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Questions Reflection

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4. The Nobel Prize in Medicine was awarded to Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun for their discovery of

- (A) Expression Sequence Tags
- (B) Micro RNA
- (C) DNA micro array
- (D) SNP's
- (E) Answer not known

விக்கடர் அம்ப்ரோஸ் மற்றும் கிரே ரவுகன் ஆகியோரின் எந்த கண்டுபிடிப்புக்காக மருத்துவத்தில் நோபல் விருது வழங்கப்பட்டது?

- (A) வெளிப்பாடு வரிசை மரபு குறிச்சொற்கள்
- (B) நுண் ஆர்.என்.ஏ. (micro RNA)
- (C) டி.என்.ஏ. நுண் அணி
- (D) எஸ்.என்.பி. (SNP's)
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை

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Personalities, Awards and Events

Nobel Prize 2024 in Medicine

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- Scientists Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun have won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.
- They discovered microRNA, a new class of tiny RNA molecules that play a crucial role in gene regulation.
- It revealed a completely new principle of gene regulation that turned out to be essential for multicellular organisms, including humans.
- It is now known that the human genome codes for over one thousand microRNAs.
- The 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman.



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5. Which of the following statements are true about crew selection and training for "Gaganyaan Mission"?
- Crews are selected after clinical, psychological and aeromedical examination.
 - Mission-specific training will be conducted at ISRO, Trivandrum.
 - Selected astronauts will undergo their generic spaceflight training in Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut training centre, Russia.
- (i) and (ii) only
 - (ii) and (iii) only
 - (iii) only
 - (i) and (iii) only
 - Answer not known

Gagarin Research and Test Cosmonaut Training Centre

- 4 Indian pilots chosen as candidate astronauts for Gaganyaan mission began their training at the Gagarin Research and Test Cosmonaut Training Centre (GTC).
- The Gagarin Research and Test Cosmonaut Training Centre (GTC) is a training facility responsible for training cosmonauts for their space missions.
- It is located in Moscow, Russia.
- Gaganyaan is India's first Human Space Flight Programme to be launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) by 2023.

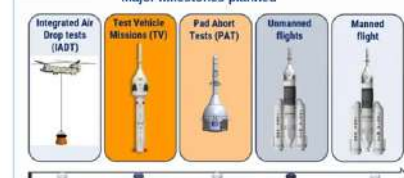
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Gaganyaan mission astronauts

- Four astronauts have been selected for India's first Human Space Flight Programme or the Gaganyaan.
- They have successfully completed the first semester of crew training.
- The candidates who are Indian Air Force (IAF) test pilots have been undergoing Gaganyaan mission-specific training at the Astronaut Training Facility in Bengaluru.
- They were sent to Russia in 2020 where they completed generic space flight training at Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre.

Major milestones planned





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6. Which of the following statements are correct about PFAS?

- (i) PFAS is per and poly fluoro alkyl substances.
 - (ii) It is used in paint industries.
 - (iii) PFAS are endocrine disruptors.
- (A) (i) and (ii) are correct (B) (ii) and (iii) are correct
(C) (i) and (iii) are correct (D) (i) only correct
(E) Answer not known

கீழ்க்காணும் கூற்றுக்களில் PFAS பற்றிய சரியான கூற்றுக்களை தேர்ந்தெடுக்கவும்.

- (i) பி.எப்.ஏ.எஸ். என்பது பெர்ஃப்ளுரோ மற்றும் பாலிஃப்ளுரோ ஆல்கைல் பொருட்கள் ஆகும்.
- (ii) இது வண்ணப்பூச்சு (பெயின்ட்) தொழிற்சாலைகளில் பயன்படுத்தப்படுகிறது.
- (iii) இது நாளமில்லா சுரப்பிகளைச் சீர்குலைக்கும் திறன் உடையது.



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Entrustment News

Origin of forever chemicals

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- American researchers have found a method to be able to trace the origin and the destination of forever chemicals.
- These chemicals that are scientifically known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).
- They are generally useful in applications such as water-proofing, heat resistance, detergents, food packaging and non-stick technologies.
- They are known to stay in the environment virtually forever and contribute to environmental degradation which adversely impacts the health of all organisms including human beings.



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- Non-stick cookware has long been hailed as a convenient option for cooking due to its non-stick surface.
- This makes it easy to clean and requires less oil for cooking.
- One of the primary concerns with non-stick cookware is perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS).
- They are the chemicals used in producing non-stick coatings such as Teflon.
- When non-stick cookware is heated to high temperatures, these chemicals can release toxic fumes into the air, posing health risks to those exposed.
- Inhalation of these fumes has been linked to various health issues, including respiratory problems, thyroid disorders, and even certain types of cancer.
- PFOA belongs to a larger class of chemicals known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).
- While PFOA is largely phased out, other PFAS compounds may still be present in some non-stick cookware.
- Non-stick cookware, particularly those coated with polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE or Teflon), can release toxic fumes when overheated.
- They potentially causing flu-like symptoms in humans and being fatal to birds.



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7. The biological oxygen demand is the amount of dissolved oxygen required by _____ in water.

- (A) Microbes (B) Plants
(C) Animals (D) Seaweeds
(E) Answer not known

உயிர்வேதியலில் ஆக்ஸிஜன் தேவை என்பது, நீரில் _____ பயன்பாட்டின் போது நுகரப்படும் ஆக்ஸிஜன் அளவு ஆகும்.

- (A) நுண்ணுயிர் (B) செடிகள்
(C) விலங்குகள் (D) கடற்பாசிகள்
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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In highly polluted areas:

- It has worried that a combination of bacteria, sewage, chemicals and plastics can remove oxygen from water and transform it into a "poison for people and ecosystems alike".

Nitrogen

- The report notes that a key contributor to poor water quality is nitrogen.
- Nitrogen which is applied as fertiliser in agriculture, eventually enters rivers, lakes and oceans where it transforms into harmful nitrates and enters into food chain.

Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD)

- It states that when BOD crosses a threshold of 8 milligrams per litre, GDP growth in those regions drops by 0.83 percentage points.
- BOD is a measure of how much organic pollution is in water.

Science and Technology News

A chemical technology that can clean la

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- Scientists treated Hussain Sagar lake water with 'CV technology' and found that the water met the WHO and Indian standards.
- This chemical treatment is faster than a sewage treatment plant that uses a biological method of treatment.
- The researchers claimed an improvement in BOD (means lower level of BOD) level and 12 quality parameters in the treated water, significant improvement in the total dissolved solids and reduction in metal ions.

BOD (BIOLOGICAL OXYGEN DEMAND)

- It's a measurement of amount of dissolved oxygen needed by aerobic biological micro organism to decompose the organic matter present in the water.
- Its level indicates the quality of water or pollution level of the water.
- Lower level of BOD indicates the water's suitability to sustain the life dependent on oxygen.



Exam Question

8. Which of the following is the first Indian Geo-Stationary Satellite?

- (A) INSAT 3D (B) LANDSAT 8
(C) IKONOS 1 (D) QUICK BIRD
(E) Answer not known

பின்வருவனவற்றில் எது முதல் இந்திய புவிசார் செயற்கைக்கோள்?

- (A) INSAT 3D (B) LANDSAT 8
(C) IKONOS 1 (D) QUICK BIRD
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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Science and Technology News

INSAT-3DS Mission

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- The OSLV-F14, carrying INSAT-3DS meteorological satellite, was successfully launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- The INSAT-3DS satellite is a follow-on mission of the third-generation meteorological satellite from geostationary orbit.
- This satellite is an exclusive mission designed for enhanced meteorological observations, monitoring of land and ocean surfaces for weather forecasting, and disaster warning.
- The INSAT-3DS satellite will augment meteorological services along with the presently operational INSAT-3D and INSAT-3DR in-orbit satellites.
- This was the 16th mission of the heavy-lift vehicle GSLV-MkII, which has been operational since 2001.



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16. Reason and Assertion type :

Assertion [A] : Cinema was becoming popular in 1940's.

Reason [R] : Anna could achieve his ideals through Cinema Artists.

- (A) [A] is true but [R] is false
- (B) Both [A] and [R] are true; and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
- (C) [A] is false but [R] is true
- (D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]
- (E) Answer not known



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- Annadurai was born on 15 September 1909 in Kanchipuram (then called Conjeevaram), Tamil Nadu in a lower-middle-class family.
- His father Nataraja Mudaliar was a weaver whereas his mother Bangaru Ammal was a temple servant. His sister Rajamani Ammal.
- Conjeevaram Natarajan Annadurai was popularly called "Anna" or "Arignar Anna".
- He was well known for his oratorical skills and was an acclaimed writer in the Tamil language.
- He was the first politician from the Dravidian parties to use Tamil **cinema** extensively for political propaganda.

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17. Which one of the following is correctly matched?

- | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|
| (A) Champaran Agitation | — | Bal Gangadhar Tilak |
| (B) Ghadar Party | — | Lala Hardayal |
| (C) Ganapathy Festival | — | Annie Besant |
| (D) Home Rule Movement | — | Gandhiji |
| (E) Answer not known | | |

கீழ்க்கண்டவற்றுள் எந்தக் கூற்றுச் சரியாகப் பொருத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது?

- | | | |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|
| (A) சம்பரான் கிளர்ச்சி | — | பால கங்காதர திலகர் |
| (B) கதர்க் கட்சி | — | லாலா ஹர்தயால் |
| (C) கணபதி பண்டிகை | — | அன்னிபெசன்ட் |
| (D) தன்னாட்சி இயக்கம் | — | காந்திஜி |
| (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை | | |



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Swadeshi Movement:

- Subramania Iyer was a strong supporter of the Swadeshi movement, which aimed at promoting indigenous industries and self-sufficiency.

Home Rule League:

- In 1916, Subramania Iyer and Annie Besant founded the Home Rule League, with this he serving as its honorary President.
- Letter to U.S. President:** In 1917, Subramania Iyer wrote a letter to U.S. President Woodrow Wilson outlining the oppression and misrule in India.
- This letter prompted a detailed discussion in the British Parliament and led to a personal rebuke from Viceroy Chelmsford.
- Renunciation of Knighthood:** In response to the insult from the Viceroy, Subramania Iyer renounced his knighthood, declaring it as an impediment to his "legitimate exercise of his civic rights."



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- At the request of Gopal Krishna Gokhale, conveyed to him by C. F. Andrews, Gandhi returned to India on 1915 January 9 which is celebrated every year as a Pravasi Bhartiya Divas.

Titles of Gandhi

- Gandhi gave a title to CF Andrews as Deena bandhu ("Friend of the Poor").
- Gopal Krishna Gokhale was a political guru of Gandhi.
- Rabindranath Tagore bestowed the title "mahatma" on Gandhi in 1915 while writing his autobiography.
- Gandhi called Tagore as Gurudev.

Regional Struggles

- On 19 April 1917, Gandhi joined farmer's uprising which is took place in Champaran district of Bihar.
- Tenants from Champaran were forced under the law to plant three out of every twenty parts of their land with indigo plant for their landlords under the so called Tinkathia system.





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20. Who founded the Satya Shodak Samaj in 1873?

- (A) Jyoti Rao Phule
- (B) Sri Narayana Guru
- (C) Pandita Ramabai
- (D) Dayananda Saraswati
- (E) Answer not known

சத்ய சோதக் சமால்-ஐ 1873 இல் தோற்றுவித்தவர் யார்?

- (A) ஜோதி ராவ் பூலே
- (B) ஸ்ரீ நாராயண குரு
- (C) பண்டித ரமாபாய்
- (D) தயானந்த சரஸ்வதி
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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- Later, the Phules started schools for children from the then untouchable castes such as Mahar and Mang.
- In 1863, he opened a home for pregnant Brahmin widows to give birth in a safe and secure place.
- He opened an orphanage home to avoid infanticide. In this regard, he is believed to be the first Hindu to start an orphanage for the unfortunate children.
- In 1868, Jyotirao decided to construct a common bathing tank outside his house to exhibit his embracing attitude towards all human beings and wished to dine with everyone, regardless of their caste.
- In 1873, Phule founded the **Satyashodhak** Samaj, or the Society of Seekers of Truth, for the rights of depressed classes, to denounce the caste system and to spread rational thinking.
- His wife Savitribai became the head of the women's section.



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23. Shivaji was crowned as an independent king at

- (A) Raigad
- (B) Surat
- (C) Ahmedabad
- (D) Poona
- (E) Answer not known

சிவாஜி சுதந்திர அரசராக முடிசூட்டப்பட்ட இடம்

- (A) ராய்காட்
- (B) சூரத்
- (C) அஹமதாபாத்
- (D) பூனா
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை

Miscellaneous News

350th anniversary of the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji

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- This year marks the 350th year since the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji.
- The coronation of Shivaji as the king of the Marathas was conducted on June 6, 1674 at Raigad fort.
- The exhibition depicting 115 oil paintings of Shivaji Maharaj was organised by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) recently.

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26. Assertion [A] : The zonal councils owe their origin to the constitution.

Reason [R] : The zonal councils are the logical outcome of the reorganisation of states on a linguistic basis.

- (A) [A] and [R] are correct; and [R] is the correct explanation for [A]
(B) [A] and [R] are correct; and [R] is not the correct explanation for [A]
(C) [A] is correct; [R] is wrong
(D) [A] is wrong; [R] is correct
(E) Answer not known

கூற்று [A] : மண்டல மன்றங்கள் அவற்றின் தோற்றத்திற்கு அரசியலமைப்பிற்குக் கடைமைப்பட்டுள்ளது.

காரணம் [R] : மண்டல மன்றங்கள் மொழி அடிப்படையில் மாநிலங்களை மறுசீரமைப்பதன் தர்க்க ரீதியான விளைவாகும்.

- (A) [A] மற்றும் [R] சரி, மற்றும் [A] க்கு [R] சரியான விளக்கம்
(B) [A] மற்றும் [R] சரி, மற்றும் [A] க்கு [R] சரியான விளக்கமல்ல
(C) [A] சரி; ஆனால் [R] தவறு
(D) [A] தவறு; ஆனால் [R] சரி
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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- The 25th meeting of the western zonal council will be held in January 2020, under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister.
- Maharashtra is the lead coordinator with the Chief Minister of the state co-chairing the meeting.
- It will present a roadmap for the safety of women online and ways to curb cyberbullying.
- The 24th meeting of the council was held in Goa in August 2019.
- Western Zonal Council is functioning under the aegis of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Inter-State Council Secretariat.
- It comprises of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, the Union Territory of Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

Zonal Councils

- The Zonal Councils are the statutory (and not the constitutional) bodies.
- They are established by the States Reorganisation Act of 1956.
- The Act divided the country into five zones (Northern, Central, Eastern, Western and Southern) and provided a zonal council for each zone.



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National News

District officers under the POSH Act

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- Recently, the Supreme Court of India (SC) has directed Ministry of Women and Child Development of all states/UTs to appoint district officers under the POSH Act.
- POSH Act stands for Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.
- It aims to address the issue of sexual harassment faced by women in the workplace.
- This act mandates States to appoint an officer in every district who would play a "pivotal" role in the implementation of the Act.
- The District Officer would constitute Local Complaints Committees (LCCs) to receive complaints from women employed in small establishments with less than 10 workers.
- A District Officer's responsibilities also included appointing nodal officers under the Act in rural, tribal and urban areas.

27. Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act was enacted in the year

- (A) 2013 (B) 2017
(C) 2014 (D) 2016
(E) Answer not known

பணியிடங்களில் பெண்களுக்கு பாலியல் துன்புறுத்துதல் (தடுப்பு மற்றும் சட்டத்தடுப்பு, துயர் துடைப்பு) தடைசட்டம் இயற்றப்பட்ட ஆண்டு

- (A) 2013 (B) 2017
(C) 2014 (D) 2016
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை

Exam Question

30. Consider the following Statements, Choose the correct answer :

- (i) January 30th is the Death anniversary of Annal Gandhi Adigal
 - (ii) January 23rd is the Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose
 - (iii) April 14th is the Birth Anniversary of Annal Ambedkar
 - (iv) October 13th is the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel
- (A) (i) and (ii) only correct
(B) (iv) only correct
(C) (iii) only correct
(D) (i), (ii), (iii) only correct
(E) Answer not known

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Important Days

Martyrs' Day 2025 - January 30

February 1, 2025 | 118 days | 129 | 0 | Like 0 | Share

- It is observed annually in India to honour the sacrifices of those who laid down their lives for the country's independence.
- This day marks the death anniversary of MK Gandhi, the leader of India's non-violent freedom struggle.
- MK Gandhi was assassinated on his way to a prayer meeting at Birla Bhawan in Delhi in 1948.



Important Days

Ambedkar Jayanti 2025 - April 14

April 14, 2025 | 142 days | 420 | 3 | Like 0 | Share

- This day marks the birth noniversary of Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, who was born on April 14, 1891.
- He is the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and also the first Law Minister of Independent India, a jurist, economist, and social reformer.
- The first observance of this day held in Pune by Jeevaran Sadashiv Ranagisay on April 14, 1928.
- In recognition of his contributions, Dr. Ambedkar was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1990.



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Important Days

National Unity Day 2024 - October 31

October 31, 2024 | 224 days | 444 | 2 | Like 0 | Share

- Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- He was India's first Deputy Prime Minister of India and first Home Minister of India from 1947 to 1950.
- Patel successfully persuaded all the 565 self-governing princely states to accede to India after getting independence from British colonial rule.
- The government will commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with a two-year-long nationwide programme from 2024 to 2026.



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Important Days

Parakram Diwas 2025 - January 23

January 24, 2025 | 103 days | 141 | 0 | Like 0 | Share

- Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti is known as Parakram Diwas or the Day of Valour.
- Subhas Chandra Bose, born on January 23, 1897, in Cuttack, Orissa.
- To honour Bose for his efforts in restoring the Indian freedom, in 2021, the government announced this day.
- He had cleared the Indian Civil Services (ICS) examination in 1920, securing the fourth rank.
- Bose became the youngest-ever President of the Indian National Congress in 1938.
- Netaji established the Indian National Army (INA) in 1943 to fight British colonial rule.
- The phrase "Jai Hind," was popularized by Bose as a rallying cry for national unity and freedom.



Exam Question

32. Which of the following are the objectives of Tamilnadu safe and Ethical Artificial Intelligence Policy, 2020?

- (i) To establish guidelines for the evaluation of AI systems before its rolled out for public use
- (ii) To provide restricted access to open data, data models and computing resources
- (iii) To promote investments in AIR & D in Tamilnadu
- (A) (i) only
- (B) (i) and (iii) only
- (C) (i) and (ii) only
- (D) (ii) and (iii) only
- (E) Answer not known

கீழ்வருவனவற்றுள் எவை தமிழ்நாடு பாதுகாப்பான மற்றும் நெறிமுறை செயற்கை நுண்ணறிவுக் கொள்கை, 2020 இன் நோக்கங்கள் ஆகும்?

