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Practice Questions based on September 2020 Current Affairs

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The practice questions based on September 2020 Current Affairs for CLAT and other law entrance examinations with answers. Attempt the questions and check your score. All the best!

Passage 1

Five Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas will be joining (ISA)'s Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action (ISA-CSCA) as corporate partners. In his inaugural speech at the first 'World Solar Technology Summit' organised by the ISA, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas said that ONGC, IOCL, BPCL, HPCL and GAIL (India) Limited will be contributing to ISA's corpus fund. He said that increasingly and rightly so, India's oil and gas companies are actively taking part in this clean energy transition. "To reduce carbon footprint, these companies will be focusing more on green energy investments such as renewables, biofuels and hydrogen going forward. We are also actively encouraging industry in general, and oil and gas companies in particular, to become participants to this solar transition," he added.

On the achievements made in the sector so far, he said that our oil and gas companies are also making efforts to deploy solar panels across the value chain of their operations, and the current installed solar power capacity is 270 MW. "Additional 60 MW solar capacity will be added in the coming year. We have taken up the mission of solarising about 50 per cent of fuel stations owned by public sector oil companies in the next five years. More than 5,000 fuel stations of Indian Oil, the largest Public Sector oil marketing company, were solarised last year. A substantial amount of solar PV capacity was also added by oil and gas companies during the last few years." The minister said that oil and gas PSUs are increasingly evaluating new opportunities in the solar and renewable energy space for diversification.

Source

Questions

1. Who is the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas?

- Dharmendra Pradhan
- Pinaki Mishra
- Sadanand Gowda
- Amit Shah

1. What is the full form of GAIL?

- Green Authority of India Limited
- Gas Authority of India Limited
- Gas Association of India Limited
- Green Association of India Limited

1. Which of the following statement is correct?

- 1 MW = 1000 KW
- 1MW = 1000 Watt
- 1 KW = 10000 MW
- None of the above

1. Bhadla solar power plant which was claimed to be the largest solar plant in the world is located in

- Madhya Pradesh
- Rajasthan
- Tamil Nadu
- Jharkhand

1. The Abbreviation ISA in the passage above refers to

- Indian Solar Association
- International Solar Association
- Indian Solar Alliance
- International Solar Alliance

Passage 2

Last week, the Union government passed three bills to replace the three ordinances that were enacted during the COVID-19 lockdown. These three bills, expected to bring revolutionary changes to agrarian context and help double farmers' incomes are The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020; The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020. Taken together, according to the prime minister, these bills are expected to usher in a revolutionary change in the arena of Indian agriculture and would go in some way, perhaps a long way, in doubling the incomes of the farmers.

We need to understand these legislations and their long-term impact on the agrarian structure against the expectation outlined by the government to see to what extent this policy prescription will go in doubling of farmers' incomes and what kind of revolution will now be on the anvil.As per census 2011, 96 million cultivators enumerated farming as their main occupation, down from 103 million in 2001 and 110 million in 1991. Still, 46% of the workforce is working full-time in farmlands.

The size of the operational holdings for small and marginal farmers has shrunk from 1.15 hectares in 2010-11 to 1.08 hectares in 2015-16, according to provisional estimates of the 10th agriculture census 2015-16, and small and marginal holdings constitute almost 90% of our total agricultural landholdings. Another striking feature of India's agriculture is the continuing trend of increase in the numbers of smallholdings in the country. The first agricultural census done at the beginning of the 1970s reported that figure at 71 million. In the last five decades, those numbers have grown exponentially from 138 million in 2010-11 to 146 million in 2015-16, as per provisional estimates of agriculture census 2015-16. In other words, the average size of operational holdings has considerably reduced from 2.28 hectares in 1970-71 to 1.15 hectares in 2010-11, and 1.08 in 2015-16, shows data.

Source

Questions

1. Who is currently serving as the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare?

- Piyush Goyal
- Narendra Singh Tomar
- Smriti Irani

- Sadanand Gowda

1. Which five-year plan focused on the agriculture sector?

- First Five Year Plan
- Eighth Five Year Plan
- Twelfth Five Year Plan
- Both (a) and (b)

1. The Planning Commission was dissolved and in its place which of the following was setup?

- Ministry of Planning and Execution
- Prabandhan Aayog
- Niti Aayog
- Both (a) and (c)

1. The agricultural Activity falls under which sector in India?

- Tertiary
- Secondary
- Primary
- None of these

1. The responsibility of distribution, storage and procurement of food grains in India lied with

- FCI
- NABARD
- Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare
- None of the above

Answers

Passage 1

1. (a)
2. (b)
3. (a)

4. (b)
5. (d)

Passage 2

1. (b)
2. (a)
3. (c)
4. (c)
5. (a)