

## Daily Current Affairs Quiz - 16 January, 2021

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1. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) India Forum?

A. The NCAVES Project is being implemented in five countries, India, U.S.A, China, Qatar and South Africa.

**B. The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation is conducting NCAVES India Forum (in a virtual format), in collaboration with United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), European Union and UN Environment.**

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

### **Explanation:**

The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation is conducting NCAVES India Forum 2021 (in a virtual format), in collaboration with United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), European Union and UN Environment. In 2017, the European Union initiated a project, “Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services” (NCAVES) in 2017 to help nations advance the knowledge on environmental-economic accounting that can help in ensuring sustainable economic growth.

2. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the pan India rollout of COVID-19 vaccination drive?

**A. The vaccination programme will use Co-WIN, an online digital platform developed by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.**

B. Currently only COVISHIELD vaccine got the approval for use in India.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

### **Explanation:**

Prime Minister of India launched the pan-India rollout of COVID-19 vaccination drive on January 16 via video conferencing said a release issued by the Prime Minister’s Office. The vaccination programme will use Co-WIN, an online digital platform developed by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which will facilitate real time information of vaccine stocks, storage temperature and individualized tracking of beneficiaries for COVID-19 vaccine.

3. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN)?

- A. The airline Aviation Connectivity & Infrastructure Developers Pvt. Ltd (Air Taxi) was awarded the Hisar - Chandigarh - Hisar route under the UDAN 4 bidding process.
- B. Hisar airport is a public licensed airport in Punjab that is suitable for 18 seat type aircraft.
- C. Both A & B
- D. None of these

**Explanation:**

First flight to the newly constructed Hisar airport in Haryana from Chandigarh was flagged off under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) of the Government of India. The airline Aviation Connectivity & Infrastructure Developers Pvt. Ltd (Air Taxi) was awarded the Hisar - Chandigarh - Hisar route under the UDAN 4 bidding process. The airline has become the first start-up airline of the country to assist the nation with Air Taxi services.

4. When Indian Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed?

- A. 13th of January
- B. 14th of January
- C. 15th of January
- D. 16th of January

**Explanation:**

Indian Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed on 14th of January every year to honour services rendered by veterans of the Army. This year is being celebrated as Swarnim Vijay Varsh. It marks 50th Anniversary of 1971 Indo-Pak War.

5. CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR), is located in

- A. Chennai
- B. Mumbai
- C. Kolkata
- D. Delhi

**Explanation:**

The Union Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated a new institute of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) i.e. CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR), in New Delhi.

6. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the National Innovation Portal (NIP)?

- A. It was developed by National Innovation Foundation (NIF)
- B. National Innovation Foundation (NIF) is an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

**C. Both A & B**

D. None of these

**Explanation:**

The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan dedicated an Innovation Portal, developed by National Innovation Foundation (NIF) - India. The National Innovation Portal (NIP) is currently home to about 1.15 lakh innovations scouted from common people of the country, covering Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary and Human Health. National Innovation Foundation (NIF) is an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the third phase of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY 3.0)?

- A. It will focus on new-age and COVID-related skills.
- B. Skill India Mission PMKVY 3.0 envisages training of eight lakh candidates over a scheme period of 2020-2021 with an outlay of Rs. 948.90 crore.

**C. Both A & B**

D. None of these

**Explanation:**

The Third Phase of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana was launched today in 600 districts across the country. Spearheaded by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, this phase will focus on new-age and COVID-related skills. Skill India Mission PMKVY 3.0 envisages training of eight lakh candidates over a scheme period of 2020-2021 with an outlay of Rs. 948.90 crore.

8. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the forests fire in Himachal Pradesh?

- A. Forest fires are a recurrent annual phenomenon in the Himachal Pradesh, and most commonly occur in Chir Pine forests.
- B. In the summer season, forest fires occur frequently in the low and middle hills of the state.
- C. Both A & B**
- D. None of these

**Explanation:**

Himachal Pradesh frequently witnesses forest fires during dry weather conditions. This month, a forest fire which started near Kullu raged for several days before being brought under control. Forest fires were also reported in Shimla and other parts of the state. Except for periods of precipitation in monsoon and winter, the forests remain vulnerable to wildfires. Forest fires are a recurrent annual phenomenon in the state, and most commonly occur in Chir Pine forests. In the summer season, forest fires occur frequently in the low and middle hills of the state, where forests of Chir Pine are common.

9. "Global Britain, Global Broker" report, recently in news, was published by

- A. World Bank
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. Royal Institute of International Affairs**
- D. None of the above

**Explanation:**

Chatham House, the century-old UK-based policy institute also known as the Royal Institute of International Affairs, published a report proposing a blueprint for Britain's future foreign policy after Brexit. Titled "Global Britain, Global Broker", the report sketches a bold path ahead for the UK. The report groups India on the other side of a "new divide in international affairs – between open societies where citizens have the capacity to fight for their rights and those where these rights are denied".

10. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Asmi?

- A. It has been jointly developed by DRDO and Indian Army.

B. The Machine Pistol fires the in-service 9mm ammunition and sports an upper receiver made from aircraft grade Aluminium and lower receiver from carbon fibre.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

**Explanation:**

India's first indigenous 9 mm machine pistol has been jointly developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Army. The weapon is named "Asmi" meaning "Pride", "Self-Respect" & "Hard Work". The Machine Pistol fires the in-service 9mm ammunition and sports an upper receiver made from aircraft grade Aluminium and lower receiver from carbon fibre.