

October 9, 2017

Q.1) The Mathamma system is same as

- a) British perception of pre-colonial Indian castes
- b) Jati System
- c) Dowry System
- d) Devadasi system

Q.1) Solution (d)

The Mathamma system has its equivalent in other regions of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The system is called 'Basivi' in Kurnool and Anantapur districts, 'Saani' in Krishna, East and West Godavari districts, and 'Parvathi' in Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts. Women are unable to leave the exploitative system due to social pressures.

It's a practice that is widely believed to have been abandoned decades ago. But NGOs and activists have been bringing to light accounts of young women being initiated into the Devadasi system.

The practice of "offering" girl children to Goddess Mathamma thrives in the districts of Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh and Tiruvallur in Tamil Nadu.

Source: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/devadasi-an-exploitative-ritual-that-refuses-to-die/article19821606.ece>

Q.2) Consider the following statements about ICAN

1. It is an intergovernmental body which support negotiations for a treaty banning nuclear weapons
2. It was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize

Select the correct statements

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

Q.2) Solution (b)

October 9, 2017

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is a global civil society coalition working to promote adherence to and full implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The campaign helped bring about this treaty. The ICAN was launched in 2007 and counts 468 partner organizations in 101 countries as of 2017.

The organization received the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize "for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its groundbreaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons."

Source: <http://indianexpress.com/article/what-is/what-is-international-campaign-to-abolish-nuclear-weapons-ican-2017-nobel-peace-prize-4877371/>

Q.3) Which of the following are benefits of using Embryo transfer technology (ETT) in animals?

1. It greatly reduces the risk for transmission of infectious diseases
2. It will have a greater influence on the genetic advancement of a herd/flock
3. It will lead to increase in number of offspring

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Q.3) Solution (d)

Embryo transfer technology (ETT) has revolutionized the breeding strategies in Bovines as a tool to optimize the genetic improvement in cattle.

Department of Animal husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in co-operation with 12 States has undertaken a Mass Embryo Transfer programme in Indigenous Breeds under the scheme, National Mission on Bovine Productivity. The programme is implemented with the objective of conservation and development of indigenous breeds under Rashtriya Gokul Mission.

Through the use of ETT, (i) a farmer can get a 5-6 fold increase in number of offsprings , (ii) the calves so born will be of high genetic merit and (iii) the offsprings born will be free from diseases.

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

October 9, 2017

Under this programme, embryos of higher genetic merit indigenous bovines are being transferred in to surrogate cows. Embryos of Indigenous breeds such as Sahiwal, Gir, Red Sindhi, Ongole, Deoni and Vechur have been proposed to be transferred under this programme.

The technology now being taken up to the doorstep of the farmers will result in rapid propagation of high genetic merit indigenous cattle.

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=171403>

Q.4) Consider the following statements about Global Financial Centres Index 22 (GFCI)

1. It is produced bi-annually by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
2. Gujarat International Finance Tec-City International Financial Services Centre (GIFT IFSC) has been ranked tenth in the September 2017 edition of GFCI

Select the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution (b)

India's Gujarat International Finance Tec-City International Financial Services Centre (GIFT IFSC) has been ranked tenth in the latest edition of Global Financial Centres Index 22 (GFCI)- London.

Produced bi-annually by The China Development Institute (CDI) in Shenzhen and Z/Yen Partners in London, a leading commercial think-tank, the GFCI report covers around 92 centres and 16 associate centres globally.

GIFT IFSC has ranked tenth ahead of Luxembourg, Seoul, Abu Dhabi, Toronto and Beijing in the list of the GFCI report.

GIFT IFSC is operational with approximately 10 leading banks, 8 insurance companies and participating brokers, and 2 International Exchanges (India INX and NSE IFSC) along with around 100 capital market players have established their base at GIFT IFSC.

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

October 9, 2017

GIFT, a Gujarat government project in partnership with IL&FS is developing India's first global financial hub.

Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) is India's first multi-service SEZ with International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) status which is catering to India's large financial services market by offering global firms, world-class infrastructure and facilities.

Source: <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/giftifsc-ranks-at-10th-place-in-global-financial-centres-index/article9883732.ece>

Q.5) Uday Kotak Committee is associated with

- a) Corporate Governance
- b) Digital Inclusion
- c) Contract Labour Reforms
- d) Extradition Laws

Q.5) Solution (a)

Source: <http://www.livemint.com/Money/Qw7w8ATYBR7pDTAXJRMTL/Corporate-governance-reforms-Sebi-may-find-it-tough-to-impl.html>