- (i) பொதுமக்களின் பயன்பாட்டிற்கு அனுமதிப்பதற்கு முன்னர் செயற்கை நுண்ணறிவு முறைகளைத் திறனாப்து செய்யும் வழிகாட்டு நெறிமுறைகளை வகுக்க வேண்டும்
- (ii) வெளிப்படையான தரவுகள், தரவு மாதிரிகள் மற்றும் இணையவழி



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Policies on AI, Blockchain and Cyberse

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- Tamil Nadu becomes the first state to come out with Tamil Nadu Safe and Ethical Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain and Cybersecurity policies in the country.
- The policies were unveiled by the Chief Minister during the farewell session of the 19th edition of Connect 2020.
- This policy recommends the Six-Dimensional TAM-DEF Framework for evaluation of AI-based systems.
- The framework's factors like transparency & audit, accountability & legal issues, misuse protection, digital divide and data deficit, ethics and, fairness and equity, ensure that the evaluation is aligned to democratic values.



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33. Which is/are the objective/s of a Right to Information Act 2005?

- (i) RTI is empower to citizens, promote transparency and accountability in the working of Govt.
- (ii) The Act is a big step towards making the citizens informed about the activities of Govt.
- (iii) This Act provides right to access information from public authorities, which is guaranteed Art. 13 of constitution.

- (A) (i) only
- (B) (ii) and (iii) only
- (C) (i) and (ii) only
- (D) (i) and (iii) only
- (E) Answer not known

பின்வருவனவற்றுள் தகவல் அறியும் உரிமைச் சட்டம் 2005 இன் நோக்கங்களை தெரிவு செய்க.

- (i) இது குடிமக்களுக்கு அதிகாரம் அளித்தல், அரசின் செயல்பாட்டில் வெளிப்படைத் தன்மை மற்றும் பொறுப்புணர்வை ஊக்குவிப்பது ஆகும்.
- (ii) அரசின் செயல்பாடுகள் குறித்து குடிமக்களுக்கு தெரியப்படுத்துவது.
- (iii) இது அரசமைப்பின் உறுப்பு 13-ன் கீழ் உறுதியளிக்கப்பட்ட குடிமக்களுக்கு, பொது அதிகாரிகளிடமிருந்து தகவல்களை பெறும் உரிமையை அளிக்கிறது.

- (A) (i) மட்டும்
- (B) (ii) மற்றும் (iii) மட்டும்
- (C) (i) மற்றும் (ii) மட்டும்
- (D) (i) மற்றும் (iii) மட்டும்
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



- The Act also requires every public authority to computerize their records for wide dissemination.
- The first RTI application was filed at a police station in Pune by Shahid Raza Burney.
- The first RTI application in Delhi was filed to the office of President about article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Information disclosure in India is restricted by the Official Secrets Act 1923 and various other special laws, which the new RTI Act relaxes.

Constitutional Acceptance

- Under section article 19 (1) (a), the Supreme Court of India has held that rights to freedom of speech and expression include the rights to information.
- According to this, the Right to Information is implicit in the right to freedom of speech.
- The apex court of India has ensured this right in the case of the state of Uttar Pradesh* Vs Raj Narain (1974) 4 SCC 428.

Rights available under RTI Act 2005

Right to Information Act 2005 empowers every citizen to

- Ask any questions from the Government or seek any information
- Take copies of any government documents



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States' News

Lokayukta Bill – Maharashtra

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- Maharashtra became the first state to pass a Lokayukta Bill.
- It aims to bring the Chief Minister of the state and the council of ministers under the ambit of the anti-corruption watchdog.
- Maharashtra Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta Act of 1971, is currently in force in the state.
- Under the existing law, the anti-corruption ombudsman could only recommend action against government officials.
- However, the new Act empowers the Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta to direct the state agencies to investigate a corruption case.

34. Which among the following was the first state in India to constitute an institution of Lok Ayukta?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Kerala
(C) Maharashtra (D) Rajasthan
(E) Answer not known

இந்தியாவில் லோக் ஆயுத்தாவை நிறுனிய முதல் மாநிலம் எது?

- (A) கர்நாடகா (B) கேரளா
(C) மகாராஷ்டிரா (D) இராஜஸ்தான்
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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Important Days

National Voter's Day – January 25

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- It was started for the very first time in 2011 to mark the Indian Election Commission's Foundation Day in 1950.
- The theme for this will be "Making our voters Empowered, vigilant, safe and informed."
- The Chief Election Commissioner of India was Sukumar Sen.

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16th Presidential polls

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- The Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar under the Election Commission of India announced that the Presidential election would be held on July 18.
- The President Ram Nath Kovind's term comes to an end on July 24.
- It will be the first election after J&K became a Union Territory.
- However, the MLAs of the J&K are no longer part of this electoral college.
- The electoral college for the poll in 2022 would comprise 4,609 members — 233 Rajya Sabha MPs, 543 Lok Sabha MPs (776 MPs) and 4,033 MLAs of State Assemblies and the Assemblies of the Union Territories of Delhi and Puducherry.
- The total value of votes in 2022 would be 10,86,431 (5,43,200 for MPs or 700 votes each and 5,43,231 for MLAs based on 1971 Census population figures).

35. Which of the following statements are true about Election Commission of India?

- (i) Conduct elections to parliament, State Legislatures and to the office of President and the Vice-President
- (ii) India's First Woman Chief Election Commissioner Ms. V.S. Ramadevi
- (iii) India's first Chief Election Commissioner Mr. S.P. Sen Varma

- (A) (i) only
- (B) (i) and (iii) only
- (C) (i) and (ii) only
- (D) (ii) and (iii) only
- (E) Answer not known



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42. Consider the following statements about the Electoral College of Presidential Election, which among the following statements is correct?

- (A) The nominated member of Lok Sabha
- (B) The nominated member of Legislative Councils of States
- (C) The Elected members of both Houses of Parliament and elected members the State Legislature and Union Territories
- (D) The nominated member of House of states
- (E) Answer not known

பின்வருவனவற்றுள் குடியரசுத் தலைவருக்கான “வாக்காளர் குழாம்” குறித்தவற்றுள் சரியானது எது?

- (A) மக்களவைக்கு நியமிக்கப்படும் நியமன உறுப்பினர்
- (B) சட்ட மேலவைக்கு நியமிக்கப்படும் நியமன உறுப்பினர்
- (C) மக்களவை மற்றும் மாநிலங்களவைக்கு தேர்தல் மூலம் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட உறுப்பினர்கள் மற்றும் மாநில மற்றும் யூனியன் பிரதேசங்களுக்கு தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினர்கள்
- (D) மாநிலங்களவைக்கு நியமிக்கப்படும் நியமன உறுப்பினர்
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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- The total value of votes in 2022 would be 10,86,431 (5,43,200 for MPs or 700 votes each and 5,43,231 for MLAs based on 1971 Census population figures).
- While the total number of electors was 4,896 in 2017.
- In 2017, each MP had 709 votes and MLAs had a total vote of 5,49,495 based on the 1971 Census.
- The Rajya Sabha Secretary General was declared as the Returning Officer for this election.
- The electors would cast their ballots using the pen provided by the EC as has been the norm.



Exam Question

48. State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT) was established by Tamil Nadu Government for the development of

- (i) Large Scale Industries
- (ii) Medium Scale Industries
- (iii) Small Scale Industries

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
- (B) (ii) only
- (C) (ii) and (iii) only
- (D) (i) and (iii) only
- (E) Answer not known

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு தொழில் முன்னேற்றக் கழகம் (SIPCOT) என்ற அமைப்பு தமிழ்நாடு அரசால் கீழ்க்கண்ட தொழில் அமைப்பினை வளர்ப்பதற்காக உருவாக்கப்பட்டது

- (i) கனரகத் தொழிற்சாலை
- (ii) நடுத்தரத் தொழிற்சாலை
- (iii) சிறு தொழில் தொழிற்சாலை



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State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT)

- Established in 1971, SIPCOT caters to the needs of large-scale industries in Tamil Nadu by extending financial assistance and maintaining industrial complexes with essential infrastructure.
- In the post-reform period, SIPCOT's developed industrial complexes have housed various manufacturing industries, including giants like Demler, Hyundai, Saint Gobain, Dell, Renault and Nissan, Ashok Leyland, and Nokia.



State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT)

Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. (TANSIDCO)

- The Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. (TANSIDCO) was established in 1970 with the primary objective of assisting and promoting the interests of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the state.
- Its vision is 'to forge sustainable partnerships with the MSMEs for enhancing their competitiveness' in the market structures.



Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation

- To achieve this vision, TANSIDCO is proactively working towards the development of industrial estates and associated social infrastructures, the promotion of clusters, and the establishment of Common Facility Centres (CFCs) for MSMEs.
- TANSIDCO also assists MSMEs in purchasing industrial inputs and provides best practices in managerial and manufacturing processes.
- It facilitates access to capital and aids in marketing manufactured products.



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National News

PM-JUGA Scheme

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- The Union Cabinet has approved the "Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan".
- It aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities through scheme convergence.
- It will bring sustainable agricultural practices to all Forest Rights Act (FRA) patta holders "to enable them for maintenance and conservation of forest".
- As of June 2024, more than 24 lakh FRA titles have been granted to people and communities from Scheduled Tribes (ST) and other traditional forest-dwelling groups.
- It covers over 1.9 crore acres of forest land across the country.
- However, of the 50.5 lakh claims filed under the FRA, 34.53% have been rejected and 15.9% remain pending.
- The 63,000 tribal-majority villages targeted under the PMJUGA are situated in 2,740 blocks across 540 districts across India.



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Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan

- Mission Aims at Saturation coverage of **tribal majority villages and tribal villages** in Aspirational Districts
- It will cover more than **63,000 villages** benefiting more than **5 crore tribal people**
- Total outlay of the scheme is **Rs. 79,156 crore**
- Mission comprises of **25 interventions** to be implemented by **17-line ministries** to achieve following goals:
 - **Goal-1:** Developing Enabling Infrastructure
 - **Goal-2:** Promotion of Economic Empowerment
 - **Goal-3:** Universalization of Access to Good Education
 - **Goal-4:** Healthy lives and Dignified Ageing

49. The Scheme "Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan" focuses on

- (i) To improve the socio-economic condition of tribal communities
- (ii) To empower tribal women and promote gender equality
- (iii) To provide high quality education for the tribal children

- (A) (i) only
- (B) (ii) only
- (C) (iii) only
- (D) (i) and (ii) only
- (E) Answer not known

பிரதான் மந்திரி ஜன்ஜாதி ஆதிவாசி நியாய மகா அபியான் திட்டத்தின் நோக்கமானது

- (i) பழங்குடி சமூகங்களின் சமூக-பொருளாதார நிலையை மேம்படுத்துதல்
- (ii) பழங்குடி பெண்களுக்கு அதிகாரம் அளித்தல் மற்றும் பாலின சமத்துவத்தை ஊக்குவித்தல்
- (iii) பழங்குடி குழந்தைகளுக்கு உயர்ந்த கல்வியை வழங்குதல்



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50. From the following in the year 1962 in the wake of Chinese invasion which Act was passed?

- (i) Anti-Secession Act
- (ii) Anti-Immigration Act
- (iii) Anti-Trafficking Act

- (A) (i) only
- (B) (i) and (ii) only
- (C) (ii) and (iii) only
- (D) (i) and (iii) only
- (E) Answer not known

பின்வருவனவற்றுள் 1962 ஆம் ஆண்டு சீனப் படையெடுப்பை அடுத்து நிறைவேற்றப்பட்ட சட்டம் எது?

- (i) பிரிவினைவாதத் தடுப்புச் சட்டம்
- (ii) குடியேற்றத் தடுப்புச் சட்டம்
- (iii) கடத்தல் தடுப்புச் சட்டம்

- (A) (i) மட்டும்
- (B) (i) மற்றும் (ii) மட்டும்
- (C) (ii) மற்றும் (iii) மட்டும்
- (D) (i) மற்றும் (iii) மட்டும்
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை

Immigration and Foreigners Bill 2025

- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is likely to bring the Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025.
- The bill repeals all the four existing legislations that deal with immigration and movement of foreigners.
- The proposed legislation will replace the existing laws
 - The Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920
 - The Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939
 - The Foreigners Act, 1946 and
 - The Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act, 2000.
- The proposed legislation also gives the power to the States to restrict or regulate the entry, exit, and movement of foreigners within India.
- The new Bill imposes a penalty up to Rs 5 lakh for unauthorised entry, and up to Rs 10 lakh for false passport.
- The role of universities, hospitals, and other medical institutions admitting the foreign nationals will be specified, along with matters related to passports and visas.



- As per the party decision, DMK contested and won 15 seats in MLA election (Legislative Assembly Election) and 2 seats in Lok Sabha election.
- Anna won in Kanchipuram constituency and went to assembly.
- He started new **English** weekly magazine named "**Home Land (1957)**" and "**Home Rule (1966)**" to spread his ideologies around the world.
- In February 1962 General Election, DMK contested and won 50 seats in Legislative Assembly Election and 7 seats in Lok Sabha Election, despite Anna lost in Legislative Assembly election, later got elected to Rajya Sabha in March 20, 1962.
- As per **16th Amendment Act**, 1963 informally referred to **Anti-secession Bill**, prevented local political leaders in different regions within India from using the electoral process to propagate secession from the Union. This Amendment was passed due to consequences of India-China war in 1962.



53. Choose the right matches

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| (i) The first communal order for distribution of appointments among various castes | — 1920 |
| (ii) First Backward class commission of Tamilnadu was appointed | — 1970 |
| (iii) Ambasankar Commission | — Reservation totalling to 69% |
| (iv) Report on Tamilnadu Backward classes Commission justifying the existing reservation | — 8 th July 2011 |
- (A) (i) and (iv) only
(B) (ii) and (iii) only
(C) (i) and (ii) only
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(E) Answer not known

சரியான பொருத்தங்களை தேர்வு செய்யவும்

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| (i) பல்வேறு சாதியினரிடையே நியமனப் பகிர்வுக்கான முதல் வகுப்புவாத ஆணை | — 1920 |
| (ii) தமிழ்நாட்டின் முதல் பிற்படுத்தப்பட்டோர் வகுப்பு ஆணையம் நியமிக்கப்பட்டது | — 1970 |
| (iii) அம்பாசங்கர் ஆணையம் | — மொத்த இட ஒதுக்கீடு 69% |
| (iv) தற்போதுள்ள இட ஒதுக்கீட்டை நியாயப்படுத்திய தமிழ்நாடு | — 8 ஜூலை 2011 |

Tamil Nadu news

Backward Classes Commission of Tan

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- The Tamil Nadu government has reconstituted its Backward Classes Commission.
- Retired Justice R Thiruvithalagan will head the Commission now.
- It is for examining requests of inclusion and compliance of over-inclusion in the list of Other Backward Classes (OBC).

Background

- The first Backward Classes Commission in Tamil Nadu was formed on November 12, 1955 when the DMH was in power.
- It was known as Governmental Commission.
- Santhanam Commission recommended the incorporation of 'Creamy Layer' among the OBC at the state.
- In pursuance of the directions of the Supreme Court in the Mandal Commission cases or Indira Sawhney cases in 1992, the State government had constituted a present-day Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission.
- It was formed under the Chairmanship of retired Justice K Shanmugasubramanian in 1995.
- It is formed under Article 16(4) read with Article 340 of the Constitution of India.



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- As per the order, quotas were announced to maintain temple quotas and given composite power over the administration of temples.
- In 1921, a labour strike erupted in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills in Madras.
- The strike eventually came to an end in October through the mediation of C. Natesa Mudaliar.
- Gour's Bill, introduced in 1921, brought about an amendment in the Special Marriages Act, sanctioning the legal validity of inter-caste marriages.
- In 1921, the Justice Party government of the Raj of Panagal introduced reservations for backward classes in government jobs.
- In August 1921, the First **communal** Government Order was passed.
- As per the order, 44 percent of jobs were reserved for non-Brahmins, 16 percent for Brahmins, 16 percent for Muslims, 16 percent for Anglo-Indians and Christians and eight percent for the Scheduled Castes.
- However, this Act did not guarantee adequate quotas for scheduled castes.
- In 1922, MC Rajah passed a resolution demanding that the terms Paraiya and Panchama be dropped from official usage and instead be substituted with Adi-Dravida and Adi-Andhra.



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Tamil Nadu news

Communal G.O – 1921

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- It was issued 100 years ago on this day (September 16th) by the Justice Party government.
- It sought "to increase the proportion of posts held by non-Brahmins," which also encompassed Indian Christians, Muslims and Adi-Dravidar, in the Provincial Services.
- It aims to empower non-Brahmins and securing the space due to them in administration and politics.
- D.R. Ambedkar had sought Political reservation for Dalits before the Southborough Committee in 1919.
- In 1926, Muthiah Mudaliar, the then Education Minister under the Subba Rayan Government, introduced the Communal G.O. to implement the 1921 order.

53. Choose the right matches

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- (i) பல்வேறு சாதியினிடையே நியமனப் பதவிகளை முதல் வகுப்புவாத ஆணை – 1920
- (ii) தமிழ்நாட்டின் முதல் பிற்படுத்தப்பட்டோர் வகுப்பு ஆணையம் நியமிக்கப்பட்டது – 1970
- (iii) அம்பாசங்கர் ஆணையம் – மொத்த இட ஒதுக்கீடு 69%
- (iv) தற்போதுள்ள இட ஒதுக்கீட்டை நியாயப்படுத்திய தமிழ்நாடு – 8 ஜூலை 2011

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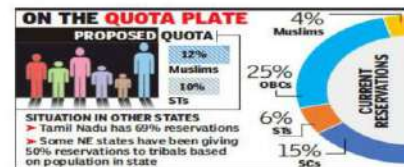
Update in BCs list of Tamil Nadu

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- The Tamil Nadu State government has allowed the delisting of the Thiruvara Valluvar community from Agamudayars in the list of Backward Classes (BCs).
- This marks the end of the 80-year-long "association" of the community with the Agamudayars, who are one of the three constituents of 'Mudaliyars', the other two being Kallars and Maravars.
- The First BC Commission, headed by veteran civil servant A.H. Saranathan, was constituted during November 1969-70.
- This Commission, used the term 'Agamudayars', had received representations that "like the Kallars, Agamudayars also migrated from the southern districts but there is no relation between them and the Agamudayan Mudaliar and the Thiruvara Valluvar of Madurai.
- The Second BC panel (1982-83) was headed by J. A. Ambasankar.
- The Second Commission had carried out a caste survey; stated that no separate count of the Thiruvara Valluvar was possible, going by the way they had identified themselves.

- The Supreme Court declined to intervene in a petition filed by 2 successful NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) candidates from Tamil Nadu.
- According to the petition, the 69% quota was against the fundamental right enshrined in the constitution that no person should be discriminated against in the name of his/her caste, religion, gender, sex, etc.



