**Current Affairs Set 3**

**Q1:** Recently government is going to amend which act to give legality to setting up of delimitation commission for North eastern state?

1. Representation of people act 1950
2. Representation of people act 1953
3. Representation of people act 1954
4. Representation of people act 1951

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Union government seeks to amend Representation of people act 1950 to give make their earlier order officially legal to its setting up a delimitation commission for Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Assam and Nagaland. Section 8A of the representation of people act 1950 states that delimitation commission in these four north eastern states, when held would fall within Election’s commission remit.

**Q2:** Which ministry announced seven new circles of Archaeological survey of India?

1. Ministry of tourism
2. Ministry of culture
3. Ministry of human resource development
4. Ministry of external affairs

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

New circles which are announced by ministry of culture are Trichy, Raiganj, Jabalpur, Jhansi, Meerut and Hampi. Earlier there were 29 archaeological survey of India circles in the country.

Ministry of culture in India is the main organization for carrying research of archaeological sites and protection of cultural heritage.

**Q3:** Ministry of road transport and highways has amended National highways fee rules 2008 to mandate what for availing discount on toll plaza?

1. Electronic tax
2. Merchant discount rate
3. Equalisation levy
4. FASTag

**Answer:** D

**Solution:**

Ministry of road transport and highways has amended national highways fee (Determination of rates and collection) rules 2008 to mandate FASTag for getting discount on toll plaza. FASTag is based on radio frequency identification technology and it is an electronic toll collection system which enable automatic deduction of toll charges and let the vehicle pass through toll plaza without intervene in cash transaction.

**Q4:** Which department has decided to integrate the electronic pension payment order with Digi locker?

1. Department of employee’s pension fund
2. Department of pension and pensioner’s welfare
3. Department of financial services
4. Department of commerce

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

It is decided by the Department of pension and pensioner’s welfare to integrate the electronic pension payment order with Digi locker. Digi locker is an initiative of ministry of Electronic and information technology under digital India programme. It has been created with Bhavishya portal software, a single window system for pensioner’s.

**Q5:** Recently which folk art form of dance in Kerala is celebrated online due to covid-19 pandemic?

1. Kathakali
2. Mohiniattam
3. Pulikkali
4. Dhum

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

Pulikkali is a tiger dance and folk art form of Kerala. It is celebrated this year online due to ongoing covid-19 pandemic. Performer from various state paint themselves as tiger and hunters in bright black, red and yellow color. They dance to the beats of instruments like Udukku and Thakil. This dance form was introduced by the ruler of that time if Cochin, Maharaja Rama Varma Sakthan Thampuran, two centuries ago.

**Q6:** On which birth anniversaryPrime minister Modi pay tributes to Narmadashankar recently.

1. 187th
2. 115th
3. 150th
4. 110th

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to Narmadashankar Dave on his 187th anniversary. He was an eminent and famous Gujarati poet, Social reformer and Playwrighter and social reformer. He is recognized as the founder of modern Gujarati literature. One of his famous magazine was Dandio.

**Q7:** Warli paintings expresses daily and social events of Warli tribes. Where these tribes are located?

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Maharashtra
3. West Bengal
4. Tripura

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Warli paintings of Maharashtra expresses daily and social events of Warli tribe. The paintings depict the images of social life and do not depict mythological characters or images of dieties. Images of human beings and animals, along with scenes fromm daily life are created in a loose rhythmic pattern. Women are mainly take part and engaged in the creation of these paintings.

**Q8:** Recently Sputnik V is the first vaccine developed for covid-19. Which country claimed to develop it?

1. India
2. China
3. Russia
4. Japan

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

Sputnik V is the first covid 19 vaccine that is claimed to be developed by Russia. Union government stated that India is taking way forward for purchasing this vaccine from Russia. The vaccine has not yet got approved by world health organization and still terms it as a vaccine candidate but not vaccine.

