

- Dhool play an important role as apex predators in forest ecosystems. Besides the tiger, the dhole is the only large carnivore in India that is under the International Union for Conservation of Nature's 'endangered' category.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/three-states-rank-high-in-the-conservation-of-the-endangered-dhole/article32250471.ece>

**Q.11) 'The Arctic Home in the Vedas' is a history book on the origin of Aryanio People, written by**

- a) Lal Bahadur Shashtri
- b) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- c) Motilal Nehru
- d) Subhash Chandra Bose

**Q.11) Solution (b)**

- The Arctic Home in the Vedas is a history book on the origin of Aryanio People by Bal Gangadhar Tilak, a mathematician turned astronomer, historian, journalist, philosopher and political leader of India.
- It propounded the theory that the North Pole was the original home of Aryans during the pre-glacial period which they had to leave due to the ice deluge around 8000 B.C. and had to migrate to the Northern parts of Europe and Asia in search of lands for new settlements. In support to his theory, Tilak presented certain Vedic hymns, Avestic passages, Vedic chronology and Vedic calendars with interpretations of the contents in detail.
- The book was written at the end of 1898, but was first published in March 1903 in Pune.

**Q.12) Boko Haram, an extremist group often in news is based in?**

- a) Iraq
- b) Nigeria
- c) Lebanon
- d) Syria

**Q.12) Solution (b)**

- Boko Haram is an Islamic extremist group based in northeaster Nigeria, also active in Chad, Niger and northern Cameroon.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/15-killed-in-cameroon-boko-haram-attack/article32254546.ece>