



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans: b

Explanation: National Nutrition Mission launched in 2018, it is the Government of India's flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

It is backed by a National Nutrition Strategy prepared by the NITI Aayog with the goal of attaining "Kuposhan Mukht Bharat" or malnutrition-free India, by 2022.

Aims:

To reduce stunting, under-nutrition, anemia (among young children, women and adolescent girls) and low birth weight by 2%, 2%, 3% and 2% per annum respectively. To address the problem of malnutrition in a mission-mode. 50% of the total budget comes from the World Bank or other multilateral development banks and the rest of the 50% is through Centre's budgetary support.

The Centre's budgetary support is further divided into 60:40 between the Centre and the States, 90:10 for the north-eastern region and the Himalayan States and 100% for the Union Territories (UTs) without legislature.

NITI Aayog recently released "Accelerating Progress on nutrition in India: What Will It Take", the third progress report on the National Nutrition Mission or the Poshan Abhiyaan.

The third progress report (October 2019-April 2020) takes stock of the roll-out status on the ground and implementation challenges encountered at various levels through large scale datasets.

The initial Reports I and II, focused majorly on the mission's preparedness and implementation by States and UTs, respectively.

2. Ans: c

Explanation: China has launched an unmanned spacecraft to bring back lunar rocks, the first attempt by any nation to retrieve samples from the Moon in four decades.

Upon entering the moon's orbit, the spacecraft is intended to deploy a pair of vehicles to the lunar surface, a lander and an ascender. A lander will drill into the ground, then transfer its soil and rock samples to an ascender that will lift off and dock with an orbiting module.

There will be an attempt to collect 2 kg of samples in a previously unvisited area in a massive lava plain known as Oceanus Procellarum, or "Ocean of Storms".

Area of the moon where the spacecraft is due to land is 1-2 billion years old. If this is successful, the

samples will be transferred to a return capsule that will return them to Earth, with a landing in China's Inner Mongolia region. The entire mission is scheduled to take around 23 days.

If the mission is completed as planned, it would make China only the third country to have retrieved lunar samples, joining the United States and the Soviet Union.

3. Ans: a

Explanation: The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has recognized the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) as a component of the World Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS) during its 102nd session held virtually.

The IMO is the United Nations specialized agency responsible for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships.

India has become the fourth country in the world to have its independent regional navigation satellite system recognized by the IMO as a part of the World Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS).

The other three countries that have its navigation systems recognized by the IMO are the USA, Russia and China.

The IMO has accepted IRNSS as an alternative navigation module in Indian waters. It was in use only on a pilot basis earlier but now all merchant vessels are authorized to use it, even small fishing vessels.

The navigation system can now replace GPS in the Indian Ocean waters upto 1500 km from the Indian boundary. IRNSS is a regional and not a global navigation system. With the recognition as a component of the WWRNS, the Indian navigation system is similarly placed as Global Positioning System (GPS – USA), most commonly used by marine shipping vessels across the world or the Russian Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS).

4. Ans: c

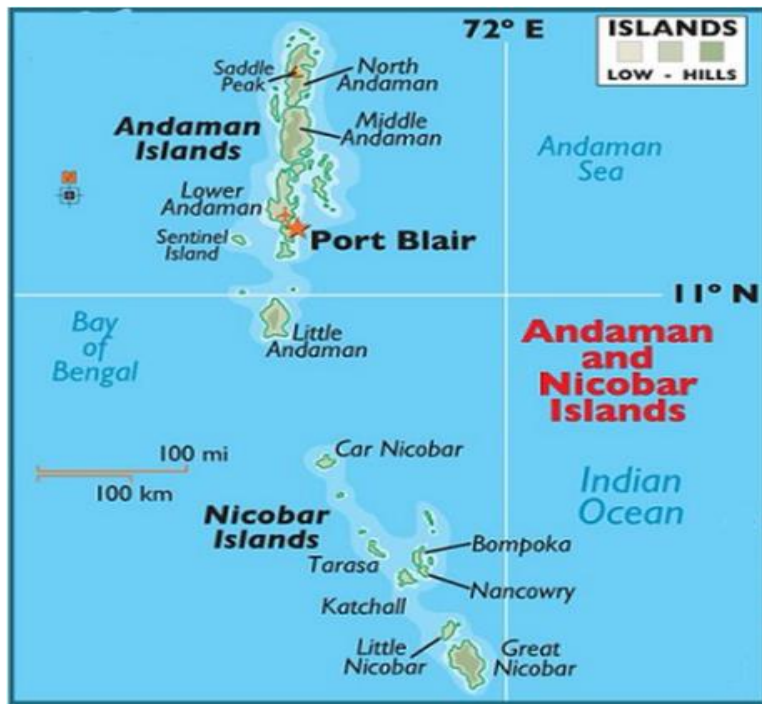
Explanation: The range of the land-attack version of the BrahMos missile has been extended to 400 km from the original 290 km but its speed has been maintained at 2.8 Mach or almost three times the speed of sound. The test was done in a “top-attack” configuration. In top attack mode, the missile is required to climb sharply after launch, travel at a certain altitude and then fall on top of the target.