- The petition argued that the apex court had capped the reservation at 50%.
- Consequently, Tamil Nadu has passed a law enabling 69% reservation. The law was included in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution.
- The Backward Class Commission, which was directed to assess the justifiability of 69% reservation on objective criteria, filed a report in July 2011.
- The petition said the report was without any objective criteria and simply confirmed the 69% reservation on the basis of the **Ambedkar** Shankar Commission report of 1969.

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- The Tamil Nadu government has told the Madras High Court that 89% of the State's population is already eligible for the 69% reservation provided in the education and public employment.
- Therefore, the State cannot be compelled to implement the additional 10% reservation for others under the category of Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).
- The litigant had sought a direction to the State government to implement the 10% EWS quota for admission to all higher educational institutions in the State.
- 100% door-to-door enumeration of castes and communities in the State was carried out in 1983, following the directions issued by the Supreme Court on October 14, 1982.
- Ambasankar Commission (1983) had revealed that the proportion of socially and educationally backward classes in the State, including the most backward classes and de-notified communities, was 68% of the total populace.
- The 2011 decennial census also found the population of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu to be 20% and 1.1%, respectively.

Youngsters in government jobs and education.

- Besides, the state was also required to conduct the case regarding the 69 per cent reservation for Tamil Nadu, pending before the Supreme Court.
- The Commission is also the first such panel to be put in place in Tamil Nadu since the 1950s.

Tamil Nadu Background

- The First Backward Classes Commission led by A.H. Saranathan in 1969 avoided the pre-independence census data to arrive at population of various castes in Tamil Nadu.
- In 1983, the Second Backward Classes Commission led by J.A. Ambasankar conducted caste-wise socio-economic and educational survey through door-to-door enumeration.
- It submitted a report in 1985.
- The state government altered the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Act, 1983 to prevent the existing 69% quota.
- It was included in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution by the 76th Amendment 1994.



Even Question

53. Choose the right matches

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|--|--------------------------------|
| (i) The first communal order for distribution of appointments among various castes | - 1920 |
| (ii) First Backward class commission of Tamilnadu was appointed | - 1970 |
| (iii) Ambasankar Commission | - Reservation totalling to 69% |
| (iv) Report on Tamilnadu Backward classes Commission justifying the existing reservation | - 8 th July 2011 |
- (A) (i) and (iv) only
(B) (ii) and (iii) only
(C) (i) and (ii) only
(D) (iii) and (iv) only
(E) Answer not known

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| (i) பல்வேறு சாதியினிடையே நியமனப் பகிர்வுக்கான முதல் வகுப்புலாத ஆணை | - 1920 |
| (ii) தமிழ்நாட்டின் முதல் பிற்படுத்தப்பட்டோர் வகுப்பு ஆணையம் நியமிக்கப்பட்டது | - 1970 |
| (iii) அம்பாசங்கர் ஆணையம் | - மொத்த இட ஒதுக்கீடு 69% |
| (iv) தற்போதுள்ள இட ஒதுக்கீட்டை நியாயப்படுத்திய தமிழ்நாடு | - 8 ஜூலை 2011 |



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- The Retired Madras High Court judge and former chairman of the State Backward Classes Commission, Justice M.S. Janarathanan, passed away.
- He served as a judge of the Madras High Court from 1988 to 1998.
- He also served as the chairman of the State Backward Classes Commission from 2006 to 2015.
- It was on the basis of his recommendations that reservations were implemented for Muslims, Christians, and Arunthathiyars in Tamil Nadu.
- In July 2010, the Supreme Court, provided one year to Tamil Nadu to come out with justification along with quantifiable data for the continuance of the 69% reservation for BC, MBC and SCs/STs.
- Justice Janarathanan, as the head of the State BC Commission, had authored a report in support of the quota scheme, as provided in the Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1994.



Exam Question

54. Match the following schemes with their respective beneficiaries

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|---|---------------------|
| (a) Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatravas Yojana | 1. Scheduled tribes |
| (b) Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana | 2. Minorities |
| (c) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram Yojana | 3. Scheduled castes |
| (d) Pradhan Mantri Janjantiya Vikas Mission | 4. Senior citizens |

- | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (B) 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| (C) 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (D) 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (E) Answer not known | | | |

பின்வரும் திட்டங்களை அந்தந்தத் திட்டங்களின் பயனாளிகளுடன் பொருத்துக

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| (a) பாபு ஜக்ஜீவன் ராம் சத்ராவாஸ் திட்டம் | 1. பட்டியலினப் பழங்குடியினர் |
| (b) அடல் வயோ அப்யுத்தே திட்டம் | 2. சிறுபான்மையினர் |
| (c) பிரதம மந்திரி ஜன் விகாஸ் கார்யகிரம் திட்டம் | 3. பட்டியலினச் சாதிகள் |
| (d) பிரதம மந்திரி ஜன்ஜான்டியா விகாஸ் இயக்கம் | 4. மூத்த குடிமக்கள் |



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PM VIKAS Scheme

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- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Karm Karyakram (PMKKKK) now named as Pradhan Mantri Virasaat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme".
- It is a Central Sector Scheme under Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- It aims improve livelihoods of the minorities, particularly the artisan communities, using the components of skill development, education, women leadership & entrepreneurship.
- The scheme combines the following five existing schemes: Sthalcho sur Kamas, USTTAD, Hamari Dharchar, Nai Rozhai and Nai Manzil.



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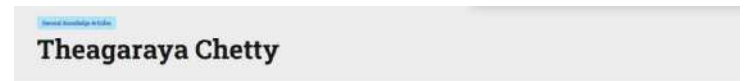
PM-JUGA Scheme

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- The Union Cabinet has approved the "Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan".
- It aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities through schemes convergence.
- It will bring sustainable agricultural practices to all Forest Rights Act (FRA) patta holders "to enable them for maintenance and conservation of forest".
- As of June 2024, more than 24 lakh FRA titles have been granted to people and communities from Scheduled Tribes (ST) and other traditional forest-dwelling groups.
- It covers over 1.9 crore acres of forest land across the country.
- However, of the 50.5 lakh claims filed under the FRA, 34.83% have been rejected and 15.9% remain pending.



Exam Question



55. The Justice Party was established in the year 1916 by whom?

- (A) T.M. Nair and Thiagaraya Chetty
- (B) P. Rangaiah Naidu and P. Ananda Charlu
- (C) Chidamparam Pillai and Subramania Siva
- (D) Jotirao Phule and Ram Mohan Roy
- (E) Answer not known

நீதிக்கட்சி யாரால் 1916 ஆம் ஆண்டு நிறுவப்பட்டது?

- (A) T.M. நாயர் மற்றும் தியாகராய செட்டி
- (B) P. ரங்கையா நாயுடு மற்றும் P. ஆனந்த சார்லு
- (C) சிதம்பரம் பிள்ளை மற்றும் சுப்பிரமணிய சிவா
- (D) ஜோதிராவ் பூலே மற்றும் ராமமோகன் ராய்
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



56. Arrange the event in Chronological order

- (1) South Indian liberal Federation was formed
- (2) Madras United League was renamed as Madras Dravidian Association
- (3) Periyar E.V.R. transformed the Justice Party into Dravidar Kazhagam
- (4) The Ministry of A. Subbarayalu Reddiar fought against the Swarajya Party

- (A) (2), (4), (1), (3) (B) (2), (1), (4), (3)
(C) (1), (2), (4), (3) (D) (1), (2), (3), (4)
(E) Answer not known

நிகழ்வுகளைக் கால வரிசைப்படி ஒழுங்கமைக்கவும்

- (1) தென்னிந்திய தாராளவாதக் கூட்டமைப்பு உருவாக்கப்பட்டது
- (2) மெட்ராஸ் யுனைடெட் லீக், மெட்ராஸ் திராவிடர் சங்கம் என மறுபெயரிடப்பட்டது
- (3) பெரியார் ஈ.வெ.ரா. நீதிக்கட்சியைத் திராவிடர் கழகமாக மாற்றினார்
- (4) ஏ. சுப்பராயலு ரெட்டியார் அமைச்சரவை சயராஜ்யக் கட்சிக்கு எதிராகப் போராடியது

- (A) (2), (4), (1), (3) (B) (2), (1), (4), (3)
(C) (1), (2), (4), (3) (D) (1), (2), (3), (4)
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை

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- The agitation was also supported by Tamil scholars like Maraimalai Adigal, Somasundara Bharathi, K. Appadurai, Madiyarsan, A. P. Viswanatham and Ilakkuvanar.
- Observing an anti-Hindi day on 1 July and 3 December 1938.
- On 21 February 1940, Madras Governor Erskine issued a press communique withdrawing compulsory Hindi teaching and making it optional.

Justice Party – President (1938–1944)

- A political party known as the South Indian Libertarian Federation (commonly referred to as Justice Party) was founded in 1916, principally to oppose the economic and political power of the Brahmin groups.
- The party's goal was to render social justice to the non-Brahmin groups.
- V. Ramasamy took over the leadership of the party in 1938.

Dravidar Kazhagam

- At a rally in Salem under the leadership of Periyar at 1944 Aug 27, Annadurai passed a resolution and declared that the justice party would henceforth be known as the **Dravidar Kazhagam**.
- It focused its attention on the liberation of women, women's education, willing marriage, widow marriage, orphanages and mercy homes.



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- Theagaraya Chetty is regarded as one of the founders of the non-Brahmin movement in Tamil Nadu and the first to lead the movement.

Early Life

- Theagaraya Chetty was born in Egathur, Madras Presidency in Telugu speaking Devanga family on 27 April 1852.
- On graduation in 1873, he entered public life and served as a member of the Corporation of Madras from 1882 to 1922.
- He served as a member or Councillor of the Corporation of Madras for 40 years from 1882 till 1922.
- He also served as the President of the Corporation of Madras from 1920 to 1923.
- He was the first non-official President of the Madras Corporation.
- He was elected to the Madras Legislative Council in 1910.
- He was one of the founder-members of the South Indian Chamber of Commerce and served as its President from 1910 to 1921.
- Theagaraya Chetty fought on behalf of the Indian Patriot newspaper and its editor Karunakara Menon against Dr T. M. Nair who later became his close associate.
- Theagaraya Chetty served as a member of the Indian National Congress before founding the South Indian Liberal Federation in **1916**.

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- The two leaders often clashed at Council meetings even though both were non-Brahmins.
- Natesa Mudaliar realised that if these two leaders could be brought together it would give the Non-Brahmin movement a fast forward push.
- Thus, Natesa Mudaliar was able to reconcile their differences.

Dravidian Movement

- The Madras Non-Brahmin Association was formed in 1909 by two lawyers from Madras city, P. Subramanyam and M. Purushotham Naidu.
- Theagaraya Chetty did not involve himself in the movement until 1912, when the Madras United League was formed.
- It was formed by disaffected non-Brahmin members of the bureaucracy like Saravane Pillai, G. Veerasami Naidu, Doraiswami Naidu and S. Narayanaswami Naidu with C. Natesa Mudaliar as its Secretary.
- Later in 1912 itself (October), Madras United League was renamed as Madras **Dravidian Association**.
- It was the first time the word Dravidian was used for a political entity.
- Panaganti Ramasayaningar, later the Raja of Panagal was elected its President.



Exam Question

57. The following statements are about the Tamil Nadu Government's initiatives : Find the correct statements.

- (a) Allocation of 5 crores to translate all the works of Annal Ambedkar into Tamil through Tamil Development Department
- (b) 10 crores for establishment of Tamil Parapurai Kazhagam
- (c) Allocation of 5 crore for creation of separate department of Tamil Literature in JNU, Delhi
- (d) 30 lakhs financial support for Theera Kaadhal Thirukural Project
- (A) (a) and (b) only
- (B) (a) and (c) only
- (C) (a) and (d) only
- (D) (c) and (d) only
- (E) Answer not known

தமிழ்நாடு அரசின் முன்முயற்சிகள் பற்றிய பின்வரும் அறிக்கைகளில் எவை சரியானவை?

- (a) அண்ணல் அம்பேத்கரின் அனைத்துப் படைப்புகளையும் தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித் துறை மூலம் தமிழில் மொழிபெயர்க்க 5 கோடி ஒதுக்கீடு
- (b) தமிழ் பரப்புரைக் கழகம் அமைக்க 10 கோடி ஒதுக்கீடு
- (c) டெல்லி ஜவஹர்லால் நேரு பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் தமிழ் இலக்கியத் தனித் துறையை உருவாக்க 5 கோடி ஒதுக்கீடு



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Tamil Nadu News

Tamil Development department Annou

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- These were released by the Minister Thangam Tennarasu in the Legislative Assembly during the demand for grants on the Tamil official Language and Tamil Culture and Archaeology Department.
- The Books of Tamil scholars will be nationalized and a sum of money will be given.
- Accordingly, the books of Dr. T. Paramasivan, Silamboli Su.Sellappan, Pukuv Ilangumaranar, Murugesha Bhagavathar, Senkaravalli Nayakam and Pulavar Se. Rasu will be nationalized.
- In the temples, Tirukural classes are conducted along with Thevaram, Thiruvasam and the Naalayira Divya Prabbandam.
- Tamil classes will be conducted through the media under the name 'Theerak Kadhal Thirukural'.
- Rs. 1 crore will be allocated to form the 'Tamil Campaign Association' (தமிழ் பரப்புரைக் கழகம்) in order to teach Tamils living abroad and in other states.
- In particular, the Minister stressed that when writing a name in Tamil, the initials should also be written in Tamil.



Exam Question

59. Which of the following statements are true about "The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme"?

- (i) It has increased student attendance to high schools
 - (ii) Primary school children benefit from the scheme
 - (iii) The scheme has led to improvement in learning skills among children
 - (iv) The scheme is limited to government schools only
- (A) (i) and (ii) only
(B) (ii) and (iii) only
(C) (i) and (iv) only
(D) (ii) and (iv) only
(E) Answer not known

முதலமைச்சரின் காலை உணவுத் திட்டம் பற்றிய பின்வரும் கூற்றுகளில் எது உண்மை?

- (i) உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளிகளில் மாணவர் வருகையை அதிகரித்துள்ளது
- (ii) தொடக்கப்பள்ளி குழந்தைகள் இத்திட்டத்தில் பயனடைகிறார்கள்
- (iii) இந்தத் திட்டம் குழந்தைகளிடையே கற்றல் திறன்களை மேம்படுத்தியுள்ளது
- (iv) இத்திட்டம் அரசு பள்ளிகளில் மட்டும் செயல்படுத்தப்படுகிறது



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- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Breakfast Scheme is known by many names in Tamil Nadu like "Stalin Breakfast Scheme" or "Morning Breakfast Scheme in Tamil Nadu" or "Tamil Nadu Breakfast Scheme".
- The Tamil Nadu government has introduced the Chief Ministers' Breakfast Scheme for the first time in the state.
- As the most essential meal of the day, breakfast should never be neglected.
- It was stated by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during an event announcing the program.
- Since children rush to get to school early in the morning, many children skip breakfast.
- Skipping breakfast makes youngsters weary, angry, and restless.
- Under the program, breakfast will be provided to pupils in classes I to V.
- The government has approved 33.56 billion rupees for the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme on July 27, 2020.
- In the first phase of this scheme, Government will supply breakfast to about 1,545 government primary schools.
- It will be resulting in around 1.14 million students receiving breakfast at school.



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Expansion of breakfast scheme 2024

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- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister launched the expansion of the breakfast scheme for primary school children to state-aided private schools.
- He was inaugurating the scheme at St Anne's school in Tiruvallur district.
- The move will benefit 2,23,536 children in 3,993 government-aided primary schools across the state.
- The chief minister inaugurated the breakfast scheme on September 15, 2022.
- 1.14 lakh students in Classes 1 to 5 studying in 1,545 government primary schools were covered under the scheme.
- With the expansion of the scheme across the state on August 25, 2023, about 19.50 lakh students in all the 30,992 state-run primary schools were brought under the initiative.



Exam Question

60. Match the four engines of development in the Budget 2025-2026 :

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) 1 st Engine | 1. MSMEs |
| (b) 2 nd Engine | 2. Export |
| (c) 3 rd Engine | 3. Agriculture |
| (d) 4 th Engine | 4. Investment in people |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (B) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| (D) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |

(E) Answer not known



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• **Core Focus on Four Engines:**

- The budget aims to drive economic growth through four key sectors:
- Agriculture
- MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises)
- Investment
- Exports





Exam Question

61. Which of the following statement(s) are correct about “Tamil Pudalvan” Scheme?

- (i) Launched on October 2024.
 - (ii) Improve the financial status of all male students studying in government school after school education.
 - (iii) Monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1,000.
- (A) (i) only
(B) (i) and (ii) only
(C) (ii) and (iii) only
(D) (i) and (iii) only
(E) Answer not known

முதலமைச்சரின் “தமிழ்ப் புதல்வன்” திட்டம் குறித்துச் சரியான சொற்றொடரை தெரிவு செய்க.

- (i) அக்டோபர் 2024-இல் தொடங்கப்பட்டது.
- (ii) பள்ளிப்படிப்புக்குப் பிந்திய அரசுப் பள்ளி மாணவர்களின் மேற்படிப்புக்குத் தேவையான நிதி நிலைமையை மேம்படுத்துகிறது.



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Tamil Pudhalvan scheme 2024

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- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on August 9, launched the Tamil Pudhalvan scheme in Coimbatore.
- Under this, boys of the state government schools who join colleges will get ₹1,000 per month.
- It is on the lines of Pudmaipen Scheme for girl students.
- A total of three lakh girl students have been benefited by the scheme launched by the Chief Minister in September 2022.
- In Tamil Nadu, a total of 7,72,000 students complete school education in government schools and government-aided schools
- A total of 2,09,365 girls had been benefited by the Pudmaipen scheme in 2022-23 and their number had increased to 2,73,396 in 2023-24.
- The scheme was extended to students of Tamil medium in government aided schools in 2024-25.
- The state's Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education is higher than the national average.



Exam Question

62. Why Business Firms choose Tamil Nadu as their preferred destination for investment?

- (A) The State of the Art Infrastructure
- (B) Tax Concessions
- (C) More number of unemployed
- (D) More number of graduates
- (E) Answer not known

வணிக நிறுவனங்கள் ஏன் தமிழ்நாட்டை முதலீட்டிற்கு விருப்பமான இடமாக தேர்வு செய்கின்றன?

- (A) நவீன உள்கட்டமைப்பு
- (B) வரிச்சலுகைகள்
- (C) அதிக எண்ணிக்கையிலான வேலையில்லாத் தொழிலாளர்கள்
- (D) அதிக எண்ணிக்கையிலான பட்டதாரிகள்
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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- The Chief Minister also revealed "The Roadmap to Achieve a \$1 Trillion Economy by 2030," outlining the state's economic plan.

