for each individual who meets with a road accident in the state.
- This facility will be available in both state-owned and private hospitals.
- Under the scheme, the government will bear medical expenditure up to Rs 50,000 on each accident victim. Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister and Health Minister Nitin Patel announced the launch of 'free treatment scheme'.
- Under the scheme, free treatment facilities will also be available to the people of other states or other countries if they are victims of road accidents and are admitted to state-owned or private hospitals.
- The aim of this scheme is to provide better treatment over time and reduce life-loss due to road accidents.
- This scheme will be implemented in the entire state.
- On an average, there are 29,300 accidents every year in Gujarat and more than 6,400 people die in such accidents.



CSTT's decision to adopt the word 'AYUSH'

Question- Recently, The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) has decided to adopt the acronym "AYUSH" as a word, both in the English and Hindi languages, for scientific and technical purposes. In which year this commission was established?

(a) 1958 (b) 1960 (c) 1966 (d) 1973

Answer: (b)

Related Facts:

- On May 18th, 2018, The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) has decided to adopt the acronym "AYUSH" as a word, both in the English and Hindi languages, for scientific and technical purposes.
- The CSTT adopted the acronym as a word based on a proposal of the Ministry of AYUSH.
- The ministry in the release said "AYUSH" became popular as the acronym for five traditional systems of medicine — Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy.
- It is known that the CSTT was formed in 1960 by a resolution of the Government of India under the proviso to clause (4) of Article 344 of the Constitution with the objective to evolve and define scientific and technical terms in Hindi and all Indian languages.
- Its aim is to develop and define scientific and technical terms in Hindi and all Indian languages, to publish glossaries, to prepare technical glossaries and encyclopedias, to coordinate with all states to ensure the uniformity of glossary in Hindi and other Indian languages. Etc.

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World's oldest spider Died

Question- Recently, the world's oldest spider ' Trapdoor spiders ' died. What was the name of this spider by the researchers in terms of calculation?

(a) Number 13 (b) Number 14 (c) Number 15 (d) Number 16

Answer- (d)

Related Facts:

- In April, 2018 The World's Oldest Known Spider has died at the Age of 43.
- It has been named Trapdoor spiders.
- During the population study in Australia, this spider was being monitored for a long time.
- According to a study published in Pacific Conservation Biology, She outlived the previous record holder, a 28-year-old tarantula found in Mexico.
- According to researchers, this spider did not have a natural death, but due to its being made a victim of parasitic wasps .
- The name of this spider was named 'Number 16' by Rector Researchers.
- This spider helped the scientists to understand the behavior of the spiders found throughout Australia.



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