



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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1. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

Union Minister of Tourism inaugurated the “Thenzawl Golf Resort” Project implemented in Mizoram under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The Project was sanctioned under the Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan- North East Circuit at Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram. The Golf Course at Thenzawl is designed by Graham Cooke and Associates, one of the top-ranked Canada based Golf Course architectural firm. Golf tourism in India particularly, has a strong potential since the climatic condition is more favourable here as compared to most countries. India boasts of more than 230 golf courses in all.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Government of India launched 'Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan, 2020-21. Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) is an initiative of Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), in collaboration with Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous organization under the Department of Science and Technology, and NCERT, an institution under the Ministry of Education. VVM is a national program for popularizing science among school students of standard VI to XI, conceptualised to identify the bright minds with a scientific aptitude among the student community.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Gujarat has become the second state after Andhra Pradesh to come up with a latest manual for the police in recent times. The new manual has been drafted for the Gujarat police force after a gap of 45 years. Some of the new points included in it are tools to detect cyber-crimes, forensic science, social media monitoring tools, multi-level marketing frauds, fake currency, human trafficking and organised crimes. The new manual will be uploaded on the "Pocket Cop" mobile application in the form of an e-book to maximise its reach among the police fraternity.

4. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

Haryana Chief Minister launched a unique identity card — called Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) —

through which the state government aims to monitor each of the approximately 54 lakh families living across the state. Under this, each family will be considered a single unit and allotted an 8-digit unique identification number. In order to avail the benefits of social security schemes of the state government, it is mandatory for each family to register themselves on the Parivar Pehchan Patra portal. Also, the government has made it mandatory for employees to go for this PPP, failing which their salaries may also be withheld. Telangana, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are also exploring the possibility of implementing a similar PPP project.

While Aadhaar represents an individual as a unit, a PPP represents a family as a unit. Most of Haryana government schemes are structured around the family and not around an individual. Aadhaar, due to its litigation history, has not served the purpose of linking different databases because it cannot be shared.

5. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Recently, the All India Tennis Association (AITA) made it compulsory for all junior players competing at the nationals to undergo an age-verification test. Up until the age of 17 for boys and 15 for girls, science can provide a rough estimate about the true age of a child, give or take a year. The most popular age-verification test is called the Tanner-Whitehouse 3 (TW3), being used by the BCCI and proposed by AITA. TW3 essentially involves an x-ray of the left wrist to check what stage of bone fusion a child has reached. By the time a boy is 17 and girl 15, on average, the bones would have fused completely. But before that age, this test can give an approximate age. What makes this test popular is that it is cheaper and quick to conduct. This test becomes redundant after the age of 17 for boys and 15 for girls, because a child at that age is considered to have a matured body with complete bone fusion.

6. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

At least 100 people were killed and nearly 4,000 injured in a massive explosion at Lebanon's capital Beirut. Beirut is the capital and largest city of Lebanon. Beirut sits on a peninsula extending westward into the Mediterranean Sea. It is flanked by the Lebanon Mountains and has taken on a triangular shape, largely influenced by its situation between and atop two hills: Al-Ashrafieh and Al-Musaytibah. The explosion, according to the Lebanon government, was of over 2700 tonnes of ammonium nitrate stored for six years in a warehouse in the port. Multiple reports suggest that a huge tremor-causing explosion was preceded by a fire, possibly of firecrackers. The explosion has occurred at the time when a UN tribunal is set to give its verdict in the 2005 assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri, who was killed in a truck bomb attack. The country has been bracing for the aftermath of the verdict of the case, which has at its core the age-old Shia-Sunni rift. Quetta is the provincial capital and largest city of the Province of Balochistan in Pakistan. Jalalabad is a city in eastern Afghanistan.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Northern Railway today ran its first-ever Vyapar Mala Express train. This train destined for Jirania in Tripura has 46 wagons. This is an express service where piece-meal stock will reach its destination in a shorter time. The train departed from Delhi Kishanganj for Jirania and it will cover a distance of 2,673 km from Punjab to Tripura. Wheat was loaded in 34 wagons at Guniana station of Firozpur Division by Food Corporation of India and in the remaining Rice and Pulses have been loaded. Railways has earned more than 94 lakh rupees from this Vyapar Mala Express train. It will help small traders in moving their cargo through Railways, in a short time, cost effective, convenient and environment-friendly mode of transportation.

8. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Union Housing Minister released Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC) Knowledge Pack. This includes MoUs to be signed with States and UTs to provide ease of living to urban migrants in the country. The Union Cabinet had approved ARHC as a sub scheme under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) earlier this month to provide housing facility to migrant workers and urban poor. The Affordable Housing Complex scheme will be implemented through two models in the country. Under the first model existing Government funded vacant houses will be converted into ARHCs through Public Private Partnership or by public agencies for a period of 25 years. Under the second model ARHCs will be constructed, operated and maintained by Public or Private Entities on their own available vacant land for a period of 25 years. Successful implementation of ARHC Scheme will not only benefit urban migrants and poor but will also accelerate entrepreneurship and investment in rental housing market giving boost to the economy.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Baidu Search, among the most influential apps of China and dubbed as the country's answer to Google search, has been blocked in India. Baidu, Inc. is a Chinese multinational technology company specializing in Internet-related services and products and artificial intelligence (AI), headquartered in Beijing's Haidian District. Baidu offers various services, including a Chinese search engine, as well as a mapping service called Baidu Maps. Baidu search, which is among the flagship internet products of China, have been asked by Government of India to be taken off from the app stores of Google and Apple, while internet service providers (IPs) have also been told to block them.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

HDFC Bank named Sashidhar Jagdishan as the new managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank. Mr. Jagdishan, whose appointment was approved by the RBI, would take charge on October 27 and hold office for a period of three years. He will succeed retiring MD and CEO Aditya Puri. Having joined as a manager in the finance function in 1996, Mr. Jagdishan rose to become the bank's chief financial officer in 2008.