Tamil Nadu's Economic Landscape:

- Tamil Nadu, India's second-largest state economy and a pivotal industrial center, presents abundant investment prospects across various sectors.
- Tamil Nadu's strong industrial base is backed by supportive governance, modern [infra](#)structure, abundant resources, and skilled workforce, attracts global investors.
- With continued progress, it aims to reach a trillion-dollar economy by 2030, ensuring sustainable growth and prosperity for all.



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Powering progress Tamil Nadu stands!

- The Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet 2024, hosted by the DMK government, took place in Chennai Trade Centre on January 7 and 8.
- The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin revealed plans to transform the state into a \$1 trillion economy by 2030.
- Tamil Nadu Government unveils official logo for Global Investors Meet 2024.
- It is representing Tamil letter 'த' (tha) and symbolizing progress and prosperity.
- The Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet boosted the state's strong investment climate.
- It is highlighting its exceptional industrial ecosystem and skilled workforce to global investors.
- The core theme of the event were the core themes of leadership, sustainability, and inclusivity, driving the state towards its ambitious economic goals.





Exam Question

63. Name the scheme, a Tri-ministerial effort which includes Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare and Human Resource Development.

- (A) Integrated Child Development Scheme
- (B) Child Development Scheme
- (C) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme
- (D) Smart City Mission
- (E) Answer not known

பெண்கள் மற்றும் குழந்தைகளின் முன்னேற்றம்; சுகாதாரம் மற்றும் குடும்ப நலன்; மனிதவள மேம்பாடு ஆகியனவற்றை உள்ளடக்கிய மூன்று அமைச்சரவைகளின் முயற்சித் திட்டம் எது?

- (A) ஒருங்கிணைந்த குழந்தை வளர்ச்சித் திட்டம்
- (B) குழந்தை வளர்ச்சித் திட்டம்
- (C) பேட்டி பச்சாவோ பேட்டி பதாவோ திட்டம்
- (D) ஸ்மார்ட் சிட்டி திட்டம்
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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- The expansion under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme came following the successful implementation of the scheme in 161 districts of the country.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

- The scheme was launched in 2015 to address the issue of decline in Child Sex Ratio (CSR) in gender critical districts issues related to empowerment of women.
- The objectives of the Scheme are
 - Prevent gender biased sex selective elimination
 - Ensure survival & protection of the girl child
 - Ensure education of the girl child
- It is currently implemented in 161 districts which has adverse CSR.
- At present, BBBP scheme is being implemented by three tri-ministries effort.
 - Ministry of Women and Child Development
 - Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and
 - Ministry of Human Resource Development
- The scheme has also been ensuring effective enforcement of Pre-Conception & Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC&PNDT) Act.
- The CSR, defined as number of girls per 1000 boys in the age group of 0-6 years, declined sharply from 976 in 1961 to 918 in Census 2011.

Exam Question

66. Match with the schemes and its main focus :

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| (a) PMGSY | 1. Focus on rural youth between the age of 15 to 35 years from poor families |
| (b) DDUGKY | 2. Sustainable livelihood opportunities |
| (c) NRLM | 3. Rural connectivity |
| (d) MGNREGA | 4. Livelihood security in rural areas |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (B) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (C) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| (D) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| (E) | Answer not known | | | |

திட்டங்களை அதன் முக்கிய நோக்கத்துடன் பொருத்தவும் :

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| (a) PMGSY | 1. ஏழைக் குடும்பங்களைச் சேர்ந்த 15 முதல் 35 வயதுக்குட்பட்ட கிராமப்புற இளைஞர்கள் மீது கவனம் செலுத்துதல் |
| (b) DDUGKY | 2. நிலையான வாழ்வாதார வாய்ப்புகள் |
| (c) NRLM | 3. கிராமப்புற இணைப்பு |
| (d) MGNREGA | 4. கிராமப்புறங்களில் வாழ்வாதாரப் பாதுகாப்பு |

National News

Increase of MNREGA wages

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- The Centre has notified a hike in wage rates under its rural job guarantee programme, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS), for the 2023-24 financial year.
- Haryana gave the highest daily wage at Rs 357 per day.
- Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh gave the lowest at Rs 221.



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- Financial Assistance:** Financial support will be provided to help these enterprises transition to cleaner energy sources and implement energy efficiency measures.
- The strategy will be extended to an additional 100 clusters in the next phase.

Infrastructure Development

- Capital Expenditure:** The government has allocated ₹11,11,111 crore for capital expenditure, amounting to 3.4% of GDP.
- Rural Roads:** Phase IV of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) will be launched to ensure all-weather connectivity for 25,000 rural habitations.



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Antyodaya Diwas

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- The foundation day (September 23) of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gramin Kaushalya Yojana celebrated as "Antyodaya Diwas".
- The Day was celebrated under the theme "Kaushal Se Kal Badhenge".
- The scheme is a part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission.
- The scheme focuses on providing employment to the youth between the age group of 15 and 35 years by training them with required skills.



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67. Match the following :

Water Conservation Programmes and States

States	Programmes
(a) Andhra Pradesh	1. Jal Jeevan Hariyali
(b) Bihar	2. Neeru - Chettu
(c) Gujarat	3. Jal Hi Jeevan Hai
(d) Haryana	4. Sujalam Sufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) 2 1 4 3
- (B) 1 2 3 4
- (C) 2 4 1 3
- (D) 4 1 2 3
- (E) Answer not known

பொருத்துக.

நீர் பாதுகாப்புத் திட்டமும் மாநிலங்களும்

மாநிலங்கள்	திட்டங்கள்
(a) ஆந்திரப் பிரதேசம்	1. ஜல் ஜீவன் ஹரியாலி
(b) பீகார்	2. நீரு - சீட்டு
(c) குஜராத்	3. ஜல் ஹய் ஜீவன் ஹாய்
(d) அரியானா	4. சுஜலாம் சுபலாம் ஜல் சஞ்சய் திட்டம்

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State News

2nd Edition of water conservation scheme

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- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani launched the 2nd edition of the state government's water conservation drive called "Sujalam Sufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan".
- This scheme aims to deepen water bodies in the state before monsoon to increase storage of rainwater to be used during times of scarcity.
- 1st edition witnessed an increase in the water storage capacity of more than 11,000 lakh m³ rainwater through different sources like ponds, reservoirs, check dams and others.

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- The University Grants Commission has approved a new scheme called STRIDE 'Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy'.
 - It aims to strengthen the culture of research and innovation in colleges and Universities.
- Indian pro boxer Vaibhav Yadav became the WBC Asia Silver Welterweight champion after defeating Thailand's Fahpetch Singmanassak in the title match held in Pattaya, Thailand.
 - The fight was conducted by the Asian Boxing Council and approved by the World Boxing Council (WBC).
- Rashika Raj of Tamilnadu has become the first transperson to have received her B. Sc Nursing degree from Tamil Nadu Governor at the convocation of the university.
- Haryana government has introduced a scheme called 'Jal Hi Jeevan Hai' in its northern districts.
 - It is a crop diversification scheme and promotes farmers to diversify paddy area into maize, arhar dal (pigeon pea) and soybean crops which require less water.



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69. Which of the following is not the function of the Finance Commission in India?

- (A) Preparation of Union budget
- (B) The distribution of net proceeds of taxes between the union and the states
- (C) Recommend the principles which should govern the Grants-in-aid
- (D) Any other matter to be referred to the President to promote sound finance
- (E) Answer not known

கீழே கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளவையில் எவை இந்திய நிதிக் குழுவின் பணி இல்லை?

- (A) மத்திய அரசின் வரவு செலவுத் திட்டத்தை தயாரிப்பது
- (B) மத்திய மற்றும் மாநிலங்களுக்கிடையே நிகர வரி வருவாய்களை ஒதுக்கீடு செய்து பகிர்ந்நளித்தல்
- (C) மானியம் பெறுவதற்கான தகுதி குறித்து கொள்கைகளை உறுதி செய்தல்
- (D) நல்ல திடமான நிதியை நிலைநாட்டும் வண்ணம் இந்தியக் குடியரசுத் தலைவரின் பார்வைக்குக் கொண்டு செல்ல வேண்டியது
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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- Recently, the Union Cabinet has given the nod to the terms of reference (ToR) for the Sixteenth Finance Commission.
- This commission holds the critical responsibility of recommending the formula for revenue distribution between the Centre and the States for the upcoming five-year period starting from April 1, 2026.
- The recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission are valid up to the financial year 2025-26.
- The government has set a deadline of October 31, 2023, for the panel to submit its recommendations.
- The key recommendation will be the distribution of net proceeds of taxes between the Centre and States and allocation among States of the respective share of such proceeds.
- The panel will also prescribe measures needed to augment the Consolidated Fund of a State to supplement resources of the panchayats and local bodies on the basis of recommendations made by the respective State Finance Commissions.
- The panel will recommend principles that should govern the grants-in-aid of the revenues of the States out of the Consolidated Fund of India and the sums to be paid to the States by way of grants-in-aid of their revenues.
- Also, it may review the existing arrangements on financing Disaster Management initiatives and make appropriate recommendations.



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State Day - Tamil Nadu Day

State Day - Tamil Nadu Day

- Tamil Nadu Day is celebrated in the state of Tamil Nadu to commemorate the formation of the state on 1 November 1956.
- On 18 July 1967, Madras State was officially renamed to Tamil Nadu.
- In 2019, the Government of Tamil Nadu led by the then chief minister of Tamil Nadu Edappadi K Palaniswami, announced that 1 November of every year will be celebrated as Tamil Nadu Day from 2019 to mark the formation of the state.
- In July 2022, Government of Tamil Nadu led by the then chief minister of Tamil Nadu M. K. Stalin, announced that 18 July of every year will be celebrated as Tamil Nadu Day from 2022 to mark the formation of the state.

76. Pick out the incorrectly paired from the following :

- (1) 1962 – The Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act was passed by the Parliament
 - (2) 1967 – Perarignar Anna Sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
 - (3) 1968 – Perarignar Anna was elected to the Rajya Sabha
 - (4) 1969 – The Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act came into force
- (A) (1) only incorrect
(B) (1) and (2) are incorrect
(C) (1) and (3) are incorrect
(D) (1) and (4) are incorrect
(E) Answer not known

Important News

Tamil Nadu formation Day 2024 - November 01

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- Traditionally, November 1 is the State reorganization Day.
- On November 1, 1956, the Linguistic Reorganization of States was done in the country.
- During this process, parts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala "went away" from the then Madras State.
- Subsequently Madras State was renamed as Tamil Nadu on July 18, 1967, when C. N. Annadurai was the Chief Minister.



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77. Find out the rightly matched pair/s from the following and choose the correct answer from the code given.

- (1) 1925 – Periyar EVR started the periodical 'Kudi Arasu'
- (2) 1928 – The English periodical 'Revolt' was started
- (3) 1934 – Periyar published 'Viduthalai' as a Tamil Daily Newspaper
- (4) 1937 – Periyar brought out the Tamil Weekly 'Pagutharivu'

Codes

- (A) Only (1) and (2) are correct
- (B) Only (1) and (3) are correct
- (C) Only (1) and (4) are correct
- (D) Only (1), (2) and (4) are correct
- (E) Answer not known



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- In 1949 Conjeevaram Natarajan Annadurai, established a separate association called the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), or Dravidian Progressive Federation.

Journals and Books – Periyar

- In 1925 May 2, Periyar published a Tamil Weekly under the title 'Kudi Arasu' edited by himself to spread the principles of Self-Respect.
- Periyar published an English magazine under the title 'Revolt' on 7-11-1928.
- In 1930 Periyar published his book on 'Family Planning' (Birth Control) and propagated restriction of number of children.
- In 1933 another magazine 'Puratchi' (Revolution) was published by Periyar.



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- In 1933 another magazine 'Puratchi' (Revolution) was published by Periyar.
- Periyar brought out the Tamil weekly 'Pagutharivu' (Rationalism) on 12-1-1934.
- Periyar wrote and published a book titled as 'Pen Yenn adimaiyanaal?'.
- Justice Party started the Tamil weekly paper 'Viduthalai' on 1-6-1935. Then it was entrusted to Periyar who published 'Viduthalai' as Tamil Daily Newspaper from 1-1-1937.
- On 22-01-1950 Periyar was sentenced to undergo imprisonment for the publication of his book 'Ponmozhiyal' (Golden sayings).
- In 1970 The Tamil Bi-monthly, the 'Unmai' (Truth) was first started at Tiruchirappalli by Periyar.
- Why I am an Atheist is an essay written by Indian revolutionary Bhagat Singh in 1930 in Lahore. On the request of Periyar E. V. Ramasamy, P. Jeevanandham translated the essay to the Tamil language.



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78. Assertion [A] : Tamilnadu Women Conference held on 13.11.1938 at Chennai under the leadership of T. Neelambikai Ammaiyar.

Reason [R] : This conference passed a resolution for abolition of caste discrimination and the title "Periyar" was conferred on E.V. Ramasamy by this Tamil Nadu Women Conference.

- (A) [A] is true [R] is false
- (B) [A] is false and [R] is false
- (C) [A] is false [R] is true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]
- (D) [A] is true and [R] is true
- (E) Answer not known



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Early life

- In 1885 at the age of 6, periyar was sent to a small primary school.
- In 1889 at the age of 10, his school career ended within 5 years.
- In 1891 at the age of 12, he entered his father's trade.
- He could speak three Dravidian languages: Kannada, Telugu and Tamil.

Periyar - Title

- The title "Periyar" was conferred on him by Tamil Nadu **Women** Conference held in Madras on 13-11-1938 under the presidentship of Neelambikai Ammaiyar daughter of Maraimalai Adigal, a veteran Tamil Scholar. Dr. Dharmambal gave the title of "Periyar" to him.
- The word 'periyar' meaning 'respected one' or 'elder' in Tamil.



Exam Question

85. Choose the right matches among type :

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Porpanaikottai | – A sangam age fort |
| 2. Iron Knife | – Pallavaram |
| 3. Merchant Guild Inscription | – Mayiladumparai |
| 4. Sarcophagus | – Marungur |

- (A) 1 and 3 are correct
(B) 1 and 2 are correct
(C) 2 and 3 are correct
(D) 3 and 4 are correct
(E) Answer not known



Kilnamandi

Excavation Overview

- Location:** Excavations were conducted in July-August 2023 at Kilnamandi, located in Vandavasi taluk, Tiruvannamalai district, Tamil Nadu.
- Burial Types:** The excavations uncovered a **sarcophagus** placed both in a pit and in a cist.

Iron Objects and Dating

- Iron Objects Found:** A sample collected from a stone circle that entombed a pit burial with **sarcophagus**, along with iron objects, was dated.
- Mean Calibrated Value:** The mean calibrated value for this sample was approximately 1692 BCE.

Significance of the Findings

- Earlier Iron Date:** This finding pushed the date of iron usage in Tamil Nadu a century earlier than the date from Mangadu.
- First Sarcophagus Burial Date:** This AMS 14C date (1692 BCE) marked the first time a **sarcophagus** burial was dated in Tamil Nadu, adding a new layer of understanding to the region's burial practices.



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Tamil Nadu News

Porpanai kottai – circular brick structure

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- A portion of a circular brick structure has been unearthed by archaeologists at Porpanaikottai.
- It is a Sangam-age site in Pudukkottai district.
- Potsherds, comprising glazed ware, blackware, black and red ware, roof tiles, perforated ware and three pieces of rouletted ware, a distinctive type of decorated pottery, have also been found.
- A hopacoth made of rouletted ware is a rare and important find.
- A Sangam age fort is believed to have existed here.
- A habitation mound, spread over 1.26 hectares, is believed to have existed within the fort.

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10th Century Chola-period merchant guild inscription

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- ASI deciphered a Chola-period merchant guild inscription found at Pillipatti village in Iluppur taluk in Pudukkottai district.
- It mentions trade groups of various territorial divisions, including Ainaruvuru of Mangala Nadu, Puralmalai Nadu, Poongurdu Nadu, Manalur Nadu and Virampattinam of Kodumbalur.
- The inscription dates back to the 10th century and was probably installed during the reign of either Parantaka Chola or Uttama Chola.
- The inscription has various symbols including Ankush (sharp pointed hook then used to control elephants), Trishul and lamps.

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Gold Treasure

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- This treasure was found from the Kuzhambeswarar (கும்பேஸ்வரர்) temple located near Uthiramerur.
- The temple is said to belong during the reign of Kulotunga Chola II in the 11th century.
- Uthiramerur is a place in the Kancheepuram district of Tamil Nadu.
- There are also inscriptions at Uthiramerur from the period of Parantaka Chola I (907-950), Rajaraja Chola I (985-1014), Rajendra Chola I (1012-1044) and Kulothunga Chola I (1070-1120).
- The temple inscriptions of Uthiramerur are notable for their historical descriptions of the rural self-governance.



93. Who gave special importance to Village Administration?

- (A) Cheras
- (B) Cholas
- (C) Pandyas
- (D) Pallavas
- (E) Answer not known

கிராம நிர்வாகத்துக்குச் சிறப்பிடம் கொடுத்தோர்

- (A) சேரர்
- (B) சோழர்
- (C) பாண்டியர்
- (D) பல்லவர்
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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107. Kessler syndrome refers to

- (A) Radio Frequency Interference in space
- (B) Light Pollution in space
- (C) Accumulation satellite fragments, spent rocket stages and other discarded materials in space
- (D) Formation of Cirrus, Cumulus, Cumulo Nimbus clouds that distracts the light penetration
- (E) Answer not known

கேஸ்லர் சின்ட்ரோம் எனப்படுவது

- (A) விண்வெளியில் ஏற்படும் ரேடியோ அலைவரிசை குறுக்கீடு
- (B) விண்வெளியில் ஏற்படும் ஒளி மாசுபாடு
- (C) விண்வெளியில் குவிந்துள்ள செயற்கை கோள்கள், ராக்கெட் மற்றும் இதரக் கழிவுகளால் ஏற்படும் விளைவு
- (D) சிர்ரஸ், குமூலஸ், குமூலே நிம்பஸ் போன்ற மேகங்களால் சூரிய ஒளியின் ஊடுருவலில் ஏற்படும் விளைவு
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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Science and Technology News

Space Junk

March 31, 2019 3268 days 1057 0

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- With successful testing of anti-satellite missile in India, the world expressed concern over space junk generated from the satellite that was shot down.
- Space junk is an ever-growing problem with more than 7,500 tonnes of redundant hardware now thought to be circling the Earth.
- The rising population of space debris increases the potential danger to all space vehicles, especially The International Space Station (ISS).
- Kessler Syndrome, proposed by the NASA scientist Donald J. Kessler in 1978 warns of the dangers of collision because of the space junk.



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109. Match the following and find out the correct sequence.

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| (a) Abiotic component | 1. The crushed cane after extraction of juice |
| (b) Bagasse | 2. Animals that feed on other animals |
| (c) Carcinogen | 3. Non-living component in an eco system |
| (d) Carnivorous | 4. Toxic organic compound causing cancer |

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (B) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| (C) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (D) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (E) | Answer not known | | | |

கீழ்க்கண்டவற்றை பொருத்துக மற்றும் மேலும் சரியான வரிசை முறையை காண்க.

