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1. Sabari River is one of the main tributaries of which of the following river?

- A. Brahmaputra
- B. Godavari**
- C. Krishna
- D. Yamuna

Explanation:

For nearly two decades, the sacred river Sabari and a group of four migrant fisherfolk families have remained steadfast companions near Chintoor village along the tri-State border of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Chattisgarh in East Godavari Agency. The Sabari River is one of the main tributaries of Godavari.

2. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Ramateertham temple?

- A. It is located in Andhra Pradesh.
- B. Ramateertham is one of the places made sacred by a traditional connection with Lord Sree Rama.
- C. Both A & B**
- D. None of these

Explanation:

Ramateertham is a village panchayat in Nellimarla mandal of Vizianagaram district in Andhra Pradesh in India. It is about 12 km from Vizianagaram city. Ramateertham is one of the places made sacred by a traditional connection with Lord Sree Rama.

3. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Kolar Leaf-Nosed Bat?

- A. It is a species of bat in the family Hipposideridae.
- B. It is found in only one cave in Hanumanahalli village in the Kolar district of Karnataka, and its population is less than 200 individuals.
- C. Both A & B**

D. None of these

Explanation:

The Kolar Leaf-Nosed Bat was found in only two caves in the village of Hanumanahalli in Kolar district of Karnataka. For reasons that are still unknown, the bat became locally extinct in one of the two caves. And now, the Karnataka Forest Department, along with the Bat Conservation India Trust (BCIT), is on a war footing to save the remaining bats, which are endemic to the area, from extinction. It is a species of bat in the family Hipposideridae.

4. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Digital Payments Index (DPI)?

A. It is an initiative of NITI Aayog.

B. The DPI for March 2019 and March 2020 work out to 153.47 and 207.84 respectively, indicating appreciable growth.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constructed a composite Digital Payments Index (DPI) with March 2018 as the base period to capture the extent of digitisation of payments across the country. The RBI-DPI has been constructed with March 2018 as the base period. The DPI for March 2019 and March 2020 work out to 153.47 and 207.84 respectively, indicating appreciable growth.

5. Deepor Beel is a wetland located in which state?

A. Sikkim

B. Assam

C. Nagaland

D. Manipur

Explanation:

The Kamrup (Metropolitan) district administration has prohibited community fishing at Deepor Beel, a wetland on the south-western edge of Guwahati and Assam's only Ramsar site. Deepor Beel was designated a Ramsar site in 2002 for sustaining a range of aquatic life forms besides 219 species of birds.

6. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the coastal city?

A. Recently a team from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay devised a new metric or measure called the Tide-Rainfall Flood Quotient to understand if a coastal city is more prone to floods caused by tidal events or extreme rainfall.

B. The C40 Cities report of 2018 notes that by 2050, over 570 low-lying coastal cities will face projected sea level rise by at least 0.5 meters.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

To understand if a coastal city is more prone to floods caused by tidal events or extreme rainfall, a team from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay devised a new metric or measure called the Tide-Rainfall Flood Quotient. The team selected three geographically diverse flood-prone coastal regions - Mithi Catchment in Mumbai, Maharashtra, Jagatsinghpur District in Odisha, and Greater Chennai Corporation in Tamil Nadu to test their new metric. The C40 Cities report of 2018 notes that by 2050, over 570 low-lying coastal cities will face projected sea level rise by at least 0.5 meters, putting over 800 million people at risk from the impacts of rising seas and storm surges.

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Khanij Bidesh India Ltd?

A. It was incorporated in August, 2019 by three state-owned companies, NALCO, Hindustan Copper and Mineral Exploration Ltd.

B. It aims to acquire strategic mineral assets such as lithium and cobalt abroad.

C. Both A & B

D. None of these

Explanation:

India inked a pact with an Argentine firm mid-last year to jointly prospect lithium in the South American country that has the third largest reserves of the silver-white alkali metal – a crucial building block of the lithium-ion rechargeable batteries that power electric vehicles (EVs), laptops and mobile phones. The new company, Khanij Bidesh India Ltd was incorporated in August, 2019 by three state-owned companies, NALCO, Hindustan Copper and Mineral Exploration Ltd, with a specific mandate to acquire strategic mineral assets such as lithium and cobalt abroad.

8. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the Rajya Sabha?
- A. There are only three other occasions when the Rajya Sabha met for fewer than 50 sittings in a year, 48 in 1999 and 46 each in 2004 and 2008.
 - B. During the year 2020, the annual productivity has been 82.7%, the highest annual productivity during the last 11 years.
 - C. Both A & B
 - D. None of these

Explanation:

With the government refusing to call the winter session of Parliament, the Rajya Sabha sat for just 33 days in 2020, its lowest-ever tally of sittings in a year. There are only three other occasions when the Upper House sittings were below 50 days in a year. There are only three other occasions when the Rajya Sabha met for fewer than 50 sittings in a year – 48 in 1999 and 46 each in 2004 and 2008. During the year 2020, the annual productivity has been 82.7%, the highest annual productivity during the last 11 years.

9. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the 40th Indian scientific expedition to Antarctica?
- A. The Indian Antarctic expeditions began in 1981.
 - B. The Indian Antarctic programme has now credited to have built three permanent research base stations in Antarctica—named Dakshin Gangotri, Maitri, and Bharati.
 - C. Both A & B
 - D. None of these

Explanation:

The 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (ISEA) departed for the South Pole from Mormugao Port, Goa with 43 members on board, January 5, 2021. The Indian Antarctic expeditions began in 1981. The first trip comprised of a team of 21 scientists and support staff led by Dr SZ Qasim. The Indian Antarctic programme has now credited to have built three permanent research base stations in Antarctica—named Dakshin Gangotri, Maitri, and Bharati. As of today, India has two operational research stations in Antarctica named Maitri and Bharati.

10. Which of the following statements is/are correct with reference to the 'School Bag Policy, 2020'?

- A. It was released by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
- B. According to the circular, schoolteachers should inform the students in advance about the books and notebooks to be brought to school on a particular day and frequently check their bags to ensure that they are not carrying unnecessary material.
- C. Both A & B**
- D. None of these

Explanation:

The Directorate of Education has issued a circular asking schools to follow the new 'School Bag Policy, 2020' released by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). According to the circular, schoolteachers should inform the students in advance about the books and notebooks to be brought to school on a particular day and frequently check their bags to ensure that they are not carrying unnecessary material.