

# PRABHA IAS IPS COACHING ACADEMY



## DAILY DOSE

### CURRENT AFFAIRS – 02/07/2026

#### 1. SOP for Notification of Threatened Species

**Recent** - National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) has issued a Standard Operating Procedure for scientific identification, assessment and notification of threatened species.

Legal Basis: SOP was released under Section 38 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

Section 38 empowers the Central Government, in consultation with the State Government, to notify threatened species, regulate/prohibit their collection, and ensure their conservation & recovery.

Framework: SOP prescribes field-based assessments, stakeholder consultations, scientific validation, notification, conservation planning, monitoring and periodic review.

Current Status: MoEFCC has so far notified 159 plant species and 173 animal species as threatened.

#### 2. New Green Fan-Throated Lizards

**Recent** - India added 709 animal species and 353 plant taxa in 2025, reaffirming its status as one of the top mega-diverse nations.

Major discoveries included *Myotis himalaicus*, a Himalayan bat species, and two green fan-throated lizard species – *Ptyctolaemus namdaphaensis* and *Ptyctolaemus siangensis*.

*Ptyctolaemus namdaphaensis*: Small-to-medium, diurnal, mostly arboreal lizard named after Namdapha TR in Arunachal Pradesh, where it was first recorded. It thrives exclusively in tropical evergreen forests of the Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot.

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*Ptyctolaemus siangensis*: Closely related to *Ptyctolaemus namdaphaensis*. It is found only west of the Siang River in the central-western Eastern Himalayan ecological zones.

## 3. Transcaspian Marinka

**Recent** - Sangno clan in Arunachal Pradesh has launched an initiative to protect the Transcaspian Marinka (*Schizothorax pelzami*), from predation by the Golden Mahseer, and promote sustainable traditional community fishing.

The Sangno clan belongs to the Nyishi tribe of Arunachal Pradesh and recognised as a model of community-led biodiversity conservation, protecting forests and wildlife through indigenous knowledge and customary practices.

*Schizothorax pelzami*, commonly known as the Transcaspian marinka, is a ray-finned fish, associated with freshwater habitats. It is locally known as “Ngarsing” in the Nyishi language.

## 4. Yamuna Water Project

**Recent** - Governments of Rajasthan and Haryana signed a Memorandum of Agreement to implement the Yamuna Water Project, operationalising a three-decade-old interstate water-sharing framework.

Yamuna Water Project is an interstate initiative to supply surplus monsoon Yamuna water to Rajasthan’s arid Shekhawati region via a 295 km underground pipeline network from Haryana’s Hathnikund Barrage.

577 million cubic metres (MCM) will be conveyed annually during the July-October monsoon months from Hathnikund Barrage to the proposed Hansiyawas reservoir in Churu, Rajasthan.

## 5. Miniratna

**Recent** - Ministry of Steel granted Miniratna Category-I status to MECON Limited, a leading engineering and consultancy Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).

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Miniratna status was introduced in 1997 to give profit-making CPSEs more autonomy. It classifies eligible CPSEs into Category-I and Category-II based on profitability and net worth.

Conditions: Must not receive government support or guarantees, or default on government loans.

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## DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS (02/07/2026)

Q1. Q1. SOP for Threatened Species:

- 1) NBA issued SOP
- 2) Under Section 38 of Biological Diversity Act 2002
- 3) Central Govt notifies threatened species. A)1&2 B)2&3 C)1,2,3 D)1

Q2. Green Fan-Throated Lizards:

- 1) Two new species
- 2) Namdapha species in Indo-Burma hotspot
- 3) Siangensis west of Siang River.

A)1&2 B)2&3 C)1,2,3 D)1&3

Q3. Transcaspian Marinka:

- 1) Freshwater ray-finned fish
- 2) Sangno clan initiative
- 3) Local name Ngarsing.

A)1,2 B)2,3 C)1,3 D)1,2,3

Q4. Yamuna Water Project:

- 1) Rajasthan-Haryana agreement
- 2) Hathnikund Barrage source
- 3) Hansiyawas reservoir.

A)1,2 B)2,3 C)1,3 D)1,2,3

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Q5. Miniratna:

- 1) Introduced 1997
  - 2) For profit-making CPSEs
  - 3) Category I & II.
- A)1,2 B)2,3 C)1,3 D)1,2,3

Answers

Q1 Answer: C. Explanation: All statements are correct.

Q2 Answer: C. Explanation: All statements are correct.

Q3 Answer: D. Explanation: All statements are correct.

Q4 Answer: D. Explanation: All statements are correct.

Q5 Answer: D. Explanation: Miniratna scheme introduced in 1997 with Category I & II.