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1.Consider the following statements regarding the 'Red Panda'

1. It is an arboreal (predominantly stay in trees) mammal, which is primarily an herbivore.
2. In India, habitat of Red panda is restricted to Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim only.
3. India has the largest population of Red panda in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation

Red Panda

- Primarily an **herbivore**, It is a **reddish-brown arboreal (predominantly stay in trees) mammal**
- It is slightly **larger than a domestic cat** with a bear-like body and thick russet fur. The belly and **limbs are black**, and there are **white markings on the side of the head** and above its small eyes.
- Red pandas are **very skillful and acrobatic animals** that predominantly stay in trees.They use their long, bushy tails for balance and to cover themselves in winter, presumably for warmth.
- About 5,000-6,000 red pandas are estimated to **be present in four Indian states – Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim and West Bengal** (not restricted to Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim). This is the **second-largest population after China** (India does not have the largest population of Red panda in the world)

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- The **only living member of the genus Ailurus**, the Red Panda is listed as '**endangered**' on the IUCN Red List of threatened species.
- Almost **50% of the red panda's habitat is in the Eastern Himalayas**. Red pandas are **often killed when they get caught in traps meant** for other animals such as wild pigs and deer.
- The iconic and endangered Red Panda has **fewer hunters** because the **younger generations of people across its Himalayan habitat are losing interest** in animal products, a new study by wildlife trade monitoring network TRAFFIC has found.

Why in the news?

Scientists from the ZSI have concluded that India is home to both the (sub) species — Himalayan red panda (*Ailurus fulgens*) and the Chinese red panda (*Ailurus styani*) and the Siang river in Arunachal Pradesh splits the red panda into these two phylogenetic species.

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/india-home-to-both-species-of-red-panda-says-zsi-study/article33594512.ece>

2. Consider the following statements regarding Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)

1. It is empowered to inquire into offences alleged to have been committed under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 by certain categories of public servants.
2. It is not controlled by any Ministry/Department

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: C

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Explanation

- The Central Vigilance Commission was set up by the Government in February, 1964 on the **recommendations of the Committee on Prevention of Corruption**, headed by Shri K. Santhanam, to advise and guide Central Government agencies in the field of vigilance.
- The CVC is **not controlled by any Ministry/Department**. It is an **independent body** which is only responsible for the Parliament.
- It exercise superintendence over the functioning of the Delhi Special Police Establishment insofar as it relates to the investigation of offences alleged to have been committed under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Functions

- The CVC **receives complaints on corruption or misuse of office** and to recommend appropriate action. Following institutions, bodies, or a person can approach to CVC:
 - Ø Central government
 - Ø Lokpal
 - Ø Whistle blowers
- It is **not an investigating agency**. The CVC either gets the investigation done through the CBI or through chief vigilance officers (CVO) in government offices.
- It is empowered to **inquire into offences alleged to have been committed under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988** by certain categories of public servants

3. Consider the following statements regarding the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

1. It is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament
2. It is an apex organization under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises with regard to khadi and village industries within India
3. The wider objective of KVIC includes creating self-reliance amongst the poor and building up of a strong rural community spirit.

Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?

a) 1 only

- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 2 only
- d) None of the above

Answer: D

Explanation

Statement 1 and 2 are correct :The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament. It is an apex organization under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises with regard to khadi and village industries within India

Statement 3 is correct:

The broad objectives of KVIC

- The social objective of providing employment
- The economic objective of producing saleable articles
- The wider objective of creating self-reliance amongst the poor and building up of a strong rural community spirit

Functions :

- The KVIC is charged with the planning, promotion, organisation and implementation of programs for the development of Khadi and other village industries in the rural areas in coordination with other agencies engaged in rural development wherever necessary.
- To promote the sale and marketing of khadi and/or products of village industries or handicrafts, the KVIC may forge linkages with established marketing agencies wherever feasible and necessary.
- The KVIC is also charged with the responsibility of encouraging and promoting research in the production techniques and equipment employed in the Khadi and Village Industries sector.
- The KVIC is entrusted with the task of providing financial assistance to institutions and individuals for development and operation of Khadi and village industries and guiding them through supply of designs, prototypes and other technical information.

Why in the news?

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- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are about to sign two MoUs.
- While one MOU is regarding the purchase of Khadi fabric for tribal students, the other MOU is on partnering of Tribal Affairs Ministry with KVIC as an implementing agency for Prime Minister Employment Generation Program (PMEGP).
- They are aligned with Hon'ble Prime Minister's call for "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" as they aim at creating local employment by strengthening the Khadi artisans and a large chunk of tribal population across the country.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1689585>

4. The event 'Paryatan Parv' is related to

- a) Cybersecurity
- b) Tourism
- c) Marketing of Tribal products
- d) Sustainable Road Transport

Answer: B

Explanation

Organised by the ministry of tourism.

Paryatan Parv

- Paryatan Parv is to **propagate the message of 'Dekho Apna Desh'**, with the objective to **encourage Indians to visit various tourist destinations of the country** and also to spread the message of "Tourism for All".
- **The three components of Paryatan Parv, are:**
 - **Dekho Apna Desh:** To encourage Indians to visit their own country.
 - **Tourism for All:** Tourism Events at sites across all States in the country are being organised.

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- **Tourism & Governance: Interactive Sessions & Workshops** with Stakeholders on **varied themes have been organised across** the Country as a part of the Paryatan parv activities.

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5. Which of the following countries is/ are members of G7?

1. Japan
2. Russia
3. U.S
4. Canada

Select the correct answer using the given code below.

- a) 1,3 and 4 only
- b) 2,3 and 4 only
- c) 1,2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2,3 , 4

Answer: A

Explanation :

The G7, originally G8, was set up in 1975 as an **informal forum** bringing together the leaders of the world's leading industrial nations. The annual G7 summits have over the years developed into a platform for determining the course of **multilateral discourse** and **shaping** political responses to global challenges. It complements the role of the G20, which is widely regarded as the framework for ongoing global economic coordination.

The following countries are the members:

- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Italy

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- Japan
- the United Kingdom
- the United States.

Note:

It used to be known as the G8 (Group of Eight) until 2014 when Russia was excluded because of its annexation of Crimea from Ukraine.



Why in the news?

The United Kingdom has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the G7 summit that is scheduled to be held in June.