

Current Affairs: 13th August 2020

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Q.1) Name the winner of 70th Anniversary Grand Prix?

- (1) Max Verstappen
- (2) Lewis Hamilton
- (3) Sebastian Vettel
- (4) Valtteri Bottas

Correct Answer - (1) Max Verstappen

Explanation:

Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the 70th Anniversary Grand Prix, held on 9 August 2020 in United Kingdom.

Max Verstappen:

Belgian-Dutch racing driver

Born: 30 September 1997 (age 22 years), Hasselt, Belgium

First win: 2016 Spanish Grand Prix

2019 position: 3rd (278 pts)

2020 team: Red Bull Racing-Honda

Car number: 33

Last entry: 70th Anniversary Grand Prix

Q.2) Name the national web portal launched by the government on Human-Elephants Conflict?

- (1) Abhiyaan
- (2) Sangram
- (3) Surakhsya
- (4) Nyay

Correct Answer - (3) Surakhsya

Explanation:

Union Environment Minister, Prakash Javadekar and Minister of State in the Environment Ministry, Babul Supriyo jointly launched a beta version of a portal on Human-Elephants Conflict called “Surakhsya” on the eve of World Elephant Day (12 August) in New Delhi.

Q.3) Sputnik V is known to be the world’s first vaccine against COVID-19. Which country has developed the vaccine?

- (1) France
- (2) United States
- (3) Russia
- (4) Vietnam

Correct Answer - (3) Russia

Explanation:

Russian President Vladimir Putin has launched a corona virus vaccine named “Sputnik V” and is named after the Soviet satellite. This is the world’s first such vaccine against COVID-19.

Russia:

Country

President: Vladimir Putin

Capital: Moscow

Prime minister: Mikhail Mishustin

Currency: Russian Rouble

Continent: Europe, Asia

Q.4) Which Municipal Corporation became country’s first to provide forestland right certificates to people of urban area?

- (1) Bilaspur
- (2) Bhilai
- (3) Jagdalpur
- (4) Korba

Correct Answer - (3) Jagdalpur

Explanation:

Chhattisgarh's Jagdalpur has become the first municipal corporation of the country, where people of urban area have been provided forest land right certificates.

Chhattisgarh:

State of India

Chief minister: Bhupesh Baghel

Governor: Anusuiya Uikey

Capitals: Bilaspur, Raipur

Q.5) Which nation's Prime Minister has resigned amid public outrage over Beirut blast?

- (1) Syria
- (2) Lebanon
- (3) Sudan a
- (4) Libya

Correct Answer - (2) Lebanon

Explanation:

Lebanon's Prime Minister Hassan Diab announced the resignation of his government on August 10, 2020 amid public outrage over the devastating explosion in Beirut, which caused massive destruction and led to the loss of many lives.

Lebanon:

Country in the Middle East

President: Michel Aoun

Capital: Beirut

Currency: Lebanese pound

Q.6) Which state government signed MoU with the U.S.-based Boston Group for setting up its development centre in one of its districts?

- (1) Telangana
- (2) Odisha
- (3) Mizoram
- (4) Andhra Pradesh

Correct Answer - (4) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

The Andhra Pradesh government has entered into an understanding with the U.S.-based Boston Group for setting up its development centre in Visakhapatnam.

Andhra Pradesh:

State of India

Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan

Chief minister: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

Districts: 13

Capitals: Amaravati, Hyderabad

Q.7) In August 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched which campaign to free India of garbage and waste?

- (1) Gandagi Chodega Bharat
- (2) Bharat Banega Swachh
- (3) Swachhta Bdhao
- (4) Gandagi Bharat Chorho

Correct Answer - (4) Gandagi Bharat Chorho

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a week-long campaign 'Gandagi Bharat Chorho' to free India of garbage and waste.

The campaign will continue till August 15. The rural and urban areas of the country will witness special 'swachhta' initiatives during the week.

Q.8) Name of the state which is 1st state in India to delink incentives from State Goods and Service Tax (SGST).

- (1) Kerala
- (2) Gujarat
- (3) Karnataka
- (4) Maharashtra

Correct Answer - (2) Gujarat

Explanation:

Gujarat Government announced the New Industrial Policy 2020 for the State, with an expected average annual outlay of up to Rs 8,000 crore, which is meant to provide incentives to the industries. It aims to provide an estimated Rs 40,000 crore as subsidies to industries in the next 5 years. The new policy is in line with the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. It replaces the Gujarat Industrial Policy 2015. Under the new policy Gujarat will become the 1st state to "delink incentives from State Goods and Service Tax (SGST)", where Large industries will be provided up to 12% of fixed capital investment (FCI) to set up manufacturing operations in the state in form of capital subsidy.

