



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans:A

Explanation:

Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), the only Joint Forces Command of India, will conduct a large scale Joint Military exercise ‘Exercise Kavach’ in the coming week, in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

2. Ans:B

Explanation:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma inaugurated India’s longest road arch bridge “Wahrew Bridge” at Sohbar in East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya.

3. Ans:A

Explanation:

A committee to deliberate on the issue of data protection in India was set up under the chairmanship of former apex court judge Justice B N Srikrishna. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union.

4. Ans:C

Explanation:

The resolutions the G20 issue are seen as political declarations of intent but they are not legally binding. The G20 is an annual meeting of leaders from the countries with the largest and fastest-growing economies. Its members account for 85% of the world’s GDP, and two-thirds of its population. The G20 Summit is formally known as the “Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy”. After the Asian Financial Crisis in 1997-1998, it was acknowledged that the participation of major emerging market countries is needed on discussions on the international financial system, and G7 finance ministers agreed to establish the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in 1999.

5. Ans:C

Explanation:

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In Ladakh, the Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju launched the first ever Khelo India Zanskar Winter Sports Festival at Padum in Zanskar of Kargil district. The festival is being organised by the Ladakh UT Administration to promote Zanskar as winter tourists' destination.

6. Ans:D

Explanation:

The Chief Minister of Karnataka, B. S. Yediyurappa has launched a software called 'Avolokana' that will enable the state government to access data on sanctions and expenditures incurred by the state departments on various programmes implemented by them.

7. Ans:A

Explanation:

NASA's historic Parker Solar Probe mission will revolutionize our understanding of the sun, where changing conditions can propagate out into the solar system, affecting Earth and other worlds. Parker Solar Probe will travel through the sun's atmosphere, closer to the surface than any spacecraft before it, facing brutal heat and radiation conditions — and ultimately providing humanity with the closest-ever observations of a star. Parker Solar Probe Marks Seventh Successful Swing around the Sun. None are closer than Parker Solar Probe, which passed just 8.4 million miles (13.5 million kilometers) from the Sun's surface while flying at 289,932 miles per hour on Jan 17. Now just over two years into its seven-year mission, the Parker Solar Probe spacecraft will eventually travel within 4 million miles of the Sun's surface.

8. Ans:A

Explanation:

Pakistan might be pushed into the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) 'black list' next month as it continues to finance and tolerate terrorist organisations. According to a report, terrorist organisations, such as Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) and Jaish-e-Muhammed (JeM), continue to operate with impunity in Pakistan. What is FATF Blacklist? It is a list of countries that the inter-governmental organisation considers non-cooperative in the global effort to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 on the initiative of the G7. It is a "policy-making body" which works to generate the necessary political will to bring about national legislative and

regulatory reforms in various areas. The FATF Secretariat is housed at the OECD headquarters in Paris.

9. Ans:A

Explanation:

Spices Board is a body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It was constituted in 1987 under the Spices Board Act, 1986 by merging the Cardamom Board and the Spices Export Promotion Council. The Spices Board is one of the five commodity boards functioning under the Commerce Ministry. It is an autonomous body responsible for the promotion of the 52 scheduled spices and the development of small and large cardamom.

10. Ans:B

Explanation:

Archaeologists have discovered the world's oldest known cave art — a life-sized picture of a wild pig that was painted at least 45,500 years ago in Indonesia. The Sulawesi warty pig painting was found in the limestone cave of Leang Tedongnge. The warty pig depicted in the painting is endemic to this Indonesian island. The cave is in a valley that is enclosed by steep limestone cliffs, and is only accessible by a narrow cave passage in the dry season. The isolated Bugis community living in this hidden valley claim it had never before been visited by Westerners. The previously oldest dated rock art 'scene' at least 43,900 years old, was a depiction of hybrid human-animal beings hunting Sulawesi warty pigs and dwarf bovids.