

**Q: Consider the following:**

1. Gamosa
2. Tandur Redgram
3. Chanderi Fabric

Which among the following recently received GI Tag?

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

Ans: a

Explanation:

- Recently, the government has granted Geographical Indications (GI) tag to various products, including Gamosa of Assam, Tandur Redgram of Telangana, and an apricot variety of Ladakh.
- The total number of GI has reached to 432.
- Famous Gamosa of Assam, Tandur Redgram of Telangana, RaktseyKarpoo Apricot of Ladakh, Alibag White Onion of Maharashtra have got their GI tags.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Bill:**

1. It aims to move Santhal communities from schedule caste to schedule tribes list.
2. The existing criteria for defining tribes has been set out by the Lokur Committee in the 1960s.
3. Indications of primitive traits, distinctive culture, geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large, and backwardness is the five criteria listed by Lokur committee.

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 Rajya Sabha passed the Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Bill.
- It aims to move the Gond community from the Scheduled Castes list to Scheduled Tribes list in four districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- The four districts are Chandauli, Kushinagar, Sant Kabir Nagar, and Sant Ravidas Nagar.
- The importance of continuing with the existing criteria for defining tribes has been set out by the Lokur Committee in the 1960s.
- The five criteria as set out by the Lokur Committee include: indications of primitive traits, distinctive culture, geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large, and backwardness.

**Q: Consider the following statement:**

1. Namami Gange initiatives were declared World Restoration Flagships.
2. World Restoration Flagships programme is coordinated by UNEP and FAO.

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:

- Namami Ganges initiatives were declared **World Restoration Flagships** and are eligible to receive UN-backed promotion, advice or funding.
- They were selected under the banner of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, a global movement coordinated by the **UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)**.
- Together, the 10 flagships aim to restore more than 68 million hectares an area bigger than Myanmar, France or Somalia and create nearly 15 million jobs.

**Q: Person's genetic code is a several permutations of which among the following codes?**

- a) Adenine
- b) Guanin
- c) Thymine
- d) All the above

Ans: d

Explanation:

- A person's genetic code is several permutations of four bases: Adenine (A), Guanin (G), cytosine (C) and thymine (T). Sequences of these bases, akin to letters in the alphabet, spell out genes that are instructions to produce the wide array of proteins necessary for the body's functions.

**Q: Consider the following statement regarding Geographical Indications (GI) Tag:**

1. It is primarily an agricultural, natural or a manufactured product originating from a definite geographical territory.
2. The government has supported the promotion of GIs by approving an expenditure of Rs 75 crore for three years
3. Bihar is among the top five states holding maximum number of GIs.

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 top five states holding maximum number of GIs are Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala.
- Recently, the government has supported the promotion of GIs by approving an expenditure of Rs 75 crore for three years for promotion at awareness programmes.
- A GI is primarily an agricultural, natural or a manufactured product (handicraft and industrial goods) originating from a definite geographical territory.
- Typically, such a name conveys an assurance of quality and distinctiveness, which is essentially attributable to the place of its origin.
- There is a proper process of registration of GI products, which includes filing of application, preliminary scrutiny and examination, show cause notice, publication in the geographical indications journal, opposition to registration, and registration.
- Any association of persons, producers, organisation or authority established by or under the law can apply. The applicant must represent the interest of the producers.