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EXPLANATION**

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1. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Its broad agenda is to improve governance at state-owned lenders. Its mandate also involves advising government on top-level appointments in PSBs and assisting banks with capital-raising plans through innovative financial methods and instruments as well as strategies to deal with issues of stressed assets or bad loans.

2. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

This award presented annually by Government of Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh Government has conferred prestigious National Kalidas Samman on noted artist Anjolie Ela Menon (78) for her contribution to visual arts.

3. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

This makes Mumbai city the second city in India after Ahmedabad to be inscribed on the World Heritage List. In the past 5 years alone, India has managed to get inscribed seven of its properties/sites on the World Heritage List of UNESCO. India now has overall 37 World Heritage Inscriptions with 29 Cultural, 07 Natural and 01 Mixed sites. While India stands second largest in number after China in terms of number of World Heritage properties in ASPAC (Asia and Pacific) region, it is overall sixth in the world.

4. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

This facility is only for resident individuals and not for Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), firms, trusts and companies.

5. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Participants of the annual Heads of Missions Conference called on the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, today (June 30, 2018) at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Addressing the gathering, the President said that there are tectonic shifts taking place in the world, and not just in the realm of geopolitics and geoeconomics. Technology, communication and societal mores are also changing rapidly. Terrorism and nonconventional threats pose a constant challenge to our security. To manage India's rise in such an environment is not an easy task. As Heads of Missions, they have to be masters at strategic thinking, nimble-footed action and be able to quickly adapt to change.

6. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The Golden Globe Race is being conducted by UK based sailing pioneer. Commander Abhilash Tomy of the Indian Navy is all set to head off on a unique voyage. The officer is the only invitee from Asia to participate in the prestigious Golden Globe Race (GGR) that commences from Les Sables d'Olonne harbour in France today. The participants are required to sail around the world, single-handed and non-stop. The uniqueness of the race is that boat designs and technology newer than 1968 is not permitted, hence use of Global Positioning System (GPS), satellite communication, navigational aids, etc is forbidden.

7. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

It is a surface-to-surface missile which can carry nuclear warhead weighing 1.5 tonnes to a distance of over 5,000 km and is the longest missile in India's arsenal capable of reaching most parts of China. The missile features many new indigenously-developed technologies, including the very high accuracy Ring Laser Gyro based Inertial Navigation System (RINS), and the

most modern and accurate Micro Navigation System (MINS) which improves the accuracy of the missile.

8. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The Odisha government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) for effective management of disasters.

9. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The “Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030” was adopted during the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Sendai, Japan in March, 2015.

10. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The ninth and final meeting of Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on India-Nepal relations concluded in Kathmandu, capital city of Nepal.

11. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

On 30th June 2018 marks first celebration of International Day of Parliamentarism. The resolution adopted by UNGA called on UN and its member states to work more closely with parliaments as well as Inter- Parliamentary Union on issue related education, human rights, gender equality, health, peace and youth empowerment.

12. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

The theme of National Doctors Day 2018 was ‘Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment’.

13. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

It was first prepared in 1951 and Assam is the only state having this arrangement.

14. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

Election Commission of India has launched a dedicated portal for the ECI’s ‘Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation’ (SVEEP).

15. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

The six member countries are Bangladesh, China, India, Laos, Korea and Sri Lanka.

16. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

PMI is an indicator of business activity-both in the manufacturing and services sectors.

17. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

It is launched by the Government of Delhi. It involves ‘Happiness’ period of 45 minutes for all students studying in nursery up to class VIII at Delhi all government schools.

18. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam has become the first oil public sector undertaking (PSU) to adopt an online legal compliance system by introducing 'Legatrix'. 'Legatrix' is an onestop solution for effectively managing the organisations legal and regulatory compliances through monitoring control at different levels.

19. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

It permitted the Customs authorities to cancel his patent from its records based on the order passed by the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB).

20. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant is situated in Koodankulam in the Tirunelveli district of the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Recently Supreme Court has granted the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) an extension of time till April 30, 2022, to build an Away From Reactor (AFR) facility to store spent nuclear fuel from the Kudankulam power plant.

21. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

The 5th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) intercessional ministerial meeting was recently held in Japan.

22. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The 10-ASEAN countries are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam and its six FTA partners are Australia, New Zealand, India, China, Japan and Korea.

23. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Genome Valley is an Indian high-technology business district spread across 600 km² in Hyderabad, India. It is located across the suburbs, Shamirpet, Medchal, Uppal, Patancheru, Jeedimetla, Gachibowli and Keesara, the Valley has developed as a cluster for Biomedical research, training and manufacturing.

24. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Union Minister of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Shri Piyush Goyal launched the Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and Mobile Application 'Khan Prahari' developed by CMPDI, Ranchi a Subsidiary of CIL and Bhaskarcharya Institute of Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG) at a ceremony at, New Delhi.

25. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

Behdienkhlam Festival is the most celebrated religious festival among the Pnars. It is popular at Jowai the District headquarters of Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya.

It is the most important festival of the Jaintias and is celebrated mid-July every year after the sowing is over. (There are some references to its having been celebrated in late June, too.) "Khlam" means plague or pestilence and "beh dien" means to drive away with sticks. Organized annually by the Seinraij

Jowai, this unique festival is held after the sowing season is over so as to overcome any destructive forces of nature including diseases by invoking the God for a good harvest. Interestingly, the festival is celebrated around the same time "Rath Yatra" is celebrated in other parts of eastern India. Besides being the most colourful religious festival, it is also the most important and unique dance festival of the Jaintias.

26. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

The Council was formed inter-alia for the purposes of representing the various regulated non-banking payment industry players, to address and help resolve various industry level issues and barriers which require discussion and action.

27. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

The system can be accessed from anywhere in the country for the sale and purchase of Khadi and Village Industries products.

28. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Within-built capability to provide multi-disciplinary project teams comprising of its own core group of professionals and specialists from various organisations of Govt. of India, WAPCOS provides consultancy services in all facets of Water Resources, Power and Infrastructure sectors in India and Abroad.

29. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Steeplly falling technology costs and business – model innovation are driving the world’s transition to renewable energy and electric vehicles. Against this background, NITI Aayog, in collaboration with various ministries and industry partners, is organising ‘MOVE: Global Mobility Summit’ in New Delhi on 7th and 8th September, 2018. This Summit will help drive Government’s goals for vehicle electrification, renewable energy integration and job growth and also speed up India’s transition to a clean energy economy. The Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will be inaugurating the Summit, which will be the first Global Mobility Summit of its kind, with over 1,200 expected participants from across the world including Government leadership, Industry leaders, Research Organizations, Academia, Think Tanks and Civil Society Organisations.

30. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar has said that the cabinet decision to approve the proposal for enlarging the scope of Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) by expanding its capital base to Rs. 10,000 Cr and tasking it to mobilise Rs. 1,00,000 crore for revitalizing infrastructure and systems in education (RISE by 2022) is a very big step to boost the education sector . While addressing a Press Conference at New Delhi today the Minister said that HEFA is the vision of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi for providing additional finance for promoting research and academic infrastructure in the higher educational institutions.

31. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

The primary intended purpose for enactment of "The DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill" is for expanding the application of DNA-based forensic technologies to support and strengthen the justice delivery system of the country. The utility of DNA based technologies for solving crimes, and to identify missing persons, is well recognized across the world. By providing for the mandatory accreditation and regulation of DNA laboratories, the Bill seeks to ensure that

with the proposed expanded use of this technology in the country, there is also the assurance that the DNA test results are reliable and the data remain protected from misuse or abuse in terms of the privacy rights of our citizens, Speedier justice delivery, Increased conviction rate. Bill's provisions will enable the cross-matching between persons who have been reported missing on the one hand and unidentified dead bodies found in various parts of the country on the other, and also for establishing the identity of victims in mass disasters.

32. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

Common Services Centers (CSCs) are a strategic cornerstone of the Digital India programme. They are the access points for delivery of various electronic services to villages in India, thereby contributing to a digitally and financially inclusive society.

33. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all kharif crops for 2018-19 Seasons.

34. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Restrictions on amount should be prescribed while using electronic money facilities like credit cards, debit cards, and net-banking.

35. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The World Sanskrit conference is an international conference organised at various locations globally. It has been held in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. The Delhi International Sanskrit

Conference of 1972 is considered to be the first World Sanskrit Conference. So far it has been held in India four times (1972, 1981, 1997, and 2012). It is convened every three years under the auspices of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies.

36. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh Government has Sambal Yojana, an outstanding power bill waiver scheme and subsidised power scheme for labourers and poor families.

37. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

Fish samples in Chennai test positive for formalin. This is the first time samples of fish in Tamil Nadu have tested positive for formalin.

38. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

All these currency contracts are cash-settled in rupees. SEBI gave a go-ahead to start cross currency contracts as well on euro-dollar, pound-dollar and dollar-yen.

39. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

It is a platform for commodity traders that facilitate settlement, online trading and clearing of commodity futures transactions. It offers options trading in gold and futures trading in non-ferrous metals, bullion, energy, and a number of agricultural commodities. Recently Maximum Commodity Exchange is planning to enter the currency derivatives segment.

40. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

NASA has announced it would give funds to Made In Space's project- RAMA (Reconstituting Asteroids into Mechanical Automata), for finding ways to turn asteroids into giant, autonomous spacecrafts, which could fly to outposts in space.

41. Answer: (b)**Explanation:**

The theme of World Population Day 2018 was "Family Planning is a Human right" this year.

42. Answer: (c)**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, which was entrusted with the task, has now launched the "Technology Challenge: Identifying solutions for cleaning of Sewerage Systems and Septic Tanks". The said challenge will be a part of the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention which is to be held on October 2, 2018 and will remain open up to 17:30 Hrs on 14 August, 2018.

43. Answer: (d)**Explanation:**

Athletes from different sports have been included in Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) individually but it is first instance that an entire team has been made beneficiary of the financial assistance scheme.

44. Answer: (a)**Explanation:**

India takes a shareholding in the EBRD but will not be a recipient of EBRD financing. But it may

benefit indirectly through EBRD projects or if Indian companies invest alongside the bank.

45. Answer: (c)**Explanation:**

It is jointly released by Cornell University, INSEAD and World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). This year, India has moved up 3 places as compared to 60th rank in GII 2017 and emerged as top-ranked economy in Central and South Asia.

46. Answer: (d)**Explanation:**

New Zealand scientists have performed the first-ever 3-D, colour X-ray on a human, using a technique that promises to improve the field of medical diagnostics.

47. Answer: (b)**Explanation:**

It is voluntary and collaborative movement built on two broad pillars – "Eat Healthy and "Eat Safe". It is collective effort to encourage people towards making right food and dietary choices. It focuses on both sides- demand and supply side to come together.

48. Answer: (d)**Explanation:**

India's upper house of parliament Rajya Sabha and Senate of Rwanda has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for promoting inter-parliamentary dialogue capacity building and cooperation. The MoU has 6 articles of cooperation and seeks to promote inter-Parliamentary dialogue, capacity building of parliamentary staff, organisation of, forums, seminars, staff attachment programmes.

49. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The resolution strongly condemns recruitment and use of children in armed conflicts as well as their re-recruitment, killing and rape, maiming and other forms of sexual violence and abductions.

50. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

BSNL through its mobile app 'Wings' launched India's first internet telephony service.

51. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Indian Railways has launched its first consolidated Bridge Management System (IR-BMS), a web-enabled IT application to store data on its 1.5 lakh bridge.

52. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

Indian Army signed (MoU) with State bank of India (SBI) on Defence Salary Package. Currently Indian Army has MoUs on Defence Salary Package with 11 public and private sector banks. MoU includes free personal accident death cover, free permanent total disability cover and other accidental benefits to the deceased soldier and family.

53. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

Vice President of India is its ex-officio President.

54. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) have launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018. Objectives to undertake ranking of states and districts on basis of their performance attained on key quantitative and qualitative Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen. It

will also take feedback from over 50 lakh citizens on SBM related issues through direct interaction as well as online feedback.

55. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The partial eclipse of Moon will begin on July 27, 2018. Later, Moon will be gradually covered by Earth's shadow and totality phase will begin on July 28 and the total eclipse will last up to 2h 43m. Then the Moon will start to gradually come out of Earth's shadow and partial eclipse will end on July 28 2018.

56. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has adopted Resolution 2428 (2018) to impose an arms embargo on South Sudan, almost five years after ruinous civil war was started in infant country. The resolution was drafted by United States and won minimum nine votes needed in favor to none against with 6 abstentions.

57. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

The regulation of education-related matters is domain of HRD ministry, but NCPCR has stepped in to draft fee regulations for unaided schools, citing Section 13 Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 and Section 32 of Right to Education (RTE) Act, it gives authority to review safeguards under law to protect of child rights and recommend measures.

58. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The e-commerce platform is one stop shop for agri inputs and produces, FMCG, electronics, loans, insurance etc. It has features like buy-sell, communication (chat and calling), entertainment and information/advisory content to keep farmers engaged.

59. Answer: (b)**Explanation:**

As per Article 80 (Part V) of the Constitution, President can nominate 12 members in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha). These persons should have special knowledge or practical experience in the field of Art, Science, Literature and Social Service.

60. Answer: (c)**Explanation:**

Bansagar Dam project is a joint venture (JV) between Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar Government.

61. Answer: (c)**Explanation:**

It is prestigious award/title bestowed annually upon expert of Carnatic Music by Madras Music Academy. Recently Aruna Sairam has been selected for 2018 Sangita Kalanidhi award of Music Academy for her contribution.

62. Answer: (c)**Explanation:**

It aims to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of member customs administrations and assist them to contribute successfully to national development goals, particularly revenue collection, national security, trade facilitation,

community protection, and collection of trade statistics.

63. Answer: (b)**Explanation:**

Haryana Government has launched 'Paudhagiri campaign' and unique program to increase green cover in the state.

64. Answer: (a)**Explanation:**

The recently tested high thrust version of Vikas engine will improve payload capability of PSLV, GSLV and GSLV Mk-III launch vehicles.

65. Answer: (c)**Explanation:**

RAWL-03 is long range air surveillance radar for early detection and tracking of air and surface targets.

66. Answer: (c)**Explanation:**

BEL is engaged in design, manufacture and supply of state-of-the-art radars like weapon locating radar and battle field surveillance radar, communication systems, naval systems, electronic warfare systems, missile systems, tank electronics and gun/weapon systems, coastal surveillance system.

67. Answer: (a)**Explanation:**

Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is going to create National Database of Arms Licenses system from April 2019.

68. Answer: (d)**Explanation:**

It is manufactured by US based BAE Systems' Global Combat Systems division. India signed Letter of Agreement and Acceptance (LoA) with

UN Government in 2016 to buy 145 M777s through the foreign military sale (FMS) route.

69. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

WEO is survey conducted and published by IMF.

70. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

It is two-stage missile, the first one being solid and the second one ramjet liquid propellant. It is self-propelled guided missile that sustains flight through aerodynamic lift.

71. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

President Ram Nath Kovind's assent to the Bill against witch-hunting that the Assam Assembly passed three years ago has rejuvenated the campaign of a barely literate 65-year-old woman against superstition that has claimed scores of lives.

72. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The most popular argument regarding the origin of the universe is the Big Bang Theory. It is also called expanding universe hypothesis. Edwin Hubble, in 1920, provided evidence that the universe is expanding. As time passes, galaxies move further and further apart. You can experiment and find what the expanding universe means.

73. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

All three satellite launch vehicles of ISRO (PSLV, GSLV, GSLV Mk-III) are set to add muscle to their spacecraft lifting power in upcoming missions

this year. The space agency has improved the thrust of the Vikas engine that powers all of them.

74. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

India's spending on R&D (about 0.6 percent of GDP) is well below that in major nations such as the US (2.8), China (2.1), Israel (4.3) and Korea (4.2). It is also unique in how dominant government is in carrying out R&D.

75. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired recently approved the proposal for renaming and restructuring of MsDP as PMJVK. The CCEA also approved its continuation during the remaining period of the 14th Finance Commission.

76. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The MoU was signed on sidelines of two-day conference on 'Raising towards Excellence' held at New Delhi. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and IIT (Indian Institute of Technology)-Delhi have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance research in the field of Ayurveda.

77. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

European Union (EU) and Japan have signed Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). It was signed at EU-Japan summit in Tokyo by EU Presidents Jean-Claude Juncker and Donald Tusk and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. It is biggest ever trade deal negotiated by the EU and creates free trade zone covering nearly third of the world's GDP.

78. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

Recently it has entered into partnership with search engine giant Google to monitor impacts of human activity on global ecosystems by using sophisticated online tool. Google will periodically produce geospatial maps and data on water-related ecosystems by employing massive parallel Cloud computing technology.

79. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

The objective of MoU is to benefit BRICS countries from establishing of institutional framework to cooperate in field of civil aviation.

80. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The FRP is the minimum price that sugar mills have to pay to sugarcane farmers.

81. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

Rajya Sabha has passed Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013 to amend various provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA), 1988.

82. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

EVMs have been devised and designed by Election Commission in collaboration with two Public Sector undertakings viz., Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronic Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad after a series of meetings, test-checking of the prototypes and extensive field trials. The EVMs are now manufactured by the above two undertakings.

83. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Radioactive wastes are generated during various operations of the nuclear fuel cycle. Mining, nuclear power generation, and various processes in industry, defence, medicine and scientific research produce byproducts that include radioactive wastes.

84. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

The idea of the Platform was first mooted by Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog who announced the setting-up of a Women Entrepreneurship Platform in NITI Aayog at the conclusion of the 8th Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) held in Hyderabad in 2017 with an overarching theme of 'Women first, prosperity for all'.

85. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

UNESCO World Heritage Sites of India is not to be found on the reverse of any new banknote denominations is Padmapani painting, Ajanta caves.

86. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

An Indian Air Force contingent of Su-30MKI fighter jets on Thursday departed for the multi-national exercise, Pitch Black, in Australia, scheduled from July 24 to August 18. This is the first time India is sending fighter aircraft for the biennial exercises hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force.

87. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) had organised Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan in five main Ganga basin states – Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

88. Answer: (a)**Explanation:**

The theme for 10th edition was “Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation.

89. Answer: (a)**Explanation:**

The lower boundary of this stage is defined at specific level in stalagmite from cave in northeastern Indian state.

90. Answer: (c)**Explanation:**

POWERGRID (Power Grid Corporation of India) has signed Memorandum of Understanding with Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation (UPPCL) for energy efficiency and agricultural demand side management programme.

91. Answer: (d)**Explanation:**

This project aim to provide piped cooking (PNG) gas to residents of eastern region of the country and CNG gas for the vehicles. The project envisaged laying 2,050-km pipeline connecting Jagdishpur (UP) to Haldia (West Bengal) by 2018.

92. Answer: (b)**Explanation:**

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has launched ‘Remote Sensing Toolkit’ to promote commercial use of satellite data.

93. Answer: (b)**Explanation:**

The fourth edition of Bay of Bengal Initiatives for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) will be held in Kathmandu, capital city of from 30 to 31 August, 2018. The main focus of summit will be to increase connectivity between BIMSTEC nations including roads, airways and transmission lines. It will also give top priority connectivity and poverty alleviation.

94. Answer: (b)**Explanation:**

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has launched Centre for Climate Change in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. It is first of its kind centre in South East Asia. It aims at accelerating concerted climate action by various stakeholders in government, private, financial and non –government sector.

95. Answer: (d)**Explanation:**

There is no mention of a no-confidence motion in the constitution. Rajya Sabha does not have procedure for moving of no-confidence motion against Government and also adjournment motion, censure motion.

96. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

Ministry of Home Affairs sponsored Student Police Cadet (SPC) Programme was launched nationally in Gurugram, Haryana. The programme aims to build bridge between Police and larger community through school students by inculcating values and ethics in them through classes. The programme focuses on students of class 8th and 9th.

97. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

China is main illicit hub (market) for smuggled scales of Pangolins, where they have huge demand for medicinal and magical purposes.

98. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The index is released since in 2016 by Bengaluru base Public Affairs Centre (PAC), a not for profit think tank which aims to improve governance in India.

99. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is flagship programme of Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) that aims to enrich Rural India.

100. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Scutoid shape of the Epithelial cells, which cover the surfaces of many organs as the safety shields of the body, adopt a previously undescribed geometric shape -- the scutoid -- so that the tissue can curve, scientists have found.

101. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

In first of its kind event held by any government organization, the Indian Railways organized a programme on Ethics in Public Governance and Launched "Mission Satyanishtha" at a daylong event held at National Rail Museum, New Delhi, today i.e. 27.07.2018. Sh. Piyush Goyal, Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Railways & Coal, administered the oath to the officers and supervisors at the programme. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Piyush Goyal said "People define an organization and an organization defines its people, hence, work culture has to be improved and transparency brought about, data should be displayed on public domains so as to get constructive feedbacks from the users". He further added "Lack of interest towards work in any system, may be termed as unethical amounting to corruption".

102. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India is all set to launch 'Deep Ocean Mission' by January 2018. This will improve India's position in ocean research field. The program on Poly metallic nodules was initiated at CSIR-NIO with the collection of the first nodule sample from Arabian Sea on board the first Research Vessel Gaveeshani on 26 January 1981. India was the first country in the world to have been given the Pioneer Area for exploration of deep-sea mineral viz. Polymetallic nodules in the Central Indian Ocean Basin in 1987. This was based on the extensive surveys carried out by the scientists of CSIR-NIO, on several research ships leading to the allocation of an area of 150,000 sq km to the country with exclusive rights under the UN Law of the sea.

103. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Discussions are underway regarding a Policy for Domestic Workers, the salient features of which are as follows:

- ✓ Inclusion of Domestic Workers in the existing legislations
- ✓ Registration of Domestic workers.

- ✓ Right to form their own associations, trade unions
- ✓ Right to have minimum wages, access to social security, protection from abuse, harassment, violence
- ✓ Right to enhance their professional skills
- ✓ Protection of Domestic Workers from abuse and exploitation
- ✓ Domestic Workers to have access to courts, tribunals, etc.
- ✓ Establishment of a mechanism for regulation of placement agencies.

These salient features were also put up on the Ministry's Website for inviting the comments of the general public. Many of the State Government like Rajasthan, Kerala, Punjab, Tamilnadu and Tripura has included domestic workers in the schedule of the Minimum Wages Act and workers are, therefore, entitled to file cases before the concerned authorities in case of any grievance in this regard. This information was given by Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar Union Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

104. Answer: (b)

Explanation: Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is a flagship programme of the Ministry of HRD, it aims to link the Higher Education Institutions with set of atleast (5) villages, so that these institutions can contribute to the economic and social betterment of these village communities using their knowledge base. It is a significant initiative where all Higher Learning Institutes have been involved for participation in development activities, particularly in rural areas. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is inspired

by the vision of transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an Inclusive India. It also aims to create a virtuous cycle between the society and an inclusive university system, with the latter providing knowledge base; practices for emerging livelihoods and to upgrade the capabilities of both the public and private sectors.

105. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

It is ratio of the value of goods and services of an economy produced in a particular year to the base year. It is measure of inflation.

106. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

It is SOFTWARE –BASED monitoring system launched by National tiger conservation authority (NTCA). It stands for monitoring system for tiger intensive patrolling and ecological status.

107. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

The Bill allows for a person to be declared as a fugitive economic offender (FEO) if:

- (i) An arrest warrant has been issued against him for any specified offences where the value involved is over Rs 100 crore, and
- (ii) he has left the country and refuses to return to face prosecution.

To declare a person an FEO, an application will be filed in a Special Court (designated under the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act, 2002) containing details of the properties to be confiscated, and any information about the person's whereabouts. The Special

Court will require the person to appear at a specified place at least six weeks from issue of notice. Proceedings will be terminated if the person appears.

The Bill allows authorities to provisionally attach properties of an accused, while the application is pending before the Special Court.

108. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The blood moon, or the 'full buck moon' as it is being called, will turn blood red during the eclipse due to the way light bends around Earth's atmosphere. During a blood moon, the moon takes on a deep red to orange colour, rather than completely disappearing when it passes through the shadow cast by Earth. This bizarre effect known as 'Rayleigh scattering' filters out bands of green and violet light in the atmosphere during an eclipse.

109. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Payments bank can accept deposits maximum up to Rs 100,000 per account from individuals and small businesses.

110. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

The SP model has four segments — submarines, single engine fighter aircraft, helicopters and armored carriers/main battle tanks which will be opened up for only private sector.
