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CURRENT AFFAIRS-6 (KEY)

1. Which of the following statement is not correct about the EU?

- (a) Germany is the founder member of the EU.
- (b) Croatia is the latest member of the EU.
- (c) Among all the members of the EU, Malta has smallest area.
- (d) All the member countries of the EU use EURO as the currency of their state.

Answer: (d) All the member countries of the EU use EURO as the currency of their state.

Explanation:

- The EURO is the official currency of the European Union. Currently 19 of 28 member states use the Euro: this group of states is known as the Euro zone. It is the second most traded currency in the Foreign Exchange Market after the US dollar.

2. Consider the following statements regarding provisions under Article 370 of the Indian Constitution that gives autonomous status to the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

- 1. Parliament needs the state government's concurrence for applying all laws.
- 2. The Centre can declare National, State and Financial Emergency in the state.
- 3. The Jurisdiction of the Parliament of India in relation to Jammu and Kashmir is confined only to the matters enumerated in the Union List.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) 1, 2 only
- (b) 1, 3 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3

Answer: (d) 1, 2, 3

Explanation:

- Article 370 of the Indian Constitution is a 'temporary provision' which grants special autonomous status to Jammu & Kashmir.
- All the provisions of the Constitution which are applicable to other states are not applicable to J&K.
- According to this article, except for defence, foreign affairs, finance and communications, Parliament needs the state government's concurrence for applying all other laws. Thus the state's residents live under a separate set of laws, including those related to citizenship, ownership of property, and fundamental rights, as compared to other Indians.
- Under Article 370, the Centre has no power to declare financial emergency under Article 360 in the state. It can declare emergency in the state only in case of war or external aggression. The Union government can therefore not declare emergency on grounds of internal disturbance or imminent danger unless it is made at the request or with the concurrence of the state government.
- The Jurisdiction of the Parliament of India in relation to Jammu and Kashmir is confined to the matters enumerated in the Union List, and also the concurrent list. There is no State list for the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

3. Consider the following statements:

1. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (AH&D) regulate the prices of milk in the country.
2. The preservation of cattle is a matter on which the legislature of the States has exclusive powers to legislate.
3. State Governments are primarily responsible for prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime and for prosecuting the criminals through the machinery of their law Enforcement agencies.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 only
- (b) 1, 3 only
- (c) 2, 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3

Answer: (c) 2, 3 only

Explanation:

- Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (AH&D) does not regulate the prices of milk in the country. Prices are decided by the Cooperative and Private dairies based on cost of production. Since milk is a highly perishable product, this department does not have any proposal to fix MSP for milk in the country.
- Under the distribution of legislatives powers between the Union of India and States under Article 246(3) of the Constitution, the preservation of cattle is a matter on which the legislature of the States has exclusive powers to legislate. Therefore, it is up to the States to enact laws on slaughter of cows.
- As per article 48 of Indian Constitution the state shall endeavor to organize agriculture and animal husbandry on modern and scientific lines and shall in particular take steps for preserving improving the breed, and prohibiting the slaughter, of cows and calves and other milch and draught cattle.
- Several States have enacted laws banning cow slaughter and provision of penalizing the accused person has been provided in the State act. Further, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore, the State Governments are primarily responsible for prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime and for prosecuting the criminals through the machinery of their law Enforcement agencies, as also for protecting the life and property of the citizens.

4. Consider the following statements about International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

1. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) is a multilateral treaty adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.
2. The covenant commits its parties to respect the civil and political rights of individuals including rights to due process and a fair trial.
3. The ICCPR is part of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).
4. India, Pakistan and China have ratified the Covenant.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 only
- (b) 1, 2, 4 only
- (c) 1, 2, 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 only

Answer: (c) 1, 2, 3 only

Explanation:

- The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) is a multilateral treaty adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. The covenant commits its parties to respect the civil and political rights of individuals, including the right to life, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, electoral rights and rights to due process and a fair trial.
- The ICCPR is part of the International Bill of Human Rights, along with the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).
- The ICCPR is monitored by the United Nations Human Rights Committee. China has signed the Covenant but not ratified it.

5. Consider the following statements regarding WHO guidelines on self-care interventions for health.

1. Self-care is the ability of individuals, families and communities to promote health, prevent disease, maintain health, and cope with illness and disability with or without the support of a health-care provider.
2. The guidelines focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights.
3. Self-care is the replacement to high-quality health services and are shortcut to achieving universal health coverage.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3

Answer: (c) 1, 2 only

Explanation:

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched its first guidelines on self-care interventions for health in response to an estimate that by 2035 the world will face a shortage of nearly 13 million healthcare workers and the fact that currently at least 400 million people worldwide lack access to the most essential health services.
- In its first volume, the guidelines focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights. Some of the interventions include self-sampling for human papillomavirus (HPV) and sexually transmitted infections, self-injectable contraceptives, home-based ovulation predictor kits, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) self-testing and self-management of medical abortion.
- These guidelines look at the scientific evidence for health benefits of certain interventions that can be done outside the conventional sector, although sometimes

with the support of a health-care provider. They do not replace high-quality health services nor are they a shortcut to achieving universal health coverage.

