

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Slender Loris:**

1. They are small nocturnal mammal that spends most of its life on trees.
2. The species has a wide range of ecological roles.
3. India's first ever Wildlife Sanctuary for Slender Loris is located in Kerala.

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:

- Recently, Tamil Nadu government notified Kaduvur Slender Loris sanctuary covering 11,806 hectares in Karur and Dindigul districts. It is India's first ever Wildlife Sanctuary for Slender Loris.
- Slender Loris is a small nocturnal mammal that spends most of its life on trees.
- They act as biological predators of pests that harm agricultural crops and help farmers.
- The species has a wide range of ecological roles and importance in the terrestrial ecosystem.

**Q: Consider the following:**

1. Balpakram Tiger Reserve: Agasthyamalai
2. Kazhuveli bird sanctuary: Villupuram
3. Nanjarayan Tank bird sanctuary: Tiruppur

Which among the following Reserve is located in Tamil Nadu?

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

Ans: b

Explanation:

- The Kadavur Slender Loris sanctuary is to cover Vedsandur, Dindigul East and Natham taluks in Dindigul district and Kadavur taluk in Karur district of Tamil Nadu.
- In significant steps towards conservation of wildlife, Tamil Nadu government notified India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in Palk Bay, Kazhuveli bird sanctuary in Villupuram and Nanjarayan Tank birds sanctuary in Tiruppur and the State's fifth elephant reserve at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli.
- Further, 13 wetlands across the State were declared as Ramsar sites.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Michael Kremer:**

1. He is the winner of 2019 Nobel Prize in economics.
2. He was awarded for his experimental approach to alleviating global poverty.

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:

- Michael Kremer, who won 2019 Nobel prize in economics.
- Prof. Michael Kremer is an American development economist who was jointly awarded Nobel prize in Economics in the year 2019 with Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty.

**Q: Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved a new Scheme, Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE). Consider the following statement regarding its objectives:**

1. Fund infrastructure convergently, in the spirit of PM Gati Shakti.
2. Support social development projects based on felt needs of the NER.
3. Enable livelihood activities for youth and women.

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:

**The objectives of PM-DevINE are to:**

- a) Fund infrastructure convergently, in the spirit of PM Gati Shakti;
- b) Support social development projects based on felt needs of the NER;
- c) Enable livelihood activities for youth and women;
- d) Fill the development gaps in various sectors.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Sloth Bear:**

1. World first Sloth Bear Day was observed on 12<sup>th</sup> October.
2. It aims to generate awareness and strengthen conservation efforts around the unique bear species.
3. It is classified as 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:

- Recently, the first World Sloth Bear Day was observed on 12<sup>th</sup> October.
- It aims to generate awareness and strengthen conservation efforts around the unique bear species endemic to the Indian subcontinent.
- Classified as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List, sloth bears are **endemic to the Indian sub-continent** and 90% of the species population is found in India.