**Current Affairs Set 8**

**Q1:** When did national Handloom day celebrated every year?

1. 7th August
2. 7th Jan
3. 7th April
4. 7th July

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

National handloom day is celebrated every year on August 7 since 2015. It marked swadeshi movement which was started on this date in the year 1905. On the occasion Union Minister of textiles launched the mobile app and Backend website for handloom mark scheme. The handloom mark is being promoted to provide collective identity to the authentic handloom products. This year 6th version of it celebrated.

**Q2:** Recently ministry of housing and Urban affairs approved the construction of around 10.28 Lakh houses under which Mission?

1. PM Awas Yojana (Urban)
2. PM Awas Yojana (Rural)
3. PM Awas Vikas Yojana (Urban)
4. PM Har Ghar Yojana (Urban)

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

Recently Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs approved the construction of around 10.28lakh houses under PM Awas Yojana (Urban)- PMAY-U taking the total number of houses sanctioned so far under the scheme to 1.06 crore. It was launched in 2015 which intends to provide housing to all Urban areas by year 2022.

**Q3:** Recently which state government launched an Electric vehicle policy to reduce noise pollution and generate employment in transport sector?

1. Haryana
2. UP
3. Delhi
4. Punjab

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

Delhi government launched Electric vehicle policy. It aims to boost city’s economy, reduce pollution levels and generate employment in transport sector. It offers financial incentives for buying EVs. Also, a state EV fund to bear all expenses related to the policy will be set up along with an EV board. GST on EV board is reduced from 12% rate to 5%.

**Q4:** Where is Korvai weaving technique practices in India?

1. Kerala
2. Karnataka
3. Tamilnadu
4. Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

Korvai is an ancient and complex technique of weaving, practiced in Kanchipuram, Tamilnadu. In this technique the body of the Sari is woven separately and the border separately on the same loom and the two interlocked by skillful weaving.

**Q5:** Recently on which day 150th birth anniversary of Abanindranath tagore was celebrated?

1. 7th April
2. 7th August
3. 10th April
4. 8th August

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Abanindranath Tagore, the nephew of Rabindranath Tagore, was one of the most prominent artists in India. He was the first major supporter of Swadeshi values in Indian art. He first created the ‘Indian society of oriental art’ and later went onto establish Bengal school of art.

**Q6:** Recently In union budget government announced to start Kisan Rail from Devlali to Danapur. Where Devlali and Danapur are located?

1. Maharashtra and Assam
2. West Bengal and Maharashtra
3. Assam to Tamilnadu
4. Maharashtra to Bihar

**Answer:** D

**Solution:**

As announced in current year’s union budget, Indian railways is introducing first ‘Kisan Rail’ from Devlali (Maharashtra) to Danapur (Bihar). This train with frozen containers will help in bringing perishable agricultural products like vegetables, fruits to market in a short time period. It aims to help double farmer’s income.

**Q7:** Recently a web portal India-WRIS was launched by Ministry of Jal Shakti. What is the full form of India-WRIS?

1. India water resources inventive system
2. India water resources information system
3. Information to India water resource system
4. India water integrated system

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched a new version of India-WRIS. This is a web portal containing information related to water resources through dashboards for rainfall, water levels and discharge of rivers, water bodies, ground water levels, reservoir storages, evapotranspiration and soil moisture, as well as modules on waters resources project, water bodies, hydro-met data availability and tools for GIS layer editing.

**Q8:** When did first anniversary of the abrogation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir held?

1. August 10
2. January 10
3. August 5
4. April 5

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

August 5 marked the first anniversary of the abrogation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under article 370 and conversion of the erstwhile state into two Union territories- Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Article 370 allowed the state a certain amount of autonomy-its own constitution, a separate flag and freedom to make laws, Jammu and Kashmir could make its own rules relating to permanent residency. Ownership of property and fundamental rights.