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| (a) உயிரற்ற பொருள் | 1. சாறு பிரித்தெடுத்த பிறகு நொறுக்கப்பட்ட கரும்பு |
| (b) கரும்புச் சக்கை | 2. மற்ற விலங்குகளை உண்ணும் விலங்குகள் |
| (c) கார்ஸினோஜன் | 3. சூழலியல் மண்டலத்தில் உள்ள உயிரற்ற கூறு |
| (d) ஊனுண்ணி | 4. புற்றுநோயை உண்டாக்கும் நச்சுக் கரிம கலவை |



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- Singapore and Hong Kong imposed a ban on certain spices exported by Indian brands MDH and Everest.
- They have alleged the presence of ethylene oxide (ETO) in certain spices exported by the two companies.
- The Indian government said that it will carry out the mandatory testing for ETO contamination in its spice exports to Singapore and Hong Kong.
- ETO is a pesticide classified as a **carcinogen**.
- Ethylene oxide is a chemical compound with the formula C_2H_4O .
- It is a flammable, colourless gas with a sweet odour at room temperature.
- It is an effective sterilising agent due to its ability to damage DNA.
- Types of cancer that are most frequently linked to exposure to ethylene oxide are lymphoma, leukaemia, and breast cancer.



Science and Technology News

Sugar substitute "Xylitol"

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- IIT Guwahati have created a fermentation process that uses ultrasound to safely generate Xylitol from sugarcane bagasse.
- It is the by-product of crushing sugar cane.
- This approach gets over the operational constraints of chemical synthesis and the time lags of traditional fermentation.
- The use of ultrasound during the fermentation process reduced the time of fermentation to 15 hours.
- It also increased the yield of the product by almost 20%.



Exam Question

112. Match the following :

Column I
(Waste Disposal Method)

- (a) Sanitary landfills
- (b) Incineration
- (c) Pulverizing
- (d) Pyrolysis

Column II

(Process)

- 1. Burning of waste
- 2. Deposit the refuse and compost it with bulldozers
- 3. Combustion in absence of oxygen
- 4. Spreading the waste on fields.

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (B) | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| (C) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (D) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| (E) | Answer not known | | | |



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State News

Bhopal chemical waste Incineration

March 5, 2025 102 days 385 1 Like 0 Share

- The burning of the first 10-tonne batch of Union Carbide's toxic waste took place recently.
- This is a part of the first trial run to dispose of the 40-year-old waste of Bhopal Gas Tragedy.
- The burning or incineration process takes about 72 hours to complete.
- The process began shortly after the Supreme Court rejected a petition that had challenged the Madhya Pradesh government's plans to dispose 358 tonnes of Union Carbide waste in Pithampur.
- The chemical waste had been lying at the now-defunct Union Carbide India Ltd (UCIL) factory in Bhopal for more than 40 years since the December 1984 gas tragedy.



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Pyrolysis Plant

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- The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) is planning to set up a pyrolysis plant to manage plastic waste and produce fuel from it.
- The GCC produces about 500 tonnes of plastic waste every day.
- The pyrolysis process breaks down the organic compounds in plastic under extremely high temperatures in the absence of oxygen and converts them into fuel.



114. Consider the statements on monsoon and choose the right answer

- (i) Most monsoon rainfall is caused by the depression over Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal.
 - (ii) The amount of rainfall increases with increasing distance from the sea shore.
 - (iii) The eastern coastal area of Tamil Nadu remains dry during South West monsoon.
- (A) (i) is true
(B) (i) and (iii) are true
(C) (ii) and (iii) are true
(D) (i) and (ii) are true
(E) Answer not known

பருவக்காற்று பற்றிய கூற்றுக்களில் சரியானவற்றை தேர்ந்தெடுக்க :

Environment News

Cyclones over Arabian Sea More Frequent - IMD Study

August 11, 2021 144 days 106 0

- IMD Study based on 50-year dataset (1970-2019) of extreme weather events has shown that there has been an increased occurrence of extreme weather events, including severe cyclonic storms in recent decades.
- There has been a significant rise in mean temperature across the globe.
- Analyzing the past data of cyclones over the North Indian Ocean (Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea) during the period 1891-2020 shows that the frequency of extremely severe cyclonic storms has
 - Increased in recent few years over the Arabian Sea since 1990, and
 - Remained the same over the Bay of Bengal.

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Rare depression in the Bay of Bengal

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- A rare weather phenomenon of depression in March is unfolding over the Bay of Bengal.
- The approaching weather system set a new record as such depressions that are considered unusual in March.
- In the past 130 years, the Bay of Bengal has charmed two depressions in March.
- It was in 1938 and 1994.

WHY WEATHER SYSTEMS RARE IN MARCH

Environment News

Cyclones in Arabian Sea

November 4, 2019 324 days 131 0

- For the first time since 1903, two cyclonic storms have prevailed simultaneously — Cyclone Kyarr and Cyclone Maha — over the Arabian Sea.
- Cyclone Kyarr was only the second super cyclone to be formed after Cyclone Goni in 2007.
- The occurrence of cyclones is more frequent and common in the Bay of Bengal compared to the Arabian Sea.
- In 2019, four cyclones have formed over the Arabian Sea.
- Cyclone Fani was the last to be formed over the Bay of Bengal in 2019, and it had caused massow destruction in Odisha.

NORTHERN INDIAN OCEAN CYCLONE NAMES



Exam Question

115. Match the following type :

- Match correctly the Nationalist Papers and its Authors :
- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Subramaniya Bharathi | 1. Swadesamithran |
| (b) Mrs. Annie Besant | 2. Madras Mahajana Sabha |
| (c) G. Subramanya Iyer | 3. India |
| (d) P. Anandacharlu | 4. New India |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| (B) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| (D) | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| (E) | Answer not known | | | |



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Indian Newspaper Day 2025 - January 29

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- The date commemorates the publication of the first Indian newspaper, Hickey's Bengal Gazette, in 1780.
- James Augustus Hickey is considered the "Father of Indian press".
- Theme of 2025 is "Role of Print Media in the Digital Age".
- The oldest existing newspaper in India is **Mumbai Samachar** (formerly **Bombay Samachar**) published for the first time in 1822 in Gujarati.
- The first Tamil newspaper in India was the **Swadesia Mitran**, which was started as a weekly in 1882 by G. Subramanya Aiyer.

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Early Legal Career and Political Affiliations

- Eminent Lawyer:** C.P. Ramaswami Aiyer was a prominent lawyer in the Madras Presidency, noted for his legal expertise and political activism.
- Member of India Society:** He was an admirer of Gopal Krishna Gokhale. He joined the **Burns of India Society** in Poona, aligning himself with reformist ideals.

Legal and Political Milestones

- In the year 1912, he fought on behalf of **Jiddu Marayana** in a high-profile custody case against **Anna Sankar**, securing the custody of Marayana's 1901 home.
- Collaboration with Anna Sankar:** He became an associate of Anna Sankar, collaborating in organizing the Home Rule League.
- He served as vice-president and published the daily newspaper 'New India' for the League.
- Editing under Constraints:** During Dr. Anna Sankar's incarceration by the British in 1917, Ramaswami Aiyer edited 'New India' with his pen to circumvent printing restrictions imposed by the colonial law.

Exam Question

116. Match the following :

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Home Rule Movement | 1. S. Ambujammal |
| (b) Kudi Arasu | 2. Annie Besant |
| (c) Women's Swadeshi League | 3. Muthulakshmi Reddy |
| (d) Abolition of Devadasi system | 4. E.V. Ramasamy |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| (B) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (C) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (D) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (E) | Answer not known | | | |

Kazhagam (DMK), or Dravidian Progressive Federation.

Journals and Books- Periyar

- In 1925 May 2, Periyar published a Tamil Weekly under the title "**Kudi** Arasu" edited by himself to spread the principles of Self-Respect.
- Periyar published an English magazine under the title "Revolt" on 7-11-1928.
- In 1930 Periyar published his book on "Family Planning" (Birth Control) and propagated restriction of number of children.

- Lucknow session (1916):** Member of the Subjects Committee.
- He participated in discussions on the Congress-Indian Muslim League's scheme of reforms.
- Madras session (1917):** He participated as delegate.
- He elected member of the All-India Congress Committee.
- He was the member of the Subjects Committee.
- He moved the resolution on indentured labour at the open session.
- He supported for **Home Rule** and Passive Resistance.

Indian Home Rule Movement

- He supported the movement led by Annie Besant and others during the 1910s.
- He supported the resolution passed at the Madras Provincial Conference following the internment of Mrs. Annie Besant, George Arundale, and B. P. Wadia.

Career and Journalism

- Madras Secretariat:** Initially joined the government service as a clerk in the Madras Secretariat but resigned in 1902 to set up a law practice in Thanjavur.
- The Hindu:** He worked with The Hindu, leaving in 1910 when his request for partnership was declined.
- Swadesamitran:** He took over Swadesamitran, becoming its editor and transforming it into a voice for independence.

Political Involvement

- Home Rule Movement:** He actively participated in Mrs. Annie Besant's **Home Rule** Movement from 1914 to 1918, serving as secretary of the **Home Rule League**.
- Congress Delegation to England:** In 1919, travelled to England as part of a Congress delegation to demand full self-government for India.
- Round Table Conferences:** He attended the second Round Table Conference in 1931 as Gandhi's political secretary and contributed actively.

- In order to achieve self-respect, not only men but also women have contributed a lot.
- Among the women reformer some of them are worth mentioning.
- They are Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy, Dr. S. Chandalamma and **Mamatha Ramani**.

Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy (1896-1968)

- Tamil Nadu was the forerunner in the transformation of society.
- In the great cultured heritage of Tamil Nadu there are some black spots often found and removed.
- One such a black spot was **Devadasi** system.
- One of the important leaders who fought vigorously against this system was Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy.
- Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy was born on 26th July, 1896 in Pudukkottai.
- She was the first woman in India to get a degree in medicine.
- In 1923 her sister died in Cancer. On that day she took a vow to destroy cancer. So, she started cancer Relief Hospital in 1949.
- The cancer Institute at Adyar in Chennai was started due to her good efforts.
- Our first Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru laid the foundation for that Institute.
- She was not only interested in medicine but also in politics and social reforms.
- she dedicated herself to the cause of eradicating the cruel practice **Devadasi** system from Tamil Nadu.
- She was personally guided by Gandhi for her active propaganda against **Devadasi** system.
- Appreciating her role in the agitation against **Devadasi** system she was nominated to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council 1927.
- As a result, the Madras Government enacted a law abolishing **Devadasi** system in 1947 under the Congress Government led by C. P. Ramaswamy Reddy.



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122. On 24th September 1932, Poona pact was signed between

- (A) Gandhi – Irwin
- (B) Gandhi – Jinnah
- (C) Gandhi – Ambedkar
- (D) Gandhi – Ramsay Mac Donald
- (E) Answer not known

1932 ஆம் ஆண்டு செப்டம்பர் 24ம் தேதி பூனா ஒப்பந்தத்தில் கையொப்பமிட்டவர்கள்.

- (A) காந்தி – இர்வின்
- (B) காந்தி – ஜின்னா
- (C) காந்தி – அம்பேத்கர்
- (D) காந்தி – ராமச்சே மெக்‌டோனால்ட்
- (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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Anglo-Indians, Europeans and Scheduled Castes.

- Gandhi fiercely opposed a separate electorate for untouchables, saying he feared that such an arrangement would divide the Hindu community.
- Gandhi protested by fasting unto Death while imprisoned in the Yerawada Central Jail of Poona.
- Following the fast, Congress politicians and activists such as Madan Mohan Malaviya and Palwankar Baloo organized joint meetings with Ambedkar and his supporters at Yerawada.
- On 24 September 1932, the agreement known as **Poona Pact** was signed between Ambedkar (on behalf of the depressed classes among Hindus) and Madan Mohan Malaviya (on behalf of the other Hindus).





Exam Question

123. Choose the right matches :

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) Ferosha Metha | — | Disciple of Gokhale |
| (2) Gopala Krishna Gokhale | — | Servants of India Society |
| (3) Dadabhai Naoroji | — | Drain Theory |
| (4) S.N. Banerjee | — | Safety Valve Theory |
| (A) (2) and (3) are correct | (B) (1) and (2) are correct | |
| (C) (2) and (4) are correct | (D) (3) and (4) are correct | |
| (E) Answer not known | | |

சரியான பொருத்தங்களை தேர்ந்தெடுக்க :

- | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) பிரோஷா மேத்தா | — | கோகலேயின் சீடன் |
| (2) கோபால கிருஷ்ண கோகலே | — | இந்திய ஊழியர்களின் சங்கம் |
| (3) தாதாபாய் நௌரோஜி | — | வடிகால் கொள்கை |
| (4) S.N. பானர்ஜி | — | பாதுகாப்பு ஊடிதழ் கோட்பாடு |
| (A) (2) மற்றும் (3) சரி | (B) (1) மற்றும் (2) சரி | |
| (C) (2) மற்றும் (4) சரி | (D) (3) மற்றும் (4) சரி | |
| (E) விடை தெரியவில்லை | | |



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(இதன் தமிழ் வடிவத்திற்கு இங்கே சொடுக்கவும்)

42. V.S. Srinivasa Sastri

Early Life and Background

- Valangaiman Sankara Narayana Srinivasa Sastri was born on September 22, 1869, in Valangaiman Taluk of Thiruvannur district, Tamil Nadu.

Political Involvement

- He was a devoted follower of Gopal Krishna Gokhale, an influential Indian freedom fighter, and joined his association, the Servants of India Society.
- In 1908, Srinivasa Sastri became a member of the Indian National Congress.
- By 1911, he was appointed as the Secretary of the Madras District Congress Committee.
- His political influence grew when he was nominated to the Madras Legislative Council in 1913 and later to the Imperial Legislative Council of India in 1916.



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50. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar

Early Legal Career and Political Affiliations

- **Eminent Lawyer:** C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar was a prominent lawyer in the Madras Presidency, noted for his legal expertise and political activism.
- **Servant of India Society:** He was an admirer of Gopal Krishna Gokhale, he joined the Servants of India Society in Poona, aligning himself with reformist ideals.



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124. Match correctly the Excavated materials with their corresponding Excavation place :

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| (a) Shell Bangles | 1. Azhagankulam |
| (b) Ring Well | 2. Thulukkarpatti |
| (c) Roman Coins | 3. Kezhadi |
| (d) Silver Stamps | 4. Vembakottai |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (B) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (D) | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| (E) | Answer not known | | | |

Tamil Nadu News

Rare terracotta pot in Vembakottai

September 15, 2021 641 days 172 0

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- The state archaeology department's excavations in Vembakottai, Virudhunagar are in the second phase.
- A terracotta pot, in which a liquid had been boiled till it overflowed, and a lamp were found in the site.
- Four burial urns, including two which were intact, were found in a Sivasangupatti village four kilometres from the excavation site.
- More than 3,000 artefacts were unearthed in the first phase.
- It was including beads, toys, pots made of terracotta, and thousands of shell **bangles**.

Tamil Nadu News

Keeladi excavations – 7th Phase

October 26, 2021 1226 days 1717 0

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- The Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (TNSDA) began excavations in Keeladi, Konthagal, and Agaram in Sivagangai district.
- The seventh phase was conducted by the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology.
- Keeladi is an urban settlement that is at least 2,600 years old.
- Ring wells were the highlight of the seventh phase of this excavation.
- Ring wells may have been used as soak pits or draw wells.
- This is the first time that the Tamil Nadu State Archaeology Department has left the quadrants open without filling it with soil after the excavation ended as it plans to establish an open site museum.
- When the museum is established then it would be a first-of-its-kind to be established in Tamil Nadu.
- The image of a fish imprinted on a ring well and the engraved coins found here strengthened the theory that the people who lived here had commercial transactions with other parts of the country, namely north India.



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Personalities, Awards and Events

KS Puttaswamy

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- Justice K S Puttaswamy, the former Karnataka High Court judge and the lead petitioner in the seminal 'right to privacy case', passed away at Bengaluru.
- After retirement in 1986, he was appointed as the first Vice-Chairman of the Bengaluru bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal.
- He had also served as the chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh backward Classes Commission.
- In 2012, at the age of 86, Justice Puttaswamy would be one of the first litigants to challenge the Aadhaar scheme.
- This had led to a historic decision in August 2017 where a nine-judge bench unanimously recognised the fundamental right to privacy in the case of Justice K S Puttaswamy (Retd.) v. Union of India.

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National News

Passive euthanasia

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- The Supreme Court has given landmark judgement by providing legal sanction to passive euthanasia if patients slip into irreversible coma.
- The Supreme Court (SC) allowed passive euthanasia and right to give advance medical directives or 'Living Wills'.
- The ruling was given by five-judge Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra.
- The judgement by five-judge Constitution bench is based on the opinion that Right to life includes right to die with dignity.
- The court's ruling was pronounced on a 2005 plea filed by Prashant Bhushan on behalf of NGO Common Cause that sought recognition of a living will so that an individual could exercise the right to refuse medical treatment at a terminally-ill stage of life.

126. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. Right to Privacy | – Justice K.S. Puttaswamy Rtd. Vs. Union of India |
| 2. Passive Euthanasia | – Common cause (Regd. Society) Vs. Union of India |
| 3. Right to Vote | – Ministry of Defence Vs. Babita Puniya |
| 4. NOTA in Elections | – Swapnil Tripathi Vs. Supreme Court of India |

- (A) 1 and 3 are correct
(B) 1 and 2 are correct
(C) 2 and 3 are correct
(D) 3 and 4 are correct
(E) Answer not known



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pornographic acts involving children attract criminal liability under the POCSO Act.

- This verdict has overturned a contentious Madras High Court decision from earlier this year.
- The Madras High Court had previously held that "mere possession" of such material did not violate the law unless the individual had actively "used a child or children for pornographic purposes."
- But the SC concluded that not only physical possession but also "constructive possession" would also fall under Section 15 of the POCSO Act, even if the person did not actively produce or distribute the content.
- Constructive possession is the power to control the material, combined with knowledge of that control.



129. What is the definition of a child under the POCSO Act?

- (A) Below 14 years of age (B) Below 16 years of age
(C) Below 18 years of age (D) Below 21 years of age
(E) Answer not known

POCSO சட்டத்தின் கீழ் ஒரு குழந்தையின் வரையறை என்ன?

- (A) 14 வயதிற்கு உட்பட்டவர்கள் (B) 16 வயதிற்கு உட்பட்டவர்கள்
(C) 18 வயதிற்கு உட்பட்டவர்கள் (D) 21 வயதிற்கு உட்பட்டவர்கள்
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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131. Which of the following statements is incorrect about India's Act East Policy?

