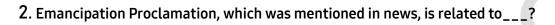
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1. Which government agency is responsible for protecting India's critical information infrastructure?

- A. National Cyber Coordination Centre
- B. National Informatics Centre
- C. ICERT
- D. NCIIPC



✓ The National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) is the nodal agency responsible for protecting India's critical information infrastructure. It was established in 2014 under Section 70A of the IT Act, 2000. It is part of the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO), an intelligence agency under the NSA.



- A. Black Lives Matter Movement
- B. Right to Abortion
- C. Voting Rights



√ Former US President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863 to free African Americans in secessionist Confederate states from slavery. It remained ineffective for more than two years as the slave owners withheld this information from their slaves. The last of the enslaved African Americans were freed on June 19, 1865.

3. Inter-State Council was established under which article of Indian Constitution?

- A. Article 246
- B. Article 257
- C. Article 263 ☑
- D. Article 267



✓ Article 263 of the Indian Constitution allows the President to establish the Inter–State Council, which brings together government entities on a common platform for discussing various governance issues. The Inter-State Council was established in 1990. Its chairman is the Prime Minister and its members include chief ministers and administrators of states and union territories.

4. UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize gives recognition to works done in which of the following fields?

- A. Literature
- B. Biological Sciences
- C. Environment Protection D. Information & Communication Technology

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- ✓ UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al–Khalifa Prize or the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Education was established in 2005 with the help of the Kingdom of Bahrain. It gives recognition to the innovative use of ICT in the education sector.
 - 5. Which wildlife sanctuary is location of India's first–ever Dark Sky Reserve?
 - A. Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary ☑
 - B. Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary
 - C. Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary
 - D. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary



- ✓ A part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary in Ladakh is going to become a Dark Sky Reserve, which will help promote astronomy—tourism. Once this region is declared as the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve, efforts will be undertaken to protect the night sky from superfluous illumination and light pollution.
 - 6. Which association holds the annual BALTOPS naval exercise?
 - A. European Union
 - B. NATO ☑
 - C. SCO
 - D. ASEAN



- ✓ NATO launched the two–week United States–led naval exercise on the Baltic Sea with more than 7,000 sailors, airmen and marines from 16 nations. Finland and Sweden, who have applied to join the military alliance, also participated in the event. The annual BALTOPS naval exercise was initiated in the year 1972.
 - 7. What is the expansion of 'D2M broadcasting', which was seen in the news recently?
 - A. Digital-to-Mobile
 - B. Direct-to-Mobile ☑
 - C. Device-to-Mobile
 - D. Direct-to-Movie



✓ The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and India's public service broadcaster Prasar Bharati are exploring the feasibility of a technology called 'direct—to—mobile' (D2M) broadcasting. It allows broadcasting video and other forms of multimedia content directly to mobile phones, without the need of an active internet connection. The technology is also expected to improve consumption of broadband and utilisation of spectrum.

- 8. What is the theme of the 'World Food Safety Day 2022'?
- A. Prevent foodborne risks.
- B. Safer Food, Better Health. ☑
- C. Manage foodborne infections.
- D. Safe food to children.



- ✓ Every year, June 7 is observed as World Food Safety Day across the world. The objective behind the day is to promote awareness to prevent, detect and manage food—borne risks. The day was declared by the United Nations in 2018 to raise awareness of food safety. This year, the theme of World Food Safety Day is, "Safer Food, Better Health". As per a report by WHO, the world records over 600 million cases of food—borne diseases annually.
 - 9. India recently signed an MoU with which country to increase cooperation on climate action and environmental protection?
 - A. France
 - B. Canada
 - C. Australia
 - D. Chile



- ✓ India and Canada have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to increase cooperation on climate action, environmental protection and conservation through various initiatives in areas such as renewable energy and plastic pollution. The two countries will collaborate, exchange information and support each other's climate and environmental goals.
 - 10. Luxury cruise liner "Empress" has been flagged off from which state/UT?
 - A. Tamil Nadu 🗹
 - B. Kerala
 - C. Maharashtra
 - D. Gujarat



✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin recently flagged off the luxury cruise liner "Empress" from Chennai port. This is regarded as the first luxury cruise liner to be operated from the state. The eleven–storey tourist vessel can accommodate up to 2000 passengers and 800 crew members. The package also includes an anchor at Puducherry and Visakhapatnam harbours.