

Q.10) Solution (a)**Globba andersonii**

- A team of researchers recently “rediscovered” a rare and critically endangered plant species called Globba andersonii from the Sikkim Himalayas near the Teesta river valley region.
- It is known as ‘dancing ladies’ or ‘swan flowers’.
- Globba andersonii are characterised by white flowers, non-appendaged anthers (the part of a stamen that contains the pollen) and a “yellowish lip”.
- The species is restricted mainly to Teesta River Valley region which includes the Sikkim Himalays and Darjeeling hill ranges.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/plant-thought-to-be-extinct-for-more-than-135-years-found/article31954998.ece>

Q.11) Consider the following statements about Central Zoo authority of India (CZA)

1. It has been constituted under the Wild Life (Protection) Act.
2. It is chaired by the Environment Minister.
3. It lays down guidelines and prescribes rules under which animals may be transferred among zoos nationally and internationally.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.11) Solution (d)**Central Zoo authority of India (CZA)**

- The CZA is a statutory body chaired by the **Environment Minister** and tasked with regulating zoos across the country.
- CZA is a statutory body created under the provisions of the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- The authority lays down guidelines and prescribes rules under which animals may be transferred among zoos nationally and internationally.
- It regulates the exchange of animals of endangered category Listed under Schedule-I and II of the Wildlife Protection Act among zoos.

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