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Panjshir Valley**Question:** Consider the following statements:

1. This valley is home to the largest population of Tajik community in Afghanistan.
2. Panjshir Valley is also famous for its emerald (Panna) gem. This gem is used to finance resistance movements against those in power in the past.
3. Panjshir river passes through this valley, the literal meaning of Panjshir is five lions.

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:- Panjshir Valley is a valley located near the Hindu Kush mountain range in north-central Afghanistan.

Exam Useful Points:-

- Panjshir Valley is also famous for its emerald (Panna) stone. This gem is used to finance resistance movements against those in power in the past.
- Panjshir literally means “five lions”. The name of this valley is associated with a legend.
- It is believed that in the 10th century, five brothers built a dam for Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni to prevent flood waters from damaging people’s homes, after which the valley was named Panjshir Valley after those 5 brothers. (Valley of 5 Lions).
- This valley is home to the largest population of the Tajik community in Afghanistan.
- Panjshir river flows through this valley.

- The Panjshir Wadi is a valley located in north-central Afghanistan, 240 km north of the national capital, Kabul, near the Hindu Kush Mountains.
- This valley comes in the Panjshir province, and the famous Panjshir river passes through it.

Operation Devi Shakti

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. The foreign minister, appreciating the efforts of the Indian Air Force and Air India, named the evacuation process Operation Devi Shakti.
2. This announcement comes after 78 people, including 25 Indian nationals, were brought to India from Dushanbe (Tajikistan) in a special Air India flight.
3. It is an unrecognized Islamic state, first established by the Taliban in September 1996.

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 India has named its operation as ‘Operation Devi Shakti’ to evacuate its civilians from war-torn Afghanistan.

Exam Useful Points:-

- Appreciating the efforts of the Indian Air Force and Air India, the External Affairs Minister named the evacuation process ‘Operation Devi Shakti’.
- India is conducting evacuation operations in coordination with the US and other countries.
- Since the Taliban came to power in Afghanistan, India has so far evacuated more than 800 people from there.

- About 200 Afghan Sikhs and Hindus are still trapped in the war-torn country, and have taken refuge in the Kora Pakhi Gurdwara in Kabul.
- The Taliban and its allied terrorist groups launched a massive offensive on May 1, 2021, following the withdrawal of most US troops from Afghanistan.
- After the capital of Kabul was taken over by the Taliban, the Taliban took control of the country, resulting in the collapse of the Afghan government.
- It is an unrecognized Islamic state, first established by the Taliban in September 1996.
- The Taliban is a Deobandi Islamic terrorist organization that ruled Afghanistan after the fall of Kabul in 1996 and remained in power until 2001.
- In 2001 it was toppled by a US-led military coalition. Now the Taliban have returned to power again, and have re-established the Islamic Emirate in 2021.
- The announcement was made after 78 people, including 25 Indian nationals, were brought to India from Dushanbe (Tajikistan) in a special Air India flight.
- Besides them, three copies of the Guru Granth Sahib were also brought back.

Shree Narayan Guru

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. Shri Narayan Guru, a catalyst to reform the oppressive caste system prevalent in the then society, was a major leader, a great saint and social reformer.
2. He was born in a village called Chempazhanthy near Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
3. In the year 1913, he established the Advaita Ashram at Aluva, Kerala.

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

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

Answer:- (D) All of the above

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Role:- Recently on 26 August, the 167th birth anniversary of Shri Narayan Guru is being organized.

Exam Useful Points:-

- He was born in a village called Chempazhanthy near Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- He is credited for changing the social fabric of the erstwhile Kerala and changing the beliefs of the Keralites.
- Shri Narayan Guru was a catalyst, prominent leader, great saint and social reformer who reformed the oppressive caste system prevalent in the then society.
- He was one of the biggest proponents and re-evaluators of the Advaita doctrine of 'Advaita Vedanta'.
- In the year 1913, he established the Advaita Ashram at Aluva, Kerala.
- This ashram is dedicated to the great principle of Om Sahodaryam Sarvatra (All men are equal in the eyes of God).
- He composed many books in different languages, some of them being Advaita Deepika, Ashram, Thevarappadikangal, Brahmavidya Panchakam etc.
- In the year 1903, he established Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam (SNP) as its founder and president.
- He established more than 40 temples across the state as a protest against the ban on entry of lower caste people into temples.
- He was born in an Ezhava family, at that time the people of this community were considered as Avarna and they had to face immense social injustice in the caste-ridden Kerala society.
- His philosophy always advocated social equality, education for all and spiritual knowledge.

