

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Indian Gaur:

1. It is the largest wild Bovine.
2. It is listed in Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
3. It is listed as critically endangered species by IUCN.

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: a

Explanation:

- The Indian gaur, a reclusive beast that lives in the wild, is the largest wild bovine that is a protected species and included in Schedule I of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 and listed as vulnerable in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.
- There are about 13,000 to 30,000 gaurs in the world with approximately 85% of the population present in India.
- It is also found in Burma and Thailand.
- The first-ever population estimation exercise of the Indian gaur carried out in the Nilgiris Forest Division in February 2020 estimated around 2,000 Indian gaurs to be inhabiting the division.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding “Judge Case”:

1. In the ‘First Judges Case’, the court held that the consultation with the CJI is not mandatory.
2. The Second Judges case introduced the collegium system in 1993.
3. The ‘Third Judges Case’, expanded the collegium to its present composition of the CJI and four of his senior-most judges.

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:

- In the ‘First Judges Case’, the court held that the consultation with the CJI should be “full and effective”.
- The Second Judges case introduced the collegium system in 1993. It ruled that the CJI would have to consult a collegium of his two senior-most judges in the apex court on judicial appointments.
- The ‘Third Judges Case’ case in 1998, which was a Presidential reference, expanded the collegium to its present composition of the CJI and four of his senior-most judges.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Hyderabad has won the World Green City Award 2022.
2. World Green City Awards 2022 was held in South Korea.

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:

- Hyderabad has won the overall World Green City Award 2022 and another in the category Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth at the International Association of Horticulture Producers (AIPH) 2022.
- World Green City Awards 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea.

Q: Recently, an expert team has identified different varieties of the neelakurinji on the Kallippara hills. Which among the following belong to such varieties?

- a) *Strobilanthes anamallai*
- b) *Strobilanthes heyneanus*
- c) *Strobilanthes neosper*
- d) All the above

Ans: d

Explanation:

- Recently, an expert team has identified six varieties of the neelakurinji on the Kallippara hills at Santhanpara in Idukki, Kerala.
- The flowers that are on bloom now belong to the **Strobilanthes kunthiana variety**.
- Alongside *Strobilanthes kunthiana*, the types of neelakurinji flowers that have been identified from the hill ranges include *Strobilanthes anamallai*, *Strobilanthes heyneanus*, *Strobilanthes pulneyensis*, and *Strobilanthes neosper*.
- All these neelakurinji species are endemic to the Western Ghats and spread over nearly 200 acres of the Kallippara hills.

Q: Consider the following:

1. Living Green for Climate Change: Mexico
2. Living Green for Health and Wellbeing: Brazil
3. Living Green for Water: France

Which among the following is the correct match to win International Association of Horticulture Producers (AIPH) award 2022?

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

Ans: a

Explanation:

- **Living Green for Biodiversity:** Reverdecer Bogotá, Bogota D.C, Colombia.
- **Living Green for Climate Change:** Mexico City's Environmental and Climate Change Program, Mexico City, Mexico.
- **Living Green for Health and Wellbeing:** Transforming degraded land into Urban Micro Parks, City of Fortaleza, Brazil.
- **Living Green for Water:** The Phytotechnology Stations at the Montréal Botanical Garden / Space for Life, City of Montreal, Canada.
- **Living Green for Social Cohesion:** OASIS Schoolyard Project, City of Paris, France.
- **Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth:** Green Garland to the State of Telangana, City of Hyderabad.