

GEOGRAPHY

Indonesia to move capital from Jakarta to East Kalimantan

Indonesian President Joko Widodo announced that the nation's capital will be moved from Jakarta on the island of Java to a yet-to-be-built city in East Kalimantan on the island of Borneo. The main reason to move the capital is to ease congestion and Kalimantan is the Indonesian part of Borneo, an island shared with Malaysia and Brunei. Jakarta is crowded with home to more than 10 million people and has some of the world's worst air pollution and traffic congestion which estimated to cost 100 trillion rupiah (\$9.73 billion) a year due to lost productivity. The Poor urban planning in Jakarta, as well as unregulated draining of aquifers, has left 40% of the city below sea level. The move is part of a broader strategy to decentralise Indonesia's economic growth, Jakarta is home to 60% of the country's population and accounts for over half of its economic activity.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/indonesia-to-move-capital-from-jakarta-to-east-kalimantan/article29260699.ece>



Consider the following statements.

- 1) The Jakarta is located in Sumatra island of Indonesia.
- 2) The Kalimantan is located in Java island of Indonesia.

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

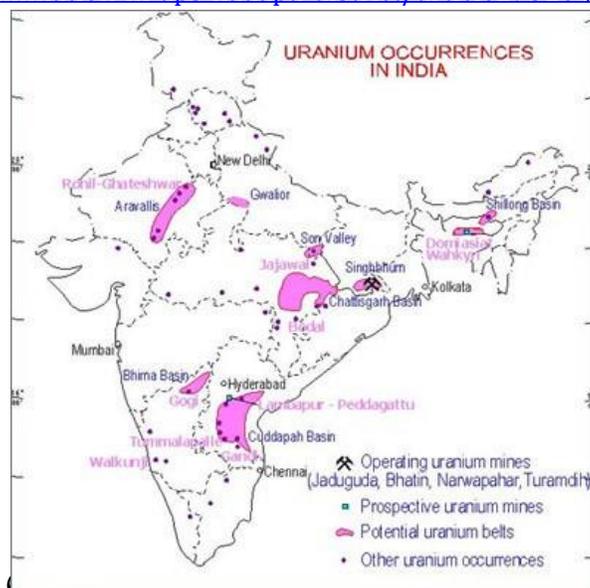
- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER-D

Panel to study uranium contamination in A.P.'s Kadapa district

The Andhra Pradesh government has ordered an inquiry into a number of complaints about groundwater pollution caused by the uranium mining and processing project of UCIL in Kadapa district of AP. UCIL was incorporated in 1967 as a Public Sector Enterprise under the Department of Atomic Energy, for uranium mining and uranium processing. Only 3% of power in India is provided by Uranium. Jaduguda in Singhbhum Thrust Belt (in the state of Jharkhand) is the first uranium deposit to be discovered in India in 1951. Largest viable deposits of Uranium are found in Australia, Kazakhstan, and Canada. Monazite sands occur on east and west coasts and in some places in Bihar. But the largest concentration of monazite sand is on the Kerala coast. Over 15,200 tonnes of uranium is estimated to be contained in monazite.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/panel-to-study-uranium-contamination-in-aps-kadapa-district/article29310460.ece>



Consider the following statement

- 1) Some uranium is found in the copper mines of Udaipur in Rajasthan.
- 2) India produces about 2 per cent of world's uranium. The total reserves of uranium are estimated at 30,480 tonnes.
- 3) Thorium is also derived from monazite. The other mineral carrying thorium is thorianite.

Select the correct answer using code given below

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer-D

HISTORY & CULTURE

Ek Bharat, Vijayi Bharat

Kanyakumari-based Vivekanand Kendra and its state units will launch a year-long nation-wide contact programme to spread the messages of Swami Vivekananda. The mass contact programme, titled "Ek Bharat Vijayi Bharat", coincides with the 50th foundation year of Vivekanand Rock Memorial in Kanyakumari. The programme will focus on spreading the messages of Swami Vivekananda, making people aware of the inspiring story of Vivekanand Rock Memorial and the activities of Vivekanand Kendra. Vivekananda Rock Memorial is a monument in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu at the Tri-junction of Indian ocean, Bay of Bengal and Arabian sea. It was built in 1970 in honour of Swami Vivekananda who is said to have attained enlightenment at this place in 1892, prior to his famous Chicago trip. The memorial consists of two main structures, the Vivekananda Mandapam and the Shripada Mandapam. The design of the mandapa incorporates different styles of temple architecture from all over India. Vivekananda Kendra works in the field of yoga, education, rural development, youth motivation, natural resource development, cultural research among other areas.

<https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=159986>

Consider the following statements with respect to Ek Bharat, Vijayi Bharat

- 1) It is a year-long nation-wide contact programme to spread the messages of Mahatma Gandhi.
- 2) It coincides with the 150th foundation year of Mahatma Gandhi memorial in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER-D

Mamallapuram to host Narendra Modi-Xi Jinping meeting in October

The historic coastal town of Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu will be the venue for the second India-China informal summit between PM Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, scheduled in October this year. The first informal summit between them was held in Wuhan in China in April 2018. Mamallapuram also hosted the Defence Expo 2018 or known as Defexpo, the Union Defence Ministry's annual event with international participation. Mamallapuram was one of two major port cities by the 7th century within the Pallava kingdom. The town has a collection of 7th and 8th

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century religious monuments that has been declared as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Some important structures include: Thirukadalmallai, Descent of the Ganges or Arjuna's Penance, Varaha Cave Temple and Pancha Rathas (Five Chariots).

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/mamallapuram-to-host-narendra-modi-xi-jinping-meet-in-october/article29316612.ece>

Consider the following statement regarding Mamallapuram

- 1) Major port cities by the 7th century within the Pallava kingdom.
- 2) The town has been declared as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Select the correct answer using code given below

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer-C

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Incentivising rural development: How Haryana's Rainbow scheme is transforming its villages

The 7-Star Rainbow Scheme was launched by Haryana state government in 2018. It focuses on incentivising and encourages the working of Gram Panchayats in Haryana. Under the scheme, the Gram Panchayats are assessed on seven parameters which are recognised with a star. Further, each parameter is given a specific colour. The different parameters are:

- a) Sex Ratio (pink),
- b) Education and No dropouts (Sky Blue),
- c) Hygiene and Sanitation (White),
- d) Peace and Harmony (Saffron),
- e) Environment preservation (Green),
- f) Good Governance (Golden), and
- g) Social Participation (Silver).

Haryana government has also included another parameter of digital literacy under Education's head from 2019. Gram Panchayats scoring full marks in any of the parameter are facilitated with "Star" of that parameter. Villages for achieving each parameter are awarded Rs. 1 Lakh. Villages having equal or more girl population are given Rs. 50000 as bonus with the reward money. Gram Panchayats scoring maximum in all parameters are recognised as Indradhanush Gram Panchayats

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/incentivising-rural-development-how-haryanas-rainbow-scheme-is-transforming-its-villages-5957360/>

Consider the following statement regarding “7-Star Rainbow Scheme”.

- 1) It focuses on incentivising and encourages the working of Gram Panchayats in India.
- 2) Under the scheme, the Gram Panchayats are assessed on seven parameters which are recognised with a star.

Select the correct answer using code given below

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer-B

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