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1) With reference to *Colletes bhutanicus*, recently recorded in India, consider the following statements:

1. It is a solitary bee species first recorded in Arunachal Pradesh.
 2. It was earlier known only from Bhutan and China.
 3. Solitary bees are important pollinators for both wild and cultivated plants. Which of the above are correct? a. 1 and 2 only b. 2 and 3 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 1, 2 and 3
- a. 1 and 2 only
 - b. 2 and 3 only
 - c. 1 and 3 only
 - d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : d

Colletes bhutanicus is a solitary bee, recorded in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh (1).

Earlier known from Bhutan and China (2).

Solitary bees play a vital role in pollination (3).

2) Cancer stem?like cells (CSCs) are significant because they:

- a. Lack the ability to self?renew.
 - b. Contribute to tumour recurrence, metastasis, and therapy resistance.
 - c. Are easily detected by conventional tumour scoring methods.
 - d. Have no impact on patient survival outcomes.
- a. a
 - b. b
 - c. c
 - d. d

Answer : b

CSCs are rare cells with stem?like properties, driving recurrence, metastasis, therapy resistance, and poor survival. AI framework ACSCeND identifies distinct CSC states.

3) Scientists recently discovered three new cascade frog species in Northeast India. Which of the following is correctly matched?

- a. *Amolops ammachi* - Tripura (Jampui Hills)
- b. *Amolops sendenyu* - West Bengal
- c. *Amolops bella* - Nagaland

d. *Amolops afghanus* – Kerala

- a. a
- b. b
- c. c
- d. d

Answer : a

Amolops ammachi was discovered in Tripura.

A. sendenyu in Nagaland, *A. bella* in West Bengal.

A. afghanus documented in India but not Kerala.

4) According to NITI Aayog's report "Key Sectors to Position India as a Global Manufacturing Hub," which of the following is NOT among the four priority sectors identified? a. Chemicals b. Textiles c. Telecom & Networking Equipment d. Automobiles

- a. a
- b. b
- c. c
- d. d

Answer : d

The four priority sectors are Chemicals, Textiles, Telecom & Networking Equipment, and Solar PV. Automobiles are not in the first set of identified priority sectors.

5) With reference to Parichha Weir, recently recognised as a World Heritage Irrigation Structure (WHIS), consider the following statements:

1. It was constructed in 1886 across the Betwa River in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.
 2. It forms the headworks of the Betwa Canal System.
 3. WHIS recognition is given by the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID).
- Which of the above are correct?

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

Answer : d

Parichha Weir (1886) across Betwa River in Jhansi forms the headworks of the Betwa Canal System.

WHIS recognition is given by ICID, established in 1950.