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With reference to the 'New York Declaration on Forests', which of the following statements are correct? 1. It was first endorsed at the United Nations Climate Summit in 2014. 2. It endorses a global timeline to end the loss of forests. 3. It is a legally binding international declaration. 4. It is endorsed by governments, big companies and indigenous communities. 5. India was one of the signatories at its inception. Select the correct answer using the code given below (a) 1, 2 and 4 (b) 1, 3 and 5 (c) 3 and 4 (d) 2 and 5 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

1, 2 and 4. Endorsed at the 2014 UN Climate Summit; a timeline to end forest loss; governments, firms and indigenous groups. Not legally binding; India was not an inception signatory.

(b)

1, 3 and 5. Binding and India-at-start both fail.

(c)

3 and 4. Not a treaty.

(d)

2 and 5. India-at-inception is false.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1, 2 and 4. The New York Declaration on Forests (2014 Climate Summit) is a voluntary pledge with a halt-deforestation timeline, signed by governments, companies and indigenous organisations. It is not legally binding, and India was not among the original endorsers.

Related possible facts

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NYDF

2014; 2020/2030 forest-loss goals, later updated.

REDD+

The UNFCCC forest-finance neighbour.

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