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1.   Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Rajasthan became first state in the country to implement National Policy on Biofuels unveiled by Union Government in May 2018.

2.   Answer: (d)

Explanation:

The Policy categorises biofuels as "Basic Biofuels" viz. First Generation (1G) bioethanol & biodiesel and "Advanced Biofuels" - Second Generation (2G) ethanol, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) to drop-in fuels, Third Generation (3G) biofuels, bio-CNG etc. To enable extension of appropriate financial and fiscal incentives under each category.

The Policy expands the scope of raw material for ethanol production by allowing use of Sugarcane Juice, Sugar containing materials like Sugar Beet, Sweet Sorghum, Starch containing materials like Corn, Cassava, Damaged food grains like wheat, broken rice, Rotten Potatoes, unfit for human consumption for ethanol production.

Farmers are at a risk of not getting appropriate price for their produce during the surplus production phase. Taking this into account, the Policy allows use of surplus food grains for production of ethanol for blending with petrol with the approval of National Biofuel Coordination Committee.

3.   Answer: (d)

Explanation:

CSC is an initiative of Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY). It is strategic cornerstone of Digital India programme. It is pan-India network catering to regional, geographic, linguistic and cultural diversity of country, thus enabling Government's mandate of a socially, financially and digitally inclusive society.

4.   Answer: (a)

Explanation:

The Scheme is presently being operated through EXIM Bank, which raises resources from market to provide concessional finance. Union Government provides counter guarantee and interest equalization support of 2% to EXIM Bank to offer concessional finance to any foreign Government or its owned or controlled entity, if any Indian entity, succeeds in getting contract for execution of project.

5.   Answer: (a)

Explanation:

The institutions that have been in existence for at least five years before applying for financial assistance/grant.

6.   Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Oxytocin is a hormone that is made in the brain, in the hypothalamus. The release of oxytocin by the pituitary gland acts to regulate two female reproductive functions: Childbirth and Breast-feeding.

7.   Answer: (a)

Explanation:

NOCs will be allowed to explore and exploit unconventional hydrocarbons under the existing fiscal and contractual terms of exploration/lease license.

8.   Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Government has launched e-Pashu Haat portal (www.epashuhaat.gov.in) for connecting breeders and farmers of indigenous breeds. Through the portal farmers can obtain information on location of quality indigenous germplasm in the form live animals, semen doses and embryos. This portal is playing crucial role in development and conservation of indigenous breeds. As on date complete information along with pedigree and productivity details on availability of 80,433 live animals, 80.36 million semen doses and 364 embryos is available on the portal.

9.   Answer: (c)

Explanation:

'State Energy Efficiency Preparedness Index' has been released by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE). The nationwide Index, which is a joint effort of the NITI Aayog and BEE, was launched by Mr. A.K. Bhalla, Secretary, Ministry of Power; Dr Ajay Mathur, DG, TERIin the presence of senior officials from the Ministry and BEE. The dignitaries also released a set of Energy Conversation Guidelines for energy intensive industries that are covered under the Government's Perform Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme. Developed by the BEE, these will serve as a standard reference document for energy intensive industries and help them achieve high operational efficiency of energy consuming utilities thereby improving their energy performance.

10.   Answer: (d)

Explanation:

The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is a scheme involving several stakeholders including State Governments, financial institutions, insurance companies and farmers, both loanee and non-loanee. It also envisages adoption of technology for integration of all stakeholders on the National Crop Insurance Portal for scheme administration and in capturing crop loss assessment etc. Issues faced by stakeholders in adopting the new technology regimen, in following seasonality discipline alongwith the fact that claim settlement is primarily dependent on receipt of clear yield data from States as well as timely payment of their share of premium subsidy to insurance companies are some of the major challenges in implementing PMFBY.

11.   Answer: (d)

Explanation:

A geographical indication (GI) is a name or sign used on products which corresponds to a specific geographical location or origin (e.g. a town, region, or country). The use of a geographical indication, as a type of indication of source, may act as a certification that the product possesses certain qualities, is made according to traditional methods, or enjoys a certain reputation, due to its geographical origin.

12.   Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Goafen-11 is an optical remote sensing satellite, launched by China as part of its high-resolution Earth observation project. It will aid in the Belt and Road Initiative. It was the 282nd flight mission by a Long March carrier rocket.

13.   Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Karnataka Bank has integrated its education loan scheme/s with Vidya Lakshmi Portal of Government of India.

14. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The hub proposes to monitor social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and even email) handles at the very local level in multiple languages to carry out "sentiment analysis", track down the influence-making social media users and to categorise the conversations on social media into positive, negative and neutral sections.

It also aimed to track real time the way social media receives news on government's schemes and announcements and also political events.

15. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The three funds have been established by the Government under the NIIF platform and registered with SEBI as Category II Alternative Investment Funds and National Investment and Infrastructure Fund II ("Strategic Fund") is one of those three funds. The other two funds are National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (or Master Fund) and NIIF Fund of Funds – I. The objective of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund II ("Strategic Fund") is to invest largely in equity and equity-linked instruments. The Strategic Fund will focus on green field and brown field investments in the core infrastructure sectors.

16. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The famous Kadaknath chicken meat from Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh has now got a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

17. Answer: (a)

Explanation:

It seeks to expand business opportunities in both domestic and foreign markets through range of specialized services and global linkages.

18. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

Niti Aayog has launched Move Hack, global mobility hackathon to crowdsource solutions for the future of mobility in India. It is organized in partnership with Government of Singapore and is powered by Hacker Earth.

19. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The mobile application is initiative of department of environment science and technology in association with National Informatics Centre (NIC), Himachal Pradesh.

20. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Facebook has launched "Digital Literacy Library" to help young people build skills they need to safely enjoy online technology.

21. Answer: (d)

Explanation:

India was elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for period of two years. It is hosted by Government of Malaysia and its secretariat is located in Kuala Lumpur. It is regional inter-governmental organisation serving countries of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP).

22. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

Bhoomi Rashi the portal developed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and National Informatics Centre.

23.   Answer: (d)
Explanation:

It was launched by Invest India under Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in partnership with energy companies. It aims to foster collaboration between startups and large corporations of the energy sector

24.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:

It will make India fourth country in the world after US, Russia and Israel to successfully built effective anti-ballistic missile system.

25.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:

Telangana State Information Technology, Electronics and Communication department (ITE&C) signed Memorandum of Understanding with Tech Mahindra to launch India's first Blockchain district in its state.

26.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:

Telangana ITE&C Department will provide regulatory and policy support to enable and promote Blockchain growth both in India and globally.

27.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:

It is an initiative to tap startups for finding safe and futuristic Indian solutions to critical needs of the three Armed Forces.

28.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:

ICANN coordinates and ensures the smooth and secure functioning of the cybernetic framework. It is a nonprofit organization that was set up in 1998 to oversee the administration of domain names.

29.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:

IMPacting Research, INnovation and Technology (IMPRINT) is a national initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). IMPRINT-2 has been approved by Government of India (GoI) with a revised strategy under which, this national initiative will be jointly funded and steered by MHRD and Department of Science and Technology (DST).

30.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:

GST Council has been established as per Article 279A of the Constitution. It is joint forum of the Centre and the States to make recommendations on important issues related to GST.

31.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:

SBI has signed Memorandum of Understanding with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for unsecured loan. This is SBI's highest long term unsecured loan to any entity and also largest loan ever sanctioned to NHAI in one stroke by any institution.

32.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:

It allows designated special court to declare person as fugitive economic offender and to confiscate his property and including benami.

33. Answer: (a)
Explanation:

The amendment introduces Section 148 in the Act, empowering the appellate court to direct deposit of a minimum of 20% of the cheque amount.

34. Answer: (b)
Explanation:

In this mission, ISRO will for first time attempt to land rover on moon's south-pole. It will be ISRO's first inter-planetary mission to land rover on any celestial body. Recently ISRO has postponed the launch of Chandrayaan-2 Mission to moon to January 2019.

35. Answer: (c)
Explanation:

Joint military exercise Maitree 2018 between Indian Army and Royal Thai Army was conducted in Thailand.

36. Answer: (b)
Explanation:

The hypersonic wave rider flight vehicle was designed by state-run China Academy of Aerospace Aerodynamics (CAAA) in collaboration with China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

37. Answer: (c)
Explanation:

The Bill amends the IPC, 1860 to increase the minimum punishment for rape of women from seven years to ten years.

Rape and gang rape of girls below the age of 12 years will carry minimum imprisonment of twenty years and is extendable to life imprisonment or death.

Rape of girls below the age of 16 years is punishable with imprisonment of twenty years or life imprisonment.

38. Answer: (a)
Explanation:

The funding would flow from the central ministry through the state governments/union territories to the State Higher Education Councils before reaching the identified institutions.

