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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021

### World's First Genetically Modified Rubber

- The Rubber plant is the first of its kind developed exclusively for this region and is expected to grow well under the climatic conditions of the mountainous northeastern region.
- Genetic modification (GM) technology allows the transfer of genes for specific traits between species using laboratory techniques.
- Rubber Board headquartered at Kottayam, Kerala, under the administration of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

### 60th Anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty Celebrated

- The Antarctic Treaty was signed between 12 countries in Washington on 1st December 1959 for making the Antarctic Continent a demilitarized zone to be preserved for scientific research only. (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the UK and the US)
- Currently it has 54 parties. India became a member of this treaty in 1983.
- The Antarctic treaty remains the only example of a single treaty that governs a whole continent.

### PM Modi Calls for 'Toyoconomy.'

- PM interacts with participants of Toycathon-2021.
- India has ample content and competence for digital gaming: PM.
- Toy industry has its own small-scale industry, artisans comprising of rural population, Dalits, poor people, and tribal population.
- The Prime Minister singled out the contribution of women in the sector.

## 6th Anniversary of Smart Cities Mission, AMRUT and PMAY-U

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is organizing an online event on 25th June 2021 to commemorate 6 years of the launch of three transformative Urban Missions.
- **Smart City Mission** - Govt launched the 100 smart cities mission in 2015. The objective is to integrate city functions, utilize scarce resources more efficiently, and improve the quality of life of citizens. To improve the efficiencies of municipal services.
- **AMRUT Mission** (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) - Aims - Reduce Pollution, Tap Water Connection, Sewerage Connection, greenery, and well-maintained open spaces etc. (in 500 cities with more than 1 lakh population)
- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana** is an initiative by the Government of India in which affordable housing will be provided to the urban poor with a target of building 2 crore affordable houses by 31 March 2022.
- The focus on the urban sector during the last 6 years can be gauged by the infusion of overall investments to the tune of Rs. 12 lakh crores

## Prasar Bharti Goes Paperless

- Thanks to ICT in less than 2 years, 577 Centers and 22,348 employees of DD, AIR have embraced e-Office operations.
- With the vision to make Prasar Bharati operations more efficient and paperless, e-Office was introduced in August 2019.
- Prasar Bharati, is India's largest public broadcasting agency, headquartered in New Delhi. It is a statutory autonomous body.

## Karwar Naval Base - 'Project Seabird'

- The largest naval infrastructure project for India, it involves creation of a naval base at Karwar on the west coast of India.
- Upon completion, this \$3 billion program and effort will provide the Indian Navy with its largest naval base on the west coast and the largest naval base east of the Suez Canal.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The first genetically engineered crop plant was \_\_\_\_\_ reported in 1983.

- A. Tobacco
- B. Potato
- C. Brinjal
- D. Cotton

**ANSWER: A**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a permanent Antarctic research station commissioned by India.

- A. Maitri
- B. Bharthi
- C. Himadri
- D. Dakshin Gangotri

**ANSWER: B**

3. Which of The Following City Stood at Top in the 1st Round winners of 20 Smart Cities Selected in 2016?

- A. Bhubaneshwar
- B. Pune
- C. Jaipur
- D. Indore

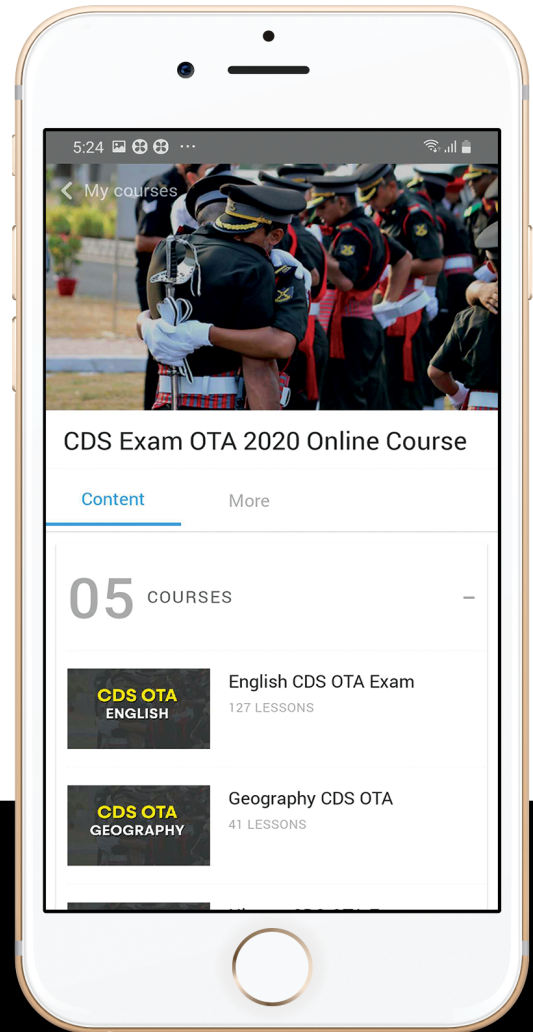
**ANSWER: A**



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