

# IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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**Q.1) Recently a new species of Pika was discovered in Sikkim. Consider the following statements about Pika**

1. They are members of rat family
2. They are a keystone species

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

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Nether 1 nor 2

**Q.1) Solution (b)**

Pikas are members of the rabbit family and look like tailless rats.

They are a keystone species and ecosystem engineers

Keystone species is a species whose addition to or loss from an ecosystem leads to major changes in occurrence of at least one other species.

Certain species in an ecosystem is considered more important in determining the presence of many other species in that ecosystem.

If keystone species is lost, it will result in the degradation of whole ecosystem.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/new-species-of-pika-discovered/article9175091.ece>

**Q.2) Which state accounts for the highest number of endemic flowering plants species as revealed by a recent publication by the Botanical Survey of India (BSI)?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Meghalaya

**Q.2) Solution (b)**

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<http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/tn-tops-list-of-endemic-flowering-plants/article9169360.ece>

### Q.3) Consider the following statements about National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO)

1. It is under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2. This has been mandated as per the Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Act 2011

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

### Q.3) Solution (c)

National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) is a National level organization set up under Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

This has been mandated as per the Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Act 2011.

National Network division of NOTTO would function as apex centre for All India activities of coordination and networking for procurement and distribution of Organs and Tissues and registry of Organs and Tissues Donation and Transplantation in the country.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/prognosis-is-good-for-indias-organ-transplant-programme/article9177448.ece>

### Q.4) Consider the following statements about Simplified Proforma for Incorporating a Company Electronically (SPICe) e-Form

1. It was launched by Ministry of Finance
2. It will provide speedy incorporation related services within stipulated time frames which are in line with the international best practices

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- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

## Q.4) Solution (b)

Ministry of Corporate Affairs took another bold initiative in Government Process Re-engineering (GPR) and launched a Simplified Proforma for Incorporating a Company Electronically (SPICe) e-Form on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi 2016.

In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=151383>

## Q.5) Select the incorrect statement from the below:

- a) Marrakesh Treaty forms part of the body of international copyright treaties administered by WIPO
- b) India became the first country to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty
- c) 'Accessible India Campaign' has provided a nationwide flagship campaign for universal access for people with disabilities
- d) World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) headquarters is in Hague

## Q.5) Solution (d)

Only last statement is incorrect. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland.

In News: <http://iasbaba.com/2016/09/iasbabas-daily-current-affairs-30th-september-2016/>