6. Consider the following statements about DASTAK campaign.

1. It is a large-scale campaign started by Bihar Government to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis disease.
2. The campaign aims to create awareness about the communicable diseases as well as Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis.
3. The campaign has been supported by World Health Organization.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2, 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- In Uttar Pradesh, a large-scale campaign to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis disease was launched.
- Under this state-wide campaign teams will go door to door in every village of the 75 districts of the state to create awareness about the communicable diseases as well as JE and AES.
- In this massive campaign, many departments of the state especially health, rural development, primary education will work together to spread awareness about the diseases through mass media communication and will ensure availability of clean drinking water, initiate sanitation drive, ensure vaccination and early treatment so that disease should be nipped in the bud.
- Similar campaign launched last year also has improved the health conditions and the government claimed that fatality rate due to AES and JE dropped.

7. Consider the following statements about Start up Village Entrepreneurship Program.

1. Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Program is a sub component of Start-up India Programme.
2. Any Rural poor who is willing to be entrepreneurial and self-reliant is eligible to be part of this programme.
3. Highly vulnerable beneficiaries under MGNREGA, marginalized sections, women, SC and ST communities and rural artisans will be given specific preference in selection.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 only
- (b) 1, 3 only
- (c) 2, 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3,

Answer: (c) 2, 3 only

Explanation:

- The Startup Village Entrepreneurship Program is a sub component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) of the Ministry of Rural Development. SVEP aims to support entrepreneurs in rural areas to set up local enterprises.
- The long term vision of the SVEP is to provide support for start-up to 1 crore village enterprises and provide direct employment to 2 crore people. The SVEP shall help the rural poor come out of poverty by helping them set up enterprises and provide support till the enterprises stabilize. The programmatic intervention will address all three missing ecosystems – Knowledge, advisory and finance ecosystems.
- Any Rural poor who is willing to be entrepreneurial and self reliant is eligible to be part of this programme. Highly vulnerable beneficiaries under MGNREGA, marginalized sections, women, SC and ST communities and rural artisans will be given specific preference in selection, as part of this programme. The NRLM SHG's and federations are a critical pre-requisite for the implementation of the SVEP project.

8. Strum Ataka, recently seen in news is a

- (a) Island in Caribbean Sea
- (b) X-ray space telescope
- (c) Drone helicopter
- (d) Anti-tank missile

Answer: (d) Anti-tank missile

Explanation:

- India has signed a deal with Russia for acquiring Strum Ataka anti-tank missile for its fleet of Mi-35 attack choppers of Indian Air Force (IAF).

9. Which of the following are the Theme Based Circuits under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

1. Sufi Circuit
2. Tribal Circuit
3. Tirthankar Circuit
4. Heritage Circuit
5. Rural Circuit

Select the correct answer codes:

- (a) 1, 3, 4, 5 only
- (b) 1, 2, 4, 5 only
- (c) 2, 3, 4, 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Answer: (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Explanation:

Theme Based Circuits:

- Buddhist
- Coastal
- Desert
- Eco

- Heritage
- Himalayan
- Krishna
- North East
- Ramayana
- Rural
- Spiritual
- Sufi
- Tirthankar
- Tribal
- Wildlife

10. The term “Ramanujan machine”, recently seen in news, is related to:

- (a) It is a piece of space equipment used by ISRO in Chandrayan-II mission.
- (b) It is the fastest supercomputer of India developed by C-DAC.
- (c) It is an algorithm developed by researchers from Israel dedicated to finding conjectures.
- (d) It is a mathematical model developed by the India Meteorological Department used for monsoon prediction.

Answer: (c) It is an algorithm developed by researchers from Israel dedicated to finding conjectures.

Explanation:

- Researchers from Technion – Israel Institute of Technology have developed a concept, which is described as a ‘Ramanujan machine’.
- It is named after renowned Indian Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- The Ramanujan machine is more of a concept than an actual machine. It exists as a network of computers running algorithms dedicated to finding conjectures about fundamental constants in the form of continued fractions.
- The purpose of the machine is to come up with conjectures that humans can analyze and hopefully prove to be true mathematically.

11. Consider the following statements.

1. Whenever there is an issue on the resignation of Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), only the Speaker has the discretion to decide whether the resignations were voluntary or genuine.
2. Since Independence, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha has been a member of the ruling party.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 & 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- The Constitution is clear on this. Only the Speaker has the discretion to decide whether the resignations were voluntary or genuine. No other constitutional authority can decide this.
- Invariably Speaker come from ruling parties (Somnath Chatterjee being the Speaker in UPA-I was an exception).

