



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Law Ministry has reduced the age limit for senior citizens who opt for postal ballot in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.

In October 2019, the Law Ministry amended the Conduct of Election Rules to allow people with disabilities and those who are 80 years of age or above to opt for postal ballot during Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. The Election Commission, however, approached the government to change the rule as the pandemic could continue till the end of the year.

On June 19, the Ministry notified a fresh change in the rules, allowing those aged 65 years and above to opt for postal ballot. While amending the rules on the suggestions of the Election Commission, the Ministry also allowed “COVID-19 suspect or affected persons” to use the postal ballot facility.

2. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

Service voter belonging to Armed Forces or forces to which provisions of Army Act, 1950 are applicable, has option of either voting through postal ballot or through a proxy voter duly appointed by him. A service voter who opts for voting through a proxy is called Classified Service Voter (CSV).

3. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Delhi chief minister announced setting up of a 'plasma bank' for treatment of COVID-19 patients in the national capital. The Plasma bank will be set up at the Delhi government-run Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) and doctors or hospitals will have to approach it for plasma if a COVID-19 patient needs the same. The plasma bank will be first of its kind for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation:

The Concession Agreement for the 600 MegaWatt Kholongchhu (Joint Venture) Hydroelectric Project between Bhutan government and Kholongchhu Hydro Energy Limited was signed. The 600 MW run-

of-the-river project is located on the lower course of the Kholongchhu River in Trashiyangtse District in Eastern Bhutan. Hydropower sector is the flagship area of India-Bhutan bilateral cooperation..

5. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

International Day of Parliamentarism is being celebrated on June 30 under the theme “Parliaments in a time of Pandemic”. The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution A/RES/72/278, recognized the role of parliaments in national plans and strategies and in ensuring greater transparency and accountability at national and global levels. It is also the date, in 1889, on which the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) — the global organization of parliaments — was established.

6. Ans) (a)

Explanation:

Government of India has banned 59 apps originating from China, including very popular ones like the short video platform TikTok, UC Browser, file sharing app ShareIt, and CamScanner etc. The ban has been enforced by The Ministry of Information Technology by invoking it’s power under section 69A of the Information Technology Act and the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of Information by Public) Rules 2009. Title of Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 is “Power to issue directions for blocking for public access of any information through any computer resource”. According to ministry, these Apps are engaged in activities which is prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order.

7. Ans) (d)

Explanation:

Union Minister of Steel inaugurated Continuous Galvanized Rebar Production Facility at MandiGobindgarh in Punjab. This will support the much awaited need of supplying galvanized rebar to the construction industry. Galvanized reinforcing steel is bare reinforcing steel coated with a protective layer of zinc metal. The zinc coating serves as a barrier to corrosive elements that the rebar is exposed to when embedded in concrete. Hence both statements are correct.

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation:

The Trump administration unsuccessfully attempted to block release of the book titled "The Room Where It Happened" contending that Bolton had breached nondisclosure agreements he signed as a condition of his employment and that the book endangered national security.

9. Ans) (a)

Explanation

The Environment Ministry's wildlife division has introduced new rules to regulate the import and export of 'exotic wildlife species'. Currently, it is the Directorate-General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, that oversees such trade. Under the new rules, owners and possessors of such animals and birds must also register their stock with the Chief Wildlife Warden of their States.

Officials of the Wildlife Department will also prepare an inventory of such species and have the right to inspect the facilities of such traders to check if these plants and animals are being housed in salubrious conditions. Additionally, stockists will have six months to declare their stock.

The advisory, issued recently, also says 'exotic wildlife species' will mean animals named under Appendices I, II and III of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of Wild Fauna and Flora.

10. Ans) (d)

Explanation

The country's first Government-owned Waste-to-Energy Plant was commissioned at the Mancheswar Carriage Repair Workshop in Odisha. The plant, a patented technology called Polycrack, is first-of-its-kind in the Indian Railways and fourth in the country. It converts multiple feed stocks into hydrocarbon liquid fuels, gas, carbon and water.