39. Answer: (c)
Explanation:

Startup India launched the Startup Academia Alliance programme. The first phase of Startup Academia Alliance will be implemented in partnership with Regional Centre for Biotechnology, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Council on Energy, Environment and Water, and TERI School of Advanced Studies.

40. Answer: (b)
Explanation:

They is industry-standard microprocessors developed by scientists from IIT- Madras. They are produced under Project Shakti and have been fabricated free at Intel's facility at Oregon, U.S., to run the Linux operating system.

41. Answer: (d)
Explanation:

Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highway (MoRTH) launched two IT initiative Bidder Information Management System (BIMS) and Bhoomi Rashi and PFMS linkage aimed at expediting pre construction processes relating to bidding and land acquisition respectively.

42.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:

The world's first-ever thermal battery plant owned by Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST) was inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh.

43.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:

Citizens of Afghanistan, China and Pakistan and foreign nationals of Pakistani origin are exception and are not allowed to enter such areas.

44.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:

The list of the islands permitted for foreigners visit includes East Island, North Andaman, Smith Island, Curfew Island, Stewart Island, Land Fall Island, Ayes Island, Middle Andaman, Long Island, Strait Island, North Passage, Baratang, South Andaman, Havelock, Neil Island, Flat Bay, Little Andaman, Chowra, Tillang Chong Island, Teressa, Katchal, Nancowry, Kamorta, Pulomilo, Great Nicobar, Little Nicobar, Narcondam Island and Interview Island.

45.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:

The application is developed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and National e-Governance Division (NeGD) in order to drive Mobile Governance in India.

46.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:

Union Government, NABARD and National Water Development Agency (NWDA) have signed revised Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for funding of central share of 99 prioritized irrigation projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) through Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF).

47.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:

India's largest bank State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its Multi Option Payment Acceptance Device (MOPAD) for digital payments convenience of merchants and consumers.

48.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:

All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), a premier institute of Ayurveda under the AYUSH Ministry has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Delhi to boost research in traditional medicine and streamline hospital care facilities in the country.

49.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:

With a view to exploring the roles and contributions of the business sector in the implementation of SDGs in India, NITI Aayog, United Nations in India and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) are jointly organizing a Government and Business Partnership Conclave. The First Session will be on "Green Industry: Innovations, Initiatives and Sustainability"

followed by sessions on "Water: Uses, Management and Ecosystem Protection" and "Energy: Managing Demands and Sustainability".

50.   Answer: (d)

Explanation:

Recently NITI Aayog and Confederation of Indian Industry have signed Memorandum of Understanding on Sustainable Development Goals and entered into 3 year partnership. CII is an association of Indian businesses which works to create environment conducive to growth of industry in India.

51.   Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Niryat Mitra app was launched by Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

52.   Answer: (b)

Explanation:

Government has informed Lok Sabha that Non-Resident Indians (NRI) cannot file Right to Information (RTI) applications to seek governance-related related information from Central government departments. It mentioned that only citizens of India have the right to seek information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 and NRIs are not eligible to file RTI applications.

53.   Answer: (c)

Explanation:

The Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve has become the 11th Biosphere Reserve from India that has been included in the UNESCO designated World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR).

54.   Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh government had recently organized 'One District One Product' Summit to promote traditional industries in every district of the state.

55.   Answer: (c)

Explanation:

TRAI is an independent regulator of telecommunications business in India. It also regularly issues orders and directions on various subjects such as tariffs, quality of service, interconnections, Direct To Home (DTH) service and mobile number portability.

56.   Answer: (d)

Explanation:

PMS-OBC is flagship scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. It is fully centrally sponsored scheme. It aims to provide financial assistance to OBC students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

57.   Answer: (b)

Explanation:

Axis Bank became first bank in the country to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar-based transactions through its micro ATM tablets.

58.   Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Recently launched Operation Madad and Operation Sahyog was related to rescue people for flood-hit Kerala.

59.   Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The projects for defence industrial corridor in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh were launched recently by

Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. It was launched as part of the Union Government's efforts to develop specialised zones dedicated to defence production in the state.

60.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:
World Elephant Day is observed every year on 12th of August. In India, cultural event Gaj Mahotsav was organised by Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) and Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on this occasion of this day.

61.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:
The theme of "International Youth Day 2018" was Safe Space for Youth.

62.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:
Recently Union Civil Aviation Ministry has given in-principle approval to set up water aerodromes in the country.

