



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

In a major decision related to women security in the state, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister has ordered to establish women help desks in each and every police station of state. Generally women hesitate in registering their complaints with male cops in police station. Keeping this in mind, Women police personnel will be given the charge of these women help desks so that every woman in state can register her complain freely and fearlessly. Government has directed to implement this order with immediate effect. The women police personnel deputed on helpdesk will not only listen to the complaints of women but will always be ready to help them anytime. Government had earlier established pink booths at various intersections of Lucknow. Women Cops are also deployed at major Crossings in various big cities including state capital Lucknow. It has also made arrangements to drop working women to their homes at odd hours.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Global Handwashing Day is being observed on October 15, 2020. The day is observed on October 15 each year to raise awareness and highlight the importance of handwashing as an effective means of disease prevention. This year's theme, 'Hand Hygiene for All', highlights the fact that to beat the virus and ensure better health outcomes beyond the pandemic, handwashing with soap is a priority. This year it marks a critical reminder for the world that this simple, cost-effective practice can save lives. Handwashing has always been one of the most effective ways of keeping diseases at bay and is also one of the key cornerstones of COVID-19 prevention. The first Global Handwashing Day was held in 2008.

3. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Pakistan along with China, Russia and Cuba have been elected on the United Nations Human Rights Council despite their abysmal human rights records. United States Secretary of State slammed the UN body tasked with defending human rights for this election. The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system. It meets at the UN Office at Geneva. It was founded in 2006. It replaced the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR) that had been strongly criticised for allowing countries with poor human rights records to be members.

Functions:

It investigates allegations of breaches of human rights in UN member states. It also addresses important thematic human rights issues such as freedom of expression, women's rights, LGBT rights, and the rights of racial and ethnic minorities. The UNHRC works closely with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Membership:

The Council is made of 47 Member States, which are elected by the UN General Assembly. The Council's Membership is based on equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Council serve for a period of three years and are not eligible for immediate re-election after serving two consecutive terms.

India has been elected to the UNHRC for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2019. India had previously been elected to the UNHRC for the 2011-2014 and 2014-2017 terms.

4. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

India's first Oscar winner Costume designer Bhanu Athaiya died at her home in Mumbai after prolonged illness. She was 91. Bhanu Athaiya (1929 – 2020) was an Indian costume designer who worked on over 100 films. She won the Academy Award for Best Costume Design (shared with John Mollo) for her work in the 1982 film, Gandhi. She became the first Indian to win an Academy Award. In 2012, Athaiya returned her Oscar to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for safe keeping. She also won two National Film Awards – for Gulzar's mystery drama "Lekin" (1990) and the period film "Lagaan" directed by Ashutosh Gowariker (2001).

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

India will be delivering a Kilo Class submarine INS Sindhuvir to Myanmar Navy as part of defence cooperation. This will be the first submarine of Myanmar Navy. Cooperation in the maritime domain is an important part of India's enhanced engagement with Myanmar. It is in accordance with India's vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) and in line with build capacities and self-reliance in all the neighbouring countries. Myanmar is one of India's strategic neighbours and shares a 1,640-kilometer-long border with a number of north-eastern states including militancy-hit Nagaland and Manipur. Kilo class refers to diesel-electric attack submarines that were designed and built in the erstwhile Soviet Union.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Government has requested all citizens to connect with the cause of war-widows, Ex-Servicemen, wards of

the martyred soldiers and contribute generously to Armed Forces Flag Day Fund in solidarity with the soldiers and their next of Kin or dependents. Contributions to Armed Forces Flag Day Fund are exempt from Income Tax under Section 80G(5)(vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare in Ministry of Defence has been working for the welfare and rehabilitation of war widows, wards of martyred soldiers and Ex-Servicemen. This is done by providing financial assistance for their identified personal needs such as penury grant, children's education grant, funeral grant, medical grant and orphan or disabled children grant. This financial assistance is provided out of the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund for which contributions are received from the general public on the Armed Forces Flag Day which is celebrated on 7th December every year.

7. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Central Government has notified the Directorate General of Shipping as National Authority for Recycling of Ships under the section 3 of the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019. As an apex body, DG Shipping is authorised to administer, supervise and monitor all activities relating to ship recycling. DG Shipping will be the final authority for the various approvals required by the Ship-Recycling yard owners and State Governments. Under Ship Recycling Act, 2019, India has acceded to Hong Kong Convention for Ship Recycling under International Maritime Organization (IMO). DG Shipping is a representative of India in IMO and all the conventions of IMO are being enforced by DG Shipping. National Authority of Ship Recycling will be set up in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The location of the office will benefit the Ship Recycling yard owners situated in Alang, Gujarat which is home of Asia's largest ship breaking and ship recycling industry in the world.

8. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Holography is a process that creates three-dimensional images called holograms. Holograms are created by using laser beams, the properties of interference and diffraction, light intensity recording, and illumination of the recording. Recently, scientists from New York University have developed a method using holographic imaging to detect both viruses and antibodies.

9. Ans) (c)

Explanation

Recently, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) India has published reports titled 'Prevalence of Endoparasitic Infections in Free-Ranging Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros' for Assam and West Bengal. There are three species of rhino in Asia — Greater one-horned (*Rhinoceros unicornis*), Javan and Sumatran. The species is restricted to small habitats in Indo-Nepal terai and northern West Bengal and Assam. In India, rhinos

are mainly found in Kaziranga NP, Pobitora WLS, Orang NP, Manas NP in Assam, Jaldapara NP and Gorumara NP in West Bengal and Dudhwa TR in Uttar Pradesh. Protection Status:

Javan and Sumatran Rhino are critically endangered and the Greater one-horned (or Indian) rhino is vulnerable in IUCN Red List. All three listed under Appendix I (CITES).

Greater one-horned rhino is listed under the Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Conservation Efforts by India:

Recently, the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has begun a project to create DNA profiles of all rhinos in the country.

The National Rhino Conservation Strategy was launched in 2019 to conserve the greater one-horned rhinoceros. Indian Rhino Vision 2020 was Launched in 2005, it is an ambitious effort to attain a wild population of at least 3,000 greater one-horned rhinos spread over seven protected areas in the Indian state of Assam by the year 2020.

10. Ans) (a)

Explanation

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India in 2011. It is implemented in a Mission mode by special purpose vehicles (autonomous state societies) with dedicated implementation support units at the national, state, district and block levels, using professional human resources in order to provide continuous and long-term handholding support to each rural poor family. DAY-NRLM is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and the financing of the programme would be shared between the Centre and the States in the ratio of 60:40 (90:10 in case of North Eastern States including Sikkim; completely from the Centre in case of UTs). It involves working with community institutions through community professionals in the spirit of self-help which is a unique proposition of DAY-NRLM. It impacts the livelihoods through universal social mobilization organising one-woman member from each rural poor household into Self Help Groups (SHGs), their training and capacity building, facilitating their micro-livelihoods plans, and enabling them to implement their livelihoods plans through accessing financial resources from their own institutions and the banks.