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**Darjeeling Himalayan Railway****Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. It was declared a UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage Site in the year 1999.
2. The DHR was built between the years 1879 and 1881 during the British period. It is located in the foothills of the Himalayas in West Bengal.
3. It is embodied in an international treaty called the Convention on the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, which was adopted by UNESCO in the year 1972.

**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, the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR) has expressed concern about the proposed monetization by the Central Government.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR) was built between 1879 and 1881 during the British period.
- It is located in the foothills of the Himalayas in West Bengal.
- It was declared a UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage Site in the year 1999.
- A World Heritage Site is a place that is listed by UNESCO for its special cultural or physical importance.
- It is embodied in an international treaty called the Convention on the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, which was adopted by UNESCO in the year 1972.

- The list of World Heritage Sites is maintained by the International World Heritage Program administered by the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO.
- Apart from this, the mountain railways which have been declared as World Heritage are Nilgiri Hill Railway, Tamil Nadu (South India), Kalka Shimla Railway, Himachal Pradesh (North West India).

### Dara Shikoh

**Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. Dara Shikoh was the eldest son of Shah Jahan. He is described by historians as a liberal Muslim who tried to find parallels between Hindu and Islamic traditions.
2. He was declared crown prince by his father Shah Jahan in the year 1655, but was defeated by his younger brother Aurangzeb in the year 1657 after Shah Jahan fell ill.
3. He is believed to have been buried somewhere in Humayun's tomb complex in Delhi, which is one of the 140 tombs of the Mughal dynasty.

**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, the Ministry of Culture has constituted a seven-member panel of Archaeological Survey of India-(ASI) to locate the tomb of Dara Shikoh.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- He is believed to have been buried somewhere in Humayun's tomb complex in Delhi, one of the 140 tombs of the Mughal dynasty.

- He is known as the pioneer of the academic movement for inter-religious understanding in India. He had a deep understanding and knowledge of major religions, especially Islam and Hinduism.
- In the year 1655, his father Shah Jahan declared him the crown prince, but was defeated by his younger brother Aurangzeb in the year 1657 after Shah Jahan fell ill.
- Dara Shikoh was the eldest son of Shah Jahan. He is described by historians as a liberal Muslim who tried to find parallels between the Hindu and Islamic traditions.
- His most important works are Majma-ul-Bahrain (The Meeting of Two Oceans) and Sir-e-Akbar The Great Mystery devoted to establishing the relationship between Hinduism and Islam.
- He played an important role in popularizing religious ideas.
- He translated the Upanishads and other important sources of Hinduism and spirituality from Sanskrit into Persian.
- His contribution to the intellectual and religious heritage of India is outstanding.

### **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme**

**Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for providing credit for relief to the distressed sector was undertaken as a part of the Self-Reliant India Campaign package for MSMEs to mitigate the economic crisis arising out of the Corona pandemic and the nationwide lockdown.
2. The National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company was incorporated as a Private Limited Company under the Ministry of Finance in 2014 under the Indian Companies Act, 1956.
3. The scheme was to provide fully guaranteed additional credit to the extent of 20 per cent of their outstanding credit as on February 29, 2020, to various sectors, especially to the Daddy Business

Enterprises, Mudra borrowers and personal loans for business purposes.

**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, it has been said by the Finance Minister to issue the notification related to the loan scheme under the ECLGS scheme as soon as possible.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- The Emergency Credit Guarantee Scheme was undertaken as a part of the Atma-nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package to provide credit for relief to the daddy sector to mitigate the economic crisis caused by the Corona pandemic and the nationwide lockdown.
- The scheme is being implemented by providing 100% guarantee coverage by the Credit Guarantee Trustee Company on their outstanding as of 29th February 2020 to various sectors, especially dad business enterprises, Mudra borrowers and personal loans for business purposes, while banks and NHFC provide loans.
- National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company was incorporated as a Private Limited Company under the Ministry of Finance in 2014 under the Indian Companies Act, 1956.
- Its objective is to act as a common trustee company for various credit guarantee funds.
- Eligibility-borrowers whose outstanding as on 29 February 2020 is 250 crores and whose annual turnover is 100 crores.

