

**Q: Consider the following statement:**

1. United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted Hindi language for the first time.
2. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish being the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

Explanation:

- In a significant initiative, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted **an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism** that mentions the Hindi language for the first time.
- The resolution encourages the UN to continue disseminating important communications and messages in official as well as in non-official languages, including in Hindi language.
- Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the six official languages of the United Nations; English and French being the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat.

**Q: Who among the following has been appointed as UN Chief's envoy on technology?**

- a) T. S. Tirumurti
- b) Amandeep Singh Gill
- c) Asoke Kumar Mukerji
- d) Prakash Shah

Ans: b

Explanation:

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed senior Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill as his envoy on technology to coordinate programmes for international digital cooperation.
- Amandeep Singh Gill has been India's permanent representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva from 2016-to 2018.
- He is now the chief executive officer of the International Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence Research Collaborative (I-DAIR) project at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

**Q: Consider the following statement:**

1. Out of India's total imports of crude oil, the share of the Gulf countries is about 60%.
2. In 2020-21, the top oil exporter to India was Iraq.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

Explanation:

- Domestic crude production, which has been declining over the years, meets less than a fifth of the country's oil requirement, forcing India to take recourse to imports to fill the gap of more than 80%.
- Out of India's total imports of crude oil, **the share of the Gulf countries has remained fairly steady at about 60% over the last 15 years.**
- In 2020-21, the top oil exporter to India was Iraq, with a share of more than 22%, followed by Saudi Arabia, about 18%. The UAE, Kuwait and Oman were other Gulf countries among the top-10 suppliers of crude oil to India in the fiscal year ended March 2021.

**Q: Monkeypox cases have been detected in 18 countries in Europe. Consider the following statement regarding the mode of transmission of this disease:**

1. Men who have sex with men and bisexual men.
2. Touching and being face-to-face
3. Mouth-to-skin contact

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: d

Explanation:

- Most of the cases reported so far have been in men who have sex with men and bisexual men. However, the risk of monkeypox virus is not restricted to men who have sex with men.
- People who closely interact with someone who is infectious, including health workers, household members and sexual partners are at greater risk for infection. This includes touching and being face-to-face. Monkeypox can spread through close skin-to-skin contact during sex, including kissing, touching, oral and penetrative sex with someone who has symptoms.
- The WHO stresses that it is currently not clear if monkeypox virus can spread through semen or vaginal fluids.
- Monkeypox rashes are sometimes found on genitals and in the mouth, which is likely to contribute to transmission during sexual contact. Mouth-to-skin contact could cause transmission where skin or mouth lesions are present.
- The virus can also spread through large respiratory droplets and contact with bedding, towels, etc. that a person with monkeypox infection has used.

**Q: Recently SEBI had expressed its concern about crypto currency. Consider the following statement:**

1. Crypto exchanges to be brought under the regulatory purview of the SEBI.
2. SEBI has said that crypto assets are not part of Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act of 1956, also known as SCRA.
3. SEBI has suggested that the Consumer Protection Act of 2019 be invoked to make sure their interests are safeguarded.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: b

Explanation:

- SEBI has elaborated upon the possible need for different regulators to deal with different aspects of a crypto asset market. Crypto exchanges, for instance, represent one such aspect. These exchanges, in case of a cross-border transaction, in effect enable the use of a cryptocurrency as a bridge to convert one nation's official currency to another.
- These exchanges could be **brought under the regulatory purview of the RBI**. The idea is to implement what are called **KYC/AML/CFT** (Know Your Customer/Anti-Money Laundering/Combating of Financing of Terrorism) norms. For some years now, the RBI has implemented a set of these guidelines in regulating banks so as to prevent them from being used by criminal elements.
- The subscribers or customers of crypto assets form another important part of the market. SEBI has suggested that the Consumer Protection Act of 2019 be invoked to make sure their interests are safeguarded. It has also sought clarity on whether cryptocurrencies can be legally classified as securities. Right now, they aren't.

- SEBI has said that crypto assets are not part of the definition of what constitutes as securities under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act of 1956, also known as SCRA. It is to be noted that what constitutes as securities under the SCRA is what is used under the SEBI Act.