



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 19-09-2022 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements about Swatch Sagar, Surakshit Sagar Campaign:

1. It is the longest running coastal cleanup campaign in the world with highest number of people participating in it.
2. A mobile app Eco Mitram has been launched to spread awareness about the campaign.

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

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

Swatch Sagar, Surakshit Sagar Campaign

- It is a 75-day citizen-led campaign for improving ocean health through collective action.
- The campaign has 3 strategic underlying goals that target transformation and environmental conservation through behavior change.
- The three underlying goals of the campaign are to 1. Consume Responsibly 2. Segregate waste at home and 3. Dispose Responsibly.
- The coastal cleanup drive will be carried out at 75 beaches across the country with 75 volunteers for every kilometre of the coastline.
- The campaign will combine both virtual and physical formats for delivering key messages and engaging the target audience in adopting lifestyle and behavioral changes that promote environmental sustainability.
- It is the first-of-its-kind and longest running coastal cleanup campaign in the world with highest number of people participating in it.
- A mobile app "Eco Mitram" has been launched to spread awareness about the campaign and also for the common people for voluntary registration for the beach cleaning activity.

2) Consider the following statements regarding National Logistics Policy

1. The Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) would monitor all projects related to logistics in a regular basis and ensure the removal of hurdles faced in the sector.
2. The System Improvement Group (SIG) aims to ensure continuous monitoring of cargo movement.

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

National Logistics Policy

- The National Logistics Policy aims to promote smooth movement of goods across India and boost competitiveness of the Indian goods in the domestic and international markets.
- It aims to bring down the logistics cost, which in turn would improve efficiency of various sectors of the economy, boosting value addition and economic growth.
- Its focus areas are Integration of Digital System (IDS), Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP), Ease of Logistics (ELOG) and System Improvement Group (SIG).
- The IDS will integrate 30 different systems of seven different departments, such as customs, aviation, road transport, railways, international trade and commerce ministries.
- The Integration of Digital System (IDS) aims to ensure continuous monitoring of cargo movement.
- The Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) would seek to simplify procedures and achieve ease of doing business.
- The System Improvement Group (SIG) would monitor all projects related to logistics in a regular basis and ensure the removal of hurdles faced in the sector.
- An empowered group of secretaries (EGoS) has been constituted under the PM Gati Shakti to monitor and review the implementation of the NLP.

3) Consider the following statements about Asiatic Caracal

1. The most significant potential habitat for caracals are Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat.
2. It is protected under the Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection act 197
3. Its protection status is in endangered category under IUCN Red List.

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

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

Answer : a

Asiatic Caracal

- The Asiatic caracal is an elusive medium-sized and locally threatened felid (cat) species, which has been widely reported to be on the brink of extinction in India.
- The reasons are large-scale hunting, illegal trading and loss of natural habitats are considered significant threats to the species.
- The caracal is currently included in Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 .
- It is in Near Threatened category by the Conservation Assessment and Management Plan and International Union for Conservation of Nature Red list assessment in India.
- The researchers found the most significant potential habitat for caracals in Rajasthan, followed by Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

4) Consider the following statements about Green Fins Hub:

1. It is launched recently by Arctic council along with International Maritime Organisation.
2. It aims to protect coral reefs through promoting sustainable diving and snorkelling.

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

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : b

Green Fins Hub

- United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the UK-based charity Reef-World Foundation launched the Green Fins Hub.
- Green Fins Hub is a global digital platform for diving and snorkelling operators .
- The Green Fins Hub is the first-ever global marine tourism industry platform.
- It aims to protect coral reefs through promoting sustainable diving and snorkelling.
- It provides the only internationally recognised environmental standards for marine tourism.

5) Which of the following statement is/are correct about Geo-fencing?

1. Geo-fencing is a feature in a software program that uses radio frequency identification (RFID) to define geographical boundaries and is accurate by up to 300 m.
2. Kerala was one of the first States to use geo-fencing to track COVID-19 cases.

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

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

Geo-fencing

- The Centre is using powers under the Indian Telegraph Act to fetch information from telecom companies every 15 minutes to track COVID-19 cases across the country.
- Kerala was one of the first States to use geo-fencing to track COVID-19 cases.
- A geo-fence could be dynamically generated—as in a radius around a point location, or a geo-fence can be a predefined set of boundaries.
- The use of a geofence is called geofencing, and one example of usage involves a location-aware device of a location-based service (LBS) user entering or exiting a geo-fence.
- The government has tested an application that triggers e-mails and SMS alerts to an authorised government agency if a person has jumped quarantine or escaped from isolation.
- The geo-fencing is accurate by up to 300 m.
- The system will collate phone data, including the device's location, on a common secured platform and alert the local agencies in case of a violation by COVID patients under watch or in isolation.