



# EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The Election Commission of India is going to organize an International Webinar on 21st September 2020, on the Theme ‘Issues, Challenges and Protocols for Conducting Elections during COVID-19 : Sharing Country Experiences’ on its completion of one year of Chairmanship of the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB). The Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) is largest association of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) worldwide. At present A-WEB has 115 EMBs as Members & 16 Regional Associations/Organisations as Associate Members. ECI has been very closely associated with the process of formation of A-WEB since 2011. ECI hosted the 4th General Assembly of A-WEB on 03 Sep 2019 at Bengaluru and took over as Chair of A-WEB for 2019-2021 term. An India A-WEB Centre has been established at New Delhi, for documentation, research and training for sharing the best practices and capacity building of officials of A-WEB members. This is the first Webinar being held by the India A-WEB Centre.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare informed Rajya Sabha about the status of HIV/AIDS Patients in India. As per the latest HIV estimates report (2019) of the Government, India is estimated to have around 23.49 lakh people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in 2019. The HIV epidemic has an overall decreasing trend in country with estimated annual New HIV infections declining by 37% between 2010 and 2019. HIV infection in India is mainly caused by engagement in high risk behaviours. The main high-risk behaviours identified for HIV infection in India includes unprotected heterosexual behaviour, unprotected homosexual behaviour, and unsafe injecting drug use behaviour. There are no dedicated hospitals for the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients. However, under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) of the Government, as on July 2020, there are 570 Anti-retroviral treatment (ART) Centres and 1264 Link ART Centres.

3. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

The government pushed through two crucial agriculture Bills in Rajya Sabha, rejecting Opposition demands that they be referred to a Select Committee of Rajya Sabha. Parliament scrutinises legislative

proposals (Bills) in two ways. The first is by discussing it on the floor of the two Houses. The second mechanism is by referring a Bill to a parliamentary committee. But referring of Bills to parliamentary committees is not mandatory. India's Parliament has multiple types of committees. They can be differentiated on the basis of their work, their membership and the length of their tenure. First are committees that examine bills, budgets and policies of ministries. These are called departmentally related Standing Committees.

4. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

US President Donald Trump signed an executive order to set up a "national commission to promote patriotic education" in the US. The 1776 Commission is an education commission proposed by U.S. President Donald Trump to support "patriotic education". The initiative is an apparent counter to The 1619 Project, a Pulitzer Prize-winning collection of essays on African American history of the past four centuries, which explores the Black community's contribution in nation-building since the era of slavery to modern times. Trump announced the move at a history conference celebrating the 233rd anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution (on September 17, 1787); the document being written in the decade after the original 13 colonies declared independence from the British Empire in 1776. Trump said students in US universities are 'inundated with critical race theory, a Marxist doctrine holding that America is a wicked and racist nation', and the new project would teach the youth to 'love America.'

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that his government will establish the country's 'biggest' film city in Gautam Buddha Nagar. Though a proposal for the film city is yet to be prepared, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Authority (YEIDA) is in the process of looking for appropriate land for the project. As per the UP Film Policy, 2018, the state government will "support establishment of film cities by providing land at industrial rates" and also assist in developing the right infrastructure for it. Film Bandhu, a nodal agency of the state government, overlooks the implementation of the Film Policy. With several films and web series now being shot in the state, the dedicated film city is likely to bring employment while providing a haven for filmmakers.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The Delhi police has arrested Rajeev Sharma, a journalist, under the Official Secrets Act (OSA). The police claimed that he had passed on information such as the deployment of Indian troops on the border to Chinese intelligence officers. Official Secrets Act has its roots in the British colonial era. The original

version was The Indian Official Secrets Act (Act XIV), 1889. It was amended and made more stringent in the form of The Indian Official Secrets Act, 1904, during Lord Curzon's tenure as Viceroy of India.

In 1923, a newer version was notified. The Indian Official Secrets Act (Act No XIX of 1923) was extended to all matters of secrecy and confidentiality in governance in the country. It broadly deals with two aspects — spying or espionage, covered under Section 3, and disclosure of other secret information of the government, under Section 5. Secret information can be any official code, password, sketch, plan, model, article, note, document, or information. Under Section 5, both the person communicating the information and the person receiving the information can be punished.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

INS Viraat, the Aircraft Carrier with the longest service in the world, commenced its towed final journey from Mumbai, to be broken at Alang in Gujarat and sold as scrap. The ship was commissioned into the Royal Navy as HMS (Her Majesty's Ship) Hermes in 1959. She was part of the key formation of the British forces during the Falklands War against the Argentinian forces in 1982. HMS Hermes was decommissioned within three years after the war. The Indian Navy announced its purchase in 1985-86. The ship underwent a major refit and modernisation before being commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1987 as INS (Indian Naval Ship) Viraat, which means enormous. INS Viraat proved pivotal in Operation Jupiter in 1989 during the Sri Lankan Peacekeeping operation. The ship was also deployed during 2001-02 Operation Parakram following the terror attack on the Indian Parliament. It was decommissioned in 2017. Since 2017, India has been operating a single carrier — INS Vikramaditya — as against the minimum essential operational requirement of having two Carrier Battle Groups — which are formations of ships and submarines with Aircraft Carriers at the lead role. India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-I) INS Vikrant which has a displacement comparable to Vikramaditya is under construction at Kochi Shipyard and is soon expected to undergo sea trials.

8. Ans) (d)

Explanation

On the occasion of International Coastal Clean-Up Day, for the first time eight beaches of India are recommended for the coveted International eco-label, the Blue flag certification. India has also launched its own eco-label BEAMS (Beach Environment & Aesthetics Management Services) under ICZM (Integrated Coastal Zone Management) project. This is launched by the Society of Integrated Coastal Management (SICOM) and the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). The objectives of BEAMS program is to: Abate pollution in coastal waters, Promote sustainable development of beach facilities, Protect & conserve coastal ecosystems & natural resources, Strive and maintain high standards of cleanliness, Hygiene & safety for beachgoers in accordance with coastal

environment & regulations.

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The Indus system comprises the main Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej. The basin is mainly shared by India and Pakistan with a small share for China and Afghanistan. As per the Indus Water Treaty, 1960 all the waters of three rivers, namely Ravi, Sutlej and Beas (Eastern Rivers) were allocated to India for exclusive use. While, the waters of Western rivers - Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab were allocated to Pakistan except for specified domestic, non-consumptive and agricultural use permitted to India as provided in the Treaty.

10. Ans) (b)

Explanation

Sloth Bears are also called honey bear and bhalu, it is a forest-dwelling member of the family Ursidae (comprises 8 species of bears) that inhabits tropical or subtropical regions of India and Sri Lanka.

Protection Status: 'Vulnerable' in the IUCN Red List. Appendix I in CITES listing.

Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.