

**18-09-2021****Kawal Tiger Reserve****Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. Kawal Tiger Reserve is an important tiger reserve located in the state of Telangana. This Tiger River is the discussion after the proposals to expand and widen the roadways coming into the Core Area of this Tiger Reserve.
2. The connectivity of Kawal Tiger Reserve is with Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra and Indravati Tiger Reserve of Chhattisgarh.
3. Kawal Tiger Reserve is mainly bordered by the catchment area of Godavari and two small rivers Kadam and Peddavagu.

**Which of the above statement(s) is/are true? I**

- (A) 01 and 02                      (B) 02 and 03  
(C) 01 and 03                      (D) all of the above

**Answer:- (D) All of the above**

**Role:-** Recently this Tiger Reserve has come into the limelight after proposals to expand and widen the roadways falling within the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- Kawal Tiger Reserve is an important tiger reserve located in the state of Telangana.
- The connectivity of Kawal Tiger Reserve is with Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra and Indravati Tiger Reserve of Chhattisgarh.
- Kawal Tiger Reserve mainly lies in the catchment area of Godavari and two small rivers Kadam and Peddavagu, which flow south of this Kawal Tiger Reserve and Sanctuary.
- Apart from tigers, Kawal Tiger Reserve includes Monitor Lizard, Black Buck, Chinkara, Leopard, Gaur, Chital, Sambar, Nilgai, Barking Deer and Sloth Bear.

- The Kawal Tiger Reserve was established in the year 1965 and was declared a protected area in the year 1999 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.
- The Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary was declared a Tiger Reserve in the year 2012 by the Government of India.
- Recently the Telangana State Board for Wildlife has approved the use of 153 acres of forest land for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana.
- If we talk about the vegetation diversity of Kawal Tiger Reserve, here mainly south tropical dry deciduous forests are found in large numbers. 673 plant species have been recorded here.
- This land falls in the wildlife area, so there is opposition to this decision, that it is a decision to harm the wildlife of the tigers of Kawal Tiger Reserve.

### India launched “Shoonya” campaign

**Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. ‘Shoonya Campaign’ is an initiative to work with consumers and industry to promote pollution free delivery vehicles.
2. The main objective of this campaign is to eliminate pollution from the urban freight sector. For this purpose, e-commerce companies have been asked to identify the opportunity of vehicle manufacturers and logistics fleet operators.
3. The campaign was launched with an aim to accelerate the adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the urban distribution segment and to create consumer awareness about the benefits of pollution free distribution.

**Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?**

- (A) 01 and 02                      (B) 02 and 03  
(C) 01 and 03                      (D) all of the above

**Answer:- (D) All of the above**

**Role:-** Recently NITI Aayog, in association with RMI and RMI India, launched “Shoonya Campaign” on 15 September 2021.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- ‘Shoonya Campaign’ is an initiative to work with consumers and industry to promote pollution free delivery vehicles.
- The campaign has been launched with an aim to accelerate the adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the urban distribution segment and to increase consumer awareness about the benefits of pollution free distribution.
- Around 30 companies like Tata Motors, Mahindra Electric, Ashok Leyland, Zomato, Sun Mobility, Lightning Logistics, Big Basket, Swiggy and Hero Electric participated in a kick-off meeting, which was chaired by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant, in the initial refuge.
- The main objective of this campaign is to eliminate pollution from the urban freight sector. For this purpose, e-commerce companies, vehicle manufacturers and logistics fleet operators have been asked to identify the opportunity.
- Industry stakeholders such as e-commerce companies, original equipment manufacturers (OEM), fleet aggregators and logistics companies are expanding their efforts to electrify last mile delivery.
- As part of this campaign, a Corporate Branding and Certification program has been initiated to recognize and facilitate the industry’s efforts to grow towards ultimate mileage delivery.
- The share of urban freight vehicles in India’s freight-related CO2 emissions is expected to increase from 10 per cent to 114 per cent by 2030.

**Exercise Peaceful Mission-2021**

**Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. It is a joint counter-terrorism exercise among the member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

2. The objective of the exercise is to promote closer ties among the SCO member countries and enhance the capabilities of military leaders to command multi-national contingents.
3. The Indian contingent with 38 personnel of the Indian Air Force and a combined 200 contingent of all armed forces is participating in the Peaceful Mission-2021 exercise.

**Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?**

- (A) 01 and 02                      (B) 02 and 03  
(C) 01 and 03                      (D) all of the above

**Answer:- (D) All of the above**

**Role:-** The Indian Army with a combined 200 contingent of all armed forces is participating in the Peaceful Mission-2021 exercise.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- It is being hosted by Russia in the Orenburg region of south-west Russia from 13 to 15 September 2021.
- It is a joint counter-terrorism exercise among the member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
- The sixth part of the biennial-multilateral exercise Peaceful Mission is being organized in 2021.
- It is a multilateral exercise, conducted biennially in the form of military diplomacy between the member states.
- The aim of the exercise is to promote closer ties between member states and enhance the capabilities of military leaders to command multinational troops.
- The Indian contingent with 38 personnel of the Indian Air Force and a combined 200 contingent of all armed forces is participating in the Peaceful Mission-2021 exercise.
- The Indian contingent is inducted into the exercise area by IL-76 aircraft.

