

Current Test 13 Explanation

Question 1

Answer : B

The UMANG mobile app is a Government of India all-in-one single, unified, secure, multi-channel, multi-lingual, multi-service mobile app. It provides access to high impact services of various organizations of Centre and States.

Question 2

Answer : D

Blue Dot Network

India may join the US-led Blue Dot Network (BDN). The BDN was formally announced on 4th November, 2019 at the Indo-Pacific Business Forum in Bangkok, Thailand. It will be led by the US along with Japan and Australia. It is a multi-stakeholder initiative to bring together governments, the private sector and civil society to promote high-quality, trusted standards for global infrastructure development. It is expected to serve as a globally recognised evaluation and certification system for roads, ports and bridges with a focus on the Indo-Pacific region. Infrastructure projects would be graded on debt, environmental standards, labour standards etc. This system would apply to projects in any citizen-centric country where citizens would like to evaluate such projects.

It seems to be planned as a direct counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). However, unlike the BRI, the BDN would not offer public funds or loans for the project. BDN will serve as a globally recognized seal of approval for major infrastructure projects, letting people know that projects are sustainable and not exploitative.

India has not joined China's BRI.

Question 3

Answer : C

Earlier, the Chief Justice of India (CJI) launched an AI-based portal 'SUPACE' in the judicial system aimed at assisting judges with legal research.

Question 4

Answer : D

Recently, the Union Education Minister and Union Tribal Affairs Minister jointly launched the School Innovation Ambassador Training Program (SIATP). The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched an Adi-Prashikshan portal which is also a repository of training inputs. The innovative and one-of-its-kind training program for school teachers aims at training 50,000 school teachers in innovation, entrepreneurship, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), design thinking, product development, idea

generation, among others. It will make Indian teachers, change-agents and ambassadors of innovation to make our students future-ready.

Design & Collaboration: It has been designed by the Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for school teachers based on its Innovation Ambassador Training Program for Higher Educational Institution's faculty members. The training will be delivered in online mode only. It is a collaborative effort by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the AICTE.

Benefits: It will benefit a large number of schools for tribal children across the country by giving wings to the creativity of the children. It will nurture lakhs of students with innovation capabilities, develop a culture of innovation and lay the foundation of a new and vibrant India. The students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) will greatly benefit from SIATP since it is also the endeavour of the Tribal Affairs Ministry to give the best possible education to the tribal children. EMRS for tribal children is another ambitious programme under which 740 EMRS will be established in tribal dominated areas over the next three years. It was started in the year 1997-98 to impart quality education to Scheduled Tribe children in remote areas.

Question 5

Answer : C

Innovation Cell

It is an initiative of the Ministry of Education to foster the culture of Innovation in all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the country. It was established at AICTE premises in 2018. Its mandate is to encourage and nurture young students by exposing them to new ideas resulting in innovative activities in their formative years, fostered through Network of Innovation Clubs (NIC) in HEIs.