

Q: Recently, the UNESCO released a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of India. Consider the following statement:

1. Toda embroidery
2. Himroo weaves
3. Kashi embroidery

Which among the following is included in UNESCO exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of India?

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

Ans: a

Explanation:

- ‘Handmade for the 21st Century: Safeguarding Traditional Indian Textile’ lists the histories and legends behind the textiles, describes the complicated and secret processes behind their making, mentions the causes for their dwindling popularity, and provides strategies for their preservation.
- According to UNESCO, one of the major challenges to the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in the South Asia is lack of proper inventory and documentation. The publication, which aims to bridge this gap, brings together years of research on the 50 selected textiles.
- Toda embroidery and Sungadi from Tamil Nadu, Himroo weaves from Hyderabad and Bandha tie and dye weaving from Sambalpur in Odisha were some of the textiles that made the cut.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding the Supreme Court Judgement on Adultery of 2018:

1. Apex court declared adultery as “Constitutional”.
2. A five-judge Constitution bench made the judgement.
3. Court struck down Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code.

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:

- Recently, the Supreme Court said that armed forces must have some kind of mechanism for disciplinary proceedings against their officers for adultery as “this is a conduct that can shake up the life of officers.”
- The top court said adultery creates “pain” in a family and it should not be treated in a lighter manner.
- The apex court 2018 judgement, which declared penal provision on adultery as unconstitutional, cannot be referred to halt disciplinary proceedings against guilty.
- The judgement was made by a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice K M Joseph.
- The top court, on a plea filed by NRI Joseph Shine, in 2018 had struck down Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code, dealing with the offence of adultery while holding it unconstitutional.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Global Innovation Index 2022:

1. India rose to 40th position among 132 countries.
2. This was mainly due to an improvement in information and communication technologies (ICT) services.

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:

- India rose to 40th among 132 countries in the Global Innovation Index 2022, jumping six places from a year ago. Earlier in 2020, India entered into the top 50 in 2020 and found a place in the top 40 in 2022.
- This was mainly due to an improvement in information and communication technologies (ICT) services exports, venture capital recipients' value as well as finance for start-ups.

Q: Consider the following regarding iconic handicraft textile form India:

1. Thigma: Ladakh
2. Banjara embroidery: Karnataka
3. Mashru weaves: Gujarat

Choose the correct match with respective area:

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

Ans: d

Explanation:

- Recently, the UNESCO released a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of India.
- Some of the iconic handcrafted textiles documented from North India are Khes from Panipat, Chamba rumals from Himachal Pradesh, Thigma or wool tie and dye from Ladakh and Awadh Jamdani from Varanasi.
- From the south, Ilkal and Lambadi or Banjara embroidery from Karnataka, Sikalnayakanpet Kalamkari from Thanjavur have been included.
- Kunbi weaves from Goa, Mashru weaves and Patola from Gujarat, Himroo from Maharashtra and Garad-Koirial from West Bengal also find a place among the 50 iconic textiles.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. GII report is published by WIPO in partnership with the Portulans Institute.
2. The rankings were based on the areas of human and capital research, business sophistication, infrastructure and technology outputs.
3. India's rank is lower than Vietnam in GII 2022 index.

Choose the correct match with respective area:

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

Ans: a

Explanation:

- The GII 2022 report, in its 15th edition is published by WIPO, in partnership with the Portulans Institute and with the support of its corporate partners including the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the Brazilian National Confederation of Industry (CNI), Ecopetrol (Colombia), and the Turkish Exporters Assembly (TIM).
- The rankings were based on the areas of human and capital research, business sophistication, infrastructure and technology outputs among others.
- India has overtaken Vietnam (48th) as the top lower middle-income economy for innovation.