



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 16-09-2021 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) Shoonya Campaign, sometimes seen in the news recently, is associated with?

- a. A Roadmap to zero new HIV infections
- b. To promote zero pollution delivery vehicles
- c. To achieve zero malnutrition related deaths in India
- d. Awareness program about India's net zero emission targets

Answer : b

- With Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and RMI India's support, NITI Aayog has launched Shoonya Campaign.

Shoonya Campaign

The Shoonya campaign aims to:

1. Accelerate adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the urban deliveries segment and
 2. Create consumer awareness about the health, environmental and economic benefits of zero-pollution delivery.
- Urban freight vehicles account for 10% of freight transportation-related CO2 emissions in India, and these emissions may grow by 114% percent by 2030.
 - As part of the campaign, a corporate branding & certification programme is being launched to promote industry's efforts towards transitioning to EVs for final-mile deliveries.
 - An online tracking platform will share the campaign's impact through data such as vehicle kilometers electrified, carbon savings, criteria pollutant savings and other benefits from clean delivery vehicles.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Youth Co:Lab

1. It was co-created in 2017 by the United Nations Development Programme and Citi Foundation.
2. It aims to establish a common agenda for countries in the Asia-Pacific region to empower and invest in youth.

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

Youth Co:Lab

- It was co-created in 2017 by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Citi

Foundation.

- It positions young people front and center in order to solve the region's most pressing challenges.
- It aims to establish a common agenda for countries in the Asia-Pacific region to empower and invest in youth, so that they can accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through leadership, social innovation and entrepreneurship.

In India

- In India, Youth Co:Lab has been launched by UNDP, in collaboration with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog in 2019.
- Since then, three editions of Youth Co:Lab, including youth social innovation challenges, supporting enterprises, and youth focused dialogues have been jointly implemented.
- **Youth Co:Lab India, 2021** focuses on Circular Economy, Sustainable Transportation, Sustainable Tourism and Sustainable Food Tech.
- This year the theme will focus on youth led innovation for climate action and accelerating green recovery.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to Grindadrap, sometimes seen in the news recently

1. It is a traditional annual practice of sea mammal hunting practiced in Faroe Islands, Denmark.
2. The hunt usually focuses on whales rather than dolphins.

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



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Answer : c

Grindadrap

- It is a traditional annual killing of whales and dolphins.
- It has been going on for over four hundred years on the small North Atlantic island - Faroe Island that belong to Denmark.
- The animals are driven into shallow waters where they are then cut with knives.
- The killing is regulated by local laws.
- The meat and blubber from the animals is shared out among the community.
- Neither the pilot whales nor the white-sided dolphins are endangered.
- The hunt usually focuses on the whales rather than the dolphins.



4) Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India Report was launched recently by?

- a. NITI Aayog
- b. UN- Habitat
- c. Prime Minister's Office
- d. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

Answer : a

- NITI Aayog has recently launched a report on 'Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India'.
- NITI Aayog had constituted an Advisory Committee on 'Reforms in Urban Planning Education in India' in October 2020.
- The Committee has concluded its mandate with this report.
- The report comprises a set of recommendations on various aspects of urban planning such as interventions for planning healthy cities, optimum utilization of urban land, ramping up human-resource capacities, strengthening urban governance, building local leadership, enhancing the role of private sector, and advancing the urban planning education system.

5) In order for bio magnification to occur, the pollutant must be:

1. Long-lived
2. Static
3. Soluble in water
4. Biologically active

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a. 1, 2 and 3 only
- b. 1 and 4 only
- c. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- d. 3 and 4 only

Answer : b

The pollutant must be:

1. Long lived - so that it would stay for long duration
2. Mobile - so that it would move from one organism to other
3. Soluble in fat - so that It would not be decamped/digested
4. Biologically active

Example: DDT, PCB

Heavy Metals: Copper, Mercury, Cadmium, Lead, Zinc

