

# IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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**Q.1) Consider the following statements about International Smart Grid Action Network (ISGAN)**

1. It is an agreement under International Energy Agency (IEA)
2. India is one of the founding members of ISGAN

**Select the correct statements**

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

**Q.1) Solution (c)**

ISGAN is an agreement under International Energy Agency (IEA) and consists of representatives from 25 countries across the globe. India is one of the founding Member of ISGAN and Joint Secretary (Distribution), Ministry of Power, is the member representative of India. ISGAN creates a mechanism for multilateral government-to-government collaboration to advance the development and deployment of smarter electric grid technologies, practices and systems.

A total of 36 representatives from 18 countries namely Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, US and UAE are participating in this event.

In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=158871>

**Q.2) Consider the following statements about TIR Convention**

1. It was adopted under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
2. The TIR system only covers customs transit by road

**Select the correct statements**

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

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## Q.2) Solution (a)

The Union Cabinet has given its approval for India's accession to the Customs Convention on International Transport of Goods under cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) and for completion of necessary procedures for ratification, for its entry into force.

The Convention on International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) is a multilateral treaty that was concluded at Geneva on 14 November 1975 to simplify and harmonise the administrative formalities of international road transport. (TIR stands for "Transports Internationaux Routiers" or "International Road Transports".) The 1975 convention replaced the TIR Convention of 1959, which itself replaced the 1949 TIR Agreement between a number of European countries. The conventions were adopted under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). As of July 2016, there are 70 parties to the Convention, including 69 states and the European Union.

The TIR Convention establishes an international customs transit system with maximum facility to move goods:

- in sealed vehicles or containers;
- from a customs office of departure in one country to a customs office of destination in another country;
- without requiring extensive and time-consuming border checks at intermediate borders;
- while, at the same time, providing customs authorities with the required security and guarantees.

The TIR system not only covers customs transit by road but a combination is possible with other modes of transport (e.g., rail, inland waterway, and even maritime transport), as long as at least one part of the total transport is made by road.

In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=158890>

## Q.3) Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) is under

- a) Ministry of Finance
- b) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- c) Reserve Bank of India
- d) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

## Q.3) Solution (d)

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In News - <http://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/demonetisation-and-informal-sector-indian-economy-was-slownote-ban-compounded-problem/577719/>

**Q.4) Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP)/Turkistan Islamic Movement (TIM) was founded in which of the following countries?**

- a) Turkey
- b) Iraq
- c) Syria
- d) China

**Q.4) Solution (d)**

The Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP) or Turkistan Islamic Movement (TIM), formerly known as the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM) and other names, is an Islamic extremist separatist organization founded by Uyghur militants in western China. Its stated goals are to establish an independent state called "East Turkestan" in Xinjiang.

In News - <http://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2017/mar/07/china-considering-indias-proposal-to-ban-masood-azhar-1578729.html>

**Q.5) 'Gadgil Committee Report' and 'Kasturirangan Committee Report' is concerned with**

- a) Electoral reforms
- b) Labour reforms
- c) Governance
- d) Western Ghats

**Q.5) Solution (d)**

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/saving-the-ghats/article17414670.ece>

