



## Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz - 17-02-2020 - (Online Prelims Test)

1. Consider the following statements

1. He translated the Bhagavad Gita and Upanishads into Persian language.
2. Majma-ul-Bahrain was one of the favourite book written by him.
3. He is described as a liberal Muslim who tried to find commonalities between Hindu and Islamic traditions.

Identify the famous personality from the Medieval India?

- a. Ziauddin Barani
- b. Amir Khusro
- c. Dara Shikoh
- d. Hakim Syed Zillur Rahman

Answer : c

- The Ministry of Culture recently set up a seven-member panel of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to locate the grave of the Mughal prince **Dara Shikoh** (1615-59).
- He is believed to be buried somewhere in the Humayun's Tomb complex in Delhi, one of around 140 graves of the Mughal clan.
- The eldest son of Shah Jahan, **Dara Shikoh** was killed after losing the war of succession against his brother Aurangzeb.
- **Dara Shikoh is described as a "liberal Muslim"** who tried to find commonalities between Hindu and Islamic traditions.
- **He translated the Bhagavad Gita as well as 52 Upanishads into Persian.**
- According to the Shahjahannama, after Aurangzeb defeated Dara Shikoh, he brought the latter to Delhi in chains.
- His head was cut off and sent to Agra Fort, while his torso was buried in the Humayun's Tomb complex.

2. Consider the following statements with respect to the *Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)*

1. It is the only global convention specialising in the conservation of migratory species, their habitats and migration routes.
2. The Indian sub-continent is a part of the Central Asian Flyway
3. Migratory species means the entire population or any geographically separate part of the population of any species or lower taxon of wild animals.

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

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

Answer : d

- **India will host the 13th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS COP13).**
- It is a major United Nations wildlife conference with the **theme** of "Migratory species connect the planet and together we welcome them home".
- The **CMS** is an **environmental treaty of the UN** that provides a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory animals and their habitats.
- It is **the only global convention specialising in the conservation of migratory species**, their habitats and migration routes.
- The pact was **signed in 1979 in Germany** and is **known as the Bonn Convention**.
- **"Migratory species"** means the **entire population or any geographically separate part of the population** of any species or lower taxon of wild animals, a significant proportion of whose members cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries.
- **Appendix I** of the Convention lists 'Threatened Migratory Species'.
- **Appendix II** lists 'Migratory Species requiring international cooperation'.
- The **Indian sub-continent is also part of the major bird flyway network, i.e, the Central Asian Flyway (CAF)** that covers areas between the Arctic and Indian Oceans, and covers at least 279 populations of 182 migratory water-bird species, including 29 globally threatened species.
- **India has also launched the National Action Plan for the conservation of migratory species** under the Central Asian Flyway.

3. Consider the following statements with respect to *Hope Spacecraft*

1. It is the first uncrewed, interplanetary satellite spearheaded by Israel to Mars.
2. It is world's first privately funded mission to Mars.

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 **Hope Mars Mission**, also called the Emirates Mars Mission, is the **first uncrewed, interplanetary satellite spearheaded by the United Arab Emirates**.
- In fact, the **Hope Spacecraft** is the **first planetary science mission led by an Arab-Islamic country**.
- The **Hope spacecraft** is in many ways a **state-of-the-art weather satellite**.
- It will help answer some outstanding questions about Mars' climate and atmosphere.
- The satellite mission has **4 primary objectives**:

1. Search for the connection between current Martian weather and the ancient climate of Mars.
2. Study the mechanisms that have driven oxygen and hydrogen out of Mars' atmosphere.
3. Study the connections between the lower and upper atmospheres of Mars.
4. Create a global picture of how the Martian atmosphere varies throughout the day, season and year.

- The **Beresheet Mission** is the **first privately funded lunar mission** of **Israel**.

4. *Betelgeuse* which was in news recently is a

- a. A microscopic organism sent to space
- b. A newly discovered dwarf galaxy
- c. First Earth-size planet in its star's habitable zone
- d. A supermassive star

Answer : d

- Recently, using the **European Space Organisation's (ESO) Very Large Telescope (VLT)**, **astronomers have noticed the unprecedented dimming of Betelgeuse.**
- It is a **red supergiant star (over 20 times bigger than the Sun)** in the **constellation Orion.**
- **Betelgeuse** was born as a **supermassive star** millions of years ago and has been **"dramatically" and "mysteriously" dimming** for the last six months.
- According to a report in Sky and Telescope, among the brightest night time stars, Betelgeuse ranks 10th.

5. Consider the following statements with respect to *Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)*

1. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are categorized by Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
2. Among the 75 listed PVTG's the highest number are found in Odisha.
3. Asur, a PVTGs usually found in the state of Odisha and their language figures in the UNESCO's list of interactive atlas.

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

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 3 only
- d. None of the above

Answer : b

- Radio aids revival of dying tribal language.
- **Asur, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) in Jharkhand**, may not have access to good road or means of transportation to the outside world, but that has not deterred them from saving their language.
- Using **mobile radio**, the **Asur community** has been **spreading the popularity of the language** within their geographical limits.
- The **Asur language figures in the list of UNESCO Interactive Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger.**
- Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (**PVTGs**) are **categorized by Ministry of Home Affairs.**
- Among the 75 listed **PVTG's** the **highest number** are **found in Odisha.**
- The state governments or UT governments submit proposals to the Central Ministry of Tribal Welfare for identification of PVTGs.
- After ensuring the criteria is fulfilled, the Home Ministry selects those groups as PVTGs.
- In 1973, the **Dhebar Commission** created Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) as a separate category.