



## Dikshant IAS - Daily Current Quiz

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### 1. Consider the following statements with reference to Bharat Ratna Award.

1. Bharat Ratna is the country's highest civilian honor which is given only to recognize extraordinary and supreme contribution in the field of social service.
2. Bharat Ratna Awards are titles under Article 18(1) of the Constitution of India.
3. Five people have been given Bharat Ratna in the year 2024, because according to the Home Ministry, the maximum number of Bharat Ratna awards in a particular year is limited to five.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) none of these



**Ans: d)**

- All three statements are not correct.

**More information about Bharat Ratna:**

- The award of Bharat Ratna was started on January 2, 1954 by the then President Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
- Under the process of selection for Bharat Ratna award, the Prime Minister of India recommends the name of a person for Bharat Ratna to the President.
- No formal recommendation is required for Bharat Ratna. Any person can be considered eligible for this award without distinction on the basis of caste,



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profession, position or gender.

- Bharat Ratna is the country's highest civilian honor which is given in recognition of exceptional and supreme service in any field. Hence statement 1 is wrong.
- According to the guidelines regarding Bharat Ratna, only three Bharat Ratnas are given in a year. Also, it is not necessary that Bharat Ratna award be given every year. However, the tradition of giving this award to a maximum of three people has been broken twice.
- This rule was broken for the first time in the year 1999 where four persons were awarded Bharat Ratna which included Jayaprakash Narayan, Amartya Sen, Gopinath Bordoloi and Ravi Shankar. Then in the year 2024, once again breaking the rules, five people have been honored with this award. Hence statement 2 is wrong.
- According to Article 18(1) of the Constitution, this award cannot be mentioned before or after the name of the recipient. Because according to the Supreme Court, Bharat Ratna and Padma awards are not titles under Article 18(1) of the Constitution of India. Hence statement 2 is wrong.

### **2. Consider the following statements in the context of World Tuberculosis Day.**

1. It is celebrated every year on 24 March.
2. No theme has been determined for the year 2024.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- a) only 1
- b) only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) none of these



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**Ans: a)**

- World Tuberculosis Day is celebrated every year on 24 March to eradicate bacterial TB (tuberculosis). Hence statement 1 is correct.
- The theme of World Tuberculosis Day 2024 is “Yes! “We can end TB” (Yes! we can end TB). Hence statement 2 is not correct.
- To raise awareness about TB and its global impact, “International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD)” had proposed to celebrate 24 March as World TB Day. After this, the first World TB Day was officially celebrated in 1983.

### 3. Consider the following statements with reference to “Mission Divyastra”.

1. India has conducted the first flight test of indigenously manufactured Agni-4 missile under 'Mission Divyastra'.
2. The flight of 'Mission Divyastra' built by ISRO was completed from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.

**Select the false statement from the codes given below.**

- a) only 1
- b) only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) none of these

**Ans: d)**

- Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) on March 11, 2024 conducted the first successful flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha. .



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- Hence statement 1 and statement 2 are not correct.

### 4. Which country honored Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi with its highest civilian honor “Order of the Druk Gyalpo” on 22 March 2024?

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Bhutan
- c) Mongolia
- d) Seychelles

**Ans: b**

- March 2024 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was awarded the 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo', Bhutan's highest civilian honour, by the King of Bhutan at a public ceremony held in Thimphu (Bhutan).
- Indian Prime Minister Modi is the first foreign leader to be given this prestigious award.

### 5. Where was the 3rd Summit for Democracy held from 18 to 20 March 2024?

- a) Sydney
- b) London
- c) Berlin
- d) Seoul

**Ans: d)**

- The 3rd Summit for Democracy was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 18 to 20 March 2024. In this three-day summit, several activities were discussed under the theme 'Democracy for Future Generations'.



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- Let it be known that the first such conference was held in USA in the year 2021.
- While the USA co-hosted the second Summit for Democracy in 2023 with Costa Rican, Dutch, South Korean and Zambian counterparts.