12. Consider the following statements about Fly Ash.

1. 1. Fly ash is the end product of combustion during the process of power generation in the coal based thermal power plants.
2. 2. At present less than 50% of the Fly ash is utilised.
3. 3. Fly ash can be used in combination with other alkaline materials to transform sewage sludge into organic fertilizer or biofuel.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1, 3 only
- (c) 2, 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, and 3

Answer: (b) 1, 3 only

Explanation:

- Fly ash, the end product of combustion during the process of power generation in the coal based thermal power plants, is a proven resource material for many applications of construction industries and currently is being utilized in manufacturing of Portland Cement, bricks/blocks/tiles manufacturing, road embankment construction and low-lying area development, etc.
- At present, 63% of the fly ash is being utilised and target is for 100% utilisation of the fly ash. There is need for education and awareness generation.
- Fly ash contains heavy metals from coal, a large amount of PM 2.5 and black carbon (BC).
- Fly ash, in view of its alkalinity and water absorption capacity, may be used in combination with other alkaline materials to transform sewage sludge into organic fertilizer or biofuel.

13. Consider the following statements about Gandhipedia.

1. 1. A "Gandhipedia" is being developed in order to sensitize society, particularly the youth, about Gandhian values.
2. 2. Gandhipedia is being developed by Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 & 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- The 'Gandhipedia' is being developed as a social media portal that will contain original works related to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi.
- Gandhipedia is being developed by the National Council for Science Museums (NCSM) to sensitize the youth and the society at large about Gandhian values.
- The portal will function on artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. It will be a repository of knowledge on Mahatma Gandhi.
- The Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust has been maintaining the Gandhi Heritage Portal (www.gandhiheritageportal.org) which is also a repository of knowledge on Mahatma Gandhi.

14. Consider the following statements regarding National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2020, that was passed by the US Senate.

1. The legislation will bring India on par with Washington's North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) allies.
2. The legislation provides for increased US-India defence cooperation in the Indian Ocean in areas of humanitarian assistance, counterterrorism, counter-piracy, and maritime security.
3. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is the name for each of a series of United States federal laws specifying the annual budget and expenditures of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Which of the above statements is/ are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 only
- (b) 1, 3 only
- (c) 2, 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- The US Senate has passed a legislative provision that brings India on par with Washington's North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) allies and countries such as Israel and South Korea for increasing defence cooperation.
- The legislative provision provides for increased US-India defence cooperation in the Indian Ocean in areas of humanitarian assistance, counterterrorism, counter-piracy, and maritime security.
- The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is the name for each of a series of United States federal laws specifying the annual budget and expenditures of the U.S. Department of Defense. The first NDAA was passed in 1961.
- The US has already recognized India as a "major defence partner" in 2016.

15. With reference to 'Rhesus Macaque' which of the following statements is/are **not** correct?

1. The Union Environment Ministry has declared Rhesus Macaque as 'vermin' in Himachal Pradesh recently.
2. Rhesus Macaque are protected species under Schedule II of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

3. 3.It has near threatened status in the IUCN red list.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

Answer: (d) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- The Union Environment Ministry has declared Monkeys (Rhesus Macaque) as 'vermin' in Himachal Pradesh. It will allow local authorities to cull this animal in certain identified non-forest areas in Shimla for one year.
- Rhesus Macaque monkeys are protected species under Schedule II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the law allows for it to be hunted by declaring it 'vermin' for a specific period if it poses a danger to human life or property.
- It has a least concerned status in the IUCN red list.

16.With reference to the scheme 'Paramarsh', consider the following statements:

1. 1.The scheme has been launched by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).
2. 2.It is a University Grants Commission (UGC) scheme for Mentoring National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) Accreditation Aspirant Institutions to promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education.
3. 3.The scheme will be operationalized through a "Hub & Spoke" model wherein the Mentor Institution, called the "Hub" is centralized.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

Answer: (d) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- The Union Minister for Human Resource Development has launched the University Grants Commission (UGC) scheme 'Paramarsh' recently. The objective of the scheme is to mentor National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) accreditation aspirant institutions for promoting quality assurance in higher education.
- The scheme will be operationalized through a "Hub & Spoke" model wherein the Mentor Institution, called the "Hub" is centralized and will have the responsibility of guiding the Mentee institution through the secondary branches the "Spoke" i.e. through the services provided to the mentee for self-improvement.

17.Consider the following statements:

1. The Internet Saathi Programme is a joint initiative of Tata Trusts and Google, which aims to bridge the online gender divide in rural India.
2. It is based on the 'train the trainer' model.

3. Digital adoption in India is now being propelled by rural India, registering a 35% growth in internet users over the past year.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- In 2015, Tata Trusts and Google came together to address this huge digital gender gap and introduced a digital literacy program, based on 'train the trainer' model. Women from villages are trained on using the Internet and are made equipped with data-enabled devices. These women are known as Internet Saathi's and work as trainers, to help other women in their village to get started on their Internet journey and benefit from it.
- While internet users grew by 7% in urban India, reaching 315 million users in 2018, digital adoption is now being propelled by rural India, registering a 35% growth in internet users over the past year. Increased availability of bandwidth, cheap data plans and increased awareness driven by government programmes seem to have rapidly bridged the digital gap between urban and rural India.

