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*C – Chennai; B – Bengaluru; D – Delhi; T – Thiruvananthapuram; H – Hyderabad*
Dhaka says it’s reassured by Modi’s briefing on NRC

Won’t comment on what politicians say—Gowher Rizvi

Dhaka will go by the assurances given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and not the public statements by other Indian leaders, on the National Register of Citizens (NRC) issue, said a senior Bangladeshi government official. He said the naming Prime Minister (Modi) has “reassured” the state government after the assurance given by Mr. Modi on Saturday.

During the restricted talks, Mr. Modi “went into great detail” to explain that the process should not concern Bangladesh at present, Gowher Rizvi, Mr. Hasina’s adviser on international affairs, said in an interview with The Hindu. Mr. Rizvi had reportedly clarified that the NRC was a "neighborhood" multi-phase process, which had been approved by the Supreme Court, and the government was only "cutting out court rulings."

Asked how Bangladesh officials reconcile that view with public statements made by leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who indicated at a rally in New Delhi last week that all people who have not obtained citizenship would be deported and the government plans to make the NRC a national policy, Mr. Rizvi said, “These are things our Ministers tell the people of India, but we don’t go by what Ministers say; we will not comment on what Indian politicians say.”

Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I—(200 marks)

- Current events of national and international importance.
- Indian Polity and Governance—Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights issues, etc.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER-III

General Studies—II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- India and its neighborhood—relations.

National Register of Citizens—1st after 1951 Census

- Now updated only for Assam
- Bangladesh liberation war, 1971 → Large scale migration → Assam Accord, 1985
- NRC upgradation: started in 2015
  - Final list on August 31, 2019
  - 19 lakh people excluded
- Section 3 (a)(c), Foreigner’s Act, 1946
- Central govt. has power to deport illegally staying foreign nationals
- Power delegated to state govt. or Union Territory administration

- No repatriation treaty between India and Bangladesh
- 2013-2017: 7000 people deported to Bangladesh

- Now 19 lakh illegal immigrants — potential to deteriorate India—Bangladesh relations
- PM of India: NRC—In its early stages, Supreme Court mandated process, internal affair of India
- Bangladesh to verify claims ‘individually’ once NRC is completed
- Time consuming → humanitarian crisis
Other agreements

- on energy, water, coastal surveillance, trade infrastructure
- special economic zones in Bangladesh
- Bangladesh - Bhutan - India - Nepal road connectivity
- Bhutan - India - Bangladesh energy supply
I. Citizenship Amendment Bill

- To amend certain provisions of Citizenship Act, 1955
  - Persons belonging to minority communities namely Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan shall not be treated as illegal migrants
  - Excludes Muslims (Proposed Amendment)

- Precondition for naturalisation: (Third Schedule)
  - Clause ‘c’ → An individual either resided in India, or been in the service of a Govt. in India, or partly in either one, throughout a period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of application

- Clause ‘d’ → Out of 14 years preceding the 12 months mentioned in clause ‘c’, the individual should have resided in India or been in the service of a Govt. in India, or partly in either one for an aggregate period of not less than 11 years
  - 11 years → 6 years (Proposed Amendment)

- Inference
  - Shields a set of individuals from being declared illegal migrants
  - also from detention / deportation
  - Create a fast-track to citizenship for the individuals by reducing the period to 6 years
  - Excludes Muslims from its ambit

II. Citizenship Amendment Bill closely linked to planned nationwide NRC

- If Nationwide NRC is implemented, excluded individuals will be divided into 2 categories
  - Muslims
  - Non-Muslims

- Illegal Migrants
  - Will be protected if Citizenship Amendment Bill comes into force

- Religious Discrimination

Logic: Minority Communities in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan may be subject to persecution on account of their faith

Author: Flawed Logic

1. Jews & Atheists excluded from the Bill
2. Muslim minorities excluded from the Bill
   → Ahmadis, Pakistan
3. Rohingya from Myanmar excluded from the bill
Citizenship Amendment Bill amounts to Religious Discrimination by the Government of India

* In violation of the Constitution of India
  * Article 15 - No Discrimination against the citizens by the state → Citizens only
  * Article 14 - Equality before the law and equal protection of laws → To all

* Other violations
  * Seeks to alter the basis of Citizenship of India
    * Jus → Expanded → Proposed Amendment
    * Descent → Religion or
    * Registration → Ethnicity
    * Naturalisation

→ Linked to nationwide NRC
→ No evidence to prove the huge influx of illegal migrants to India excluding Assam
→ Flawed process with errors

**Way Forward**

* Citizenship Amendment Bill and nationwide NRC must be challenged at three levels
  * Popular movements
  * Parliament
  * Courts

India starts sharing maritime data

Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) was set up last year

**Information Fusion Centre - Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR)**

⇒ Indian Ocean Region (IOR) - Importance
  * Geographical location
  * 75% of world’s maritime trade
  * 50% of global oil consumption passes

⇒ Challenges
  * Maritime terrorism
  * Piracy
  * Human trafficking & Drug trafficking

Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I—(200 marks)

- Current events of national and international importance.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER-III

General Studies-II: Governance, Constitution, Policy, Social Justice and International relations.

- Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India’s interests.
**IFC - IOR**

- Established on 22nd December 2018
- Ministry of Defence
- Vision
  - Strengthening maritime security in the region and beyond
- Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)

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**Indian to join largest ever Arctic expedition**

Vishnu Nandan, a native of Kerala, will be part of the study of Arctic climate

For four months from November, Vishnu Nandan will use an icebreaker named "Thor" to sail in a large ice sheet on the central Arctic. The icebreaker will then sail on an ice sheet with Vishnu Nandan, a 26-year-old student researcher who is the only Indian among 300 scientists from across the world. The study is a joint project of the Alfred Wegener Institute in Germany, DLR AG, the largest ever Arctic expedition in history, and the Indian National Polar Research Centre. Vishnu Nandan will conduct a study of the ice sheet thickness and its variations using a remote-sensing specialist. He is currently working in a remote station in the University of Katherine.

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**Part A—Preliminary Examination**

**Paper I—(200 marks)**

- General issues on Environmental ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialization.

**Part B—Main Examination**

**PAPER-II**

**General Studies-I: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.**

- Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

**PAPER-IV**

**General Studies-III: Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management**

- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.
**MOSAIC**

- Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate
- Year round expedition to Central Arctic - 2018 to 2020
- Modern research icebreaker - Polarstern to the North pole - 19 countries participating (NOT India)
- A drifting expedition: research vessel locked in a 'floe' ('sea ice sheet') - will drift along with it
- Advantage: Accessibility even during winter

**Objectives**

- Take closest look at Arctic
- Gather data about sea ice, atmosphere, ocean etc.
- Impact of global warming and climate change

**Advantages offered by the mission**

- Data for climate research
- Communities - adaptation and mitigation to climate change
- Forecasting of Arctic ice and weather
- Develop Climate model for Arctic
- Develop sustainable policies for Arctic

**Mission** → Led by Alfred Wegener Institute

- RV Polarstern +
  - regional network of observation sites +
  - aircrafts, research vessels etc.

- Winter in northern hemisphere → night in Arctic circle
- Tilted axis of earth → tilted away from sun in winter → does not receive sunlight beyond Arctic circle - earth rotation
North Eastern Institute of Folk Medicine

- Located in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh
- Autonomous institute under Ministry of AYUSH, GoI
- Institute to strengthen and develop traditional health practices of Northeast
- Create an interface between traditional/folk medicine practitioners and research institutions to enable proper understanding of folk medicine

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- Institute struggling to operate at present
  - Lack of proper and timely recruitment
  - Failure to employ the landowners who parted their land for the Institute

Ministry of AYUSH

- Ayurveda
- Unani
- Sowa Rigpa
- Yoga
- Siddha
- Naturopathy
- Homeopathy

- Formed in November 2014 to propagate AYUSH system of healthcare

- 11 National Institutes under the Ministry
  - National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur
  - Institute of Post-Graduate Training and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar, Gujarat
  - Rashtriya Ayurved Vidya Peeth, New Delhi
  - All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi
  - Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi
  - National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune
  - National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bengaluru
  - National Institute of Siddha, Chennai
  - National Institute of Homeopathy, Kolkata
  - North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homeopathy, Shillong, Meghalaya
  - North Eastern Institute of Folk Medicine, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh
Practice Question – Prelims
Q1. Which of the following are qualifications that are required for an individual to acquire citizenship by naturalization.

1. Either resided in India or been in the service of a Government in India or partly the one and partly the other, throughout the period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of the application.

2. During the fourteen years immediately preceding the above mentioned period of twelve months, he has either resided in India or been in the service of a Government in India, or partly the one and partly the other, for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than eleven years.

3. For the persons belonging to minority communities, namely, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, the aggregate period of residence or service of a Government in India shall be not less than six years.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 1 and 2 only
c) 2 and 3 only
d) 1, 2 and 3

Practice Question – Prelims
Q2. Consider the following statements with reference to Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR)

1. It is established with the vision of strengthening maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region and beyond.

2. It works under Ministry of Defence, Govt of India.

3. The Oceanic Region beyond 60 degrees Southern latitude is also part of Indian ocean Region.

Select the correct answer using the codes below

(a) 1, 2 only
(b) 1, 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3.

Practice Question – Prelims
Q3. Consider the following statements regarding "Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAiC)".

1. It aims to explore the Arctic climate system only during the summer.

2. India is a participating country in this mission.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2

Practice Question – Prelims
Q4. The Ministry of AYUSH was formed on November 2014 by the government of India to ensure the optimal development and propagation of AYUSH systems of Healthcare. Which of the following traditional medicinal practices comes under the AYUSH system of Healthcare?

1. Ayurveda
2. Sowa Rigpa
3. Naturopathy
4. Unani
5. Allopathy

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

a) 2 and 5 only
b) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
d) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only
Practice Question – Mains
GS – II
Q. The proposed citizenship amendment bill is against the provisions of Indian Constitution. Critically analyse. (150 words – 10 marks)

Practice Question – Prelims
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1. b) 1 and 2 only
2. (a) 1, 2 only
3. d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only