Gujarat:

State of India

Capital: Gandhinagar

Chief minister: Vijay Rupani

Governor: Acharya Devvrat

Q.9) India has signed an agreement with which country for development of five eco-tourism zones?

- (1) Mauritius
- (2) Maldives
- (3) Indonesia
- (4) Malaysia

Correct Answer - (2) Maldives

Explanation:

India and Maldives signed a contract on August 10, 2020 for development of five eco-tourism zones in Addu atoll of the island nation. The eco-tourism zones are part of grant projects being implemented under the High-Impact Community Development project (HICDP) scheme that involves total grant assistance of USD 5.5 million to the Maldives.

Maldives:

Country in South Asia

Capital: Malé

Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa

Q.10) Name of the state government which has launched 'Indira Rasoi Yojana' to provide meals.

- (1) Rajasthan
- (2) Gujarat
- (3) Karnataka
- (4) Maharashtra

Correct Answer - (1) Rajasthan

Explanation:

The Rajasthan government is going to start with the 'Indira Rasoi Yojana' in urban areas of the state from August 20, in which poor and needy people will get nutritious food for just Rs. 8, said Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

Rajasthan:

State of India

Capital: Jaipur

Governor: Kalraj Mishra

Chief minister: Ashok Gehlot

Q.11) Which country announced to construct a standalone war memorial for Indian soldiers killed by Pakistan in 1971?

- (1) Sri Lanka
- (2) Mauritius
- (3) Bangladesh
- (4) Israel

Correct Answer - (3) Bangladesh

Explanation:

The government of Bangladesh has decided to construct a standalone war memorial in Ashuganj of Brahmanbaria district, bordering Tripura for the Indian soldiers who were killed by Pakistan during the country's struggle for Independence in 1971.

Bangladesh:

Country in South Asia

Capital: Dhaka

Currency: Bangladeshi taka

Q.12) Which bloc has announced €1.65 million humanitarian aid for flood victims in India, Bangladesh and Nepal?

- (1) EU
- (2) SAARC
- (3) ASEAN
- (4) BRICS

Correct Answer - (1) EU

Explanation:

The European Union has announced €1.65 million humanitarian aid to support those affected by severe flooding in South Asia, most notably India, Bangladesh and Nepal.

Q.13) Who launched Swachh Bharat Mission Academy?

- (1) Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- (2) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- (3) Health Minister Dr. Harshvardhan
- (4) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

Correct Answer - (1) Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Explanation:

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM Academy) on August 11, 2020 in New Delhi, as part of the ongoing week-long behaviour change campaign Gandagi Mukht Bharat. The Swachh Bharat Mission Academy with its mobile-based technology will significantly boost the capacity building efforts in training of Swachhagrahis as well as community-based organizations and others associated with phase 2 of the mission.

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat:

Minister of Jal Shakti

Spouse: Naunand Kanwar (m. 1993)

Party: Bharatiya Janata Party

Education: Jai Narain Vyas University

Office: Minister of Jal Shakti since 2019

Q.14) The book titled 'Connecting, Communicating, Changing' is a collection of speeches of which minister?

- (1) M Venkaiah Naidu
- (2) Narendra Modi
- (3) Ramnath Kovind
- (4) Nirmala Sitharaman

Correct Answer - (1) M Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation:

The Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Prakash Javadekar unveiled an e-version of the book titled 'Connecting, Communicating, Changing'. The book chronicles Shri M Venkaiah Naidu's three years in office as the Vice President of India.

M. Venkaiah Naidu:

Vice President of India

Born: 1 July 1949 (age 71 years), Chavatapalem

Full name: Venkaiah Naidu

Party: Bharatiya Janata Party

Spouse: Usha (m. 1971)

Previous offices: Minister of Information and Broadcasting (2016–2017), Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (2014–2016)

Books: Moving On... Moving Forward: A Year In Office, Selected Speeches, M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India

Q.15) With what theme was the World Biofuel Day 2020 observed in India?

(1) Green fuels towards Atmanirbhar Bharat

(2) Pro active biofuels towards Atmanirbhar Bharat

(3) Biofuels towards Atmanirbhar Bharat

(4) Production of Biodiesel towards Atmanirbhar Bharat

Correct Answer - (3) Biofuels towards Atmanirbhar Bharat

Explanation:

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas organized the webinar with the theme “Biofuels towards Atmanirbhar Bharat”. Celebrated every year on 10th August.

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