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1. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Nubra valley?

- A. Nubra is a subdivision and a tehsil in the union territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
- B. Its inhabited areas form a tri-armed valley cut by the Nubra and Shyok rivers.**
- C. Both A & B
- D. None of these

Explanation:

The first ever Ice climbing festival was celebrated in Nubra valley in Leh. The Seven Day event was organized by Nubra Adventure Club. Ice climbing is a popular winter sport abroad. Nubra is a subdivision and a tehsil in the union territory of Ladakh. Its inhabited areas form a tri-armed valley cut by the Nubra and Shyok rivers.

2. Which of the following is/are the freshwater lakes?

- A. Lake Chad
- B. Wular Lake
- C. Both A & B**
- D. None of these

Explanation:

India has expressed serious concern over the security situation in the Sahel and Lake Chad region in West Africa, saying that terrorism, drug trafficking and organized crime have continued unabated in the area. The freshwater lake is located in the Sahelian zone of West-central Africa. Lake Chad is mainly in the far west of Chad, bordering on North-eastern Nigeria. Lake Chad provides water to more than 30 million people living in the four countries surrounding it (Chad, Cameroon, Niger, and Nigeria) on the central part of the Sahel.

3. Shijiazhuang, recently seen in news, is located in which country?

- A. South Korea
- B. Indonesia
- C. Japan
- D. China**

Explanation:

Shijiazhuang, the provincial capital of North China's Hebei Province has become China's new hotspot of Coronavirus surge. Of the 82 confirmed COVID-19 cases yesterday, all of which were locally-transmitted, 77 were reported in Shijiazhuang and the other five in the city of Xingtai. Shijiazhuang formerly known as Shimen and romanized as Shihkiachwang, is the capital and largest city of North China's Hebei Province.

4. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Atal Tinkering Lab handbook 2.0?

A. It outlines a practical guidance on structural, selection, establishment and celebration aspects of the AIM's flagship ATL programme.

B. An Atal Tinkering Lab provides a makerspace where young minds can give shape to their ideas through hands on do-it-yourself mode; and learn innovation skills.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog launched its new edition of Atal Tinkering Lab, ATL handbook . It reinforces detailed establishment and operational processes of the Atal Tinkering Labs and its journey towards an innovative 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. The handbook named 'The Atal Tinkering Lab Handbook 2.0' outlines a practical guidance on structural, selection, establishment and celebration aspects of the AIM's flagship ATL programme.

5. Which of the following states successfully undertaken "Urban Local Bodies (ULB)" reforms stipulated by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance?

A. Assam

B. Kerala

C. Manipur

D. Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Manipur has become the 4th state in the country to successfully undertake Urban Local Bodies, ULB reforms stipulated by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The state has become eligible to mobilise additional financial resources of 75 crore rupees through Open Market Borrowings.

6. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yajana (PMFBY)?

A. It was launched in 2006.

B. The Scheme covers all Food & Oilseeds crops and Annual Commercial/Horticultural Crops for which past yield data is available and for which requisite number of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) are being conducted under General Crop Estimation Survey (GCES).

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

The Government of India took a historic step towards strengthening risk coverage of crops for farmers of India on 5 years ago, on 13th January 2016 and approved the flagship crop insurance scheme - the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). The Scheme covers all Food & Oilseeds crops and Annual Commercial/Horticultural Crops for which past yield data is available and for which requisite number of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) are being conducted under General Crop Estimation Survey (GCES).

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Zaskar Winter Sports & Youth Festival 2021?

A. It was organized by the Dept. of Sports & Youth Services under the Khelo India banner in collaboration with the Ladakh Tourism Department.

B. The Zaskar Range is a mountain range in the union territory of Ladakh that separates Zaskar from Ladakh.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

The UT administration is promoting far-flung and snowbound Zaskar as winter tourism destination. A 13-day Khelo India Zaskar Winter Sport & Youth festival 2021 to begin from 18th January. The Zaskar Range is a mountain range in the union territory of Ladakh that separates Zaskar from Ladakh. Geologically, the Zaskar Range is part of the Tethys Himalaya, an approximately 100-km-wide synclinorium formed by strongly folded and imbricated, weakly metamorphosed sedimentary series.

8. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the farm laws committee?

- A. The committee will not pass an order or punish and submit a report to the Supreme Court.
- B. The Supreme Court has recently put a stay on the implementation of the three farm laws until further orders.
- C. Both A & B**
- D. None of these

Explanation:

The Supreme Court constituted a 4 member committee for the purpose of holding talks between the Central Government and the farmers to resolve the protests over the three contentious farm laws. A notable feature of the composition is that all four members have expressed open views in support of the implementation of the farm laws. The Supreme Court has recently put a stay on the implementation of the three farm laws until further orders.

9. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the paternity leave?
- A. The private sector is not bound to provide paternity leave in India.
 - B. The law mandates that female workers of all establishments with 10 or more workers can take 26 weeks of paid leave, up to eight weeks of which can be claimed before the delivery of the child.
 - C. Both A & B**
 - D. None of these

Explanation:

While the Indian team is on a tour to Australia, Kohli came back to India after the first Test, on paternity leave. The private sector is not bound to provide paternity leave in India. The law mandates that female workers of all establishments with 10 or more workers can take 26 weeks of paid leave, up to eight weeks of which can be claimed before the delivery of the child.

10. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Kayakalp award?
- A. The government had launched a National Initiative 'Kayakalp' on 15th May 2015 to ensure hygiene, sanitation and cleanliness in Public Health Facilities in India.**
 - B. Currently the participation is limited only to central government institutions.
 - C. Both A & B
 - D. None of these

Explanation:

Public and Private Health Facilities were felicitated with Kayakalp award for high standards of Sanitation and Hygiene. The government had launched a National Initiative 'Kayakalp' on 15th May 2015 to ensure hygiene, sanitation and cleanliness in Public Health Facilities in India. The scheme, which saw the participation of 716 District Hospitals and central government institutions in its first year has spread to 26 thousand 172 public health facilities now.

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