



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched the Directorate General National Cadet Corps (DGNCC) Mobile Training App here. The App will assist in conducting countrywide online training of NCC cadets.

The DGNCC Mobile Training App aims at providing NCC cadets entire training material (syllabus, précis, training videos and frequently asked questions) on one platform. The App has been made interactive by including a query option. By using this option, a cadet can post his question related to the training syllabus and the same will be answered by a panel of qualified instructors.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Minister of State in PMO reviewed the Comprehensive Manser Rejuvenation and Development Plan for initiating the process for development, rejuvenation and beautification of Mansar Wetlands. The plan aims at increasing tourist footfall and boosting the social economic development of Jammu region. Mansar, as a tourist destination, had immense potential for adventure sports, Eco-tourism, sightseeing, wildlife preservation and recreational activities. Mansar Lake is situated 62 km from Jammu. It is a lake fringed by forest-covered hills, over a mile in length. Surinsar-Mansar Lakes are designated as Ramsar Convention in November 2005.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Railways Minister announced that Indian Railways is set to meet all its energy needs of more than 33 billion units by 2030. The current annual requirement is about 21 billion units. With the ambitious plan of achieving 100% electrification for Railways by the year 2023, Indian Railways energy consumption is set to become more than 33 billion units by 2030 from its current annual requirement of about 21 billion units. Railways have developed a mega plan for installing solar plants of 20 Gigawatt capacity by utilizing its vacant land by 2030. The use of solar power will accelerate the mission to achieve conversion of Indian Railways to 'Net Zero Carbon Emission Railway'.

4. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Union Textiles Minister addressed the award giving ceremony for winners of the Textile Grand Challenge 2019. The Textile Grand Challenge 2019 was organized by the Ministry of Textiles with the active support of National Jute Board and the Start up India Team of the Department for Promotion of Industry & Industrial Trade (DPIIT). The aim of organizing this event was to bring forward innovative ideas by start-ups/entrepreneurs for development of cost effective and low-weight carry bags using Jute Bio-mass, Jute Plant based bio-polymer and cotton fibre waste to phase out plastic bags. Under it, innovative solutions were sought for (i) Alternative to single use Plastic bags and (ii) Alternative to Multi-use Plastic bags, using domestically grown natural fibres viz; Jute and Cotton.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Five members of the Great Andamanese tribe, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal group (PVTG), have tested positive for COVID-19. The Great Andamanese are one of five PVTGs that reside in the Andamans archipelago and this is one of the first cases of COVID-19 infection among the endangered PVTGs of the region. The Great Andamanese, who number just 74, speak Jeru among themselves. The five PVTGs residing in Andamans are Great Andamanese, Jarawas, Onges, Shompens and North Sentinelese. 75 tribal groups have been categorized by Ministry of Home Affairs as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

6. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

A five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court held that States can sub-classify Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Central List to provide preferential treatment to the “weakest of the weak”.

The Constitution Bench led by Justice Mishra said reservation has created inequalities within the reserved castes itself. There is a “caste struggle” within the reserved class as the benefits of reservation are being usurped by a few. It is clear that caste, occupation, and poverty are interwoven. The State cannot be deprived of the power to take care of the qualitative and quantitative difference between different classes and to take ameliorative measures. In his 78-page judgment for the Bench, Justice Mishra said the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Central List do not constitute a “homogenous group”.

Justice Mishra’s judgment is significant as it fully endorses the push to extend the creamy layer concept to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. With this, the Bench took a contrary view to a 2004 judgment delivered by another Coordinate Bench of five judges in the E.V. Chinnaiah case.

The Chinnaiah judgment had held that allowing the States to unilaterally “make a class within a class of members of the Scheduled Castes” would amount to tinkering with the Presidential list.

7. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Landslide is defined as the movement of a mass of rock, debris, or earth down a slope.

They are a type of mass wasting, which denotes any downward movement of soil and rock under the direct influence of gravity. Landslides are caused due to three major factors: Geology, Morphology, and Human activity. Geology refers to characteristics of the material. The earth or rock might be weak or fractured, or different layers may have different strengths and stiffness. Morphology refers to the structure of the land. For example, slopes that lose their vegetation to fire or drought are more vulnerable to landslides. Vegetation holds soil in place, and without the root systems of trees, bushes, and other plants, the land is more likely to slide away. Human activity which includes agriculture (including Shifting agriculture) and construction and developmental activities increase the risk of a landslide. Hence, option D is correct.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Pulikkali is a recreational folk art from the state of Kerala. Puli means Leopard/Tiger and Kali means Play in Malayalam. The main theme of this folk art is tiger hunting with participants playing the role of tiger and hunter. Performers paint their bodies like tigers and hunters and dance on streets to the beats of traditional percussion instruments such as thakil, udukku and chenda. It is performed on the fourth day of Onam celebrations.

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation

The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar was formerly known as the National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement. It is India's Highest Civilian Honour bestowed upon exceptional achievers under the age of 18. These awards are given by the President of India in the week preceding Republic Day every year. The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is given under two categories which are Bal Shakti Puraskar and Bal Kalyan Puraskar.

10. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Bhavishya portal is an online Pension Sanction and Payment Tracking System implemented by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions. This portal will help in integrating the electronic Pension Payment Order (e-PPO) with DigiLocker. Bhavishya portal will provide an option to retiring employees, to link their Digi-locker account with their "Bhavishya" account and obtain their e-PPO in a seamless manner. The decision has been taken to enhance ease of living of central government civil pensioners. e-PPO is generated through the Public Finance Management System (PFMS).