18. Consider the following statements:

1. Palau is 76th country to sign the International Solar Alliance (ISA) framework agreement.
2. Palau, is a country in the eastern Pacific Ocean.
3. The ISA was jointly launched by India and France at the UN Climate Change Conference at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in November 2015.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- Palau became the 76th country to sign the International Solar Alliance framework agreement. Palau, is a country in the western pacific Ocean that consists of coral and volcanic islands surrounded by single barrier reef.
- The ISA was jointly launched by India and France at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris on November 2015. The First Assembly of the ISA was held in New Delhi in 2018.

19. With reference to 'Hangul', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a species of red deer found in the Dachigam Wildlife Sanctuary located in Jammu and Kashmir.

2. 2.It listed as Vulnerable in IUCN Red List.
3. 3.It is the state animal of Jammu and Kashmir.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

Answer: (c) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

- Although hangul is limited to the Dachigam Wildlife Sanctuary near Srinagar, a small population has also been witnessed in Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary in south Kashmir.
- Hangul is the only surviving species of red deer in India. It is listed as critically endangered species in IUCN Red List.
- Hangul is also known as “Kashmir stag”, it is the state animal of Jammu and Kashmir.

20.With reference to Urban Haat, consider the following statement:

1. 1.It is an initiative of the Ministry of Textile.
2. 2.It aims to eliminate middle agencies to provide direct market access to weavers and artisans.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- The Union Ministry of Textile establishes Urban Haat for handicrafts and craftsman in different states.
- It aims to set up a permanent marketing infrastructure (for handloom weavers and artisans) in big towns and metropolitan cities in order to eliminate middle agencies.
- Urban Haats will be set up in the big towns/metropolitan cities to provide direct marketing facilities to the craft persons and weavers.

21.Consider the following statements:

1. 1.Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III (GSLV Mk III) is a four-stage heavy-lift launch vehicle developed by ISRO.
2. 2.GSLV Mk III is designed to carry 2 ton class of satellites into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
3. 3.Chandrayaan-1 mission was launched by using the rocket GSLV MK I.

Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?

- (a) 1 only

- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- GSLV Mk III is a three-stage heavy-lift launch vehicle developed by ISRO. The vehicle has two solid strap-ons, a core liquid booster and a cryogenic upper stage.
- GSLV Mk III is designed to carry 4 ton class of satellites into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) or about 10 tons to Low Earth Orbit (LEO), which is about twice the capability of GSLV Mk II.
- Chandrayaan-1 mission was launched by using the rocket PSLV XL, not by GSLV MK I. While Chandrayaan-2 mission is launched by using rocket GSLV Mk III.

22. Consider the following pairs:

1. Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary: Gujarat
2. Phen Wildlife Sanctuary: Madhya Pradesh
3. Changtang Wildlife Sanctuary: Jammu and Kashmir

Which of the pairs given above is/are **not** correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government has decided to declare the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary a tiger reserve. Ratapani lies in Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh.

23. Consider the following statements:

1. Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System enables the entitled service voters to cast their vote from their preferred location.
2. Individuals working in central forces under arms act and government officials deployed in embassies outside the country are classified as service voters.
3. The wife or son/daughter of a service voter can not be enrolled as a service voter.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (b) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- The Election Commission of India's Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System has recorded a higher service voter turnout ratio during Lok Sabha election 2019. ETPBS enables the entitled service voters to cast their vote (on electronically received

postal ballot) from their preferred location, which is outside their originally assigned voting constituency.

- Individuals working in central forces under arms act and government officials deployed in embassies outside the country are classified as service voters and are provisioned for online enrolment.
- The wife of a service voter shall, if she is ordinarily residing with him, be also deemed to be a service voter in the constituency specified by that person. The service voter has to make a statement to the effect in the relevant Form 2/2A/3 that his wife ordinarily resides with him.. A son / daughter / relative / servant etc. residing ordinarily with a service voter cannot be enrolled as service voters.

24. 'JATAN', sometimes mentioned in the news is a-

- (a) Virtual Museum Software
- (b) Women Safety App
- (c) MSME Trade Portal
- (d) Free Educational Direct to Home (DTH) Channel.

Answer: (a) Virtual Museum Software

Explanation:

- JATAN is a virtual museum builder software, that enables creation of digital collection management system for Indian museums and is deployed in several national museums across India. It is designed and developed by Human Centres Design and Computing Group, Centre for Development of Smart Computing (C-DAC) Pune.

25. With reference to the 'Sarus Crane', consider the following statements:

1. It is the shortest flying bird in the world and was declared as the state bird of Madhya Pradesh in 2014.
2. It is listed as endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list.
3. It is listed under the schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Which of the statements given above is/are **not** Correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) None

Answer: (b) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- The Sarus Crane is the tallest flying bird in the world and it was declared as the state bird of Uttar Pradesh (UP) in 2014.
- Sarus Crane is listed as vulnerable in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list. According to World Wildlife Fund (WWF), their population is now on the decline with only 15,000-20,000 remains in India (a majority of which are in UP).

