



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz - 19-09-2020 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) *Abraham Accords*, sometimes seen in the news recently, was recently signed between?

1. Israel
2. Kuwait
3. Bahrain
4. United Arab Emirates

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 1, 2 and 3 only
- b. 1, 2 and 4 only
- c. 1, 3 and 4 only
- d. All of the above

Answer : c

- India recently welcomed the signing of the *Abraham Accords* and reiterated its call for direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians for a “**Two-State Solution**”.

Abraham Accords

- It was signed in the White House recently by the **UAE, Bahrain and Israel**, under U.S. President Donald Trump’s mediation.
- They came almost 26 years after the signing of a declaration for a peace deal between Israel and Jordan.
- Under the Accords, the UAE and Bahrain will normalise their relations with Israel and expand engagements in politics, security, trade and connectivity.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *Blue Flag Programme*

1. It is an eco-label certification awarded to beaches, marinas, and sustainable boating tourism operators.
2. It is jointly operated under the auspices of the International Maritime Organisation and UN-Oceans.
3. No Indian beach has qualified for this certification so far.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : b

- Eight Indian beaches complying with the stringent *Blue Flag* certification criteria have been recommended by the Centre for final consideration before an international jury.

- **No Indian beach has qualified for this certification so far.**
- The eight beaches that are under consideration are:

1. Shivrajpur (Devbhumi Dwarka, Gujarat)
2. Ghoghla (Daman and Diu)
3. Kasarkod (Karwar, Karnataka)
4. Padubidri (Udupi, Karnataka)
5. Kappad (Kozhikode, Kerala)
6. Rushikonda (Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh)
7. Golden beach (Puri, Odisha)
8. Radhanagar (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)

Blue Flag Project

- The iconic Blue Flag is one of the world's most recognised **voluntary eco-labels** awarded to beaches, marinas, and sustainable boating tourism operators.
- It is run by the Denmark-based international, nongovernmental, non-profit organization Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE).
- In order to qualify for the Blue Flag, a series of stringent environmental, educational, safety, and accessibility criteria must be met and maintained.
- The Programme challenges local authorities and beach operators to achieve high standards in the four categories of:

1. Safety
2. Water quality
3. Environmental education
4. Environmental management

- Spain has the highest number of Blue Flag tagged sites.

3) *BEAMS - India's own eco-label*, sometimes seen in the news recently, is an initiative under?

- a. Project Tiger
- b. Avian Diversity Plan 2020-2030
- c. Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- d. 24 x 7 Power for All" Program

Answer : c

- *On the eve of International Coastal Clean-Up Day which is celebrated across 100 countries since 1986, India has recently launched **its own eco-label "BEAMS"** (Beach Environment & Aesthetics Management Services) under its **Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) project.***
- The BEAMS was launched by e-hoisting the flag, carrying a message "**I AM SAVING MY BEACH**" simultaneously at eight beaches, recommended by the Indian jury recently for consideration for the Blue Flag.
- This is one of the several other projects of ICZM that the central government is undertaking for the sustainable development of coastal regions, striving for globally recognized and the coveted **eco-label Blue Flag** awarded by the **Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE).**

Beach Environment & Aesthetic Management System (BEAMS)

- Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) had conceived an integrated coastal management scheme viz. BEAMS (also referred to as Beach Management Services), to reduce existing pollutants on beaches and to aspire & achieve such high International Standards in India.

- The main objective of setting up of BEAMS programme is to promote sustainable development in coastal regions of India for the beach management authorities to strive to achieve high international standards in four categories of:

1. Environmental Management including cleanliness, solid waste management in beaches.
2. Environment Education.
3. Safety & Security of Beachgoers.
4. Bathing Water Quality Standards.

4) *One District One Product (ODOP) scheme*, sometimes seen in the news recently, was first started by which of the following states?

