



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz - 16-10-2020 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) *Zoji La*, sometimes seen in the news recently, is located in?

- Zaskar Range
- Pir Panjal Range
- Karakoram Range
- Great Himalayan Range

Answer : d

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways has recently initiate the first blasting for Zozila Tunnel in J&K.
- The tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar valley and Leh (Ladakh plateau) on NH-1, and will bring about an all-round economic and socio-cultural integration of Jammu & Kashmir (Now UTs of J&K and Ladakh).
- It involves construction of a 14.15 Km long tunnel at an altitude of about 3000 m under Zoji La pass (presently motorable only for 6 months in a year) on NH-1 connecting Srinagar and Leh through Dras & Kargil.
- It is one of the most dangerous stretch in the world to drive a vehicle & this project is also geo-strategically sensitive.

Some of the important passes of India:

1. Photu La - Zaskar Range
2. Banihal - Pir Panjal Range
3. **Zoji La - Great Himalayan Range**
4. Khardung La - Ladakh Range

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *International Solar Alliance (ISA)*

1. Its main objective is to collectively address key common challenges to the scaling up of solar energy in ISA member countries.
2. India and Germany were re-elected as the President and Co- President of the ISA for a term of two years recently.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

- The Third Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was held recently.
- It has been attended by 34 ISA Members ministers. 53 Member countries and 5 Signatory and Prospective Member countries participated to the Assembly.

- During the event, **India and France** were re-elected as the President and Co- President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for a term of two years at the virtual meeting of the Third Assembly held on 14 October.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *ISA CARES*

1. It is an insurance initiative dedicated to healthcare sector in Least Developed Countries (LDS) / Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of UN Member Countries.
2. It is an initiative of World Bank, funded by European Union and Asian Development Bank.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

ISA CARES

- In the wake of the global pandemic, the International Solar Alliance (ISA) responded by setting up ISA CARES.
- It is an initiative dedicated to deployment of solar energy in healthcare sector in LDC/SIDS ISA Member countries.
- It is an initiative aims to solarize one primary health sector in each district of the target Member countries.
- Australia has provided AUD 92,000 for the ISA CARES initiative in the Pacific to provide ongoing reliable solar energy for health centres in the Pacific, helping remote island communities reduce reliance on costly and uncertain diesel fuel imports.

4) *Angikaar* is a campaign for Social behaviour change management launched by?

- a. Ministry of Rural Development
- b. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- c. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- d. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

Answer : c

Angikaar Campaign

- In line with Mahatma Gandhi's vision on clean, green, healthy and litter free India, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) launched angikaar, a campaign to mobilise PMAY (U) beneficiaries for social behavior change management.
- It was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA).
- Through this campaign, PMAY (U) mission aims to converge with schemes/ services of various urban missions and other Central Ministries.
- It will also create awareness through a series of Information Education Communication activities.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to *Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna*

1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It aims to provide a one-time cure opportunity for Haemoglobinopathies like Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell Disease for patients who have a matched family donor.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

- *Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare has recently launched the second phase of "Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna" for the underprivileged Thalassemic patients.*

Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna

- It was launched in 2017.
- This scheme is a **Coal India CSR funded Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) program.**
- It aims to provide a one-time cure opportunity for Haemoglobinopathies like Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell Disease for patients who have a matched family donor.
- The CSR initiative was targeted to provide financial assistance to a total of 200 patients by providing a package cost not exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs per HSCT.
- The scheme has been extended to cover Aplastic Anaemia patients for a total of 200 such patients from this year.



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