



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Public Accounts Committee, headed by Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, is going on a four-day tour of Srinagar, Kargil, Leh and Drass.

What's the issue?

The committee visit is in connection with a 2019 report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on "high altitude clothing, equipment, ration and housing" for the Army personnel. The CAG report had pointed out delays in the procurement of high altitude clothing and equipment items of up to four years, leading to acute shortage of essential clothing and equipment.

About PAC:

The PAC is formed every year with a strength of not more than 22 members of which 15 are from Lok Sabha and 7 from Rajya Sabha. The term of office of the members is one year. The Chairman is appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha. Since 1967, the chairman of the committee is selected from the opposition. Its chief function is to examine the audit report of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) after it is laid in the Parliament.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Twitter has appointed a permanent Chief Compliance Officer (CCO), a Resident Grievance Officer (RGO) and a Nodal Contact Person in compliance with the new Information Technology (IT) Rules.

What's the issue?

The Supreme Court had recently expressed reservations over Twitter changing the status of the CCO appointment from "interim" to "contingent" in its affidavit. The IT rules mandated the appointment of a senior employee as CCO, but Twitter had appointed a "contingent worker" through a third party contractor. This was opposed by the Centre.

On February 25, the Centre framed the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021, in the exercise of powers under section 87 (2) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and in supersession of the earlier Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines) Rules 2011, which will come into effect from May 26.

Overview of the new rules: It mandates a grievance redressal system for over the top (OTT) and digital portals in the country. This is necessary for the users of social media to raise their grievance

against the misuse of social media. Significant social media firms have to appoint a chief compliance officer and have a nodal contact person who can be in touch with law enforcement agencies 24/7. A grievance officer: Social media platforms will also have to name a grievance officer who shall register the grievance within 24 hours and dispose of it in 15 days. Removal of content: If there are complaints against the dignity of users, particularly women – about exposed private parts of individuals or nudity or sexual act or impersonation etc – social media platforms will be required to remove that within 24 hours after a complaint is made. A monthly report: They also will have to publish a monthly report about the number of complaints received and the status of redressal. There will be three levels of regulation for news publishers — self-regulation, a self-regulatory body, headed by a retired judge or an eminent person, and oversight from the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, including codes of practices and a grievance committee.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar unveiled a portal and mobile application named 'PM-DAKSH', which aims to make the skill development schemes accessible to the target groups. The 'PM-DAKSH' stands for Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana.

4. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

The Indian Navy and UAE Navy conducted the bilateral naval exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021' off the coast of Abu Dhabi. The main objective of the 'Zayed Talwar 2021' naval exercise was to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant began its maiden sea trials from Kochi.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The Pensilungpa Glacier is located in Zaskar Range, Ladakh. The Zaskar Range is a mountain range in the union territory of Ladakh that separates Zaskar from Ladakh. Recently, a study highlighted that the glacier is retreating to an increase in the temperature and decrease in precipitation during winters.

The study also points at the significant influence of debris cover on the mass balance and retreat of the glacier's endpoint, especially in summer. The study also suggests that due to continuous rise in the air

temperature in line with the global trend, the melting would increase, and it is possible that the precipitation of summer periods at higher altitudes will change from snow to rain, and that may influence the summer and winter pattern.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The first Deputy National Security Adviser (DNSA) level Meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave was hosted virtually by Sri Lanka. Its Secretariat is located in Colombo. Their meeting marked the revival of NSA-level trilateral talks on maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region after a gap of six years. What is Colombo Security Conclave?

The decision to establish Colombo Security Conclave was taken in November 2020 at the NSA-level meeting of India, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives to forge closer cooperation on maritime and security matters among the three Indian Ocean countries. The Deputy NSA level meeting was a follow-up to the decisions taken at the NSA level meeting. The idea of 'Colombo Security Conclave' was initiated by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in 2011.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

The US administration under Biden has continued to remain non-committal on support for India's UNSC bid. However, the Obama and Trump administrations had supported a permanent seat for India on the Security Council. India's claims to a permanent seat in the UNSC are based on the following grounds:

Represents one-sixth of the global population. Among the founding members of the U.N. Always upheld its principles and credentials while some other countries consider the organisation as merely a talk shop. Impressive contribution towards the UN Peacekeeping Force (UNPKF). An emerging economic power.

Who are G4 Nations?

The G4 nations comprising Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan are four countries which support each other's bids for permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council.

9. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Hezbollah is a Shia Islamist political party that is based in Lebanon. The organization was founded by the Iranian effort in the 1980s to aggregate Lebanese Shia groups. In the on-going Iran-Israel conflicts, Hezbollah acts as a proxy for Iran.

10. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Prominent J-pop artists have been tapped for a new song called “Colorful,” the official song produced by Team Coca-Cola for the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games. Grammy Award winner composer AR Rahman and young singer Ananya Birla collaborated to present the official song of the Indian contingent for the Tokyo Olympics, titled Cheer4India: Hindustani Way. The mascot of Tokyo Olympics is named as Miraitowa.