



- Cost of artisans' training will be shared between KVIC and the private business partner wherein KVIC will bear 75% of the cost while 25% will be paid by the business partner.

2. c

- Union Minister of State for HRD, Electronics, Communication, and IT has recently inaugurated the **"Bharat Air Fibre Services"** at Akola in Maharashtra.
- With inauguration of Bharat Air Fibre services, residents of Akola & Washim district will get Wireless Internet Connections on demand.

### **Bharat Air Fibre services**

- The Bharat Air Fibre services are introduced by BSNL as part of digital India initiatives by the Government of India.
- It provides high speed broadband to subscribers of remote areas by bridging the gap of last mile connectivity through radio waves.
- A vast network of Optical Fibre has been laid by BSNL up to nearest Telephone Exchange or Mobile Tower and from there the connectivity is provided to subscribers over wireless.
- It provides Wireless Connectivity in the range of 20 KMs from the BSNL Locations.

3. c

### **Smart India Hackathon 2020**

- SIH is a nationwide initiative that is being conducted every year since 2017, to provide students a platform to solve some of the pressing problems we face in our daily lives, and thus inculcate a culture of product innovation and a mindset of problem solving.
- There are two formats for the Hackathon - SIH Software and SIH Hardware Editions.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SIH Software Edition is being conducted in fully ONLINE mode.
- Student participants, coordinators and industry evaluators are coming together on a digital platform designed to facilitate the implementation of the event which is being managed centrally by MHRD's Innovation Cell & All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

4. b

- Recently, the southern bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has granted an interim stay on felling of coconut trees on Agatti Island in Lakshadweep.
- The tree-felling is also violating the Union Territory's (UT) Integrated Island Management Plan (IIMP).
- IIMP was formulated on the basis of a report submitted by the Supreme Court-appointed Expert Committee, headed by Justice R.V. Raveendran.
- It includes holistic island development plans prepared by the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM) for implementation by coastal States/ UTs.

### **Agatti Island**

- It is located in the Union territory of Lakshadweep.
- It is at a distance of 459 km (248 nautical miles) from Kochi and is located to the west of Kavaratti Island.
- The lagoon area of this island is habitat of coral growth and multicolored coral fishes in the lagoons.
- Fishing is the most important industry which is perhaps the only island besides Minicoy getting surplus fish.
- Next to fishing, coir (coconut fibre) and copra (dried meat or kernel of the coconut) are the main industries.

5. d

### **Geo-Heritage Monument**

- Geo-heritage refers to the geological features which are inherently or culturally significant offering insight to earth's evolution or history to earth science or that can be utilized for education.
- Geological Survey of India (GSI) is the parent body which is making efforts towards identification and protection of geo-heritage sites.

6. c

- The Aarhus Convention was in news with regarding to Draft EIA notification.