

# Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz - 27-10-2020 - (Online Prelims Test)

- 1) Consider the following statements with respect to Azad Hind Government
  - 1. It was founded on 21st October, 1943 by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
  - 2. This Provisional government of Free India had its own currency, court, civil code and national anthem.

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: b

• Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (IC), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel attended Commemoration of 77th Year of Formation of Azad Hind Government recently at Red Fort, Delhi.

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#### **Azad Hind Government**

- On October 21, 1943, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose announced the formation of the Provisional Government of Free India (PGFI), *Arzi Hakumat-e-Azad Hind*, or, in short, Azad Hind Government, an Indian government-in-exile.
- Bose was convinced that it was armed struggle that would help the countrymen to achieve independence.
- The leadership of Bose pulled Indians, who united with thousands of soldiers, along with former-prisoners and other expatriates who were living in Malayasia and Burma.
- Under the provisional Government, Bose was the Head of State, Prime Minister and Minister of War.
- Captain Lakshmi headed the women's organisation while SA Ayer headed the publicity wing in the newly-formed government.
- Revolutionary leader Ras Behari Bose was designated as the supreme adviser by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
- The government was supported by the Axis powers of Imperial Japan, Nazi Germany, the Italian Social Republic, and their allies.
- It **started functioning from Singapore** with 11 ministers and eight representatives from the INA.
- The PGFI was a culmination of the political movement originating in the early 1940's outside India with the purpose to liberate her from the British rule.
- The government of Azad Hind soon had its own currency, court, civil code and national anthem 'Subh Sukh Chain'.
- The INA had its motto, 'Ittehad, Itmad aur Qurbani' (unity, faith and sacrifice) and its national greeting 'Jai Hind'.
- Its existence gave greater legitimacy to the independence struggle.

- Immediately after the formation of the government-in-exile, Azad Hind declared war against the Britishers and allied forces on the Indo-Burma Front.
- 2) With respect to *Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW)*, consider the following statements:
  - 1. It was compiled and released by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO), a unit works under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
  - 2. The base year for CPI-IW was revised recently from 2001 to 2016.

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: b

- The Labour and Employment Ministry has recently revised the base year of the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) from 2001 to 2016.
- It aims to reflect the changing consumption pattern, giving more weightage to spending on health, education, recreation and other miscellaneous expenses, while *reducing the weight* of food and beverages.

#### CPI-IW

- It is the single most important price statistics, which has financial implications.
- Labour Bureau, an attached office of Ministry of Labour & Employment, has been compiling and releasing CPI-IW numbers since its inception in 1946.
- Earlier to this revision, the series were also revised from the year 1944 to 1949; 1949 to 1960; 1960 to 1982 and 1982 to 2001 since inception of Labour Bureau.
- It is primarily used to regulate the dearness allowance of government employees and the workers in the industrial sectors.
- It is also used in fixation and revision of minimum wages in scheduled employments besides measuring the inflation in retail prices.
- 3) Consider the following statements with respect to INS Kavaratti
  - 1. It is an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) stealth corvette built under Project 28 (Kamorta Class).
  - 2. The ship has high indigenous content with the state of the art equipment & systems to fight in Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) warfare conditions.

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

- INS *Kavaratti* (P31), Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) stealth corvette built under Project 28 (Kamorta Class) was recently commissioned into the Indian Navy by General Manoj Mukund Naravane, Chief of the Army Staff at a ceremony held at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
- It has been named after the capital of the Lakshadweep group of islands.
- The ship is propelled by four Diesel engines.
- The ship has enhanced stealth features resulting in reduced Radar Cross Section (RCS) achieved by X form of superstructure along with optimally sloped surfaces.

- The ship's advanced stealth features make her less susceptible to detection by the enemy.
- The unique feature of this ship is the *high level of indigenisation* incorporated in the production, accentuating our National Objective of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.
- The ship has high indigenous content with the state of the art equipment & systems to fight in Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) warfare conditions.
- Also, the weapons and sensors suite onboard is pre-dominantly indigenous and showcases the Nation's evolving capability in this niche area.
- Some of the major equipment/systems developed indigenously include Combat Management System, Torpedo Tube Launchers and Infra-Red Signature Suppression System etc.
- The ship is the reincarnation of the erstwhile Arnala Class missile corvette of the same name (INS Kavaratti P 80).
- 4) Consider the following statements with respect to Life in Miniature Project
  - 1. It is a collaboration between the National Museum, New Delhi, Ministry of Culture and Google Arts & Culture.
  - 2. Under the project, miniature paintings of National Museum, New Delhi will be auctioned and utilized for the welfare of poor artists.

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

- Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (I/C) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel virtually launched "Life in Miniature" project recently.
- It is a collaboration between the **National Museum**, **New Delhi**, **Ministry of Culture**, and **Google Arts & Culture**.
- Under the project, several hundred miniature paintings from the National Museum, New Delhi can be viewed online on Google Arts & Culture by people around the world.
- The project uses technologies like machine learning, augmented reality and digitization with high-definition robotic cameras, to showcase these special works of art in a magical new way.
- 5) Y. S. Malik Committee, sometimes seen in the news recently, is associated with?
  - a. Women in combat roles
  - b. Ship Breaking & Recycling
  - c. Representation of Minorities in legislative bodies
  - d. None of the above

### Answer: d

- 5th General Council meeting of Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) was held recently.
- The council deliberated the recommendations of the Y. S. Malik Committee to enhance the scope of the IAHE and decided to take further necessary action to transform IAHE into a world-class premier institute in highway sector.

# Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE)

• It was created in 1983 to provide training at entry level/refresher courses/ training on specialised areas of highway, bridge & tunnel engineering/ orientation programmes/management development programmes/strategic training programmes etc. to highway engineers and professionals working in Central Government, State Governments, PSUs, Local Bodies, Contractors, Consultants etc.

• The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways constituted a committee under the chairmanship Shri Y. S. Malik, former Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) to give recommendations to transform IAHE into a world-class premier institute in highway sector.

