



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 01-10-2021 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) With respect to Mundapota Kelas', consider the following statements:

1. Mundapota Kela is a denotified tribal community belongs to the State of Odisha.
2. They are known for their street performance of burying their heads in a hole dug in the ground.

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

Mundapota Kela

- It is a denotified tribal community belongs to the State of Odisha.
- The population of Mundapota Kela is scattered across the State.
- The community is believed to have migrated to Odisha from Rayalaseema area of Andhra Pradesh decades ago.
- Being street performers, they travel from one village to another and bury their heads in soil for several minutes.
- They collect rice, vegetables and money from villagers for putting up the show.
- The community is extremely poor. Not all members have their own houses.
- Till the 2001 Census, they were not enumerated as a Scheduled Caste.

2) Which one of the following is the possible reason for Mars having no liquid water on its surface?

- a. Mars may be just too small to hold on to large amounts of water
- b. Mars has a thick atmosphere which distort the stability of water on Mars
- c. Mars has extreme temperatures which enables evaporation of water molecules
- d. None of the above

Answer : a

Mars

- Water is essential for life, on Earth and other planets but Mars has no liquid water on its surface now.
- New research from Washington University in St. Louis suggests a fundamental reason that, Mars may be just too small to hold on to large amounts of water.
- Mars was always doomed and headed towards deterioration.

3) Blue Dot Network which certifies infrastructure projects that meet international quality standards is a

joint initiative of?

1. Japan
2. Australia
3. United Kingdom
4. United States of America

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. All except 1
- b. All except 3
- c. All except 1 and 2
- d. All except 3 and 4

Answer : b

Blue Dot Network (BDN)

- In 2019, the Blue Dot Network (BDN) was announced as a joint initiative of the US, Japan and Australia to certify infrastructure projects that meet international quality standards.
- It brings together governments, the private sector and civil society to promote principles of global sustainable infrastructure development.
- It will help attract private capital to infrastructure projects in developing and emerging economies.
- It is seen as a direct counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- BDN certification will serve as a globally recognized symbol of market-driven, Paris Agreement-aligned, and financially, socially, and environmentally sustainable infrastructure projects.
- But, unlike the BRI, the BDN would not offer public funds or loans for the project.

4) C.K. Mishra Committee sometimes seen in the news recently, was constituted for?

- a. To recommend an approach towards development of a Sustainable Finance Hub
- b. To inquire hardships faced by journalists and to improve their condition of services
- c. To study the impact of journalism in daily lives and recommend a foundation for ethical journalism
- d. None of the above

Answer : a

C.K. Mishra Committee

- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has been established as a unified regulator to develop and regulate financial products, financial services, and financial institutions in the International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) in India.
- IFSCA, in its endeavour to develop the required eco-system has constituted an Expert Committee to recommend approach towards development of Sustainable Finance Hub and provide road map for the same.
- The expert committee is being chaired by Shri C.K. Mishra, Former Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- The committee consists of leaders across the sustainable finance spectrum, including international agencies, standard setting bodies, funds, academia, and consultancies.

5) Protocol on Trans-boundary Elephant Conservation was signed in December, 2020 between India and?

- a. China
- b. Bhutan

- c. Myanmar
- d. Bangladesh

Answer : d

Protocol on Trans-boundary Elephant Conservation

- In order to mitigate the Human Elephant Conflicts in the trans-boundary areas, the Government of India entered in to series of dialogue with Bangladesh which resulted in Protocol on Trans-boundary Elephant Conservation between Republic of Bangladesh and Republic of India.
- The protocol was signed between two countries in the India- Bangladesh virtual summit in December 2020 to facilitate smooth movement of elephants between India and Bangladesh and vice versa.

