

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Human Development Report 2021:

1. The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) releases the report.
2. Nine out of 10 countries have slipped in their human development performance due to COVID-19.
3. India ranked 131 out of 189 countries.

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 2021 Human Development Index (HDI) was released by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).
- The world over, nine out of 10 countries have slipped in their human development performance due to multiple crises such as COVID-19, the war in Ukraine and environmental challenges, indicating that human development globally has stalled for the first time in 32 years.
- India ranks 132 out of 191 countries in the Human Development Index (HDI) 2021, after registering a decline in its score over two consecutive years for the first time in three decades.
- India was ranked 131 out of 189 countries and territories in the 2020 report.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. As per HDI report 2021, India is placed in Low Human Development Category.
2. A long and healthy life, education and a decent standard of living are the three dimension of measuring HDI.
3. HDI is calculated using four indicators.

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:

- India's latest HDI value of 0.633 places the country in the medium human development category, lower than its value of 0.645 in the 2020 report.
- The HDI measures average achievement of a country in three basic dimensions of human development — a long and healthy life, education and a decent standard of living.
- It is calculated using four indicators — life expectancy at birth, mean years of schooling, expected years of schooling, and the Gross National Income (GNI) per capita.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding “Doctrine of Basic Structure”:

1. It was propounded during Keshavananda Bharati case in 1973.
2. It was held that Parliament could not amend every bit of the Constitution.

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:

- The doctrine of basic structure was propounded by the top court in 1973 while deciding the Keshavananda Bharati case.
- It was held that Parliament could not amend every bit of the Constitution, and aspects such as rule of law, separation of powers, and judicial freedom formed part of the 'basic structure' of the Constitution and hence, could not be amended.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Keeping indigenous turtles as pets is not prohibited under the wildlife protection act.
2. Red-eared slider turtle is listed on the CITES appendices.
3. The red-eared slider is not aggressive.

Choose the incorrect 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:

- In India, keeping indigenous turtles as pets is prohibited under the wildlife protection act. But the foreign breeds are not restricted and are kept as pets in many families across India.
- Red-eared slider turtle is also not mentioned in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.
- The species has a wide set of diet and eats almost all vegetation, unlike native species.
- The red-eared slider is also aggressive, it drives away the native species. Its paws are also lethal.

Q: Recently, Google celebrated Dr Bhupen Hazarika's 96th birth anniversary. Which among the following award was not awarded to him?

- a) Bharat Ratna
- b) DadaSaheb Phalke Award
- c) Asom Ratna
- d) All the above

Ans: d

Explanation:

- Recently, Google celebrated Dr Bhupen Hazarika's 96th birth anniversary by paying tribute using a Google Doodle.
- He holds several accolades under his names such as Padma Vibhushan (2012- posthumously), Bharat Ratna (2019-posthumously), Padma Shri (1997), DadaSaheb Phalke Award (1992), Padma Bhushan (2001), Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (2018), Asom Ratna (2009) and Friends of Liberation War Honour (2011).