- The Sarus is listed under schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Species listed in Schedule IV are protected, but the penalties are much lower.

26. With reference to the 2011 Census migration data, consider the following statements:

1. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have a disproportionately high number of out-migrants.
2. Delhi and Mumbai are widely considered migrant magnets as migrants from other states are almost a third of the combined population of 29.2 million in these two metropolises.
3. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh account for 50% of India's total inter-state migrants.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- According to the 2011 Census, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are responsible for the most number of migrants as 20.9 million people migrated outside the state from the two states.
- Delhi and Mumbai are widely considered migrant magnets. Migrants from other states in Delhi and Mumbai numbered 9.9 million, or almost a third of the combined population of 29.2 million in these two metropolises that year.
- According to the Census, the Hindi belt is the main source of migrants as four states, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh accounted for 50% of India's total inter-state migrants.

27. With reference to 'Global Innovation Index (GII)' which of the following statements is/are **not** correct?

1. It has been released by the World Bank with theme 'Creating Healthy Lives-The Future of Technical Innovation'.
2. India has risen 29 spots in the Index in last 5 years from 81 in 2014 to 52 in 2019.
3. India improved its ranking in four out of seven pillars of GII, such as knowledge and technology outputs, market sophistication, human capital and research and institutions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- India improved its ranking in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2019: Creating Healthy Lives-The Future of Medical Innovation. India got 52nd position in the

survey of innovative capacity among 129 countries by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

- India has risen 29 spots in Global Innovation Index in last 5 years from 81 in 2014 to 52 in 2019. The improvement was due to India's performance, and not due to new GII data set or methods.
- India improved its ranking in four out of seven pillars of GII, such as knowledge and technology outputs (up 11 spots to 32nd), market sophistication (up 3 spots to 33rd), human capital and research (up 3 spots to 53rd), institutions (up 3 spots to 77th). By contrast, in business sophistication (65th), infrastructure (79th), creative outputs (78th), it lost one, two and three spots respectively.

28. Consider the following statements:

1. The report, 'Research and Development (R&D) Expenditure Ecosystem' is released by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
2. The report has laid down the final objective for achieving the desired target of R&D spend by the year 2022 as 5% of the GDP.
3. EAC-PM is an independent statutory body constituted to give advice on economic and related issues to the Government of India, specifically to the Prime Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- The report titled "Research and Development (R&D) Expenditure Ecosystem" was released during the global launch of Global Innovation Index (GII)-2019 by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
- The report aims to address the data gaps in compiling R&D data so that up to date data on R&D is available in order to reflect India's true rank globally and to examine expenditure trends in various sectors and their shortcomings. The final objective is to lay down the road map for achieving the desired target of R&D spend by the year 2022, i.e 2% of the GDP.
- Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) is a non-constitutional, non-statutory, independent body constituted to give advice on economic and related issues to the Government of India, specifically to the Prime Minister.

29. With reference to the 'Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), consider the following statements:

1. It is an attached office of the Ministry of Finance which came into existence in January 1965.
2. It is mandated to recommend Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) to incentivize the cultivators to adopt modern technology, and raise productivity and overall grain production in line with the emerging demand patterns in the country.

3. It is an advisory body whose recommendations are not binding on Government.

Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) None

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACAP) is an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, which came into existence in January 1965. Currently, the Commission comprises a Chairman, Member Secretary, one Member (Official) and two Members (Non-Official). The non-official members are representatives of the farming community and usually have an active association with the farming community.
- CACP is mandated to recommend minimum support prices (MSPs) to incentivize the cultivators to adopt modern technology and raise productivity and overall grain production in line with the emerging demand patterns in the country.
- CACP submits its recommendations to the government in the form of Price Policy Reports every year, separately for five groups of commodities namely Kharif crops, Rabi crops, Sugarcane, Raw Jute and Copra. These recommendations are not binding on Government.

30. Consider the following statements about “Neutrino Observatory”:

1. The project aims to set up a 5000-ton Iron Calorimeter (ICAL) detector.
2. The project does not release any radiation, as it does not have any radioactive substance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

Neutrino Observatory

- The observatory is to be built jointly with the Department of Atomic Energy and the Department of Science and Technology.
- The Tata Institute of Fundamental Research is the nodal institution.
- The project aims to set up a 51000-ton Iron Calorimeter (ICAL) detector to observe naturally occurring atmospheric neutrinos in a cavern at the end of an approximately 2 km long tunnel in a mountain.
- The project does not release any radiation, as it does not have any radioactive substance.

31. Consider the following statements about “301 probe” and identify the **incorrect** statement:

- (a) It is a probe employed as a precursor to tariffs and other trade measures against a country.
- (b) A Special 301 Report is prepared annually.
- (c) 301 stands for Section 301 of the WTO Rules.
- (d) None of the Above

Answer: (c) 301 stands for Section 301 of the WTO Rules.

