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February 2019 Legal Current Affairs for Law Entrance Exam

FEB LEGAL CA QUIZ 22

Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answer the questions given below.

1. Union Cabinet has recently approved what percent hike in DA for central government employees?

- A. 4 percent B. 3 percent C. 2 percent
D. 1 percent E. None of these

2. What amount was recently allocated to the Swadesh Darshan Scheme during the extent of 14th Finance Commission ending in 2020?

- A. Rs 2045 cr B. Rs 2012 cr
C. Rs 2055 cr D. Rs 2041 cr

3. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has recently approved KUSUM scheme. What is the full form of "KUSUM"?

- A. Kisan Urja Samidhan evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan
B. Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan MahabhiyanSuraksha
C. Kisan Urja Samasya evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan
D. Kisan Urja Sahoyog evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan

4. What amount was recently allocated by Cabinet for phase-II of Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Programme?

- A. Rs 11000 cr B. Rs 11451 cr
C. Rs 11814 cr D. Rs 11524 cr

5. Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated a Virtual Experiential Museum (VEM) in _____ .

- A. Nagpur
- B. Lucknow
- C. Varanasi
- D. Gorakhpur

6. Which of the following states is going to host Attaukal Ponkala Festival?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Karnataka
- C. Sikkim
- D. Kerala

7. Which of the following companies has recently acquired Silicon Valley data migration company Alooma?

- A. Amazon
- B. Google
- C. Microsoft
- D. IBM

8. Which of the following female squash players has recently announced her retirement on 19th February 2019?

- A. Amanda Sobhy
- B. Alison Waters
- C. Nicol David
- D. Laura Massaro

9. Amit, Nikhat strike gold at Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament. The Tournament was held in which city?

- A. Sofia
- B. Varna
- C. Burgas
- D. Pleven

10. Who among the following has recently been elected president of the Astronomical Society of India?

- A. Vaishnavi Sen
- B. G C Anupama
- C. Preeti Ray
- D. Anupama Srivastava

Correct answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	C	B	C	C	D	B	C	A	B

Explanations:

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<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/cabinet-approves-3-hike-in-da-for-central-govt-employees-pensioners/article26314096.ece>

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<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=188725>

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What: to host Attukal Pongala, world's largest religious congregation of women

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