- a. Gujarat
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Uttar Pradesh
- d. None of the above

Answer : c

- *The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry is preparing an institutional mechanism to promote the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme, first started by the Uttar Pradesh government, at the national level to tap the rural economic potential of the country and identify one product per district.*

One District One Product (ODOP) scheme

- To encourage indigenous and specialized products in the state, the UP government has launched the One District One Product (ODOP) programme which aims to create product-specific traditional industrial hubs across 75 districts of UP.
- This is going to provide an impetus to the traditional industries across respective districts in the state.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to *Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)*

1. It is an Institute of National Importance by the Act of Parliament set up in 1993.
2. It works under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

RG National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)

- It is an Institution of National Importance by the Act of Parliament under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India.
- The RGNIYD was set up in 1993 under the Societies Registration Act, XXVII of 1975.
- It is located in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.
- The Institute functions as a think-tank of the Ministry and premier organization of youth-related activities in the country.
- As the apex institute at the national level, it works in close cooperation with the NSS, NYKS and other youth organizations in the implementation of training programmes.

- The Institute is a nodal agency for training youth as a facilitator of youth development activities in rural, urban as also tribal areas.

6) Consider the following statements with respect to the *Indus River*

1. The river rises in the Tibet Autonomous Region.
2. It flows between the Ladakh and the Zaskar Ranges.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

- September 19 marks the *60th anniversary of the Indus Water Treaty (IWT)* between India and Pakistan.
- The *river rises in the southwestern Tibet Autonomous Region* of China near Lake Mapam at an elevation of about 18,000 feet.
- After entering J&K it *flows between the Ladakh and the Zaskar Ranges*.
- It flows through the regions of Ladakh, Baltistan and Gilgit.
- It is joined by the Zaskar River at Leh.
- It empties into the Arabian Sea south of Karachi after forming a huge delta.

7) Consider the following statements

1. The 49th Parallel demarcates South Korea and North Korea.
2. The 38th Parallel demarcates the USA and Canada.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are **not** correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

- Two years since *North Korea and South Korea signed the Pyongyang Joint Declaration* on September 19.
- It focused on diffusing military tensions between the two countries.
- The *38th Parallel demarcates South Korea and North Korea*.
- It demarcate the central part of the *Demilitarized zone between North and South Korea*.
- The 49th Parallel demarcates the USA and Canada.

8) Consider the following statements with respect to *Global Smart City Index 2020*

1. The Smart City Index 2020 key findings focuses on how technology is playing a role in the COVID-19 era.
2. It was released by the Economist Intelligence Unit.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

- Indian cities drop in *Global Smart City Index*, Singapore tops the list.
- Cities in India (New Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru) suffer significant drops this year.
- This can be attributed to the detrimental effect that the pandemic has had where the technological advancement was not up to date, according to the report.
- It ranks cities based on economic and technological data, as well as by their citizens' perceptions of how smart their cities are.
- The *Institute for Management Development*, in collaboration with *Singapore University for Technology and Design (SUTD)*, has released the *2020 Smart City Index*.
- The *key findings* focuses on how technology is playing a role in the COVID-19 era in a way that is likely to remain.

9) *Bagh Printing* sometimes seen in news is a traditional print practised mainly in?

- a. Rajasthan
- b. West Bengal
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Assam

Answer : c

- TRIFED is forging ahead in its endeavour to imparts training in *Bagh Printing* to Tribal Artisans in Barwani under Trifed Project.
- *Bagh Print* is traditional hand Block Print with natural colors an Indian Handicraft *practised in Bagh, Madhya Pradesh*.
- Bagh printing is essentially block printing.
- It has its roots in Sindh, which is now a part of Pakistan.
- It is then moved eastwards to Marwar (Rajasthan) and later to Madhya Pradesh with the migration of the craftsmen.

10) Consider the following statements with respect to *Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL)*

1. It advices and assists Central as well as State Governments in the matters of language.
2. It protect and documents Minor, Minority and Tribal languages.
3. It contributes to the development of only Hindi language by creating content and corpus.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : a

- Recently, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) organized webinar on Promotion of Indian Languages under Shiksha Parv.
- CIIL is an research and teaching institute, part of the Language Bureau of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- It advices and assists Central as well as State Governments in the matters of language.
- It contributes to the development of all Indian Languages by creating content and corpus.
- It protect and documents Minor, Minority and Tribal languages.
- It promotes Linguistic harmony by teaching 15 Indian languages to non-native learners.
- It has now been entrusted with the Tamil Development Scheme under the declraration of Tamil as a Classical Language.