Explanation:

- The U.S. will consider a “301 investigation”, against India if the trade issues between the two countries are not resolved quickly.
- It is a probe employed as a precursor to tariffs and other trade measures against a country.
- A Special 301 Report is prepared annually by the Deputy U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)
- Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act (1974) was also used to authorise a 2017 probe that resulted in tariffs on Chinese exports to the U.S. from July 2018.
- Recently the USTR announced a 301 probe against France on a digital services tax.

32. Consider the following statements about “India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue”:

1. It was established following a bilateral MoU signed between the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia.
2. The First India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue was held in St. Petersburg in 2018.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- The 2nd India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue (IRSED) was held in New Delhi.
- India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue
- It was established following a bilateral MoU signed between NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia during the 19th edition of the Annual India-Russia Bilateral Summit held in 2018 in New Delhi.
- The First India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue was held in St. Petersburg in 2018.

33. Consider the following statements about “Jalyukta Shivar” programme:

1. It has been started by the Andhra Pradesh Government.
2. It aims to make 5,000 villages free of water scarcity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- Jalyukta Shivar is the flagship programme of the Maharashtra government launched in December 2014.
- It aims to make 5,000 villages free of water scarcity.
- The scheme targeted drought-prone areas by improving water conservation measures in order to make them more water sustainable.

34. 'Motihari-Amlekhgunj Petroleum Products Pipeline' is associated with India and

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Myanmar

Answer: (a) Nepal

Explanation:

- The 69-km long petroleum pipeline from Motihari in Bihar to Amlekhgunj in Nepal has been constructed by India. "The Motihari-Amlekhgunj pipeline will help in tackling the oil storage problem in Nepal and doing away with transportation of petroleum products through tankers. It will ensure smooth, cost-effective and environment-friendly supply of petroleum products to Nepal.
- Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/motihari-amlekhgunj-oil-pipeline-to-start-next-month-india-nepal-5837828/>

35. Consider the following statements about Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) Initiative:

1. This initiative is expected to generate direct employment for 75,000 people.
2. It aims to produce 100 million tonnes of bio-manure for crops.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- The initiative is aimed at providing a Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) as a developmental effort that would benefit both vehicle-users as well as farmers and entrepreneurs.
- Compressed Bio-Gas plants are proposed to be set up mainly through independent entrepreneurs.

- CBG produced at these plants will be transported through cascades of cylinders to the fuel station networks of OMCs for marketing as a green transport fuel alternative.
- The entrepreneurs would be able to separately market the other by-products from these plants, including bio-manure, carbon-dioxide, etc., to enhance returns on investment.
- This initiative is expected to generate direct employment for 75,000 people and produce 50 million tonnes of bio-manure for crops.

36. Consider the following statements about Guidelines for crèches at workplaces:

1. They have been given under the Maternity Benefit Amendment Act, 2017.
2. According to the guidelines, a crèche has to be either at the workplace or within 500 metres of it.
3. A crèche cannot be in the beneficiaries' neighbourhood.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 3 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 only

Answer: (b) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

- In March 2017, Parliament passed the Maternity Benefit Amendment Act, 2017, enhancing paid maternity leave from a period of 12 weeks to 26 weeks. The law is applicable to all institutions with 10 or more employees. It also makes it mandatory for every organisation with 50 or more employees to have a crèche.
- The guidelines include:
 - A crèche be either at the workplace or within 500 metres of it. Alternatively, it could also be in the beneficiaries' neighbourhood.
 - The facility should be open for eight to 10 hours and if the employees have a shift system, then the crèche should also be run accordingly.
 - A crèche must have a minimum space of 10 to 12 square feet per child to ensure that she or he can play, rest and learn. There should be no unsafe places such as open drains, pits, garbage bins near the centre.

37. Consider the following statements about Limboo and Tamang Communities:

1. The Limbu are indigenous and native to the Himalayan Limbuwan region of the Indian subcontinent.
2. The Tamang are the largest Tibetic ethnic group of Nepalis and Indian Gorkhas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- A proposal for reservation of seats for Limboo and Tamang communities in Sikkim Legislative Assembly is under consideration of the Government of India.
- Article 371F(f) and Article 332 of the Constitution of India govern reservation of seats in the Legislative Assembly of Sikkim and the issue of seat reservation for Limboo and Tamang communities is being considered under these provisions of Constitution of India.
- The Limbu are Kirati people indigenous and native to the Himalayan Limbuwan region of the Indian subcontinent, in what is now modern-day Eastern Nepal, Northern Sikkim, India and Western Bhutan.
- The Tamang are the largest Tibetic ethnic group of Nepalis and Indian Gorkhas. Traditionally Buddhist by religion. Indian Tamangs are also a significant number in Sikkim and Darjeeling. Peculiar to Tamang people are complex marriage restrictions within the community.

