

[CURRENT AFFAIRS – 30-SEP-2018]

Question 1: Who of the following has given assent to promulgate an Ordinance to set up a committee to run the Medical Council of India (MCI)?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Venkaiya Naidu
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Ram Nath Kovind

Answer: D

Explanation: President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent to promulgate an Ordinance to set up a committee to run the Medical Council of India (MCI). The committee will have a 7-member Board of Governors led by NITI Aayog Member Dr V.K. Paul. The Bill provides for simplification of procedures and is aimed at spurring rapid growth in the number of undergraduate and postgraduate medical seats in the country.

Question 2: The Indo-Bangladesh Border conference was held in _____.

- A. Kohima
- B. Silchar
- C. Aizawl
- D. Guwahati

Answer: C

Explanation: The joint border conference was held between India and Bangladesh at Aizawl, Mizoram and delegates from both sides expressed their deliberations on the border issues between the two countries. The conference led to a vital discussion on the need for demarcation of the border between the two countries along Mizoram. From the Indian counterpart, Survey of India Director Sanjay Kumar headed the Indian delegation.

Question 3: Which state government has decided to create the post of 'firewomen' to break gender stereotypes?

- A. Kerala
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Haryana

Answer: A

Explanation: For the first time, the Kerala government has decided to create the post of 'firewomen' in the Kerala State Fire and Rescue Services in a bid to break gender stereotypes. The purpose of this novel initiative is to ensure gender equality & to enhance the participation of women in various sectors.

Question 4: Andhra Pradesh has recently signed pact with which US-based company to set up a solar battery manufacturing plant?

- A. SunPower
- B. Triton Solar Company
- C. Horizon Solar Power
- D. Sungevity

Answer: B

Explanation: The Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) has recently signed pact with Triton Solar Company of the USA to set up a solar battery manufacturing plant in AP under the public-private-partnership (PPP) model. The plant helps in switching over to electrical vehicles and secures 200 Megawatt of solar power storage supply to meet the state's energy needs. With an investment of Rs 727 crore, the proposed solar battery manufacturing plant will come up in phases & will produce batteries based on nano and lithium polymer technology.

Question 5: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Conference on Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence in which city?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Pune
- C. New Delhi
- D. Surat

Answer: C

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Conference on Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence in New Delhi in which the Vice-Chancellors, Directors from more than 350 universities participated. The theme of the conference is to deliberate on challenges facing the Indian education system and to work out a plan for a paradigm shift both in terms of achieving academic outcomes and also in the regulation of education. The conference will be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and HRD minister Prakash Javadekar.

Question 6: ICICI Bank ties-up with _____ to launch a range of co-branded credit cards.

- A. Paytm
- B. MakeMyTrip
- C. Yatra
- D. RedBus

Answer: B

Explanation: ICICI Bank ties-up with MakeMy Trip to launch a range of co-branded credit cards. This includes 2 types of credit card - MakeMyTrip ICICI Bank Platinum Credit Card and MakeMyTrip ICICI Bank Signature Credit Card. These can convert their daily spends on the card to MakeMyTrip 'MyCash' as reward currency. The rewards points have the validity of upto one year from the date of issuance and there is no maximum limit for reward points that can be accumulated in 'MyCash'.

Question 7: Who among the following bagged 'Icons of Indian Cinema' Award?

- A. Anupam Kher
- B. Raza Ali Khan
- C. Rajesh Khattar
- D. Pankaj Kapur

Answer: D

Explanation: Actor-director Pankaj Kapur honoured with 'Icons of Indian Cinema' Award at the closing ceremony of the ninth edition of Jagran Film Festival in Mumbai on 30 September.

Question 8: The Union Cabinet cleared a proposal to convert this into govt entity.

- A. MITRA

- B. GSTN
- C. CINI
- D. EVidyaloka

Answer: B

Explanation: The Union Cabinet cleared a proposal to convert GST Network (GSTN) into a 100% government-owned company. GSTN provides IT infrastructure for the new indirect tax regime. After restructuring of GSTN, ownership will be equally divided between the Centre and states. Currently, the Centre and states together hold 49% stake in the GST Network.

Question 9: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred this bank from opening new branches.

- A. RBL Bank
- B. Bandhan Bank
- C. Dena Bank
- D. Vijaya Bank

Answer: B

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred Bandhan Bank from opening new branches and also ordered freezing of the bank's CEO salary over failure to stick to shareholding rules. The Bank was not able to bring down the shareholding of Non-Operative Financial Holding Company (NOFHC) to 40% as required under the licensing condition, general permission to open new branches stands withdrawn.

Question 10: Noted novelist Kavita Mahajan passed away recently, she belongs to the language of;

- A. Marathi
- B. Gujarati
- C. Sanskrit
- D. Bengali

Answer: A

Explanation: A renowned Marathi writer, novelist and translator Kavita Mahajan, died following pneumonia in Pune, Maharashtra. She was 51 years old. She was born in Nanded, Maharashtra. Some of her popular novels are Brr, Bhinna, etc. She had won Sahitya Akademi translation award in 2011 and Shashikalatai Agashe Award for Children's Literature in 2013.

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