**Q9:** Recently on which day 75th anniversary of world’s first atomic Bombing celebrated?

1. August 6
2. April 5
3. June 7
4. May 10

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

During the world war-II the US dropped its first atomic bomb named ‘Little Boy’ on Hiroshima (Japan) on August 6, 1945 destroying the city and killing 140,000 people. It was estimated to have the explosive force of 20,000 tonnes of TNT. The US dropped a second atom bomb named “Fat man” on Nagasaki (Japan) on August 9, 1945.

**Q10:** PM lays the foundation for Ayodhya Ram Temple. In which type of architecture style it is to be built?

1. Hoysala style
2. Nagara style
3. Vesara style
4. Dravidian style

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

The temple is to be built in Nagara style of Architecture. This style of temple are found in Northern India, Nagara school is further subdivided into different schools based on region like Odisha, Khajuraho, Solanki etc. In Nagara style, temple is generally constructed on a upraised platform called Jagati. Mandapas are present in front of Garbhagriha.

**Q11:** who has launched the book the “Swachh Bharat Kranti“?

1. Minister of Jal Shakti
2. Minister of Swachh Bharat
3. Minister of Ganga rejuvenation
4. Minister of Education

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

The book “The Swachh Bharat Kranti” was officially launched by Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, and Union Minister of Textiles and Women & Child Development Smt. Smriti Irani in New Delhi on 4 August. The book was edited by Shri Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation has been translated into Hindi and published as the Swachh Bharat Kranti.

**Q12:** Where is India’s first lichen park inaugurated?

1. Jammu
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Uttarakhand
4. Assam

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

It has been set up in Kumaun Munshiyari area, Uttarakhand. It has been developed with an aim to conserve, protect and cultivate lichen and to create awareness among locals regarding their importance. Lichen is a composite organism that emerges from algae and cynobacteria living among the filaments of fungi.

**Q13:** Who is elected as the attorney general of India?

1. Kk Venugopal
2. Mukul Rohtagi
3. Goolam Essaji Vahanavati
4. Ashok Desai

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

President has reappointed kk Venugopal as AG for one year. Article 76 provide office of AG, highest law officer in India. He must be qualified to be a judge of sc. Term of office of AG is not fixed by constitution. He has the right to speak and take part in proceedings of both house of parliament but without a right to vote.

**Q14:** Which organization has launched the portal GARUD (GOVERNMENT AUTHORISATION FOR RELIEF USING DRONES) PORTAL?

1. Directorate of civil aviation
2. National highway authority of India
3. Defence research development organization
4. National informatics Centre

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

It was launched by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for providing fast track conditional exemptions to government agencies for COVID-19 related drone operations. DGCA, under Ministry of Civil Aviation is regulatory body in the field of Civil Aviation, primarily dealing with safety issues

**Q15:** Which ministry in collaboration with a social media platform launch programme GOAL (GOING ONLINE AS LEADERS) PROGRAMME?

1. Ministry of civil aviation
2. Ministry of Defence
3. Ministry of finance
4. Ministry of tribal affairs

**Answer:** D

**Solution:**

It is joint initiative of Facebook India with Ministry of Tribal affairs to provide mentorship to tribal youth through digital mode. Programme intends to upskill and empower 5,000 tribal youths in current phase to harness full potential of digital platforms to learn new ways of doing business, explore and connect with domestic and international markets.

**Q16:** Which organization released the report “LOST AT HOME” that looksat the risks and challenges of internally displaced children face?

1. UNEP
2. UNICEF
3. UNDP
4. WHO

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Report looks at the risks and challenges internally displaced children face, and the urgent actions needed to protect them. Drivers of displacement: Conflict and violence are key causes of internal displacement for children and their families. Discrimination, denial of rights to specific groups, statelessness and Climate change-induced disasters are some other factors.In India, total number of new internal displacements in 2019 stood at around 5 million – with majority due to disasters.

**Q17:** Which state became the first state to grant industry status to sports?

1. Assam
2. Tripura
3. Mizoram
4. Meghalaya

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

Mizoram became the first state to grant industry status to sports. It is expected to increase investments in sports, generating employment and increasing value.

**Q18:** Which state government will commence field research to solve the mystery regarding the birth place of Purandara Dasa?