- (A) This policy promotes proactive diplomacy with political and military intervention to curb insurgency in the Asia-Pacific region
- (B) This policy was originally conceived as an economic initiative
- (C) This policy focuses on the extend neighbourhood in Asia-Pacific region
- (D) This policy promotes enhanced connectivity to Asia-Pacific region through North-Eastern Region
- (E) Answer not known



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10-point plan to strengthen India-ASEAN relations

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- The 21st ASEAN-India Summit was held in Vientiane, Laos.
- The theme of the event was 'Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience'.
- During the event India announced a 10-point plan to mark a decade of India's **Act East** Policy.

21st ASEAN-India Summit

Prime Minister's 10-point plan to strengthen ASEAN-India Comprehensive Partnership:

1. Celebrating the year 2025 as ASEAN India Year of Tourism for which India would make available USD 5 million towards joint activities
2. To celebrate a decade of Act East Policy through several people centric activities including Youth Summit, Start-up Festival, Hackathon, Music Festival, ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks and Delhi Dialogue

21st ASEAN-India Summit

Prime Minister's 10-point plan to strengthen ASEAN-India Comprehensive Partnership:

5. Review of ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement by 2025
6. Enhancing Disaster Resilience for which India would make available USD 5 million
7. Initiate a new Health Ministers' track towards building Health Resilience
8. Initiate a regular mechanism of ASEAN-India Cyber

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133. Match the following (Women Empowerment)

Name of the Act	Enacted Year
(a) Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act	1. 2013
(b) National Food Security Act	2. 2016
(c) Rights of persons with Disabilities Act	3. 2017
(d) Mental Health Care Act	4. 1971

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) 1 2 3 4
- (B) 4 1 2 3
- (C) 2 3 1 4
- (D) 3 4 2 1
- (E) Answer not known

Tamil Nadu News

Minimum standards for de-addiction

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- The state government notified the Tamil Nadu State Mental Healthcare Minimum Standards for De-addiction Centres Regulations 2025.
- The regulations are framed under the Mental Health Care Act, 2017.
- It has classified the centres into two categories based on the services they offered
 - Comprehensive De-addiction Centres (CDC) and
 - Rehabilitation Centres (RC) for persons with substance abuse disorders (SUD).



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Equal abortion rights

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- The Supreme Court has allowed all women in the country, regardless of marital status, can undergo an abortion up to 24 weeks into pregnancy to access safe and legal abortion care.
- It has ruled over a 51-year-old abortion law (Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act of 1971).
- This act bars unmarried women from terminating pregnancies which are up to 24-weeks old.
- The latest amendment to the MTP Act was made in 2021.
- Until the 1960s, abortion was illegal in India and a woman could face three years of imprisonment and/or a fine under Section 312 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).
- Based on the report of the Shanti Lal Shah Committee, a medical termination bill was passed in August 1971.
- The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971 came into force on 1st of April 1972.

Launched:

- 2013

Ministry or Nodal Agency:

- Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution.

Objectives of the NFSA 2013

- The National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 was introduced to ensure food security and improve the nutritional status of the population.

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Exam Question

140. Which of the following statements is true about Article 21?

- (i) This article reminds us of one of the famous clauses in Magna Carta.
 - (ii) The constitution does not confer right to die.
 - (iii) Custodial death is perhaps one of the worst crimes in a civilized society governed by Administrative Law.
- (A) (i) only
(B) (i) and (ii) only
(C) (i) and (iii) only
(D) (ii) and (iii) only
(E) Answer not known



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States' News

Karnataka rules on Euthanasia

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- On January 24, 2023, the Supreme Court ruled that the right to life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution encompassed the right to die with dignity.
- The right to die with dignity is for people suffering from terminal illness, with no signs of recovery, and facing conditions of lifelong hardship.
- Karnataka Health Department issued an order to implement the Supreme Court's ruling allowing terminally ill patients to die with dignity.
- Karnataka is the second State after Kerala to implement the directive.
- The primary and secondary medical boards will take the decisions regarding the withholding of treatment after obtaining the consent of the patient's next of kin or the person nominated in the patient's advance medical directive.

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National News

Passive euthanasia

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- The Supreme Court has given landmark judgement by providing legal sanction to passive euthanasia if patients slip into irreversible coma.
- The Supreme Court (SC) allowed passive euthanasia and right to give advance medical directives or 'Living Wills'.
- The ruling was given by five-judge Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra.
- The judgement by five-judge Constitution bench is based on the opinion that Right to life includes right to **die** with dignity.
- The court's ruling was pronounced on a 2005 plea filed by Prashant Bhushan on behalf of NGO Common Cause that sought recognition of a living will so that an individual could exercise the right to refuse medical treatment at a terminally-ill stage of life.



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144. Match the List I with List II :

- | | |
|--|---------|
| (a) Jal Jeevan Mission | 1. 2014 |
| (b) Beti Bachao Betipadha | 2. 2019 |
| (c) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan | 3. 1995 |
| (d) National Social Assistance Programme | 4. 2015 |
-
- | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| (B) 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (C) 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (D) 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
- (E) Answer not known

பட்டியல் Iஐ பட்டியல் II உடன் பொருத்துக :

- | | |
|--|---------|
| (a) குடிநீர் வழங்கல் திட்டம் | 1. 2014 |
| (b) மகளைக் காப்பாற்று மகளைப் படிக்க வை திட்டம் | 2. 2019 |
| (c) தூய்மை இந்தியா திட்டம் | 3. 1995 |
| (d) தேசிய சமூக உதவித் திட்டம் | 4. 2015 |

Tamil Nadu News

Tamil Nadu's share for Central schemes

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- The Tamil Nadu government contributes more monetarily compared to the Union government for the implementation of at least six Central schemes.
- These include three schemes under the umbrella of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) — Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), and the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS).
- These also include the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)-Rural, Pradhan Mantri Matruva Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), and the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).
- Fully funded by the Centre, the NSAP was launched in August 1995.
- However, the State government has been a pioneer in this area and it started implementing an old age pension scheme since January 1962.

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5 years of Jal Jeevan Mission

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- The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was launched on August 15, 2019.
- It is aimed at providing tap water supply to every rural household by 2024.
- At the time of its inception, only 3.23 crore (17%) of rural households had tap water connections.

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Beti Bachao Beti Padhao-Expansion

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- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the expansion of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme for Pan India reach covering all the 640 districts (as per census 2011) of the Country.
- The expansion under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme came following the successful implementation of the scheme in 161 districts of the country.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

- The scheme was launched in 2015 to address the issue of decline in Child Sex Ratio (CSR) in gender critical districts issues related to empowerment of women.

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Open Defecation Free India

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- On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, PM Narendra Modi announced that rural India and its villages have declared themselves open-defecation free.
- In 60 months, more than 60 crore people were provided with 11 crore toilets.
- Swachh Bharat Mission- Gramin (SBM-G) was launched on October 2, 2014.

India open defecation-free: PM

Financial savings from a household toilet exceeds its financial costs by 1.7 times on an average and 2.4 times for poorest households.





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145. Consider the following statements about Women Helpline. Which among the following statement is incorrect?

- (A) Provide toll-free 24 hours telecom service to women affected by conflicts seeking support and information
- (B) Facilitate crisis and non-crisis intervention through referral to the appropriate agencies
- (C) Provide information about appropriate support services, government schemes available to the women affected by violence
- (D) Provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence in public spaces only
- (E) Answer not known



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Tamil Nadu News

TN launches 24x7 helpline '181' for wo

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- The Tamil Nadu Government launched a 24-hour toll free helpline number 181 for women facing domestic violence and sexual harassment.
- They will get assistance ranging from police help, legal aid or medical services including ambulance.
- It will be available round-the-clock on all days of the week and women can also get information about the welfare schemes aimed at their benefit.





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146. What are the objectives of public distribution system?

- (i) It is based on income status
 - (ii) It focuses on the families of Military Personnel
 - (iii) It ensures by making available essential commodities of good quality at affordable Prices every month
- (A) (i) and (ii) only (B) (ii) only
(C) (i) and (iii) only (D) (iii) only
(E) Answer not known

பொது விநியோக முறையின் நோக்கங்கள் என்ன?

- (i) இது வருமான நிலையின் அடிப்படையில் அமைந்துள்ளது
 - (ii) இது ராணுவ வீரர்களின் குடும்பங்களை மையமாகக் கொண்டுள்ளது
 - (iii) இது ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் மலிவு விலையில் நல்ல தரமான அத்தியாவசியப் பொருள்களைக் கிடைக்கச் செய்வதன் மூலம் உறுதி செய்கிறது
- (A) (i) மற்றும் (ii) மட்டும் (B) (ii) மட்டும்
(C) (i) மற்றும் (iii) மட்டும் (D) (iii) மட்டும்
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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- The basic concept of food security globally is to ensure that all people, at all times, should get access to the basic food for their active and healthy life and is characterized by availability, access, utilization and stability of food
- Food security can also be derived from the fundamental right to life enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution.
- So, it can be interpreted to include right to live with human dignity, which may include the right to food and other basic necessities.
- In pursuance of this, the enactment of the National Food Security Act, (NFSA) 2013 marks a paradigm shift in the approach to food security from welfare to the rights-based approach.
- The Act legally entitles up to 75% of the rural population and 50% of the urban population to receive subsidized food grains under the **Targeted** Public Distribution System.



Exam Question

147. The amount given under the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme has been increased since 2018 to Rs. _____.

- (A) 18,000/- (B) 24,000/-
(C) 12,000/- (D) 32,000/-
(E) Answer not known

மருத்துவர் முத்துலட்சுமி ரெட்டி மகப்பேறு நலத்திட்டத்தின்கீழ் 2018 முதல் உயர்த்தப்பட்டுள்ள உதவித் தொகை ரூபாய் _____.

- (A) 18,000/- (B) 24,000/-
(C) 12,000/- (D) 32,000/-
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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- In the ensuing financial year, fresh crop loans to the tune of Rs. 8,000 crores will be extended to farmers through cooperative institutions.
- The State Government has fixed a target of 110 lakh metric tonnes of food grain production for the year 2018-2019.
- A new 'Amma Green Park' will be developed at Guindy at a cost of Rs.20 crores.
- A new flower market complex will be developed at Hosur, Krishnagiri district.
- A maize processing unit will be set up at Mangalur, Cuddalore district.
- A post-harvest processing unit for flowers will be established at Thovalai.

Women Welfare

- Under the 'Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme', aimed at reducing IMR and MMR, the State Government has already enhanced the assistance from Rs. 12,000 to Rs. **18,000** per beneficiary.
- A working women hostel will be constructed for working Muslim women on the place owned by Waqf Board in Chennai with Government's financial assistance in the ensuing financial year.
- An amount of Rs. 4,000 will be offered for providing 'Amma Maternity Nutrition Kit', comprising iron tonic and nutrition supplements to reduce anaemia amongst pregnant women and improve the birth weights of infants.



Exam Question

148. Match the welfare schemes with its beneficiaries .

- | | |
|--|---|
| (a) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) | 1. Farmers (especially small and marginal farmers) |
| (b) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) | 2. Women from rural and remote areas |
| (c) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) | 3. Low-income households and economically weaker sections |
| (d) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) | 4. Rural households living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| (B) | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| (C) | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| (D) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| (E) | Answer not known | | | |



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- Land Development.
- Minor Watering, farming and area growth on the area of SC/ST/-BPL/AY and land change beneficiaries.
- Rural connectivity.

Salient features

- Equal payment for men and **women**.
- Wage has to be done weekly basis and not beyond a fortnight.
- 1/3 beneficiaries should be **women**.
- Work site facilities such as creche, drinking water and shade, emergency health care have to be provided.
- 60:40 wage and material ratio have to be maintained for all works undertaken under NREGA.



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Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

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- The government approved major changes in the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana making it optional for farmers with a view to plug loopholes in the farm insurance scheme.
- Under the PMFBY, which was launched in February 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it is mandatory for loanee farmers to take insurance cover under this scheme.
- Currently, 56 percent of the total farmers are loanee.

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National News

Ujjwala Diwas

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- The Ujjwala Yojana was launched by the Prime Minister on 1st May 2016 at Boliya, Uttar Pradesh.
- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has decided to celebrate 1st May 2022 as Ujjwala Diwas.
- The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) aims to provide free LPG connection to every BPL household.
- The Prime Minister launched the second phase of the PMUY or Ujjwala cooking gas scheme in August 2021.
- Ujjwala 2.0 now aims to cover 10 million more beneficiaries in the second phase of the scheme.



Exam Question

149. Which of the following is incorrectly paired?

- (1) CDI – Child Development Index
(2) ABC – Achievements of Basic Children Needs
(3) MPI – Multidimensional Poverty Index
(4) HDI – Human Development Identification
- (A) (2) and (4) (B) (1) and (3)
(C) (1) and (4) (D) (2) and (3)
(E) Answer not known

பின்வருவனவற்றுள் எவை தவறாக பொருந்தியுள்ளது?

- (1) CDI – குழந்தைகள் வளர்ச்சி குறியீடு
(2) ABC – குழந்தைகளின் அடிப்படைத் தேவைகளின் சாதனைகள்
(3) MPI – பல பரிமாண வறுமை குறியீடு
(4) HDI – மனித வளர்ச்சி அடையாளம் காணல்
- (A) (2) மற்றும் (4) (B) (1) மற்றும் (3)
(C) (1) மற்றும் (4) (D) (2) மற்றும் (3)
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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UNDP - Human Development Index 2021

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- The 2021 HDR was titled "A Matter of Choice: People and Possibilities in the Age of AI".
- India was ranked at 130 out of 193 countries in 2021 on the UNDP's human development index.
- This marks a 3-spot improvement from 133 in the previous year.
- With an HDI value of 0.685 India remains in the "medium human development category".

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National Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index, 2023 - Tamil Nadu

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Introduction



- Poverty has long been understood primarily through the lens of income and consumption, focusing on monetary metrics to assess an individual or household's economic status.
- However, this narrow view often fails to capture the complex realities of poverty.
- The National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), developed by NITI Aayog, takes a more holistic approach by utilizing the Alkire-Foster



Exam Question

151. Choose the right matches :

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| (1) Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission | – Integrated Cluster Action Plans |
| (2) Saansad Adharsh Gram Yojana | – Skill training to global standards |
| (3) Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan | – E-governance in Panchayats |
| (4) Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana | – Poverty alleviation through SHGs |
- (A) (1) and (2) are correct
(B) (1) and (3) are correct
(C) (2) and (3) are correct
(D) (1) and (4) are correct
(E) Answer not known

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)

Year:

- Launched in 2010 (renamed in 2016)

Ministry or Nodal Agency:

- Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

Aim:

- To reduce poverty by providing poor households with access to gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities, leading to sustainable and diversified livelihood options.



National News

Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission

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- Telangana has secured 1st place among the 34 states and Union Territories (UTs) that implement the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission.
- Tamil Nadu and Gujarat have secured 2nd and 3rd place on the list respectively.
- The objective of the mission is to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services, and create well-planned Rurban clusters.

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Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

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- Out of the total 700, only 252 Members of Parliament (MPs) have adopted gram panchayats under phase-I of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY).
- This scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- The scheme was launched by the Prime Minister of India on 2014 on the birth anniversary of Jawahar Lal Nehru.

About scheme

- It is a village development project under which each Members of Parliament (MPs) are responsible for developing the socio-economic and physical infrastructure of three villages each by 2019, and a total of eight villages each by 2024.
- The first Adarsh Gram (Model Village) was to be developed by 2016, and two more by 2019.
- From 2019 to 2024, five more Adarsh Grams must be developed by each MP, one each year.

National News

Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan

April 19, 2022 | 1155 days | 354 | 1 Like 0 | Share

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the continuation of the revamped Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (ROSA) for implementation during the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2026.
- The scheme is now co-terminus with the 13th Finance Commission period.
- The scheme is aimed to develop the governance capabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).
- The scheme was first approved by the Cabinet in 2018 for implementation from 2018-19 to 2021-22.



Exam Question

152. Which among the following is incorrectly paired?

- | | |
|---|--|
| (i) Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana | – Construction of hostels for SC students |
| (ii) Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana | – Improving the quality of life of senior citizens |
| (iii) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram | – Socio economic development of refugees |
| (iv) Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission | – Strengthening tribal entrepreneurship |

- (A) (ii) only
(B) (i) and (ii) only
(C) (iii) only
(D) (iv) only
(E) Answer not known



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PM VIKAS Scheme

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- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Karm Karyakram (PMKKKK) now named as Pradhan Mantri Viraset Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme".
- It is a Central Sector Scheme under Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- It aims improve livelihoods of the minorities, particularly the artisan communities, using the components of skill development, education, women leadership & entrepreneurship.
- The scheme combines the following five existing schemes: Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharchar, Nai Roshni and Nai Manzil.



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PM-JUGA Scheme

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- The Union Cabinet has approved the "Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan".
- It aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities through scheme convergence.
- It will bring sustainable agricultural practices to all Forest Rights Act (FRA) patta holders "to enable them for maintenance and conservation of forest".
- As of June 2024, more than 24 lakh FRA titles have been granted to people and communities from Scheduled Tribes (ST) and other traditional forest-dwelling groups.
- It covers over 1.9 crore acres of forest land across the country.
- However, of the 50.5 lakh claims filed under the FRA, 34.83% have been rejected and 15.9% remain pending.



Exam Question

153. Find the elements of India's climate action :

- (i) Net-Zero Emissions by 2070
 - (ii) Increase Non-Fossil Energy Capacity and Renewable energy share
 - (iii) Planting trees and stopping deforestation
 - (iv) Reduce Carbon Intensity and Carbon Emissions
- (A) (i) and (ii) only
(B) (ii), (iii) and (iv) only
(C) (i), (iii) and (iv) only
(D) (i), (ii) and (iv) only
(E) Answer not known



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National News

India's 5 commitments at COP26

November 18, 2021 | 1207 days | 1324 | 9 | Share

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India will reach its net-zero carbon emission target by 2070 as he laid out the country's climate action plan.
- PM Modi announced to the world the five commitments or 'Amrit tatva' that India would meet as it works 'very hard' to tackle climate change-related issues.
- Commitment 1 - By 2030, India will increase its non-fossil capacity to 500 gigawatts.
- Commitment 2 - By 2030, India will fulfil 50 percent of its energy requirements with renewable energy.
- Commitment 3 - India will reduce one billion tonnes of the total projected carbon emission between now and 2030.
- Commitment 4 - By 2030, India will reduce its economy's carbon intensity to less than 45%.
- Commitment 5 - India will achieve the target of net zero emissions by 2070.



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- Recently, India announced that it will reach carbon neutrality by 2070 as part of a five-point action plan that included reducing emissions to 50% by 2030.
- India made this pledge at the Conference of the Parties (COP) 26 climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland.
- It also urged developed countries to deliver on their promise of climate financing.

PM MAKES FIVE PLEDGES

- India will increase its non-fossil energy capacity to 500GW by 2030.
- India will meet 50% of its energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030.
- India will reduce the total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes from now to 2030.
- By 2030, India will reduce the carbon intensity of its economy by 45% from a previous target of 33%.
- By 2070, India will achieve the target of net zero.

