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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

3rd July 2021

Genome Sequencing of New COVID-19 Variants

- Vice President calls for fast-tracking of genome sequencing of new COVID-19 variants to speed up vaccine, drug development.
- Visiting CCMB's LaCONES (Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species) he urged international partnership to study developing a universal vaccine for various variants.
- Genome Sequencing is figuring out the order of DNA nucleotides, or bases, in a genome-the order of Adenine, Cytosine, Guanines, and Thymine that make up an organism's DNA.

WAKO India Kickboxing Federation

- The Ministry of Youth affairs & Sports has decided to grant recognition to WAKO India Kickboxing Federation as National Sports Federation (NSF) for promotion and development of the Kickboxing sport in India.
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board at its meeting on 10th June 2021 has approved the recommendation for WAKO to become fully recognized member of the Olympic family of sport.

Freight Smart Cities Plans for India

- Commerce Ministry's Logistics Division unveils plans for 'Freight Smart Cities'.
- Launches portal and handbook with 14 key measures to enhance urban freight systems.
- This is more relevant as the demand for urban freight is expected to grow by 140 per cent over the next 10 years.
- Facilities such as night-time deliveries, developing truck routes, using Intelligent Transportation Systems & modern technologies, Promoting electrification of urban freight, Parcel delivery terminals etc.
- States and cities like Gujarat, Hyderabad, Shimla, and Amravati presented their work related to improving city freight logistics.

Kuvempu Award 2020

- Odia's poet Dr. Rajendra Kishore Panda has been selected for the Kuvempu Rastriya Puraskar (award) 2020.
- Given annually to a writer who has contributed in any of the languages recognized by the Constitution It is a national award instituted in memory of the late poet laureate Kuvempu. The award carries a cash award of Rs. 5 lakhs, a silver medal, and a citation.
- Kuppali Venkatappa Puttappa, popularly known by his pen name Kuvempu, was an Indian poet, playwright, novelist, and critic. He is widely regarded as the greatest Kannada poet of the 20th century.

First Movable Freshwater Tunnel Aquarium

- The Kranti Vira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station also known as Bengaluru City Railway Station has become the first railway station in India with a movable freshwater tunnel aquarium.
- It is home to various aquatic animals such as alligator gar ranging, stingrays, sharks, lobsters, snails, and shrimps. The aquarium is adorned with natural rocks and splashes of driftwood, artificial coral rocks.
- This has been built at a cost of Rs 1.2 crore with the aim of enhancing the passenger experience at the station. It is also aimed at improving revenue earning for IR. It is also educational in a way that a life size kingdom of fishes can be experienced here.

World Sports Journalists Day Celebrated

- Every year July 2nd is dedicated to all the sports journalists across the world.
- The term sports journalist signifies covering and writing news related to sports and its events.
- It marks the anniversary of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS), established in 1924. Its headquarters is based in Switzerland. In 1994, AIPS introduced World Sports Journalists Day to celebrate the anniversary of its establishment.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Human genome is made up of ____ chromosome pairs with a total of about 3 billion DNA base pairs.

- A. 22
- B. 23
- C. 24
- D. 25

ANSWER: B

2. National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the primary agency of the _____ responsible for biomedical and public health research.

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. India
- D. France

ANSWER: B

3. Belt and Road Initiative sometimes seen in news is associated with?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

4. Taal Volcano is in which of the following Country?

- A. Philippines
- B. Indonesia
- C. Thailand
- D. Cambodia

ANSWER: A

5. The Current Minister of Commerce and Industry in India is?

- A. Prakash Javadekar
- B. Nirmala Seetharaman
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Nitin Gadkari

ANSWER: C

6. Bengaluru City Railway Station aquarium is a one-of-its-kind aquatic park based on _____ concept.

- A. Nile River (North Africa)
- B. Amazon River (South America)
- C. Ganga River (North India)
- D. Yangtze River (China)

ANSWER: B

7. Sahitya Akademi award established in_____.

- A. 1951
- B. 1952
- C. 1953
- D. 1954

ANSWER: D

8. Who is the designer of the plaque awarded by the Sahitya Akademi.

- A. Satyajit Ray
- B. Shyam Benegal
- C. Hiralal Sen
- D. T Rangachari

ANSWER: A

9. Sahitya Akademi award is the second highest literary honor by the Government of India, after_____.

- A. Kuvempu Rastriya Puraskar
- B. Hindu Literary Prize
- C. Jananpith award
- D. Rabindra Puraskar

ANSWER: C

10. First Recipient of Jnanpith Award.

- A. G. Sankara Kurup
- B. Tarasankar Bandyopadhyay
- C. Umashankar Joshi
- D. Kuppali Venkatappa Puttappa 'Kuvempu

ANSWER: A

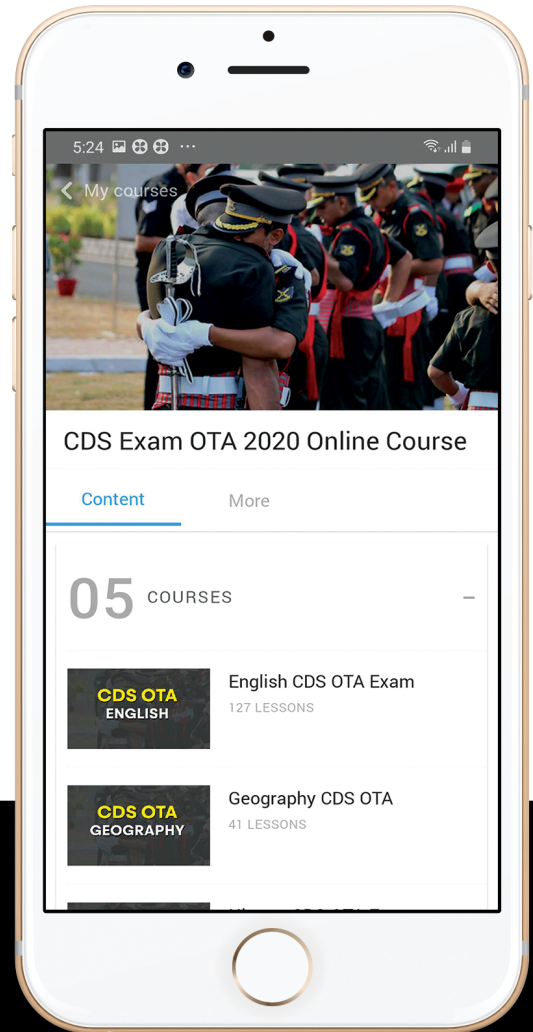




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