

## Ten Tough Questions – Collected by Dr. KV Rao

### Questions appeared in the last issue of Telugu Jyothi:

1. What is a "cria"?
2. Where in the world are the 'pigmy' elephants?
3. Which bird takes care of its babies for the longest time?
4. Which mammal has the biggest brain?
5. Which bird has the longest wingspan?
6. In this world, which residential building is the highest?
7. In which country, it is forbidden to eat with left hand?
8. Which bird migrates to the longest distance?
9. Which bird can fly non stop for the longest time?
10. Which animal always delivers 4 babies - all males or all females, each time?

### Answers

1. A cria is a baby alpaca - an animal very much similar to Llama. It is found mostly in North America. Cria is a pet as well as a source of meat.
2. There are pigmy elephants - although there are only few survivors. They are in Borneo and in east of India -- in the wild, in protected areas. They do not survive well in captivity.
3. Frigate birds: One species is found in Galapagos Is and one in Japan. They lay one or two eggs, once in 2 years and they take care of the babies for at least 1.5 years.
4. Sperm Whale.
5. Mexican condors with wingspans of 60 inches, or even 72 inches.
6. Patola Palace in Lhasa, capital of Tibet. Patola Palace is the residential living quarters of Dalai Lama, now occupied by Chinese military.
7. Ethiopia.
8. Arctic Fern - it flies from North pole area to South Pole area - a distance of about 20,000 miles during summer for its breeding grounds and flies back again after 6 months.
9. Albatross. In search of food it can fly miles and miles - the recorded distance is 3 months of non stop flying. It can 'float' in air while sleeping and if it falls on water it can wake up and start flying again.
10. Armadillo of Texas.