



- Classified as Critically Endangered and Narrowly Endemic, the species is restricted mainly to Teesta River Valley region which includes the Sikkim Himalayas and Darjeeling hill ranges.
- As no live collections were made for the last 136 years, it was considered as presumably extinct in the wild.
- The plant usually grows in a dense colony as a lithophyte (plant growing on a bare rock or stone) on rocky slopes in the outskirts of evergreen forests.

2. c

Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI)

- CHRI** is an independent, non-partisan, international non-governmental organisation, mandated to ensure the practical realisation of human rights in the **countries of the Commonwealth**.
- In 1987, several Commonwealth professional associations founded CHRI.
- The objectives of CHRI are to promote awareness of and adherence to the Commonwealth Harare Principles, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other internationally recognised human rights instruments, as well as domestic instruments supporting human rights in Commonwealth member states.
- Through its reports and periodic investigations, CHRI continually draws attention to progress and setbacks to human rights in Commonwealth countries.
- CHRI is based in **New Delhi, India**, and has offices in London, UK, and Accra, Ghana.

3. b

- According to the **United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA's) State of the World Population 2020 report** released recently, One in three girls missing globally due to sex selection (both pre- and post-natal) is from India — 46 million out of the total 142 million.
- The figure shows that the number of missing women has more than doubled over the past 50 years, who were at 61 million in 1970.

- The **United Nations Population Fund** is formerly the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).

4. a

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has constituted a high-level committee under the chairmanship of **VG Kannan**, Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) **to review the entire gamut of ATM charges and fees**.
- The panel had submitted the report in October, 2019, but the central bank hasn't released the report yet.
- The panel suggested charging ATM withdrawals above Rs 5,000 in order to discourage high cash withdrawals.
- Similarly, the panel also proposed to raise the cap on financial transactions over and above the free transaction limit by 20 per cent to Rs 24 per transaction from Rs 20 per transaction, excluding taxes.

5. a

Malabar Rebellion of 1921

- It is also called as the Mappila or Moplah Rebellion by the British.
- It broke out in the southern taluks of Malabar in August 1921.
- Mappilas were the Muslim tenants inhabiting the Malabar region where most of the landlords were Hindus.
- Mappilas had been among the victims of oppressive agrarian relations protected by the British.
- By the time the government troops captured **Kunhamed Haji** in January 1922, the rebellion had fizzled out.
- Initially, the symbols of British authority—courts, police stations, treasuries and offices and unpopular landlords (*jenmies* who were mostly Hindus) were the targets.
- It largely took the shape of guerrilla-type attacks.
- The Khilafat movement launched in 1919 provided a fresh stimulus to the grievances of Mappilas.