63.   Answer: (d)
Explanation:
Digital North East Vision 2022" was launched in Assam. Digital North East is envisioned as an integral part of Digital India programme. It identifies eight digital thrust areas namely, Digital Infrastructure, Digital services, Promotion of Electronics Manufacturing, Digital empowerment, Promotion of IT and ITes including BPOs, Digital Payments, Innovation & Startups and Cyber security.

64.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:

Delhi Police has inducted India's first all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team for anti-terrorist operations. The all-woman SWAT team was inducted after rigorous training of around 15 months from specialists all across India and abroad.

65.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:
National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank was inaugurated at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology's (CCMB) Laboratory of Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES) facility in Hyderabad, Telanagana.

66.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:
Fateh-110 missile is 100% domestically made in Iran.

67.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:
These platforms will strengthen maritime security by undertaking a multitude of operational roles both in blue water and littorals.

68.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:
MPEDA is a nodal coordinating state owned agency engaged in fishery production and allied activities. It functions under Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

69.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:

Pune ranked first among 116 cities with population of 1 million plus in Ease of Living Index and Mumbai ranked second. Ease of Living Index released by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs with help of the consortium of IPSOS Research Pvt Ltd, Athena Infonomics, and Economist Intelligence Unit.

70. Answer: (b)
Explanation:

It will also decrease Foreign Exchange Reserves of RBI.

71. Answer: (c)
Explanation:

The first project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme 'North East Circuit: Imphal and Khongjom' was inaugurated in Manipur.

72. Answer: (b)
Explanation:

Odisha government has launched Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana, a health for all schemes, on the occasion of the 72nd Independence Day.

73. Answer: (c)
Explanation:

The Indian government has handed over a cheque amounting Rs 33 crore to the Nepal Government for construction of a Postal Highway. It also called Hulaki Rajmarg runs across the Terai region of Nepal, from Bhadrapur in the east to Dodhara in the west, cutting across the entire width of the country. The two road packages of Birgunj-Thori Road being implemented under Postal Highway Project in Nepal with Government of India's grant assistance.

74. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

India plans to build a crew vehicle that can accommodate 2 or 3 astronauts and human rate its GLSV Mk-III launcher.

75. Answer: (b)
Explanation:

It was set up with the guidance and support of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA). NPCI has ten promoter banks. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has said the recent incident of cyber attack in Pune-based Cosmos Cooperative Bank, that has caused an over ₹ 90-crore loss, is due to a malware attack on the bank's system.

76. Answer: (d)
Explanation:

Recently World Congress of Philosophy 2018 was held in china.

77. Answer: (d)
Explanation:

It aims are to optimize nitrogen's beneficial role in sustainable food production and minimize nitrogen's negative effects on human health and environment. INI is also currently sustained partner of Future Earth.

78. Answer: (c)
Explanation:

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched UPI 2.0, an upgraded and renwed version of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) by adding four new features to make it attractive and safer for users.

79. Answer: (c)

Explanation:

11th World Hindi Conference (विश्व हिंदी सम्मेलन) was held in Mauritius in its capital city Port Lois from August 18-20, 2018.

80.   Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Its creation comes in wake of US withdrawal (unilaterally) from Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (also known nuclear deal) signed between Iran andand P5+1 countries (P5: China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, United States and +1: Germany,) and European Union in Vienna (Austria) in July 2015.

81.   Answer: (b)

Explanation:

International Conference on Recent Advances in Food Processing Technology (iCRAFPT) was held at Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IFPT).

82.   Answer: (b)

Explanation:

Guide banks on mergers and consolidations and governance issues to address bad loans problem among other issues.

83.   Answer: (c)

Explanation:

P-Notes are not used within the country but are mainly used outside India for making investments in shares listed in the Indian stock market. SEBI had permitted FIIS to participate and register in the Indian stock market in 1992.

84.   Answer: (d)

Explanation:

Barak-8, also known as also known as LR-SAM or as MR-SAM is an operational air and missile defense system. It is used by Israeli Navy as well as by Indian Navy and air forces. It is designed to defend against variety of short-to-long-range airborne threats, including fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters, drones and projectiles.

85.   Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) have constituted three-member committee to look into draft food labelling and display regulations Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations 2018. The committee will be headed by B Sesikeran, former director of National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) and comprises of current NIN director Hemalatha.

