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1. Classical Language

Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned?

- Criteria for declaring classical language
- List of Classical Languages

What needs to be known?

- Classical Language

→ **What is it?:** It recognises the language's historical significance and role as a guardian of India's cultural and intellectual heritage.

→ **Criteria for Declaring**

- ★ Early texts and recorded history spanning 1,500–2,000 years.
- ★ The possession of a body of ancient literature/texts.
- ★ “Knowledge texts, especially prose texts in addition to poetry, epigraphical and inscriptional evidence”.
- ★ It can be distinct from its current form or could be discontinuous with later forms of its offshoots.

→ **List of Classical Languages**

- ★ **Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Odia, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali.**

PRELIMS PYQ

1. Which one of the following was given classical language status recently?
(2015)
(a) Odia
(b) Konkani
(c) Bhojpuri
(d) Assamese

2. Biomaterials

Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned?

- What is Biomaterial - Use and Types
- Need for India

Mains Perspective: Notes need to be prepared

- Sustainable Growth (GS III - Economy)
- Biotechnology (GS III- Science and Technology)

What needs to be known?

- Biomaterials

→ **What is it?**: Materials derived wholly or partly from biological sources, or engineered using biological processes. They are used across sectors such as packaging, textiles, construction, and healthcare.

→ **Practical Application**

★ **Medical**: Contact lens for eyes, Knee replacement prosthesis, Biodegradable textiles.

→ **Why does India need biomaterials?**

- ★ To minimise fossil imports for plastics and chemicals.
- ★ Biomaterials use agricultural feedstocks (sugarcane, maize residues), creating farmer revenue streams and cutting emissions.
- ★ Boost export competitiveness due to demand for circular products.

3. Wolf Supermoon

Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned?

- Wolf Moon and Supermoon
- Perigee and Apogee

Mains Perspective: Notes need to be prepared

- Earth and Solar System (GS I- Geography)

What needs to be known?

- Wolf Moon

→ **What is it?**: The Wolf Moon is the traditional name for January's first full moon which occurs when a full moon aligns with a supermoon.

- Supermoon

→ A supermoon occurs when a full moon coincides with the **Moon's perigee**.

- Apogee

→ Point in Moon's orbit around Earth where it reaches its farthest distance.

- Perigee

→ **Moon's closest approach to Earth.**