An amalgamation of the names of Brahmaputra river and Moskva river (Russia), BrahMos missiles are designed, developed and produced by BrahMos Aerospace. BrahMos Aerospace is a joint venture company set up by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Mashinostroyeniya of Russia.

It is a medium-range supersonic cruise missile which can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft or land. Cruise missiles are defined as “an unmanned self-propelled guided vehicle that sustains flight through aerodynamic lift for most of its flight path and whose primary mission is to place an ordnance or special payload on a target.”

It is the world's fastest supersonic cruise missile, as well as the fastest anti-ship cruise missile in operation. It operates on the "Fire and Forget" principle, i.e it does not require further guidance after launch. The missile has a flight range upto 290-km. However, India's entry into the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) has extended the range of the BrahMos missile to reach 450-600 km.

5. Ans: c



6. Ans: a

Explanation: The nation is celebrating the Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Diwas on 26th November to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India.

The Constitution Day is observed annually on November 26 to mark the anniversary of the adoption of Indian Constitution on November 26, 1949 by the Constituent Assembly of India, which came into effect on 26 January 1950.

The Government of India declared 26 November as Constitution Day in 2015 by a gazette notification. The year of 2015 was the 125th birth anniversary of Ambedkar, who played a key role in the drafting of the constitution. Previously this day was celebrated as National Law Day.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

7. Ans: c

Explanation: Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment launched a 'National Portal for Transgender Persons'. This National Portal for Transgender Persons has been developed within 2 months of Notification of Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 on 29 September, 2020.

This Portal would help a transgender person in applying for a Certificate and Identity card digitally from

anywhere in the country. The most important benefit is that it helps the transgender person to get the I-Card without any physical interface and without having to visit any office. Through the Portal, they can monitor the status of their application that ensures transparency in the process.

Getting Transgender Certificate and Identity Cards as per their self-perceived identity is an important provision of The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

Hence both statements are correct.

8. Ans: a

Explanation: Legendary Argentine footballer, Diego Maradona, widely regarded among the greatest football players of all time passed away following a heart attack. Diego Armando Maradona (1960 – 2020) was an Argentine professional football player and manager. Widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time, he was one of the two joint winners of the FIFA Player of the 20th Century award. Maradona was given the nickname "El Pibe de Oro" ("The Golden Kid").

Maradona played in four FIFA World Cups, including the 1986 World Cup in Mexico where he captained Argentina and led them to victory over West Germany in the final, and won the Golden Ball as the tournament's best player.

In the 1986 World Cup quarter final, he scored both goals in a 2–1 victory over England that entered football history for two different reasons. The first goal was an un-penalized handling foul known as the "Hand of God". The second goal followed a 60 m (66 yd) dribble past five England players, voted "Goal of the Century" by FIFA.com voters in 2002. Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

9. Ans: c

Explanation: With the consideration of TRAI Recommendation on “Ensuring Adequate Numbering Resources for Fixed Line and Mobile Services” Department of Telecommunications has taken the decision of implementing the following: All Fixed to Mobile calls will be dialed with prefix ‘0’ from 15th January, 2021. There will be no change in dialing plan from fixed to fixed, mobile to fixed and mobile to mobile calls. Suitable announcement will be made for the same. This announcement shall be played whenever a subscriber dials a fixed to mobile call without prefixing ‘0’. All fixed line subscribers will be provided with ‘0’ dialing facility.

A total of approximately 2539 million numbering series is expected to be generated from the above. This will free up sufficient numbering resources for future use. With the freeing up of sufficient numbering resources, more number of connections can be added in future which will be beneficial to the mobile customers at large. Hence both statements are correct.

10. Ans: c

Explanation: The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the Scheme of Amalgamation of Lakshmi Vilas

Bank Limited (LVB) with DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL). On 17.11.2020, to protect depositors' interest and in the interest of financial and banking stability, on RBI's application under section 45 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, LVB had been under moratorium for a period of 30 days.

In parallel, RBI, in consultation with Government, superseded the Board of Directors of LVB and appointed an Administrator to protect the depositors' interest. RBI prepared and provided a scheme for the bank's amalgamation. With the approval of the scheme, LVB will be amalgamated with DBIL from the appointed date, and with this there will no further restrictions on the depositors regarding withdrawal of their deposits.

DBIL is a banking company licensed by RBI and operating in India through wholly owned subsidiary model, DBIL has the advantage of a strong parentage of DBS, a leading financial services group in Asia and headquartered in Singapore.

Hence both statements are correct.