**Current Affairs Set 2**

**Q1:** Which national mission for financial inclusion has completed six year of its implementation?

1. PMJDY
2. PMKVY
3. SWAYAM
4. PMJJY

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was launched in 2014 to ensure access of financial products and services at an affordable cost and use of technology to lower the cost and widen reach.

Initially it was launched for a term of four years but later it was extended with some modification:

Aim is shift from every household to every unbanked adult.

* Free accidental insurance cover on Rupay card is increased from 1 lakh to 2 lakh rupees for the account which opened after 28.8.2018.
* Limit for overdraft facility was increased to double the amount from Rs5000 to Rs10000.
* Upper age limit for overdraft increased from 60 to 65 years.

**Q2:** Recently how much amount was transferred by RBI to its contingency fund?

1. 21,615 crore
2. 23,615 crore
3. 73,615 crore
4. 65,615 crore

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

RBI transfer 73,615 crore to its contingency fund and now the main risk provision of accounts of RBI together now amount to Rs 13.88 lakh crore. Main risk provisions of RBI are given below-

Contingency fund- This fund is meant for meeting unexpected and unforeseen contingencies which include depreciation in value of security, risk arising out of exchange rate policy operations, systematic risks.

Currency and gold revaluation account- It is maintained to take care risk on currency, risk on interest rate and movement in gold prices.

**Q3:** Which international organization recently urges India to shift swiftly turn away from coal?

1. WHO
2. U.N
3. OPEC
4. SAARC

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

United nation secretary general urges India to swiftly turn away from coal. He suggest that India can become a true global super power in fight against climate change if it speed up its shift to renewable energy from coal and fossil fuels. Key highlight are-

* 50% of coal would become uncompetitive by 2022, and further it would rise to 85% by 2025.
* Subsidies for fossil fuels in India is around seven times bigger than its subsidies for clean energy.

**Q4:** Which tribe is found covid-19 positive recently?

1. Gond tribe
2. Onges tribe
3. Great Andaman tribe
4. Jarwas tribe

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

Recently few persons of the tribe great Andaman tribe have tested covid-19 positive. Great Andamanese are one of the five particularly vulnerable tribal group that live in Andamans archipelago. Other tribes of are Shompens, Sentinelese, Jarwas and Onges.

**Q5:** On which date every year World Nature Conservation Day celebrated?

1. 29 July
2. 28 August
3. 29 September
4. 28 July

**Answer:** D

**Solution:**

World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated every year on July 28, to create and remind human kind the awareness about the importance of nature and its natural resources and the need to protect it. The day is marked globally to encourage people to protect and save Earth’s natural resources and lead a sustainable and healthy life style. The day also educates people to use the resources judiciously without harming the nature Earth.

**Q6:** Recentlywhich Central Ministry launched ‘Indian Report on Digital Education, 2020’?

1. Ministry of Education
2. Ministry of External affairs
3. Ministry of Human Resource Development
4. Ministry of Labor and Employment

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

Recently Union Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has virtually launched the ‘Indian Report on Digital Education, 2020’. The report has details on the digital education roadmap adopted by union and various state government for imparting inclusive education to children at home in 2020. Initiatives of HRD Ministry including DIKSHA platform and Swayam Prabha TV Channel are highlighted.

**Q7:** RecentlyIRCTC has partnered with SBI card to launch a new Co-branded Contactless for which type of Credit Card?

1. Rupay card
2. Visa card
3. Maestro card
4. Master card

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

IRCTC and SBI Cards & Payment Services have jointly launched their Co-branded Contactless Credit Card on RuPay Platform. The card was launched by railway minister Piyush Goyal. The card has several advanced features like Near Field Communication and payback for AC tickets among others. The cards can also be used for retail, dining and entertainment payments.