**Q9:** Recently Prime minister launched which project to increase Dolphin population?

1. Project Dolphin
2. Project Sarakshak
3. Project Suraksha
4. Project Unnati

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Project Dolphin was launched by PM Modi recently to work as a catalyst to increase dolphin population. Experts from India, Myanmar, Nepal and Bangladesh have come together for enhancing conservation of river Dolphin in the region. It is a unique species which mainly found in south America and Asia’s river and are vanishing rapidly. Gangetic Dolphin, a type of river Dolphin is the national aquatic animal of India.

**Q10:** Which ministry has recently notified the amendments in corporate social responsibility rule?

1. Ministry of commerce
2. Ministry of corporate affairs
3. Ministry of external affairs
4. Ministry of electronics and information technology

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Ministry of corporate affairs notified the amendments in corporate social responsibility rules. It would allow companies to spend their CSR funds in R&D activities related to new vaccine, drugs and medical devices in three financial years starting from 2020-21. It will boost India’s effort to find effective medicines and vaccines against covid-19.

**Q11:** How much costs does Global tourism faces in five months during Covid-19 pandemic?

1. $320 billion
2. $30 billion
3. $350 billion
4. $400 billion

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

According to a report by UN Covid-19 pandemic costs global tourism $320 billion in five months. International tourists arrival fell by 300 million during the period, or 56%. Fall in revenue has led to increased poaching and habitat destruction in and around protected areas. Suggestion are given to building resilience across the entire tourism sector.

**Q12:** Recently India and which country organized Joint commission on trade, economic, scientific and technological cooperation?

1. Thailand
2. Japan
3. Vietnam
4. Laos

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

India and Vietnam organized 17th joint commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and technological cooperation. The major outcomes is to enhance their bilateral cooperation in line with India’s Indo-Pacific oceans initiative and ASEAN’s outlook on Indo Pacific. It envisages ASEAN centrality as the underlying principle for promoting cooperation in the Indo-pacific region.

**Q13:** Recently government exempt Farmer Producer Organisation with which tax to realise full benefit?

1. Minimum alternate tax
2. Equalisation tax
3. Merchant discount rate
4. Minimum discount rate

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

FPO realise full benefit with minimum alternate tax (MAT) to provide full benefit to farmers. MAT was created under the direct tax laws, specifically to bring the ‘Zero- tax paying companies’ under the income tax net. It’s objective is to collect minimum tax from the companies which claims exemptions or deductions under various provisions of the income tax act.

**Q14:** UnionGovernment plans to Bring which schemes under the ambit of the code on social security, 2019 (CSS)?

1. Centrally sponsored scheme
2. Social security scheme
3. Centrally funded scheme
4. Labour welfare scheme

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Government proposed to bring atleast half a dozen social security schemes, including old age pension and insurance, under the ambit of proposed code on social security 2019. Social security refers to measure to ensure access to health care and provisions of income security to workers. CSS introduced in lower house 2019, seeks to replace nine laws related to social security, Including EPF act 1952, Maternity benefit act 1961 and unorganized workers’ social security act, 2008.

**Q15:** Where was Namath Basai a unique programme to teach tribal childrens started?

1. Karnataka
2. Orissa
3. Madhya pradesh
4. Kerala

**Answer:** D

**Solution:**

Namath basai is a uniques programme launched by kerala government for teaching of Tribal children in their mother tongue. Hundred of tribal children has succeded in retaining the programme in their online classes by making them feel like they were at home with the language of instructions.

**Q16:** Recently four members of which tribe are found covid-19 positive?

1. Bonda
2. Jhar
3. Sattriya
4. Jharwar

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Recently four members of Bonda tribal community are found Covid-19 positive. Bonda’s is a particularly vulnerable tribal group, which live in settlements comprising small hutments in the hills range of Malkangiri district in Orissa. The society follows by them is matriarchal and the language in which they speak is still continue called Remo.

**Q17:** Which company is planning to launch super apps by the end of this year?

1. Tata group
2. TCS
3. Wipro
4. Infosys

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Tata group is planning to launch an all in one super app by the end of this year. It is an platform developed by a company which provide and offer various services under one umbrella. A country or a region becomes super app ready when its large base of population has smartphone first instead of desktop and ecosystem of apps customized to local needs is not evolved.

