



## Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 31-12-2024 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to Fishing Cat

1. It is one of the largest of the 28 species of small cats and is about twice the size of a typical house cat.
2. The Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) is home to larger number of fishing cat.
3. It is a nocturnal animal which preys on scavenges on carcasses of larger animals.
4. It is listed as Critically Endangered in IUCN status of Red list.

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

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. Only three
- d. All four

Answer : c



### Fishing Cat

- It is one of the *largest of the 28 species of small cats* and is about twice the size of a typical house cat.
- Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) which is India's 2nd largest mangroves, is home to larger number of fishing cat.
- It is a *nocturnal* animal that preys on frogs, crustaceans, snakes, birds and *scavenges on carcasses* of larger animals.
- **Conservation Status**
  - IUCN - Endangered.
  - CITES - Appendix II.
  - Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 - Schedule I. **(Statement 4 is incorrect).**

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Overseas Voters

1. Election Commission of India describes Non Resident Indian (NRI) voters as overseas electors.
2. They are eligible to vote in the Lok Sabha, Assembly and other direct elections.

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

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

Answer : c

### Overseas Voters

- Generally, they are *referred as NRI voters* but Election Commission of India describes them as overseas electors.
- NRI's are Indians living abroad for a variety of reasons and
- **Voting rights** - They are *eligible to vote in the Lok Sabha, Assembly and other direct elections*.
- They have to show their original passport as proof of their identity.

3) The term Louisiana Purchase, often recently seen in news is a treaty between which of the following countries?

- United States and India
- United States and France
- Russia and India
- Russia and France

Answer : b

### Louisiana Purchase

- **Treaty between** - The United States and France in 1803.
- **Effect** - It added 828,000 square miles of land to the United States, nearly doubling its size.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Har Ghar Jal

- To provide 55 litres of tap water to every rural household per capita per day regularly on long term basis by 2024.
- It is launched by Ministry of Rural Development.

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

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

### Har Ghar Jal

- To provide *55 litres of tap water* to every rural household per capita per day regularly on long term basis *by 2024*.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Jal Shakti, in 2019. **(Statement 2 is incorrect).**

5) The recent Marine heatwave has decimated nearly 4 million of these seabirds over three years. These are sleek, powerful seabirds distributed across the colder circumpolar waters of the North Pacific and North Atlantic Oceans. During the breeding season, their heads are entirely black. Which of the below-mentioned seabirds is described here?

- Black-legged kittiwake
- Common murre
- Horned puffin
- Auk

Answer : b

- **Answer** - Common murre (Uria aalge).

6) Consider the following statements with respect to Surya Kiran Exercise 2024

1. It is a biennial event that alternates between India and Bhutan.
2. It is to improve cooperation in jungle warfare, counter-terrorism operations in mountainous regions, and disaster relief efforts in line with the United Nations Charter.

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

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

Answer : b

### Surya Kiran Exercise 2024

- It is *annual event* that alternates between India and Nepal. **(Statement 1 is incorrect).**
- **Location** - In *Nepal* from December 2024, to January 2025.
- It is to improve cooperation in jungle warfare, counter-terrorism operations in mountainous regions, and disaster relief efforts in line with the United Nations Charter.

7) Consider the following statements with respect to Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

1. Bal Kalyan Puraskar is awarded to children of 5 -18 age group for outstanding achievement in innovation, scholastic achievements, social service, arts and culture, bravery, or sports.
2. Bal Shakti Puraskar is awarded to individuals or organisations that have made outstanding contributions in child development, child protection, or child welfare.

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

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

Answer : d

### Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

- **Bal Shakti Puraskar** - Awarded to children of 5 -18 age group for outstanding achievement in innovation, scholastic achievements, social service, arts and culture, bravery, or sports. **(Statement 1 is incorrect).**
- **Bal Kalyan Puraskar** - To individuals or organisations that have made outstanding contributions in child development, child protection, or child welfare. **(Statement 2 is incorrect).**

8) Consider the following statements with respect to Central Zoo Authority (CZA)

1. It is a statutory body constituted in 1992 under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.
2. It aims to bring Indian zoos up to international standards.
3. It is an affiliate member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).

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

- a. Only one
- b. Only two

- c. All three
- d. None of the above

Answer : b

### **Central Zoo Authority (CZA)**

- **CZA** - Central Zoo Authority (CZA) is a statutory body constituted in 1992 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. **(statement 1 is incorrect)**
- **Objective** - To bring Indian zoos up to international standards.
- It is an affiliate member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).