**Q8:** Recentlylast surviving actress of the golden age of Hollywood passed away at the age of 104, what was his name?

1. Olivia de Havillan
2. Chadwick boseman
3. Ruth bader Ginsberg
4. Kobe bryant

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Oscar winning British American actress Olivia de Havillan has passed away at the age of 104. She was considered the last surviving actress of the Golden Age of Hollywood. She was two time Oscar winner in 1946 & 1949 and became popular in the movie “Gone with the Wind” in 1939.

**Q9:** What is the name of mental health rehabilitation helpline which was launched by ministry of social justice and empowerment?

1. SUGAM
2. SARAL
3. KIRAN
4. SURAKSHIT

**Answer:** C

KIRAN is a mental health rehabilitation helpline to provide support for issues like early screening, first aid, psychological support, distress management, mental wellbeing etc. it will provide services in 13 languages. It was launched by ministry of social justice and empowerment.

**Q10:** WhichUnion Minister has recently launched four schemes including a production-linked incentive scheme and industry park scheme, for manufacturing of bulk drugs and medical devices products?

1. Ramesh Pokhriyal nishank
2. DV Sadananda Gowda
3. Piyush Goyal
4. Smiriti Irani

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Major e-commerce company Flipkart has partnered with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company to provide facility to offer digital motor insurance policy to the customers of the e-commerce platform The tieup between these two company will facilitate seamless, accessible and flexible insurance solution to the customers.

**Q11:** Recently Bureau of police research and development is celebrating its Golden Jubilee anniversary on 28th August 2020. It comes under which ministry?

1. Ministry of Defence
2. MEITY
3. Ministry of Home affairs
4. Ministry of Labour and employment

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

Bureau of police research and development (BPR&D) under the ministry of home affairs is celebrating its golden jubilee anniversary on 28th august, 2020. It was organized with a mandate to promote excellence in policing, promote speedy and systematic study of police problems, apply science and technology in the method and technique by the police.

**Q12:** What is the length of Optical Fibre Cable, which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, on 10th August connecting a union territory and Chennai? What is the name of the union territory?

1. 2100 Km, Lakshadweep
2. 2500 Km, Puducherry
3. 2000 Km, Dadra and Nagar Haveli
4. 2300 Km, Andaman and Nicobar Island

**Answer:** (d)

**Solution:**

On 10th August 2020, PM Narendra Modi, inaugurated the submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) connecting Chennai and Port Blair via video conferencing. Under the project, a 2300 km long optical fibre cable has been put undersea between the two cities to enhance the telecom and Broadband connectivity in Andaman and Nicobar islands.

**Q13:** On 10th August 2020, Mt. Sinabung erupted emitting columns of smoke and ash into the sky. In which of the below mentioned country is the active volcano located?

1. Indonesia
2. Singapore
3. Thailand
4. Malaysia

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

On 10th August 2020, the Mt. Sinabung located in Indonesia erupted spewing massive tower of smoke and ash into the sky, plunging local communities and villages into darkness. It was a dormant volcano for almost 400 years, and it roared back to life in 2010.

**Q14:** Which of the following country declared an environmental emergency on 7th August 2020?

1. Lebanon
2. Mauritius
3. Singapore
4. Indonesia

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

After a shipwreck caused a massive fuel spill, Mauritius declared a state of environmental emergency on August 7, 2020. A Japanese-owned ship, which had run aground on July 25, was leaking tons of oil. Around 4000 tons of fuel oil and 200 tons of diesel is reportedly carried by the ship

**Q15:** Which of the following nation has launched a social security scheme for its formal sector

workers?

1. Nepal
2. India
3. Bangladesh
4. Bhutan

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Nepal has launched a social security scheme for its formal sector workers. The scheme will cover the health and medical facilities, safe motherhood, accident and physical incapacity security, security to dependent family members and security at old age of the workers

**Q16:** How many new routes have been approved under the fourth round of regional connectivity scheme- UDAN?

1. 65
2. 78
3. 31
4. 21

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Under the fourth round of regional connectivity scheme UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) 78 new routes have been approved. The 4th round of scheme was launched in December 2019 with a special focus on North-eastern regions, hilly states and islands. It is a key component of civil aviation policy 2016.

