

[CURRENT AFFAIRS –16-AUG -2018]

Question-1: Which Union Minister inaugurated Smart City projects undertaken by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), in New Delhi, on 13th August 2018?

- 1.Hardeep Puri
- 2.Dharmendra Pradhan
- 3.Rajnath Singh
- 4.Harsh Vardhan
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 3.

Explanation:

Projects inaugurated by Rajnath Singh include: Smart Poles, Solar Tree, Ideation Centre, 50 LED interactive screens, Ambedkar Vatika and 2 hi-tech nurseries, 4 mechanical road sweepers, 2 litter picking machines and 10 auto tippers. MTNL's (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited) hi-speed Broadband on Optical Fiber and Hi-Speed Wi-Fi were also launched in Connaught Place. New Delhi was one of the 20 cities included in the First Phase of the Smart City Mission in January 2016 announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Question-2: Who has been appointed the brand ambassador for road safety campaign?

- 1.MS Dhoni
- 2.Amitabh Bacchan
- 3.Rajini Kanth
- 4.Akshay Kumar
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 4.

Explanation:

On 14th August 2018, actor Akshay Kumar was appointed Road Safety Brand Ambassador. This announcement was made at an event in New Delhi. Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Nitin Gadkari launched three short films for creating public awareness on road safety. These films featured Akshay Kumar. The films were directed by R.Balki.

Question-3: The E-committee of the Supreme Court headed by _____ has launched 3 mobile applications for the benefit of litigants and lawyers, namely e-courts services, E-pay and NSTEP (National Service and Tracking of Electronic Processes)?

- 1.Justice M B Lokur
- 2.Justice Suresh Mathur
- 3.Justice Arun Prabhu
- 4.Justice Vijay Wandhakar
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 1.

Explanation:

These software have been developed on “open source technology” and thus has saved Rs 1,670 crore. The litigants and the lawyers would be able to file petitions in almost 17,000 district and ‘taluka’ courts in the country. e-pay would enable the litigants to pay court fees, costs imposed by courts, maintenance in matrimonial cases through digital means. The NSTEP would be connected to GPRS and the judges would be able to monitor any services being done by the court staff.

Question-4: Rythu Bima and Kanti Velugu schemes were launched on August 15, 2018, on the eve of 72nd Independence Day, in which state?

- 1.Andhra Pradesh
- 2.Telangana
- 3.Tamil Nadu
- 4.Gujarat
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 2.

Explanation:

On August 15, 2018, on the eve of 72nd Independence Day, Telengana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao launched two major schemes:

- Rythu Bima: insurance to farmers
- Kanti Velugu: free eye screening for all citizens.

Question-5: Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, inaugurated project “Development of North East Circuit: Imphal & Khongjom”, under which scheme of Ministry of Tourism?

- 1.Discover India
- 2.Swadesh Darshan
- 3.Incredible North East
- 4.New India
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 2.

Explanation:

On August 14, 2018, governor of Manipur Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, inaugurated project “Development of North East Circuit: Imphal & Khongjom” implemented under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism in Imphal, Manipur. It is the first project under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme being inaugurated in the country. The project under inauguration was sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in September 2015 for Rs.72.30 Crores. Under this project Ministry has carried out developmental works at a cost of Rs. 63.90 Crore.

Question-6: IDBI Bank has increased the marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) by up to what per cent for various tenors, with effect from 12th August 2018?

- 1.0.10 %
- 2.0.25 %
- 3.0.50 %
- 4.0.75 %
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 1.

Explanation:

Tenors New Interest Rate (in %)

Overnight	8
One month	8.25
Three months	8.45
Six Months	8.60
One year	8.85
Three years	8.90

Question-7: Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has signed a loan agreement with which German bank for EUR 200 million?

- 1.KfW Bank
- 2.Deutsche Bank
- 3.DZ Bank
- 4.Commerz Bank
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 1.

Explanation:

On August 15, 2018, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) inked a loan agreement with German bank KfW in Frankfurt for EUR 200 million. This would be used to finance clean energy projects in India. This is REC's fourth line of credit under Indo-German development cooperation.

