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Recently, which of the following States has explored the possibility of constructing an artificial inland port to be connected to sea by a long navigational channel? (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Chhattisgarh (c) Karnataka (d) Rajasthan Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

Andhra Pradesh already has a long coastline and seaports; it was not the inland-State news story of an artificial port linked by a long channel. This option is not the key.

(b)

Chhattisgarh is landlocked and has discussed waterways on the Mahanadi, but the contemporary proposal of an artificial inland port tied to the sea by a long navigational channel was not Chhattisgarh's headline. This option is wrong.

(c)

Karnataka has a coastline (Mangaluru, Karwar) and does not need an artificial inland seaport of that kind as the first-in-country story. This option is not the key.

(d) Official key

Rajasthan, a landlocked State, explored an artificial inland port (Jalore / Sanchoe belt) to be joined to the Arabian Sea by a long navigational channel through Gujarat. That is why (d) is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) Rajasthan. The proposal was to give the desert State port-type logistics by cutting or using a long channel to the sea, an unusual inland-port idea in Indian news around this paper. Coastal Andhra and Karnataka already have ports; Chhattisgarh was not the named explorer here. Geography questions sometimes test landlocked States' search for sea access. Only Rajasthan matches the stem.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Landlocked Indian States

Include Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, among others

Kandla / Mundra

Gujarat ports that such a channel would conceptually approach

Inland waterways

National Waterways are a different, river-based programme

Jalore proposal

District often cited in the Rajasthan inland-port discussion

Dry ports / ICDs

Inland container depots are not the same as a navigational sea channel

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