**Q17:** Which organization recently maps trace causes of global mangrove habitat loss?

1. NASA
2. DRDO
3. ISRO
4. JAXA

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

NASA maps trace causes that highlighted overall mangrove habitat loss was declined from 2000 and 2016. Losses which were caused by nature such as soil erosion and extreme weather declined more slowly than human causes. The major losses of mangrove forests are like Rice, Shrimp and Oil palm cultivation, Shoreline erosion, extreme weather events etc.

**Q18:** Nationally determine contributions- transport initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA) project was launched recently for decarbonizing transport. How many countries are engaged in this project?

1. China, India, Nepal
2. China, India, Vietnam
3. China, Bhutan, Nepal
4. Srilanka, India, Nepal

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

NDC-TIA project aims at promoting a coherent strategy of effective policies for decarbonizing transport that are co-ordinated among various sector ministries, civil society and private sector.

The project engages in China, India and Vietnam over the period 2020-24. Niti Aayog is the implementing agency of this project in India.

**Q19:** DSCI-Paypal India report recently launched a framework to measured frauds of which service?

1. Digital payments
2. Assets management
3. Risk management of capital
4. Financial risk management

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

The report points that the growing adoption of digital payments in the country, has necessitated the need of a comprehensive framework to tackle cybersecurity risks involving digital transactions. India’s Digital payment industry is expected to grow five-fold to reach USD 1 trillion by 2023. Currently it is worth around USD 200 billion,

**Q20:** Which country has officially certified by world health organization free from wild Polio?

1. Russia
2. US
3. Africa
4. Australia

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

African region is certified free from wild polio by WHO. All countries in WHO region need

To have no case in three consecutive year for getting certified by WHO. No single country can be certified as polio-free. In 2014, India was officially declared polio-free, along with the rest of south-east Asia region.

**Q21:** Which ministry has launched National GIS- enabled land bank system?

1. Ministry of Finance
2. Civil aviation ministry
3. Ministry of external affairs
4. Ministry of commerce and industry

**Answer:** D

**Solution:**

National GIS (Geographical information system) enabled land bank system, is being developed by integration of industrial information system (IIS) with state GIS systems. GIS is a computer system for storing, capturing, displaying and checking data related to positions on Earth’s surface.

**Q22:** Recently Central government tells state to borrow from which organization to bridge GST gap?

1. RBI
2. ADB
3. WHO
4. IMF

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

State are likely to face a GST revenue gap of Rs 3 lakh crore this year, as economy may contract due to covid-19. Covid pandemic has widened the gap with GST revenues declining 41% in April-June quarter. Of the Rs 3 lakh crore gap, compensation cess collections are only expected to cover 65000crore.

**Q23:** Who has released report on Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020?

1. WTO
2. Niti aayog
3. CSO
4. MOODY

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Niti Aayog has released EPI report which aims to assess the readiness of the states, in term of their export potential and their performance. EPI report comprises of four pillars Policy, Export ecosystem, Export performance, business ecosystem and 11 sub pillars. Currently 70% of India’s export has been dominated by five states- Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamilnadu and Telangana.

**Q24:** Recently Flash drought hit how much percent of Rice, Maize areas in 1951-2018 monsoon?

1. 10%
2. 14%
3. 18%
4. 15%

**Answer:** D

**Solution:**

Flash drought is Recognized by rapid onset and intensification caused by high evaporation and transpiration rates due to abnormally high temperatures, winds and high incoming solar radiation. Due to its direct link with soil moisture and crop stress it can be also classified as agricultural droughts.

**Q25:** Recently in which state armed forces special act (AFSPA) was extended?

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. West Bengal
3. Arunachal Pradesh
4. Assam

**Answer:** D

**Solution:**

The AFSPA act was extended in Assam for six months. The act has been continuing in Assam since November 1990. It is renewed every six months. It grants extra ordinary powers and immunity to armed forces to bring back order in ‘disturbed areas’. This act was enacted by ministry of Home affairs.