Question-8: As per 'Ficci's Economic Outlook Survey', the Indian economy is expected to grow at ____ per cent in the current fiscal?

- 1.7.5 %
- 2.7.4 %
- 3.7.3 %
- 4.7.7 %
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 2.7.4 %

Explanation:

On August 15, 2018, as per Ficci's survey 'Ficci's Economic Outlook Survey', the Indian economy is expected to grow at 7.4 per cent in the current fiscal. It projects that GDP will grow at 7.4 per cent for 2018-19, with a minimum and maximum range of 7.1 per cent and 7.5 per cent, respectively. The economic activity on the first quarter of the current fiscal would be 7.1 per cent. The study further said the median growth forecast for agriculture and allied activities has been put at 3 per cent for 2018-19. Industry and services sector are expected to grow by 6.9 per cent and 8.3 per cent, respectively in 2018-19.

Question-9: How many gallantry awards were conferred to Armed Forces Personnel and members of Paramilitary Forces, this year?

- 1.125
- 2.140
- 3.150
- 4.131
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 4.

Explanation:

Rifleman Aurangzeb has been honoured posthumously. He was abducted and killed by terrorists in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir in June 2018. Also, Sepoy Vrahma Pal Singh has been conferred with Kirti Chakra posthumously. Also, Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) has been conferred on Group Captain Abhishek Sharma, Squadron Leader Vernon Desmond Keane and Sergeant Shashidhar P Prasad. The President has approved 131 Gallantry Awards to Armed Forces Personnel and members of Paramilitary Forces. This consists of: 1 Kirti Chakra, 20 Shaurya Chakras, three Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 93 Sena Medals (Gallantry), 11 Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and three Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).

Question-10: President Ram Nath Kovind approved Nao Sena (Gallantry) medal for the 6 women crew members of Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini, who circumnavigated the globe. Name the captain of the crew?

- 1.Lt Cdr Vartika Joshi
- 2.Lt Cdr Pratibha Jamwal
- 3.Lt Cdr P Swathi
- 4.Lt Cdr Vijaya Devi
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 1.

Explanation:

Lt Cdr Vartika Joshi captained the 194-day mission. The mission started on 10th September 2017. Other crew members are: Lt Cdr Pratibha Jamwal, and Lts P Swathi, Vijaya Devi, B Aishwarya and Payal Gupta. Nao Sena Gallantry medals were also announced for marine Lt Cdr Anil Raina and Kunal Saini for anti-insurgency operations. The president also approved Shaurya Chakra for Capt P Rajkumar for his work during Cyclone Ockhi.

Question-11: Who was given the additional charge as Governor of Chhattisgarh, on 15th August 2018?

- 1.Jagdish Mukhi
- 2.Anandiben Patel
- 3.Raghubar Das
- 4.Vidyasagar Rao
- 5.None of these

Correct Answer – 2.

Explanation:

On 15th August 2018, Madhya Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel was sworn in as Governor of Chhattisgarh. President Ram Nath Kovind gave Anandiben Patel the additional charge as Governor of Chhattisgarh following the death of Chhattisgarh governor Balramji Dass Tandon. Chhattisgarh High Court Chief Justice Ajay Kumar Tripathi administered the oath of office to Anandiben Patel. Anandiben Patel will perform additional duties as Chhattisgarh governor until regular arrangements for the office of the governor of Chhattisgarh are made.

Question-12: Who was appointed as the Ambassador to Russia, on 15th August 2018?

- 1.Pankaj Saran
- 2.D Bala Venkatesh Varma
- 3.Mohammed Rasool Khan
- 4.Vijay Shekhar Varma

5.None of these

Correct Answer – 2.

Explanation:

On August 15, 2018, D Bala Venkatesh Varma has been appointed as the Ambassador to Russia. He is currently serving as Indian envoy in Spain. He will succeed Pankaj Saran who has been appointed as the deputy National Security Advisor. Varma is a 1988 batch IFS officer.