WHAT IS NET ZERO?

Net zero refers to a balance between emissions of greenhouse gases and their offset by the absorption of an equivalent amount from the atmosphere. Equity and net zero targets are a critical measure to successfully tackle climate change and its devastating consequences.

PLEDGES BY TOP THREE EMITTERS

- China:** Keeping committed to its pledge to reach peak emissions by 2028 and carbon neutrality by 2060.
- UNITED STATES:** The US has pledged to reach net zero by 2050.
- INDIA:** The country's economy will become carbon neutral by the year 2070.



Exam Question

154. Assertion [A] : A recent study by the World Health Organization (WHO) commissioned by the Jal Shakti Ministry reported that Jal Jeevan Mission would succeed in averting close to 4,00,000 deaths from diarrheal diseases, saving approximately 14 million DALYS.

Reason [R] : It is envisioned by the Department of Drinking water and sanitation to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India.

- (A) [A] is true but [R] is false
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true; and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is false, [R] is true
(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]
(E) Answer not known



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WHO Report on Potable Water

June 15, 2023 118 days 621 0 0

- WHO highlights the substantial benefits of the 'Har Ghar Jal' program in India.
- Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) aims to provide piped potable water to all of Indians.
- It would succeed in averting close to 4,00,000 deaths from diarrhoea.
- It also prevents approximately 14 million Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) related to these diseases.
- This achievement alone would result in estimated cost savings of up to \$101 billion.
- Currently about 12.3 crore rural households, or 62%, have piped water connections up from 3.2 crore or about 16.6% from 2019.
- Five states viz: Gujarat, Telangana, Goa, Haryana, and Punjab and 3 Union Territories— Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Daman & Diu & Dadra Nagar Haveli and Puducherry have reported 100% coverage.
- Himachal Pradesh covered 98.87%, followed by Bihar at 96.30%.

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5 years of Jal Jeevan Mission

August 15, 2024 152 days 626 0 0

- The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was launched on August 15, 2019.
- It is aimed at providing tap water supply to every rural household by 2024.
- At the time of its inception, only 3.23 crore (17%) of rural households had tap water connections.
- The mission aims to bridge this gap by providing nearly 16 crore additional households with tap water by 2024.
- As of August 25, 2024, it has successfully provided tap water connections to 11.85 crore additional rural households.
- It was bringing the total coverage to more than 15.07 crore households, which accounts for 78.11% of all rural households in India.
- States achieving 100% Tap Connectivity: Goa, Telangana and Haryana.
- Union Territories achieving 100% Tap Connectivity: Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.



155. Match the following :

Schemes		Beneficiary
(a) Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam	1.	Woman to travel in Govt. bus at free of cost
(b) Tamil Puthalvan	2.	Woman college students who studied in Govt. schools till 12 th standard
(c) Vidiyal Payanam	3.	Woman head in a family
(d) Pudumai Penn Thittam	4.	College students who one studying in Government and Government aided colleges

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	3	4	1	2
(B)	2	1	4	3
(C)	1	3	2	4
(D)	4	2	3	1
(E)	Answer not known			

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Tamil Pudhalvan scheme 2024

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- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on August 9, launched the Tamil Pudhalvan scheme in Coimbatore.
- Under this, boys of the state government schools who join colleges will get ₹1,000 per month.
- It is on the lines of Pudmaipen Scheme for girl students.
- A total of three lakh girl students have been benefitted by the scheme launched by the Chief Minister in September 2022.
- In Tamil Nadu, a total of 7,72,000 students complete school education in government schools and government-aided schools.
- A total of 2,09,365 girls had been benefitted by the Pudmaipen scheme in 2022-23 and their number had increased to 2,73,596 in 2023-24.
- The scheme was extended to students of Tamil medium in government aided schools in 2024-25.
- The state's Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education is higher than the national average.



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Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam

September 14, 2023 · 944 days · 478 · 0 · Like 5 · Share

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on September 13, 2023, launched the Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam (Kalaingar Women's Rights Grant Scheme) in Kancheepuram.
- This was launched on the occasion of the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) founder C.N. Annadurai.
- Under the scheme, ₹1,000 will be given as rights grant every month to 1.00 crore women heads of family in the State.
- The Tamil Nadu government will incur an expenditure of ₹12,000 crore annually, to implement this scheme.

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August 18, 2023 · 908 days · 2246 · 0 · Like 6 · Share

- Tamil Nadu government announced the Constitution of a separate board for the welfare of gig workers employed in food and cab aggregators.
- The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced a renaming of the women's fare-free bus travel scheme into 'Vidiyal Payanam'.
- The Kalaingar Memorial Centenary Park, to be established on a plot of 0.09 acres at Chennai, will be modelled after the Botanical Garden and Gardens by the Bay in Singapore.

Tamil Nadu News

Pudhumai Pen Scheme

September 9, 2022 · 1012 days · 26489 · 1 · Like 491 · Share

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on September 3 launched the Moovalur Ramanirtham Annamalaiyar Higher Education Assurance scheme titled 'Pudhumai Penn' at a function in Chennai, in the presence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.
- Under Pudhumai Penn scheme, girl students, who studied from Class VI to Class XII in state government schools would be paid a monthly assistance of ₹1,000 till they complete their graduation or diploma or ITI courses.
- Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also unveiled 26 schools of excellence and 15 model schools set up by the Tamil Nadu government.
- These schools are emulating the model by the AAP government in Delhi.



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156. Assertion [A] : Tamil Nadu Government replaced Rupee symbol (₹) with Tamil letter (ரூ.) in its budget 2025-26.

Reason [R] : To ensure the widespread development of Tamil Nadu to benefit all.

- (A) [A] is true but [R] is false
- (B) Both [A] and [R] are true; but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A] is correct
- (C) [A] is false, [R] is true
- (D) Both [A] and [R] are true; and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
- (E) Answer not known

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Tamil Nadu News

Rupee symbol in Budget logo

March 13, 2025 | 14 days | 400 | 0 | 1 Like 0 | Share

- Tamil Nadu government replaced the Rupee symbol '₹' with the Tamil script 'ரூ' in the logo for the state's 2025-26 budget.
- The Tamil word 'Rupai' itself has deep roots in the Sanskrit word 'Rupya,' meaning 'wrought silver' or 'a worked silver coin.'
- The rupee symbol was designed by D Udaya Kumar from Tamil Nadu.
- The symbol was approved in 2010.

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Tamil Nadu Budget 2025 highlights

March 13, 2025 | 14 days | 200 | 0 | 1 Like 0 | Share

- The Tamil Nadu government presented its Budget for 2025-26 in the Legislative Assembly March 14.
- The State government also presented the Agriculture Budget for 2025-26 on March 15.
- The budget logo carried the slogan, 'Ellarkum Ellam', (everything for everyone) conveying the idea of inclusiveness.
- The budget has a total disbursement outlay of ₹4,30,293 crores, excluding public debt, with total receipts being ₹3,32,330 crores.



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National Family Health Survey 2019-21 on Tamilnadu (NFHS-5) - Part 02

(இதன் தமிழ் வடிவத்திற்கு இங்கே சொடுக்கவும்)

Life Expectancy

- Life expectancy at birth has also improved, rising from 58.9 years (2006-10) to 72.1 years (2014-16).
- It is above the national average of 69.4 years.

Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB)

- According to the NFHS 3 report, several districts reported varying levels of Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB).
- Nagapattinam, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi, Vellore, and Virudhunagar districts had low SRBs, ranging from 722 to 759.
- In contrast, Dharmapuri, Namakkal, Sivagangai, The Nilgiris, and Theni districts reported high SRBs, ranging from 1035 to 1130.

Full Vaccination Coverage and Child Health

157. Match the following :

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| (a) District with highest sex ratio | 1. Theni |
| (b) District with lowest sex ratio | 2. The Nilgiris |
| (c) District with highest child sex ratio | 3. Cuddalore |
| (d) District with lowest child sex ratio | 4. The Nilgiris |

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	1	4	3
(B)	1	2	3	4
(C)	2	1	3	4
(D)	2	4	1	3

(E) Answer not known



Exam Question

159. Due to Global warming the following _____ are badly affected.

- (i) Agriculture and Environment
 - (ii) Agriculture and Industry
 - (iii) Agriculture, Horticulture and Environment
 - (iv) Industry
- (A) (i) and (ii) (B) (i) and (iii)
(C) (iii) alone (D) (i) and (iv)
(E) Answer not known

புவி வெப்பமடைவதால் கீழ்க்கண்ட துறைகள் _____ மோசமாக பாதிக்கப்படுகிறது.

- (i) விவசாயம் மற்றும் சுற்றுச்சூழல்
 - (ii) விவசாயம் மற்றும் தொழில் துறை
 - (iii) விவசாயம், தோட்டக்கலை மற்றும் சுற்றுச்சூழல்
 - (iv) தொழிற்சாலை
- (A) (i) மற்றும் (ii) (B) (i) மற்றும் (iii)
(C) (iii) மட்டும் (D) (i) மற்றும் (iv)
(E) விடை தெரியவில்லை



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Extreme Weather Events linked to Climate Change in 2024:

Heatwaves:

- In regions like Italy, extreme heat has intensified, leading to deaths, displacement, and agricultural losses.

Wildfires:

- Pantanal wetlands, Amazon basin, Canada, and the western US experienced large wildfires in 2024, exacerbated by exceptional drought conditions.

Storms and Hurricanes:

- Hurricane Helene in the US and Typhoon Gaemi in Southeast Asia were fuelled by warmer seas and caused significant loss of life and damage.



Exam Question

161. Assertion [A] : The poverty line is determined on the basis of calorie requirements.

Reason [R] : The poverty line is the minimum income required to meet the basic needs of an individual which includes food, clothing and shelter.

- (A) Both [A] and [R] are true and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
- (B) [A] is true but [R] is false
- (C) [A] is false but [R] is true
- (D) Both [A] and [R] are true but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]
- (E) Answer not known



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- [poverty persons living above](#)
- [Single-parent families](#)
- [Orphaned children](#)
- [Persons with disabilities](#)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Targeted towards families identified as extremely poor based on specific socioeconomic indicators and the [poverty line](#) criteria set by NTI.
- **Residency:** Applicant must be a permanent resident of Tamil Nadu.
- **Groups:** Applicant must belong to one of the following groups:
 - Destitute
 - Older People
 - Orphaned children
 - Single-parent families
 - Persons with disabilities

162. Arrange the following programmes in chronological order :

- (1) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin
 - (2) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
 - (3) Pradhan Manthri Gram Sadak Yojana
 - (4) Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan
- (A) (1), (2), (3), (4)
(B) (3), (1), (2), (4)
(C) (3), (4), (1), (2)
(D) (3), (2), (1), (4)
(E) Answer not known

Tamil Nadu News

Samagra Siksha in TN

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- The Union government till date has released over ₹10,443 crore to the State under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) scheme.
- The last instalment of funds that Tamil Nadu received from the Union government under the SSA was in the financial year 2023-24 — ₹1,871 crore.
- Since then, the Union government has withheld its share of ₹2,152 crore as Tamil Nadu refused to accept provisions of the National Education Policy, 2020.
- In 2018, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was renamed and merged into the SSA.
- For 2018-19, the Union government disbursed ₹1,474 crore to Tamil Nadu.

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PM Awas Yojana extension

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- Union Cabinet gave nod to 3 crore houses under PMAY to ensuring continuity to the Housing for All scheme.
- From 2015-16, the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana or PMAY has been providing assistance to eligible rural and urban households for construction of houses with basic amenities.
- Under PMAY, a total of 4.21 crore houses have been completed for the eligible poor families under the housing schemes in the last 10 years.

National News

Phase III - Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak yojana

December 17, 2024 220 days 52

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- Union Minister of Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar launched the third phase of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.
- The third phase aims at construction of 1,20,000 km of connectivity that primarily aims at rural links connecting Gramin Agricultural Markets.

About Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

- The scheme was launched in 2000.
- In 2015, under the recommendation of the 14th finance commission, the project was funded by both centre and state in the ratio 60:40.
- In the north-eastern states it is set as 90:10.
- The scheme has used space plastic and cold mix technology to build major portion of roads.

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Kaushal Bharath

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- The National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) developed an enterprise resource planning platform called 'Kaushal Bharath'.
- This enables states to capture data on projects under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and for the information to be collated in one system.

DDU-GKY

- The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) announced the DDU-GKY on Antyodaya Diwas - 25th September 2014.
- DDU-GKY is a part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).
- Objectives of DDU-GKY are
 - Adding diversity to the incomes of rural poor families and
 - Cater to the career aspirations of rural youth.



Exam Question

163. The main aim of MUDRA Bank is to _____.

- (i) Provide financial assistance to develop Health Industry.
- (ii) Provide credit to Micro, Small and Medium enterprises.
- (iii) Provide Credit to develop Tourism Industry.
- (iv) Provide financial assistance to rural development.

- (A) (i), (ii) and (iv)
- (B) (ii) alone
- (C) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (D) (i) and (ii)
- (E) Answer not known



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Mudra loans 2024 update

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- The government doubled the limit of Mudra loan amount under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) to promote entrepreneurship in the country.
- It was hiked to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 10 lakh under a new 'Tarun Plus' category.
- It was launched on April 8, 2015 to facilitate easy, collateral-free micro-credit of up to ₹10 lakh to non-corporate, non-farm small and micro-entrepreneurs for income-generating activities.
- 66.8 million loans were sanctioned under PMMY in 2023-24, amounting to Rs 5.4 trillion.



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165. Which of the following statements are true about the Fifteenth Finance Commission?

- (i) The criterion of demographic performance has been introduced
- (ii) The criterion of Fiscal Discipline is given 10% weightage
- (iii) The criterion of Forest cover is replaced with Forest and Ecology

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
- (B) (ii) and (iii) only
- (C) (i) and (iii) only
- (D) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (E) Answer not known



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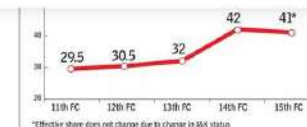


Key recommendations

- The demographic performance is the new crucial parameter that has been added to the list.
- Urban local bodies, especially municipalities in cities with populations of more than one million, are set to get a larger share of the devolution.
- Devolution of taxes to states:
 - The share of states in the centre's taxes is recommended to be decreased from 42% to 41%.



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- The 15th Finance Commission used the following criteria while determining the share of states:
- 40% for the income distance,
- 15% for the population in 2011,
- 10% for the trees,
- 10% for forest and ecology,
- 12.5% for demographic performance,
- 2.5% for tax effort.



Exam Question

166. Identify the correct statement

- (a) The rate at which the RBI is willing to borrow from the commercial banks is called reverse repo rate
- (b) If the RBI increases repo rate, it makes borrowing expensive for banks vice versa
- (c) Repo rate is a tool to control inflation
- (d) A lower reverse repo rate decrease inflation
- (A) (a), (b) and (c) are correct
- (B) (b), (c) and (d) are correct
- (C) (a), (c) and (d) are correct
- (D) (a), (b) and (d) are correct
- (E) Answer not known



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Economy News

RBI raises repo rate

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- RBI raised the benchmark lending rate by 50 basis points to 5.90 per cent.
- The latest repo rate hike has come in a bid to curb inflation.
- The repo rate or the short-term lending rate at which banks borrow from the central bank is now close to 6 per cent.



Economy News

Interest rate by RBI

June 11, 2022 @ 11:01 days 101 0

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- The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted unanimously to raise the repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90%.
- In May 2022, RBI increased the repo rate or short-term lending rate by 40 basis points.
- The RBI's move will increase borrowing costs for those seeking loans to buy cars and homes and MSME firms looking to raise capital.
- The MPC also decided to remain focused on the withdrawal of accommodation which had been provided to support the COVID-19 hit economy.



Exam Question

167. Which of the following statements are/is true about “Niti Aayog”?
- (i) Niti Aayog has been instituted to replace the Planning Commission
 - (ii) It has no power to allocate funds
 - (iii) Niti Aayog is a think-tank
 - (iv) President of India is the Chairperson of Niti Aayog
- (A) (ii) and (iv)
(B) (iv) only
(C) (i) and (iv)
(D) (i), (ii) and (iii)
(E) Answer not known



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National News

NITI Aayog reconstitution 2024

July 21, 2024 | 129 days | 2022

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- Union government reconstituted the NITI Aayog, with four full-time members and 15 Union Ministers, as either ex-officio members or special invitees.
- Prime Minister remains the chairperson and economist Suman K. Bery will continue to be the vice-chairperson of NITI Aayog.
- Scientist V.K. Saraswat, agricultural economist Ramesh Chand, paediatrician V.K. Paul and macro-economist Arvind Virmani will also continue to be full-time members.
- The four ex-officio members will be the Union Ministers of Defence, Home, Agriculture and Finance.
- The National Institution for Transforming India, known as 'NITI Aayog', was constituted in 2015 by scrapping the 60-year-old Planning Commission.



Exam Question

169. Assertion [A] : C.N. Annadurai was fascinated by the self respect movement, joined the Dravidar Kazhagam Party.

Reason [R] : C.N. Annadurai treated Justice Party and Dravidar Kazhagam equally.

- (A) [A] is true, [R] is false
- (B) [A] and [R] are true, [R] is correct explanation of [A]
- (C) [A] is false, [R] is true
- (D) [A] and [R] are true [R] is not correct explanation of [A]
- (E) Answer not known



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- Annadurai would attack superstitions and religious exploitation but would never fight against the spiritual values of society.
- He once explained his stance towards God and religion as "I do not break coconuts for Pillaiyar, (a form of worship) neither do I break his idols".
- He later announced his stance towards theism as "Only one race, Only one God" (Onre Kulam Oruvanae Devan).

Entry into Politics

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- Annadurai served as the sub-editor of the Justice magazine.
- He later became the editor for Viduthalai (Freedom in English) and was also associated with the Tamil weekly paper, Kudal Arasu.



- He started his own journal Dravida Nadu.
- At a rally in Salem under the leadership of Periyar at 1944 August 27, Annadurai passed a resolution and declared that the Justice Party would henceforth be known as the Dravidar Kazhagam.



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171. Arrange the following events in their chronological order.

