



### **Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz - 07-04-2020 - (Online Prelims Test)**

1) The Members of Parliament or State Legislature who has been expelled from the Party membership by the Party's high command?

1. Must resign their membership from the office
2. Cannot attend the proceedings of the legislature

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 : d

- The relationship between an individual member and the political party does not affect his membership in the legislature unless it is under the provisions of defection mentioned under Schedule X of the Constitution.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *UN Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation*

1. It is also called as Washington Convention on Mediation.
2. India has ratified the convention and became party since 2013.
3. Under the convention, a party seeking enforcement of a mediated settlement agreement can apply directly to the courts of countries that have signed and ratified the treaty.

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

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

Answer : a

### ***Singapore Convention on Mediation***

- The Singapore Convention on Mediation is a United Nations (UN) treaty named after the country, will come into force on Sept 12 this year.
- It is also known as the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation.
- Qatar has ratified the international treaty, it is the third country to do so, following Singapore and Fiji.
- According to the convention's provisions, the treaty comes into force when at least three countries have ratified it.

- The convention makes it easier for commercial parties in a dispute to seek enforcement of international mediated settlement agreements by applying directly to the courts of countries that have ratified the treaty.
- Through mediation, parties in a cross-border dispute can attempt to negotiate a new deal, facilitated by a neutral third-party mediator, to salvage a commercial relationship which would otherwise disintegrate if the litigation or arbitration routes are taken.
- Presently, because a settlement agreement made in one country has no legal force in another, a party seeking to enforce a mediated settlement agreement in another country or multiple countries will have to commence legal proceedings in each country.
- This can potentially be costly and time-consuming, especially for international settlement agreements.
- Under the convention, a party seeking enforcement of a mediated settlement agreement can apply directly to the courts of countries that have signed and ratified the treaty.
- This allows businesses to easily enforce such settlement agreements across borders.
- As of now 52 countries has signed the convention, including economic heavyweights the United States and China.
- In recent years, Singapore plans to establish as an international dispute resolution center, including setting up the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Singapore International Commercial Court.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Funds*

1. Setting up of DMF was mandated through the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, (MMDRA) 2015.
2. Its manner of operation comes under the jurisdiction of the Central Government under the Ministry of Mines.
3. It is solely funded through the contributions from miners.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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



Answer : b

- **District Mineral Foundation (DMF)** is a trust set up as a non-profit body, in those districts affected by the mining works, to work for the interest and benefit of persons and areas affected by mining related operations.
- It is funded through the **contributions from miners**.
- Its manner of operation comes under the jurisdiction of the **relevant State Government**.
- Setting up of District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) in all districts in the country affected by mining related operations was mandated through the Mines and **Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, (MMDRA) 2015**.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to *International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO)*

1. It is one of the specialized agencies of United Nations (UN).
2. It promotes sustainable tropical timber supply chains and also helps develop capacity in tropical forestry.
3. India is a member to this Organisation.

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

- a. 2 only
- b. 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only

d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : c

- The **International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)** is an **intergovernmental organization** promoting the sustainable management and conservation of tropical forests and the expansion and diversification of international trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed and legally harvested forests.

### **ITTO:**

1. Develops internationally agreed policy guidelines and norms to encourage sustainable forest management (SFM) and sustainable tropical timber industries and trade.
2. Assists tropical member countries to adapt such guidelines and norms to local circumstances and to implement them in the field through projects and other activities.
3. Collects, analyzes and disseminates data on the production and trade of tropical timber.
4. Promotes sustainable tropical timber supply chains.
5. Helps develop capacity in tropical forestry.

5) Consider the following statements

1. It is one of the major Protected Areas of Satpura-Maikal ranges of the Central Highlands.
2. It is among the sites notified as important bird areas of India.
3. Mixed Dry deciduous forests occupy over one third of the area.

Identify the *Tiger Reserve* that correctly matches with the above description:

- a. Bor Tiger Reserve
- b. Pench Tiger Reserve
- c. Satkosia Tiger Reserve
- d. Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve

Answer : b

- **Pench Tiger Reserve**, Seoni (**Madhya Pradesh**) is one of the major Protected Areas of **Satpura-Maikal** ranges of the Central Highlands, which is among the most important tiger habitats of the world.
- Pench Tiger Reserve is among the sites notified **as important bird areas of India**.
- This is one of the highest herbivores densities in India.
- Contiguous forest cover with Kanha Tiger Reserve and Pench Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra).
- Pench Tiger Reserve comprises the Indira Priyadarshini Pench National Park, the Pench Mowgli Sanctuary and a buffer.
- The Tiger Reserve nestles in the Southern Slopes of the Satpura ranges of Central India.
- The river Pench, which splits the National Park into two, forms the lifeline of the Park.
- To the south of the tiger reserve lies the Pench Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra, the first inter-state project tiger area of the country.

The forests in Pench tiger reserve are classified into three types:

1. South Indian Tropical Moist Deciduous (slightly moist)
2. Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Teak Forests and
3. Southern Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest

Mixed Dry deciduous forests occupy over one third of the area.