



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

A successful trial of the nuclear capable Shaurya missile was conducted by India. Shaurya is a land-based parallel of the submarine launched K-15 missile. These ballistic weapons belong to the K missile family — codenamed after late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam — which are launched from Arihant class of nuclear submarines. The K family of missiles are primarily Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles (SLBMs), which have been indigenously developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The development of these naval platform launched missiles began in the late 1990s as a step towards completing India's nuclear triad — the capability of launching nuclear weapons from land, sea and air based assets. Because these missiles are to be launched from submarines, they are lighter, smaller and stealthier than their land-based counterparts, the Agni series of missiles which are medium and intercontinental range nuclear capable ballistic missiles. While K family are primarily submarine-fired missiles to be fired from India's Arihant class nuclear powered platforms, the land and air variants of some of its members have also been developed by the DRDO.

2. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Seeking to make the procedure to opt for postal ballot more convenient for those above 80 years of age and people with disabilities, the Election Commission has come out with a set of new instructions. The form required to opt for the postal ballot would be delivered at the residence of all those aged above 80 and people with disabilities by the booth level officer under his polling station. It would be up to these two categories of voters to opt for postal ballot. If he/she opts for postal ballot, then the Booth Level Officer (BLO) will collect the filled-in form 12-D from the house of the elector within five days of the notification and deposit it with the returning officer forthwith. These instructions have been issued based on the feedback the poll panel received from civil society and media during its visit to poll-bound Bihar last week. The EC said the fresh instructions would be applicable to all elections and byelections. As per the instructions, the returning officer would deploy polling teams, which will deliver and collect the postal ballot on pre-informed dates and then deposit it with the returning officer.

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Involuntary administration of narco or lie detector tests is an “intrusion” into a person's “mental privacy”, a Supreme Court judgment of 2010 has held. The judgment is significant amid reports that the Uttar Pradesh government wants to subject the Hathras rape and murder victim's family members to these tests. The judgment in Smt. Selvi vs State of Karnataka observed that involuntary administration of these scientific tests was “sufficient to constitute a custodial environment”. It amounted to a “restraint on personal liberty”. The consequences of such tests on “individuals from weaker sections of society who are unaware of their fundamental rights and unable to afford legal advice” can be devastating. It may involve future abuse, harassment and surveillance, even leakage of the video material to the Press for a “trial by

media.” Such tests are an affront to human dignity and liberty, and have long-lasting effects.

An individual’s decision to make a statement is the product of a private choice and there should be no scope for any other individual to interfere with such autonomy.

4. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

In the fight against Google, Paytm has announced the launch of its “mini app” store to “support Indian developers” in taking their products to the masses. The mini apps are a custom-built mobile website that give users app-like experience without having to download them, and can be built using HTML and Javascript technologies. Paytm will add a new section on its main application wherein these mini apps will be listed and can be accessed by Paytm app users.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

The chairman of a Supreme Court-appointed expert committee has alleged violations of the court orders in the execution of the Chardham road project — a 900 km, ₹12,000 crore enterprise to connect pilgrimage spots in Uttarakhand. The top court ruled last month that a width of 5.5 metre be enforced as it was in conformity with a 2018 recommendation of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) for mountain roads. The MoRTH is also the key coordinator of the Chardham project. Ravi Chopra is the chairman of the High Powered Committee (HPC). In the great Himalayas in Uttarakhand, the four pilgrim-destinations namely Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath are collectively known as Chardham. Traditionally, this pilgrimage tour should begin from the West and end in the East. Thus, the Char Dham Yatra commences from Yamunotri, then proceeding to Gangotri and finally to Kedarnath and Badrinath.

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid rich tributes to revolutionary freedom fighter Shyamji Krishna Varma on his birth anniversary Shyamji Krishna Varma (1857 – 1930) was an Indian freedom fighter, lawyer and journalist. Indian Home Rule Society (IHR): It was an Indian organisation founded in London in 1905 that sought to promote the cause of self-rule in British India. The organisation was founded by Shyamji Krishna Varma, with support from Bhikaji Cama, Dadabhai Naoroji and S.R. Rana.

India House: He founded India House in London. It was a student residence that existed between 1905 and 1910 which was opened to promote nationalist views among Indian students in Britain.

Indian Sociologist: He founded Indian Sociologist in London. The monthly Indian Sociologist became an outlet for nationalist ideas.

7. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

World Teachers’ Day is being celebrated on October 5, 2020. World Teachers’ Day is celebrated every year on October 5 globally to recognise and celebrate the works of educators including teachers, researchers and professors worldwide. International Teachers Day is celebrated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in partnership with United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Education International. The theme for World Teachers’ Day 2020 is “Teachers: Leading in Crisis, Reimagining the Future”. On October 5, 1966, a recommendation on the status of teachers was adopted and to mark that event, UNESCO has been celebrating World Teachers’ Day since 1994 on this day. The recommendation had

set standards including teachers' rights and responsibilities, initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching-learning conditions.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation

Data Governance Quality Index (DGQI) survey was conducted by Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), Niti Aayog. It aims to assess different Ministries/Departments' performance on the implementation of Central Sector Schemes (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSIIts objective is to drive healthy competition among them and promote cooperative peer learning from best practices. It was prepared under six major themes of DGQI: Data Generation; Data Quality; Use of Technology; Data Analysis, Use and Dissemination; Data Security and HR Capacity and Case Studies. Ministries/Departments were classified into six categories: Administrative, Strategic, Infrastructure, Social, Economic and Scientific.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation

The Prime Minister has inaugurated the Atal Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh's Rohtang, which connects Solang Valley near Manali to Sissu in Lahaul and Spiti district. The 9.02-km tunnel is the 'longest highway tunnel' in the world situated at a height of 3,000 metres. Atal Tunnel or the Rohtang tunnel has been built in the Pir Panjal range of Himalayas.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation

The second edition of Exercise Bongosagar, bilateral naval exercise between India and Bangladesh, is scheduled to commence in Northern Bay of Bengal on 3rd October 2020. It aims to develop interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of a wide spectrum of maritime exercises and operations.