**Q18:** What is Marco and Laura which recently impact the Gulf of mexico, sparkling concerns of the Fujiwhara effect?

1. Cyclone
2. Tropical storms
3. Ebbs and tide
4. Hurricane

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

The Gulf of Mexico is likely to be impacted by two tropical storms Marco and Laura, sparking concerns of the Fujiwhara effect. When two hurricanes (a tropical cyclone of the Atlantic ocean) collide, the phenomenon is called Fujiwhara effect. If two cyclones pass with in 900 miles of each other, they can start to orbit. What happens next is depend on size of each storm.

**Q19:** Which is India’s first dedicated multi wavelength space observatory?

1. ROHINI
2. ASTROSAT
3. CARTOSAT
4. KEPLIN

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

A global team of scientists discovered one of the earliest galaxies using India’s ASTROSAT. It is known to be India’s first dedicated multi wavelength space observatory. The mission endeavors for more detailed understanding of our universe. It observes universe in optical, ultraviolet, low and high energy x-ray.

**Q20:** Recently INSPIRE is exploring low cost biodiesel from microalgae? What is the full form of INSPIRE?

1. Innovation in science pursuit for inspired research
2. Invention in science providing for inaccessible research
3. Innovation in science pursuit for research in technology
4. Invention in science pursuit for inspired research

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

INSPIRE faculty fellow from national institute of technology, Tiruchirappalli in Tamilnadu is exploring low cost biodiesel from microalgae. The basic objective of it is to-

* To attract and communicate the youth of the country for the excitements of creative pursuit of science.
* For strengthening and expanding the science and technology system and R & D base it should build the required critical human resource pool.

**Q21:** Which state has launched ‘Jeevan Amrit Yojana’ to boost immune system of people?

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Uttarakhand
4. Andhra Pradesh

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Madhya Pradesh government has launched ‘Jeevan Amrit Yojana’ to boost the immune system so that they can fight the COVID 19 Pandemic. Under this Jeevan Amrit Yojana scheme, Ayurvedic products called ‘Trikut Churna’, were freely distributed by the state government and it was prepared by the AYUSH Department of the state in collaboration with Laghu Vanopaj Sangh, in areas of COVID 19 infection.

**Q22:** Asian Development Bank has pledged $436 million for power sector development in which state?

1. Maharashtra
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Uttarakhand
4. Uttar Pradesh

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

The Asian Development Bank has approved $346 million loan to Maharashtra state government to provide reliable power connections in rural areas of Maharashtra. In the state for new grid connected rural agricultural customers the loan will support the high voltage distribution system program.

**Q23:** Who among the following has been appointed as the Vigilance Commissioner of India?

1. Suresh N Patel
2. Rakshit Singh
3. Akhilesh Mathur
4. AS Kiran Kumar

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Suresh N Patel has taken oath as the Vigilance Commissioner in the anti-corruption watchdog Central Vigilance Commission. He took the oath of office by the Central Vigilance Commissioner Sanjay Kothari through video conference. He will have tenure of over two years, till late December 2022. The tenure of the vigilance commissioner is four years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

**Q24:** Which country has recently abolished death penalty for the minors?

1. Saudi Arabia
2. Jordan
3. Egypt
4. Israel

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

The King of Saudi Arabia, Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud, has abolished the death penalty for crimes committed by the minors in the country. The new order states that any individual who has received a death sentence for crimes committed as a minor, will undergo a prison sentence of no longer than 10 years in a juvenile detention facility.

**Q25:** The Reserve Bank of India has announced a special liquidity scheme for the mutual funds for an amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Rs 10000 Cr
2. Rs 25000 Cr
3. Rs 35000 Cr
4. Rs 50000 Cr

**Answer:** Option d

**Solution:**

The Reserve Bank of India has announced a Special Liquidity Facility of Rs 50000 Cr for the Mutual Funds in the country. This has been done in order to ease the liquidity pressure on these funds amidst the COVID 19 pandemic situation. This is a measure aimed at preserving financial stability of this sector.