



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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EXPLANATION

1. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

1984 batch Gujarat cadre IPS officer Rakesh Asthana has been appointed as the Director General of Border Security Force, BSF. According to a Personnel Ministry order issued, he will be in the post up to 31st July, 2021, the date of his superannuation. Mr Asthana is at present working as the Director General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, BCAS. He will continue to hold the additional charge of DG, Narcotics Control Bureau.

The Border Security Force (BSF) is the primary Border guarding force of India and has been termed as the First Line of Defence of Indian Territories. It was raised in the wake of the 1965 War on 1 December 1965. It is a Union Government Agency under the administrative control of Ministry of Home Affairs. The BSF has its own cadre of officers but its head, designated as a Director-General (DG), since its raising has been an officer from the Indian Police Service. Border Security Force (BSF) is one of the 7 recognized Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), the other 6 being Assam Rifles (AR), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), National Security Guard (NSG) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). Hence only statement 2 is correct.

2. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Digha-Gopalpur coastal highway is under construction in Odisha and West Bengal.

The Coastal Highway project will link Gopalpur in Odisha and Digha of West Bengal.

Digha-Gopalpur coastal highway would act as an economic corridor between the two major ports of Paradip and Dhamra.

The coastal highway project, announced by Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in April 2015, spreads over 415 kilometres from Gopalpur to Digha.

As per the proposal, this 451-km-long coastal highway will be named as 516-A.

Besides facilitating transportation of agri goods and fishery products, the coastal highway would play a crucial role in the supply chain during natural calamities like cyclones and floods.

3. Ans) (d)

Explanation :

Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the e-portal on tribal health and nutrition named

'Swasthya'. The portal provides all health and nutrition related information of the tribal population of India on a single platform. Swasthya will also curate innovative practices, case studies, and best practices collected from different parts of India to facilitate the exchange of evidence, expertise and experiences. Ministry of Tribal Affairs released 'ALEKH', a quarterly e-newsletter on health and nutrition of Tribals in India.

4. Ans) (c)

Explanation :

Defence minister has approved a proposal of the National Cadet Corps for a major expansion scheme to meet the aspirations of youth in all the border and coastal districts.

The proposals of the scheme were announced by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his Independence Day address on 15 Aug.

A total of one lakh cadets from 173 border and coastal districts will be inducted in the NCC. One-third of the Cadets would be girl Cadets. More than 1000 schools and colleges have been identified in border and coastal districts where NCC will be introduced.

As part of the expansion plan, a total of 83 NCC units will be upgraded (Army 53, Navy 20, Air Force 10), to impart NCC training to the cadets in the border and coastal areas.

Army will provide training and administrative support to the NCC units located in the border areas, Navy shall provide support to NCC units in the coastal areas and similarly Air Force will provide support to the NCC units located close to the Air Force stations.

The expansion plan would be implemented in partnership with the States.

5. Ans) (a)

Explanation :

Former Indian cricketer and Uttar Pradesh minister Chetan Chauhan passed away following multiple organ failure. He was 73. Chetan Chauhan (1947 – 2020) played most of his international cricket in the late 1970s and was the regular opening partner of Sunil Gavaskar in test matches during that period. Chauhan received the Arjuna award in 1981. Chetan Chauhan was appointed as Chairman of NIFT (National Institute of Fashion Technology) from June 2016 to June 2017. He was also twice elected to the Lok Sabha from Amroha in Uttar Pradesh, in 1991 and 1998. From 2018 to 2020, he was minister for youth and sports in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India. Hence

6. Ans) (b)

Explanation :

Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has opened a Quality Control Laboratory in the coastal city of Porbandar in Gujarat for facilitating tests for seafood processors and exporters. The

state of art laboratory will help to confirm product safety as per international regulatory requirements. Gujarat has relatively low instances of antibiotic residue in seafood exports, yet a number of cephalopod consignments are rejected overseas due to the presence of heavy metals, mainly cadmium. MPEDA is a coordinating agency under the Union Ministry of Commerce for central and state-level establishments engaged in fishery production and allied activities.

7. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Fly Ash is a byproduct from burning of coal in electric power generating plants. It is collected from the exhaust gases by electrostatic precipitators or bag filters. Hence, statement 1 is correct.

It is called fly ash because it is transported from the combustion chamber by exhaust gases. Hence, statement 2 is correct.

Fly ash includes substantial amounts of silicon dioxide (SiO₂), aluminium oxide (Al₂O₃), ferric oxide (Fe₂O₃) and calcium oxide (CaO).

8. Ans) (b)

Explanation

Darknet refers to the hidden internet platform used for narcotics sale, exchange of pornographic content and other illegal activities by using the secret alleys of the onion router (ToR- a free and open-source software for enabling anonymous communication) to stay away from the surveillance of law enforcement agencies.

It is tough to crack because of its end-to-end encryption.

The dark net is part of the deep web, which encompasses all unindexed sites that don't pop up when an Internet search is done.

9. Ans) (d)

Explanation

The Special Marriage Act, 1954 prescribes 18 years and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 prescribes 21 years as the minimum age of consent for marriage for women and men respectively. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.

India is a state party to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979. Hence, statement 2 is not correct.

The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), which monitors the implementation of the Convention, calls for the abolition of laws that assume women have a different physical or intellectual rate of growth than men.

10. Ans) (d)

Explanation

Under the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution, 2001, the owners of vessels are responsible for damage caused by oil leaks.

This convention, also known as BUNKER convention, came into force in 2008 and is administered by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The Convention was adopted to ensure that adequate, prompt, and effective compensation is available to persons who suffer damage caused by spills of oil, when carried as fuel in ships' bunkers'.