38. Consider the following statements about Spent pot lining (SPL):

1. It is produced by the petro-chemical plants.
2. It is carcinogenic in nature.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- Spent pot lining (SPL) from the aluminium industries is produced by the smelting plants.
- It contains high level of cyanide and fluoride and is carcinogenic in nature and must be scientifically utilised or detoxified.
- It has also been classified as hazardous waste under the Schedule to the Hazardous Waste Management Rules, 2016.

39. Consider the following statements about “State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World” and identify the incorrect statement:

- (a) The report was produced by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- (b) The report said, malnutrition began to increase in 2015 and continues to increase.
- (c) Africa and Asia account for more than nine out of ten of the world’s stunted children.
- (d) In India and China, the increase in GDP per capita has been accompanied by poverty increase as well.

Answer: (d) In India and China, the increase in GDP per capita has been accompanied by poverty increase as well.

Explanation:

- The report was produced by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and other UN agencies including the World Health Organization.
- The number of people going hungry has risen for the third year running to more than 820 million.
- The report said, after decades of decline, malnutrition began to increase in 2015, mainly because of climate change and war.
- Africa and Asia account for more than nine out of ten of the world's stunted children, at 39.5% and 54.9% respectively.

Indian scenario:

- The number of obese adults in India has risen by a fourth in four years, from 24.1 million in 2012 to 32.8 million in 2016.
- In India, the increase in GDP per capita has been accompanied by poverty reduction.

40. Consider the following statements about "Open Acreage Licensing Policy":

1. Under OALP, Fields are offered under a revenue-sharing model.
2. OALP provides uniform licences for exploration and production of all forms of hydrocarbons.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas signs contracts for 32 blocks awarded under Open Acreage Licensing Programme (OALP) Bid Rounds – II & III.
- The OALP, a critical part of the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy, provides uniform licences for exploration and production of all forms of hydrocarbons, enabling contractors to explore conventional as well as unconventional oil and gas resources.
- Fields are offered under a revenue-sharing model and throw up marketing and pricing freedom for crude oil and natural gas produced.
- Under the OALP, once an explorer selects areas after evaluating the National Data Repository (NDR) and submits the EoI, it is to be put up for competitive bidding and the entity offering the maximum share of oil and gas to the government is awarded the block.

41. Consider the following news and identify the incorrect statement:

- (a) Mahila Samridhi Yojana provides Micro Finance to women entrepreneurs of Backward Classes.
- (b) Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan is a campaign to be launched by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.
- (c) Markandeshwar temple in Maharashtra is also known as the "Khajuraho of Vidarbha."

(d) None of the Above

Answer: (b) Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan is a campaign to be launched by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.

Explanation:

- National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), an organization under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has the following two women specific schemes for targeted women whose annual family income is less than Rs. 3.00 lakh per annum:
 - 1) Mahila Samridhi Yojana: To provide Micro Finance to women entrepreneurs of Backward Classes.
 - 2) New Swarnima Scheme for Women: Term Loan to inculcate the spirit of self-dependence among the women of Backward Classes.
- Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan: It is a campaign to be launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Delhi to sensitize and mobilise the community on measures for prevention and control of Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs) like Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya.
- Markandeshwar temple in Maharashtra: Restoration work of Markandeshwar temple in Maharashtra by Archaeological Survey of India is in full swing.
- Known as the “Khajuraho of Vidarbha”, the temple of Markandadeo is situated on the bank of River Wainganga in district Gadchiroli of Maharashtra.

42. Consider the following statements about “Paramarsh”:

1. It is a scheme which aims to promote Quality Assurance in Primary Education.
2. The Scheme will be operationalized through a “Hub & Spoke” model.
3. The scheme is being launched by the HRD Ministry.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) All of the Above

Answer: (c) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- HRD Ministry has launched ‘Paramarsh’ a scheme for Mentoring National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) Accreditation Aspirant Institutions.
- University Grants Commission is the implementing agency of Paramarsh Scheme.
- The scheme aims to promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education.
- This scheme will target 1000 Higher Education Institutions for mentoring with a specific focus on quality as enumerated in the UGC “Quality Mandate”.
- The Scheme will be operationalized through a “Hub & Spoke” model.

43. Consider the following statements with respect to ‘Interferometer’

1. It is one leading method for the direct detection of gravitational waves.
2. It works by merging two or more sources of light to create an interference pattern, which can be measured and analyzed.

Select the correct statements

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- Interferometers are investigative tools used in many fields of science and engineering. They are called interferometers because they work by merging two or more sources of light to create an interference pattern, which can be measured and analyzed; hence 'Interfere-o- meter', or interferometer. The interference patterns generated by interferometers contain information about the object or phenomenon being studied. They are often used to make very small measurements that are not achievable any other way. This is why they are so powerful for detecting gravitational waves--LIGO's interferometers are designed to measure a distance 1/10,000th the width of a proton!

