



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 22-05-2021 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to *Bhedaghat-Lametaghat*

1. It is an iconic site of Narmada valley in Madhya Pradesh known for its marble rocks.
2. Fossils of Pre historic humans and large sized mammoth were found in this site.

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

Bhedaghat-Lametaghat

- Bhedaghat, often referred to as the Grand Canyon of India, is a town in the Jabalpur district.
- It is known for its marble rocks and their various morphological forms on either side of the Narmada River which flows through the gorge.
- It has also been observed that the magical marble mountains assume different colours and even shapes of animals and other living forms as one moves through them.
- Several dinosaur fossils have been found in the Narmada valley, particularly in Bhedaghat-Lametghat area of Jabalpur.
- In 1828, the first Dinosaur fossil was collected from Lameta Bed by William Sleeman.
- Recently Bhedaghat-Lametaghat is added into the UNESCO tentative list of World Heritage Sites.

2) *Hire Benkal* in Karnataka is known for which of the following heritage structures?

- a. Megalitic funerary
- b. Ruined Fortress & Hero Stones
- c. Ancient Iron Foundries
- d. Large Step wells

Answer : a

Hire Benkal

- Hire Benkal is a megalithic site in the state of Karnataka, India.
- It is among a few Indian megalithic sites dated 800 BCE to 200 BCE which are located near Gangavati town in Koppal district.
- It contains roughly 400 megalithic funerary monuments, dated to the transition period between Neolithic and the Iron Age periods.
- Hire Benkal is reported to be the largest necropolis among the 2000 odd megalithic sites

found in South India, mostly in Karnataka.

- Recently Hire Benakal is added into the UNESCO tentative list of World Heritage Sites.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Coelacanth Fish*

1. It is a prehistoric fish species traced back to fish's evolution to terrestrial four-legged animals.
2. It is found alive in the Indian Ocean and listed under critically endangered by the IUCN Red list.

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

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

Answer : d

Coelacanth Fish

- Recently, the Coelacanth Fish has been found alive in the Indian Ocean.
- It is an extremely rare species of fish, It is a prehistoric fish species dating back hundreds of millions years ago, recently discovered in
- The species lives in undersea canyons at depths between 100 and 500 metres.
- It is now listed as critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- The most striking feature of this "living fossil" is its paired lobe fins that extend away from its body like legs and move in an alternating pattern, like a trotting horse.
- Its unique characteristics include a hinged joint in the skull which allows the fish to widen its mouth for large prey.
- Its oil-filled tube, called a notochord, serves as a backbone and thick scales common only to extinct fish.

4) Which of the following statement(s) is/ are correct with respect to *National Human Rights Commission*

1. It is a constitutional body and its recommendations are binding on both centre and state governments.
2. President appoints the Chairman and members of NHRC on recommendation of high-powered committee headed by Prime Minister.
3. It has the power to interfere in any judicial proceedings involving any allegation of violation of human rights.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer : c

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

- NHRC of India is an independent statutory body established on 12 October, 1993 as per provisions of Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, later amended in 2006.
- NHRC is a multi-member body which consists of a Chairman and seven other members. Out of the seven members, three are ex-officio member.

- The Chairperson and the members of the NHRC are appointed for 5 years or till the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.
- They can be removed only on the charges of proved misbehavior or incapacity, if proved by an inquiry conducted by a Supreme Court Judge.

Powers of NHRC

- It can review the safeguards provided under the constitution or any law for the protection of the human rights and can recommend appropriate remedial measures.
- The Commission takes an independent stand while providing opinions for the protection of human rights within the parlance of the Constitution or in law for the time being enforced.
- It has the powers of a civil court and can grant interim relief.
- It also has the authority to recommend payment of compensation or damages.
- It can recommend to both the central and state governments to take suitable steps to prevent the violation of Human Rights.
- It submits its annual report to the President of India who causes it to be laid before each House of Parliament.
- NHRC can only make recommendations, without the power to enforce decisions.
- Government often out rightly rejects recommendation of NHRC or there is partial compliance to these recommendations.

5) Which of the following heritage cities is located along the banks of *Vegavathi River* in Tamilnadu?

- Tanjore
- Chidambaram
- Kanchipuram
- Kumbakonam

Answer : c



Kanchipuram Temples

- Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu is synonymous with spirituality, serenity, and silk.
- It is dotted with ancient temples that are architectural marvels and a visual treat.
- The city is situated on the banks of River Vegavathi, this historical city once had 1,000 temples, of which only 126 (108 Shaiva and 18 Vaishnava) now remain.
- Its rich legacy has been the endowment of the Pallava dynasty, which made the region its capital between the 6th and 7th centuries and lavished upon its architectural gems that are a fine example of Dravidian styles.
- Recently temples of Kanchipuram are added into the UNESCO tentative list of World Heritage Sites.

Vegavathi River

- Kanchipuram is a Tamil word formed by combining two words "Kanchi" and "-puram" meaning "Brahma" and "residential place" respectively and located on the banks of the Vegavathy river.
- Vegavathy River runs 26 km long with in Kanchipuram city, it originates from nearby streams and mixes in the Paalar near Thimmarajampet.
- This river should not be confused with the Vegavathi River that originates in the Pachipenta hills in Eastern Ghats. (Which is a tributary to Suvarnamukhi, and River Nagavali)