



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 04-05-2023 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Yanomami, are a group of indigenous people inhabited in the regions of?

- a. Venezuela and Brazil
- b. Colombia and Venezuela
- c. France and Spain
- d. Brazil and Bolivia

Answer : a

President Lula-led Brazilian government has promised to speed up the expulsion of illegal miners in the Yanomami, after 5 people were reportedly killed.

Yanomami

- Yanomami are the South American Indians.
- **Language** - Xiriana language
- **Habitat** - Live in the remote forest of the Orinoco River basin in southern Venezuela and the northernmost reaches of the Amazon River basin in northern Brazil.
- The Yanomami live in vine-and-leaf-thatched houses in palisaded villages surrounded by garden plots.
- They relocate their villages when the soil wears out or when a village has become too susceptible to attack by other Yanomami.
- **Occupation** - They practice slash-and-burn agriculture and live in small, scattered, semipermanent villages.
- They grow tobacco, a great favourite of Yanomami of all ages, and cotton, an important trade and domestic item used in the manufacture of string and cord for hammocks, nets, containers, and clothing.
- They keep dogs, both for village security and for hunting.
- **Social life** - It centres on forming alliances through trade and sharing food with other friendly groups while waging war against hostile villages.
- Yanomami's life and survival were threatened by the incursions of Brazilian miners into their territory in the Brazilian state of Roraima from 1990.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to World Press Freedom Index

1. It aims to compare the level of press freedom enjoyed by journalists and media in 180 countries and territories.
2. It is an annual ranking of countries compiled and published by Reporters without Borders (RSF).
3. India made a significant improvement on the index in 2023 compared to 2022.

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

India slips in World Press Freedom Index, ranks 161 out of 180 countries in 2023.

World Press Freedom Index

- **Aim** - It aims to compare the level of press freedom enjoyed by journalists and media in 180 countries and territories.
- **Agency** - It is an annual ranking compiled and published by Reporters without Borders (RSF).
- This qualitative analysis is combined with quantitative data on abuses and acts of violence against journalists during the period evaluated.

Parameters

- **Qualitative parameter** - Based on the responses of “press freedom specialists to an RSF questionnaire.
- **Quantitative parameter** - A count of abuses against journalists and media outlets.
- The criteria considered in this are
 - Pluralism,
 - Media Independence,
 - Media Environment and
 - Self-censorship,
 - Legislative framework,
 - Transparency, and
 - The quality of the infrastructure that supports the production of news and information.

Rankings, 2023

- India’s ranking in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index has slipped to 161 out of 180 countries compared to 2022.
- Top 3 positions - Norway, Ireland and Denmark.
- Bottom 3 positions - Vietnam, China and North Korea.
- Pakistan - 150
- Sri Lanka - 135

3) Consider the following statements with respect to Global Report on Food Crisis

1. It is an annual report launched by the Global Network against Food Crisis (GNAFC).
2. It is facilitated by the Food Security Information Network (FSIN).
3. More than half of the people affected by acute hunger is located in Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan and Yemen.

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

a. 1 only

b. 2 and 3 only

c. 3 only

d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : d

The Global Network against Food Crisis report, 2023 released recently.

Global Report on Food Crisis, 2023

- It is an annual report launched by the Global Network against Food Crises (GNAFC) - an international alliance of the United Nations, the European Union, governmental and non-governmental agencies.
- It is facilitated by the Food Security Information Network (FSIN).

Findings of the report

- More than half of the people were on the edge of starvation in Somalia.
- Extreme circumstances also occurred in Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Nigeria, South Sudan and Yemen.
- The report also found that around 35 million people experienced emergency levels of acute hunger in 39 countries.
- More than half of them are located in just 4 countries — Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan and Yemen.
- **Acute food insecurity** - When a person's inability to consume adequate food puts their lives or livelihoods in immediate danger.

Food Security Information Network (FSIN)

- It is a global initiative to strengthen food and nutrition security information systems for producing reliable and accurate data to guide analysis and decision-making.
- It promotes independent and consensus-based information and highlights critical data gaps.
- It is co-sponsored by *FAO, WFP and IFPRI*.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Leopards

1. It is the smallest of the big cats, and known for its ability to adapt in a variety of habitats.
2. Indian Leopard is listed as endangered in the IUCN's red data list.

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

A new portal dedicated to leopards was launched by the Cape Leopard Trust (CLT) on International Leopard Day.

Leopards

- It is also called as panther.
- The large cat is closely related to the lion, tiger, and jaguar.
- **Geographic range** - Whole of Africa south of the Sahara, occupied parts of north and northeast Africa, and extended from Asia Minor through Central Asia and India to China and Manchuria.
- 9 subspecies of the leopard have been recognized, and they are distributed across Africa and Asia.
- By 2019 the species had lost up to 75 percent of its former range.

- The leopard is a solitary animal of the bush and forest and is mainly nocturnal in habit, although it sometimes basks in the sun.
- **Habitat** - Leopards inhabit a variety of terrain.
- They are most populous in mesic woodlands, grassland savannas, and forests.
- They also occupy mountainous, scrub, and desert habitats.

Indian leopard

- It is distributed in India, Nepal, Bhutan and parts of Pakistan.
- It inhabits tropical rainforests, dry deciduous forests, temperate forests and northern coniferous forests.
- It does not occur in the mangrove forests of the Sundarbans.
- It is thought that the Indus River in the west and the Himalayas in the north form topographical barriers to the dispersal of this subspecies.
- In the east, the Ganges Delta and the lower course of the Brahmaputra River are thought to form natural barriers to the range of the Indo-chinese leopard.
- **Status** - The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has classified Indian Leopard as a vulnerable species.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to Vigyan Prasar

1. It is an autonomous organization setup by the department of science and technology.
2. It aims to promote scientific temper and enhancing public understanding of science through communication.

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

An official press release of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) announced the end of Vigyan Prasar.

Vigyan Prasar

- It started functioning in 1989.
- It was a Nehruvian idea of science communication and scientific awareness tracing itself to the early days of independence.
- It is an autonomous organization setup by the department of science and technology.
- **Aim** - It aims to promote scientific temper and enhancing public understanding of science through communication.
- This is achieved through several strategically important two - way stakeholder specific approaches.
- It aims to communicate about principles and practice of science and technology and implications for development and quality of life.
- Science popularization, therefore, serves as a robust knowledge led tool to fulfill three mutually reinforcing public policy objectives.
- In addition, the Vigyan Prasar management also opened a revolving door between Vigyan Prasar and 'Vigyan Bharti' aka VIBHA, an affiliate of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.
- The rise of VIBHA has coincided with the decline of Vigyan Prasar in the past 5 years.