86.   Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) has proposed to set up five-member committee to suggest changes to JEE (Advanced) in the wake of of an inadequate number of candidates qualifying entrance test this year. The committee will be headed by IIT-Madras director Bhaskar Ramamurthy.

87.   Answer: (d)

Explanation:

UIDAI has announced new feature 'live face photo,' which is live feed of person facial, features whose 12-digit unique number Aadhaar is submitted. The face authentication will be in addition to fingerprint or iris scans for Aadhaar authentication. In initial phase, telecom service

providers (TSPs) will be first to use face recognition to authenticate subscribers while issuing new SIM cards.

88.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:

SAAW project is India's first fully indigenous anti-airfield weapon project sanctioned by Government in September 2013.

89.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:

It is a biennial warfare exercise hosted by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). It is normally held in Northern Australia, primarily at RAAF Bases Darwin and Tindal. The first Pitch Black exercises took place in 1981 between different RAAF units.

90.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:

Joint platoon level military exercise Maitree 2018 between India and Thailand was conducted in Thailand from 6 to 19 August 2018. It was platoon level exercise between Indian Army and Royal Thai Army that comprised of infantry component.

91.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:

Union Ministry of Women and Child Development have announced to observe September 2018 as the National Nutrition Month to mark the country's fight against malnutrition.

92.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:

Rome-based ICCROM is an inter-governmental organisation dedicated to the preservation of cultural heritage worldwide through training, information, research, cooperation and advocacy programmes.

93.   Answer: (c)
Explanation:

A National Logistics Portal is being developed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to ensure ease of trading in the international and domestic markets. The portal will link all the stakeholders of EXIM, domestic trade and movement and all trade activities on a single platform.

94.   Answer: (a)
Explanation:

World Bank has launched world-first block chain bond. Australia's Commonwealth Bank (Comm Bank) is the sole arranger of the issuance by the World Bank.

95.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:

NASA will shortly launch the Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2 (ICESat-2) mission to measure — in unprecedented detail — changes in the heights of Earth's polar ice to understand what is causing ice sheets to melt fast.

96.   Answer: (b)
Explanation:

It functions under Ministry of Human Resource Development. It is mandated to initiate important decisions and dialogues which have important bearing on the entire student population of the country. The three primary functions of UGC include overseeing distribution of grants to

universities and colleges in India, providing scholarships and fellowships to beneficiaries and monitoring conformity to its regulations by universities and colleges.

97. Answer: (d)
Explanation:

CERT-In is nodal agency for information technology (cyber) security under aegis of Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Electronics and IT. It issue guidelines, vulnerability notes, advisories and whitepapers regarding to information security practices, prevention. According to recent report by Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), maximum numbers of cyber-attacks on official Indian websites are from China, US and Russia. The report was forwarded to National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and other security agencies.

98. Answer: (c)
Explanation:

The 2018 SCO Peace Mission Exercise is being held in Russia. The exercise will involve tactical level operations in an international counter insurgency or counter-terrorism environment under the SCO Charter.

99. Answer: (b)
Explanation:

It is one of the largest non-governmental organisations in India engaged in conservation and biodiversity research. It has started operating its first regional centre on the campus of Wetland Research and Training Centre near Chilika Lake.

100. Answer: (c)
Explanation:

Strategic Partnership model, the government intends to boost private sector participation and create domestic expertise. It has four key areas, namely, fighter aircraft, helicopters, submarines, and armoured vehicles and main battle tanks.

101. Answer: (b)
Explanation:

The Indian Ocean Conference initiated by India Foundation along with its partners from Singapore, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh is an annual effort to bring together Heads of States/Governments, Ministers, Thought Leaders, scholars, diplomats, bureaucrats and practitioners from across the region.

102. Answer: (d)
Explanation:

"Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)" is the national Standards Body of India working under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. The Minister in charge of the Ministry or Department having administrative control of the BIS is the ex-officio President of the BIS.

103. Answer: (a)
Explanation:

Funding of individual project will vary from state to state and will be finalised on the basis of detailed project reports prepared by PMC (Programme Management Consultant).

104. Answer: (b)

Explanation:

The Centre has signed MOU with Uttarakhand, UP, HP, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi for Construction of Lakhwar Multipurpose Project on Yamuna Near Dehradun.

105.   Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Google has unveiled Project Navlekha to make online content relevant for more Indian users especially in local languages. India is important market for Google as it has second largest population of internet users in the world. Hence, with the new project the amount of resources available for Indians in local languages will increase.

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