44. Consider the following statements about “INS Sagardhwani”:

1. It has been designed and developed by Kochi Shipyards Limited.
2. It is embarking on a two-month-long SAGAR MAITRI (SM) Mission-2.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- Oceanographic research vessel of DRDO, INS Sagardhwani, embarked on a two-month-long SAGAR MAITRI (SM) Mission-2.
- It has been designed and developed by Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), Kochi, a premier systems laboratory of DRDO.

45. Consider the following statements with respect to ‘International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)’

1. It has a membership of governmental and non-governmental organizations.
2. It works on the basis of four-year programs, determined by the membership.
3. It runs field projects for habitat and species conservation around the world.

Select the correct statements

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) All of the above

Answer: (d) All of the above

Explanation:

- IUCN has a membership of over 1400 governmental and non-governmental organizations. Some 16,000 scientists and experts participate in the work of IUCN commissions on a voluntary basis. It employs approximately 1000 full-time staff in more than 50 countries. Its headquarters are in Gland, Switzerland.
- IUCN works on the basis of four-year programs, determined by the membership. In the IUCN Programme for 2017–2020 conserving nature and biodiversity is inextricably linked to sustainable development and poverty reduction. IUCN states that it aims to have a solid factual base for its work and takes into account the knowledge held by indigenous groups and other traditional users of natural resources.
- IUCN runs field projects for habitat and species conservation around the world. It produces the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems which in a similar way measures risks to ecosystems. The IUCN Red List of Ecosystems is a global standard to assess the conservation status of ecosystems.
- Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-life/7000-species-added-to-iucn-red-list/article28567509.ece>

46. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Doklam'

1. It is strategically located at the tri-junction of Pakistan, Afghanistan and China.
2. Hunza Valley is located in this region bordering with the Wakhan Corridor.

Select the correct statements

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation:

- Doklam (in Standard Bhutanese), Zhoglam (in Standard Tibetan), or Donglang (in Chinese), is an area with a plateau and a valley, lying between Tibet's Chumbi Valley to the north, Bhutan's Ha Valley to the east and India's Sikkim state to the west. It has been depicted as part of Bhutan in the Bhutanese maps since 1961, but it is also claimed by China. To date, the dispute has not been resolved despite several rounds of border negotiations between Bhutan and China. The area is of strategic importance to all three countries.
- Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-china-maintaining-peace-on-border-rajnath-singh/article28524725.ece>

47. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Deeksharambh'

1. It targets Higher Education Institutions for mentoring with a specific focus on quality as enumerated in the UGC "Quality Mandate".
2. It is a Student Induction Programme to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment, inculcate in them the ethos and culture of the institution.

Select the correct statements

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) 2 only

Explanation:

- Deeksharambh , a guide to Student Induction Programme is to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment, inculcate in them the ethos and culture of the institution, help them build bonds with other students and faculty members, and expose them to a sense of larger purpose and self-exploration.
- Read More - <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1579414>
- 'Paramarsh' - a University Grants Commission (UGC) scheme for Mentoring National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) Accreditation Aspirant Institutions to promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education.
- "Paramarsh" scheme will target 1000 Higher Education Institutions for mentoring with a specific focus on quality as enumerated in the UGC "Quality Mandate".
- Read More - <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1579415>

48. 'Mauritania' is **not bordered by**

- (a) Senegal
- (b) Mali
- (c) Algeria
- (d) Nigeria

Answer: (c) Algeria

49. 'KAGRA', is a Gravitational Wave Detector located in:

- (a) India
- (b) Japan
- (c) China
- (d) South Africa

Answer: (b) Japan

Explanation:

- The Kamioka Gravitational Wave Detector (KAGRA), formerly the Large Scale Cryogenic Gravitational Wave Telescope (LCGT), is a project of the gravitational wave studies group at the Institute for Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR) of the University of Tokyo. It aims to be the world's first major (one with ability to actually detect a gravitational wave) gravitational wave observatory that is built underground, and the first major detector to use cryogenic mirrors. It will also be the first major gravitational wave observatory in Asia.
- LIGO - <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/technology/how-will-india-contribute-to- ligo/article28621498.ece>

50. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Colistin'

1. It is an antibiotic for therapeutic purpose in veterinary.

2. One of the reasons for antibiotic resistance in India is due to unwanted use of Colistin in poultry industry.

Select the correct statements

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

- Colistin is an antibiotic for therapeutic purpose in veterinary. But the drug is highly misused in poultry industry as a growth promoter for prophylactic purpose. One of the reason for antibiotic resistance in India is due to unwanted use of Colistin in poultry industry.
- The antibiotic is being used as a last resort for treatment of patients suffering from infections caused by drug-resistant bacteria.
- In exercise of powers conferred by section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 the government hereby prohibits manufacture, sale and distribution of the following drug with immediate effect, Colistin and its formulations for food producing animals, poultry, aqua farming and animal feed supplements.
- The ministry also directed that manufacturer of the drug and its formulations shall label the container of the drug and mention the words not to be used in food producing animals, poultry, aqua farming and animal feed supplements in conspicuous manner on the package insert and promotional literature of the said drug and its formulations.