1. Kerala
2. Karnataka
3. Tamilnadu
4. Andhrapradesh

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Karnataka government will commence field research at Keshavapura in Karnataka to solve the mystery regarding the birth place of Purandara Dasa. Till now, it was believed that Purandara Dasa was born in Purandaragarh near Pune, Maharashtra. However, an expert committee constituted by Karnataka Government reported that there is enough evidence to suggest Keshavapura as his birth place and recommended further research.

**Q19:** Which state is setting up india’s first observatory for the Gangetic Dolphins?

1. Assam
2. Tamilnadu
3. Uttrakhand
4. Bihar

**Answer:** D

**Solution:**

The Bihar government is setting up India’s first observatory for the Gangetic dolphins in Bhagalpur district. The observatory is constructed at Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary (VGDS). Observatory will aim to promote eco-tourism. There would be no adverse impact on the river’s ecology as the observatory is being constructed on a Sultanganj-Aguwani Ghat bridge over the Ganga.

**Q20:** Which organization and Food and agriculture organization (FAO) has jointly released ‘The state of world’s forests (SOFO) 2020?

1. UNEP
2. UNDP
3. UNSC
4. UNFC

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has jointly released a report titled The State of the World’s Forests (SOFO) 2020. It examines the contributions of forests, and of the people who use and manage them, to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. It assesses progress to date in meeting global targets and goals relating to forest biodiversity.

**Q21:** Who has proposed to allow common citizens to join its ranks as officers and soldiers for a short service billed as “tour of duty “.

1. Indian Army
2. Indian Navy
3. Indian Airforce
4. Indian Military

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

'Tour of Duty’ (ToD) is short, voluntary internship programme of three-year for youths. It is for youths who “do not want to make Defence services their permanent vocation, but still want to experience the thrill and adventure of military professionalism”. Proposal suggests several measures to incentivise this scheme like a tax-free income for three years and a token lumpsum at the end of three years, preference in public sector jobs and post-graduate courses etc.

**Q22:** India has asked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to work on an agreement that would enable countries to use the flexibilities under TRIPs.

1. G 20
2. G 7
3. SAARC
4. ASEAN

**Answer:** A

**Solution:**

India has asked the G20 members to work on an agreement that would enable countries to use the flexibilities under TRIPs. India called for an agreement to enable the use of TRIPS (Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights) flexibilities to ensure access to essential medicines, treatments and vaccines at affordable prices. India uses these flexibilities under Patent Act, 1970 for the public health and emergency purposes.

**Q23:** Who has released Sample Registration System (SRS) bulletin based on data collected for 2018.

1. Census commisioner of India
2. Registrar general of India
3. Controller general of account
4. Comptroller and auditor general of india

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Sample Registration System (SRS) bulletin has been released by the Registrar General of India. It is based on data collected for 2018. National birth rate in 2018 stood at 20. It was 36.9 in 1971.

**Q24:**  Ministry of Culture's National Gallery of Modern Art will organise a virtual tour for which person to commemorate its 115th Birth Anniversary?

1. Venupati Gopal
2. Ramkinkar Baij
3. Purandara Dasa
4. Abinindra Nath Tagore

**Answer:** B

**Solution:**

Ministry of Culture’s National Gallery of Modern Art will organize virtual tour titled “Ramkinkar Baij, Journey through silent transformation and expressions” to commemorate the 115th Birth Anniversary of Ramkinkar Baij on 26th May 2020. Ramkinkar Baij (1906-1980), one of the most seminal artists of modern India, was an iconic sculptor, painter and graphic artist. He was born in Bankura, West Bengal.

**Q25:** In a major initiative which ministry has launched CHAMPIONS portal, a Technology driven Control Room-Cum-Management Information System.

1. Ministry of Defence
2. Ministry of civil aviation
3. Ministry of MSME
4. Ministry of water resources

**Answer:** C

**Solution:**

Launched by the Union Ministry of MSME. It is a Technology driven Control Room-Cum-Management Information System. CHAMPIONS stands for Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength. It utilises modern ICT tools such as telephone, internet and video conference, and aims to assist Indian MSMEs to march into big league as National and Global CHAMPIONS.