

[CURRENT AFFAIRS – 15 SEP- 2018]

Question 1. Who has been appointed new chairman of the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee?

- A. L K Advani
- B. Chandrakant B Khaire
- C. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- D. P Karunakaran

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Veteran BJP leader L K Advani has been renominated as the chairman of the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee by Speaker Sumitra Mahajan. The Committee examines complaints relating to unethical conduct by members of Parliament. It is also free to take up suo motu investigation into the matters relating to ethics and unethical conduct by a member, wherever necessary, and make such recommendations, as it may deem fit. P Karunakaran has also been renominated as chairman of the Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House. Beside this, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank will head the Committee on Government Assurances.

Question 2. India's first tribal circuit tourism project under Swadesh Darshan scheme inaugurated at which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Chhattisgarh

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The central government had allocated about 100 crore rupees to develop this project to highlight tribal culture to the domestic and foreign tourists. The circuit connects 13 tourism sites in Chhattisgarh - Jashpur, Kunkuri, Mainpat, Kamleshpur, Maheshpur, Kurdar, Sarodadadar, Gangrel, Kondagaon, Nathiya Nawagaon, Jagdalpur, Chitrakoot, and Tirthgarh. Under the theme of the tribal circuit, close to Rs 400 crore has been sanctioned to the states of Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Nagaland.

Question 3. Sagarmatha Friendship-2018 military is started between which two countries?

- A. Cina and India
- B. Myanmar and India
- C. Nepal and China
- D. India and Sri Lanka

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The second edition of the 10-day Nepal-China joint military exercise "Sagarmatha Friendship-2018" will be held at Chengdu, the capital of China's southwestern Sichuan Province, from September 17. The aim of the exercise is to share expertise in disaster management and to fight terrorism, among others. This will reduce Nepal's dependence on India and allow China to get a firmer foothold in the sub-continental drama. This comes at a time when Nepal refuses to participate in the first-ever BIMSTEC military exercise "MILEX-18", which has started in India from September 10.

Question 4. Which state government launched a mobile platform, e-Rythu which enables the small-scale farmers to market their produce at reasonable prices?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Punjab
- D. Rajasthan

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The government of Andhra Pradesh entered into a MOU with Mastercard and launched a mobile platform, e-Rythu (e-farmer in Telugu) enabling small-scale farmers to market their produce at reasonable prices. It aims to digitize agriculture marketplaces, payments, workflows, and secure way to buy, sell and receive payments for agri products. The platform has been developed by Mastercard Labs for financial inclusion. The platform also creates a digital transaction history, which allows farmers to receive formal credit from banks and other financial institutions. The government aims to integrate the e-Rythu with existing platforms such as e-NAM (National Agricultural Market).

Question 5. Name the poet who will be honoured with Meera Puruskar by Rajasthan Sahitya Academy for his contribution to Hindi literature.

- A. Sawai Singh Shekhawat
- B. Sahir Ludhianvi
- C. Kayyar Kinhana Rai
- D. Jayamant Mishra

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Jaipur-based poet and writer Sawai Singh Shekhawat will be honoured with Meera Puruskar by Rajasthan Sahitya Academy for his contribution to Hindi literature. Meera award is the highest award of the Rajasthan Sahitya Academy.

Question 6. This department organized a 'National Conference of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres' for Divyangans.

- A. Cabinet Secretariat and Co-ordination
- B. National Savings
- C. SBTE
- D. DEPwD

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment organized a 1-day 'National Conference of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres' at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, the Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment will be the chief guest. The aim of the conference was to let DDRCs play a crucial and central role for the wellbeing of Divyangjan.

Question 7. G20 Trade And Investment Ministerial Meeting was held in _____.

- A. Argentina
- B. Brazil
- C. Iran

D. Chile

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting was held in Argentina. The main aim is to issues including increasing protectionism challenges to promote global commerce and the new industrial revolution were discussed at the meeting. The members of the G20 include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union.

Question 8. This company has signed an agreement to acquire Fluidio in a deal worth over Rs.545 crore.

- A. TCL
- B. Wipro
- C. Infosys
- D. HCL

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Infosys has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Fluidio in a deal worth up to €65 million (over Rs.545 crore). Fluidio is one of the largest and longest-tenured independent Salesforce Platinum Consulting Partners in Europe and an Authorised Salesforce Training Delivery partner in the Nordics. This deal is expected to close in 2019. This acquisition strengthens the position of Infosys as a leading Salesforce enterprise cloud services provider and enhances its ability to provide clients with an unparalleled cloud-first transformation.

Question 9. Which state government has banned the manufacture, sale and possession of e-cigarettes?

- A. Odisha
- B. Bihar
- C. Andra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The Tamil Nadu government has banned the manufacture, sale (including online sale), distribution, trade, display, marketing, import and possession of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), which are popularly known as e-cigarettes, with an immediate effect in the state. The government order stated that it is a myth that e-cigarettes are less harmful than beedis and cigarettes. The ban advisory states that the use of e-cigarettes causes adverse health effects due to second-hand exposure to metals like nickel and chromium. These poses a risk to non-smokers and bystanders. E-cigarettes are also dangerous to children and non-smokers.

Question 10. Which country to come together with India for strengthening cooperation in Tourism MoU to boost economy for both countries?

- A. Malta
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Indonesia
- D. Iran

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: India and Malta to come together for strengthening cooperation in Tourism MoU to boost economy for both countries. The MoU will help in increasing tourist arrivals in both countries that will lead to a boost in the economy. The Main objectives of the MoU are to encourage the quality destination of tourism industry in both countries. increase tourist arrivals in both countries from the entire world through the territories of India and Malta Promoting human resource development in tourism and travel-related industries in both countries Contribute to a new tourism, offer, particularly through the promotion of natural and tangible, and intangible cultural heritage, the development of sustainable tourism and the use of information technologies.