- (1) Periyar published the book 'Pen Yaen Adimaiyanaal'.
 - (2) Periyar started the Tamil bimonthly 'Unmai' at Tiruchirappalli.
 - (3) Periyar was arrested for publishing a Tamil translation of Bhagat Singh's pamphlet 'Why I am An Atheist'.
 - (4) The title 'Periyar' was conferred by the Tamilnadu Women Conference held in Madras.
- (A) (1), (3), (4), (2)
(B) (1), (4), (3), (2)
(C) (4), (1), (2), (3)
(D) (4), (3), (2), (1)
(E) Answer not known

Journals and Books- Periyar

- In 1925 May 2, Periyar published a Tamil Weekly under the title "Kudi Arasu" edited by himself to spread the principles of Self-Respect.
- Periyar published an English magazine under the title "Revolt" on 7-11-1928.
- In 1930 Periyar published his book on "Family Planning" (Birth Control) and propagated restriction of number of children.
- In 1933 another magazine 'Puratchi' (Revolution) was published by Periyar.
- Periyar brought out the Tamil weekly 'Pagutharivu' (Rationalism) on 12-1-1934.
- Periyar wrote and published a book titled as "Pen Yenn adimaiyanaal?".
- Justice Party started the Tamil weekly paper "Viduthalai" on 1-6-1935. Then it was entrusted to Periyar who published 'Viduthalai' as Tamil Daily Newspaper from 1-1-1937.
- On 22-01-1950 Periyar was sentenced to undergo imprisonment for the publication of his book 'Ponmozhiyal' (Golden sayings).
- In 1970 The Tamil Bi-monthly, the "Unmai" (Truth) was first started at Tiruchirappalli by Periyar.
- Why I am an Atheist is an essay written by Indian revolutionary Bhagat Singh in 1930 in Lahore. On the request of Periyar E. V. Ramasamy, P. Jeevanandham translated the essay to the Tamil language.

- He could speak three Dravidian languages: Kannada, Telugu and Tamil.

Periyar - Title

- The title "Periyar" was conferred on him by Tamil Nadu Women Conference held in Madras on 13-11-1938 under the presidentship of Neelambigai Ammaiyar daughter of Maraimalai Adigal, a veteran Tamil Scholar. Dr. Dharmambal gave the title of "Periyar" to him.
- The word 'periyar' meaning 'respected one' or 'elder' in Tamil.





Exam Question

172. Which of the following statement/s is/are true about the rationalist marriage system 'Self Respect Marriage', devised by Periyar?

- (i) The Self Respect Marriages were conducted without any priests or chanting of the rituals in Sanskrit.
 - (ii) They were often deliberately conducted in times considered auspicious.
 - (iii) They did away with thali-tying ceremony.
 - (iv) The couples took oaths promising to treat each other equally and as friends.
- (A) (i) and (iii) only
(B) (i), (ii) and (iv) only
(C) (i), (iii) and (iv) only
(D) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)
(E) Answer not known



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Self-respect marriages since 2018

- 12,114 self-respect marriages have been registered in Tamil Nadu since 2018.
- The Self-respect marriages, also called Suyamarivadhai Thirumanam, are generally solemnised in the absence of a priest and without following any of the traditional wedding rituals.
- The registration of self-respect marriages comes under Section 7(A) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.
- This Section 7(A) was inserted by the Tamil Nadu Amendment Act, 1967.

8 ஆண்டுகளில் 12 ஆயிரம் சுயமரியாதை திருமணங்கள்!
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at 10 May 2021.

- He enacted the Government law for approving **Self Respect Marriage** which took place since 1925.
- During those days, marriages were held under the priest (Brahmins) who recite Sanskrit Mantras to perform weddings, which was strongly opposed by Periyar E.V.R. and introduced a new system of marriage without Mangalaya Suthra (Thali) and reciting Vedic Mantras which was called as Self Respect Marriages.
- Anna introduced Hindu Marriage Amendment Bill in Legislative Assembly session. After this the bill became act and **Self** Respect Marriages got **legal recognition (1967)**.



Exam Question

173. Assertion [A] : Justice Party opposed the Home Rule Movement of Annie Besant.

Reason [R] : Justice Party feared that Dominion status would give more powers to the Brahmins.

- (A) [A] is true but [R] is false
- (B) Both [A] and [R] are true and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
- (C) [A] is false but [R] is true
- (D) Both [A] and [R] are true but [R] is not correct explanation of [A]
- (E) Answer not known



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- Theagarya served as the first President of the federation from 1917 till his death in 1925.
- The **Justice Party** sought a remedy by the earliest adoption of reservation and secularisation by law.
- Along with the **Justice Party**, EVR Periyar's Self Respect Movement, started in 1925, joined hands to form the Dravida Kazhagam (DK) which served the anti-Brahmin, anti-North Indian and anti-Congress outfits.
- In 1918-19, Dr Nair led a mission to England to speak in support of communal representations before a Joint Parliamentary Committee.



Exam Question

185. Match the following :

Excavated sites in Tamil Nadu

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| (a) Chennai | 1. Mallapadi |
| (b) Tanjore | 2. Kambar Medu |
| (c) Dharmapuri | 3. Kodumanal |
| (d) Erode | 4. Pallavaram |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| (B) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (C) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (D) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (E) | Answer not known | | | |



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Tamil Nadu News

Robert Foote

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- On May 30, 1863 British geologist Robert Foote discovered Palaeolithic tools at Chennai Pallavaram.
- Foote established that ancient man lived in these regions.

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Tamil Nadu News

Menhir and megalithic burial sites

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- The Tamil Nadu Department of Archaeology has declared five 'menhir' (single stone) and megalithic burial sites at Kodumanal in Erode district as protected monuments.
- Kodumanal is located on the northern banks of the Noyyal and about 42 km from Erode.
- Potsherds containing names inscribed in Tamil-Brahmi script were found in a large number, apart from Roman silver coins, precious stones and quartz.
- These findings showed that an industrial and trade centre had existed here about 2,000 years ago.



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3. In the context of electric vehicle batteries, consider the following elements:

- I. Cobalt
- II. Graphite
- III. Lithium
- IV. Nickel

How many of the above usually make up battery cathodes?

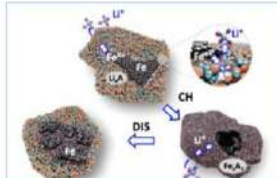
- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) *Only three*
- (d) All the four



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- Researchers have reportedly developed an iron-based cathode material which can pave the way for making cheaper, safer, and more sustainable batteries.
- They have made a cathode material out of iron, which is easy to find and cheap.
- Traditional lithium-ion batteries depend a lot on cobalt and nickel, which are both expensive and hard to find.
- The new material will end the need to use expensive and scarce metals such as cobalt and nickel.
- It will be leading to the manufacturing of electric vehicles (EVs) at cheaper rates.





Exam Question

5. Consider the following substances:

- I. Ethanol
- II. Nitroglycerine
- III. Urea

Coal gasification technology can be used in the production of how many of them?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All the three
- (d) None



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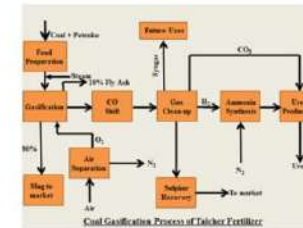


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- Country's first-ever coal gasification based Talcher Fertiliser plant in Odisha will open in 2024.
- This plant at Talcher will use Coal Gasification Technology to produce urea.
- The plant will help to reduce dependency on urea import.



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India's first coal to methanol plant

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- The union minister for Heavy Industries, Mahendra Nath Pandey dedicated India's first BHEL-built 'coal to methanol' (CTM) pilot plant in Hyderabad.
- It is currently producing methanol with a purity of more than 99 percent from high-ash Indian coal.
- This conversion of high ash Indian coals to methanol through the gasification route is the first of its kind technology demonstration in India.



Exam Question

7. Consider the following statements:

- I. It is expected that Majorana 1 chip will enable quantum computing.
- II. Majorana 1 chip has been introduced by Amazon Web Services (AWS).
- III. Deep learning is a subset of machine learning.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) I and II only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) **I and III only**
- (d) I, II and III



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Science and Technology News

Microsoft - Majorana 1

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- The Microsoft has announced the arrival of Majorana 1, a new quantum chip that produces more reliable and scalable qubits than its predecessors.
- Qubits are the building blocks of quantum computers.
- The Majorana 1 is an eight-qubit chip, which may seem modest when compared to quantum chips developed by rivals such as Google's Willow (100-qubit chip) and IBM's R2 Heron (150-qubit chip).





Exam Question

8. With reference to monoclonal antibodies, often mentioned in news, consider the following statements:

- I. They are man-made proteins.
- II. They stimulate immunological function due to their ability to bind to specific antigens.
- III. They are used in treating viral infections like that of Nipah virus.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) I and II only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I and III only
- (d) I, II and III



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International News

Aducanumab

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- Aducanumab (Aduhelm) is the new drug approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for treating Alzheimer's disease.
- It is developed by the company Biogen.
- Alzheimer's disease causes the accumulation of the debris caused by the breakdown of neurons in the brain.
- This leads to plaque formation.
- Aducanumab is a monoclonal antibody.
- It is designed to reduce the presence of amyloid beta, a protein that forms plaques in the brain.

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International News

New Alzheimer's drug

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- Independent advisers committee to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave nod to the new Alzheimer's drug - Donanemab.
- Donanemab is a monoclonal antibody that targets amyloid beta protein plaques in the brain.
- Though the therapy slows down the progression of the disease, it does not ultimately treat the disease.
- Alzheimer's disease has multiple modalities and we would need various therapies.

New Drug on Alzheimer's

What do the new drugs do?

Exam Question

10. Consider the following statements:

Statement I :

Activated carbon is a good and an attractive tool to remove pollutants from effluent streams and to remediate contaminants from various industries.

Statement II:

Activated carbon exhibits a large surface area and a strong potential for adsorbing heavy metals.

Statement III:

Activated carbon can be easily synthesized from environmental waters with high carbon content.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?



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Miscellaneous News

Superhydrophobic catalyst

June 29, 2024 · 337 days · 475 · Like 0 · Share

- A team of scientists from Assam, Odisha, China, and the United Kingdom have developed a water-repellent catalyst.
- It can cut the cost of producing "environmentally benign" biodiesel substantially from the current levels.
- The process of arriving at the "spherical superhydrophobic activated carbon catalyst" to withstand water by-product during the production of biodiesel.
- Superhydrophobic catalysts are imitating the anti-wetting or water-repulsing properties of natural surfaces such as lotus leaves.
- The catalyst remains highly effective and can be reused multiple times, making the catalytic process more efficient and cost-effective.



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- The Delhi government approved a proposal to install a 'smog tower' in Connaught Place to deal with air pollution.
- It will be the second smog tower after China and first of its kind in the world.
- The technology of the smog tower coming up at Connaught Place will be different from the one in China.
- Smog towers are structures designed to function as large-scale air purifiers to reduce air pollution particles.
- They are usually fitted with multiple layers of air filters, which clean the air of pollutants as they pass through them.
- Highly-effective H114 grade Highly Effective Particulate Arrestance (HEPA) filter would be used in Delhi.
- The filter is said to have been designed to clean up to 99.99% Particulate Matter (PM) present in the air with the help of pre-filter and activated carbon.





Exam Question

11. Consider the following statements:

Statement I :

Studies indicate that carbon dioxide emissions from cement industry account for more than 5% of global carbon emissions.

Statement II:

Silica-bearing clay is mixed with limestone while manufacturing cement.

Statement III:

Limestone is converted into lime during clinker production for cement manufacturing.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?



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Environment News

'CO2 Emissions in 2022' report

March 10, 2023 239 days 518 0

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- CO₂ Emissions in 2022 Report was released by the International Energy Agency.
- Global energy-related emissions of carbon dioxide hit a record high last year.
- Global emissions from energy rose by 0.9% in 2022 to a record 36.8 billion tonnes.
- Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from coal grew by 1.6% last year.
- CO₂ emissions from oil rose by 2.3% but remained below pre-pandemic levels.
- Emissions in China decreased in 2022 due to the COVID lockdown.
- In the European Union, emissions decreased by 2.5%.
- The Asia Pacific region also saw unprecedented reductions (-1.8%).
- The emissions from the global industries decreased.
- The main reason behind the reduction was a 10% decrease in cement production and a 2% decrease in steel production.
- Emissions due to natural gas decreased by 1.6%.
- The biggest sectoral increase in emissions in 2022 came from electricity and heat generation.



Exam Question

12. Consider the following statements:

Statement I :

At the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28), India refrained from signing the 'Declaration on Climate and Health'.

Statement II:

The COP28 Declaration on Climate and Health is a binding declaration; and if signed, it becomes mandatory to decarbonize health sector.

Statement III:

If India's health sector is decarbonized, the resilience of its health-care system may be compromised.



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COP 28
United Arab Emirates
30 NOV - 12 DEC 2023

Declaration on Climate and Health

- The declaration calls for climate action to achieve benefits for health from deep, rapid, and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- It is including from transitions, lower air pollution, active mobility, and shifts to sustainable healthy diets.
- The declaration has been signed by 124 countries.
- Till now, the US and India, which are among the top greenhouse gas emitters, are absent from the list of signatories.
- The declaration is aimed at addressing the critical intersection between climate change and global health.
- It emphasises the need for swift and substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.



Even Question

13. Consider the following statements:

Statement I :

Scientific studies suggest that a shift is taking place in the Earth's rotation and axis.

Statement II:

Solar flares and associated coronal mass ejections bombarded the Earth's outermost atmosphere with tremendous amount of energy.

Statement III:

As the Earth's polar ice melts, the water lends to move towards the equator.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

Science and Technology News

Extreme Solar Storm Hits Earth

May 14, 2024 · 578 days · 417 · 0 · Like · Share

- An unusually strong solar storm hitting Earth could produce northern lights in the U.S.
- The most intense solar storm in recorded history, in 1859, prompted auroras in central America and possibly even Hawaii.
- An extreme geomagnetic storm in 2003, for example, took out power in Sweden and damaged power transformers in South Africa.
- The sun has produced strong solar flares since May 8, resulting in at least seven outbursts of plasma.



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International News

Changes in Tilt of Earth's Axis

December 2, 2024 · 17k days · 417 · 0 · Like · Share

- The Earth has tilted 31.5 inches east in just 17 years.
- The redistribution of groundwater has the largest impact on the drift of the rotational pole.
- It also has contributed to a sea level rise of about 0.24 inches and altered the distribution of Earth's mass.
- Between 1993 and 2010, scientists estimate 2,150 gigatons of groundwater were pumped and shifted globally.
- Earth tilt is the angle between the planet's rotational axis and its orbital axis.



Science and Technology News

Powerful Solar Storms

May 11, 2024 · 310 days · 417 · 0 · Like · Share

- Just days ago, two colossal solar flares have emerged from sunspot region AR3663 and Earth is in the firing line.
- The first eruption occurred on May 2 and it was an X-class flare, the most powerful category of solar flares.
- It causes shortwave radio blackouts across Australia, Japan and much of China.
- X FLARE! Sunspot region AR3663 just produced an X1.7 flare, the 11th largest flare so far this cycle.
- The second eruption reported was an M-class flare.
- Flares are classified according to their strength.
- After the most powerful X-class, there are M-class flares that are 10 times less powerful.
- It is followed by C-class and finally, B-class flares.





Exam Question

14. Consider the following statements: 1

Statement I :

Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on climate change is frequently discussed in global discussions on sustainable development and climate change.

Statement II:

Articles 6 of the Paris Agreement on climate change sets out the principles of carbon markets.

Statement III:

Articles 6 of the Paris Agreement on climate change intends to promote inter-country non-market strategies to reach their climate targets.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?



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International News

COP 29 - International Carbon Market

November 17, 2024 · © 191 days · 431 · 0 · Like 0 · Share

- COP29 agreed the UN-backed carbon market standards pertaining to Article 6 of the Paris climate agreement.
- It defines how countries can voluntarily use the carbon credits to meet carbon emission reduction targets set out in their nationally determined contributions.
- It also guarantees that the emission reductions and removals are real, additional, verified, and measurable.
- Article 6 was proposed in the 2015 UN Paris Agreement.
- It is an international framework that allows countries to achieve the national emission mitigation targets via a market-based mechanism.
- Private sector also plays a key role in the mechanism.
- The Key Sections of this Article are 6.2, 6.4, and 6.8, covering non-market approaches.





Exam Question

15. Which one of the following launched the 'Nature Solutions Finance Hub for Asia and the Pacific'?
- (a) *The Asian Development Bank (ADB)*
 - (b) The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
 - (c) The New Development Bank (NDB)
 - (d) The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)



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International News

First Biodiversity and Nature Bond

November 19, 2024 · 139 days · 457 · 0

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- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has issued its first biodiversity and nature theme bond.
- It aims to finance a pool of eligible projects across Asia and the Pacific.
- The A\$150 million (equivalent to US\$100 million), 10-year issue was purchased by the Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company, of Japan.
- ADB is a founding partner of the Coral Triangle Initiative established in 2009.
- In 2023, ADB launched the Nature Solutions Finance Hub along with partners, as well as the Natural Capital Fund, in partnership with the Global Environment Facility.





Exam Question

16. With reference to 'Direct Air Capture', an emerging technology, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- I. It can be used as away of carbon sequestration.
- II. It can be a valuable approach for plastic production and in food processing.
- III. In aviation, it can be a source of carbon for combining with hydrogen to create synthetic low-carbon fuel.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) I and II only
- (b) III only
- (c) **I, II and III**
- (d) None of the above statements is correct



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International News

World's largest carbon capture plant

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- The world's largest facility designed to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere started operations in Iceland.
- It is dubbed as "Mammoth," this plant is Climeworks' second commercial direct air capture (DAC) facility.
- This cutting-edge technology draws in air and chemically extracts carbon dioxide, which can then be stored underground, converted into stone, or reused.
- The Mammoth direct air capture and storage (DAC-S) plant run by Climeworks is 10 times bigger than the Swiss company's previous plant, Orca.





Exam Question

18. Consider the following statements:

- I. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in India are less than 0.5 t CO₂/capita
- II. In terms of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion, India ranks second in Asia-Pacific region.
- III. Electricity and heat producers are the largest sources of CO₂ emissions in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I and III only
- (b) II only
- (c) II and III only
- (d) I, II and III



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Reports and Indices

Climate Change Performance Index 2025

November 20, 2024 10:00 am 513 1 Like 0 Share

- The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI 2025) report was released at the annual UN climate conference in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- India was ranked at 10th on a list of over 60 countries assessed for efforts to fight climate change.
- It leaves the first three places empty followed by Denmark (fourth place) and the Netherlands.
- The largest two emitters, China and the U.S., remain very low at 33th and 37th place, respectively.
- India's per capita emissions stand at 2.9 tons of CO₂ equivalent (tCO₂e), far below the global average of 6.6 tCO₂e.
- India and the U.K. are the only two G20 countries among the high performers in the CCPI.
- The four lowest-ranked countries in the CCPI are Iran (67th), Saudi Arabia (66th), the United Arab Emirates (65th), and Russia (64th).



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- India recently submitted its latest report detailing its greenhouse gas emission (GHG) inventory and the efforts it has taken to curb emissions.
- Under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), developing countries are obliged to submit a detailed report on their efforts towards climate action.
- Between 2005 and 2020, India's emissions intensity of GDP reduced by 36%.
- India's total GHG emissions were 2,930 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent.
- After counting the absorption by forestry sector and land resources, the country's net emissions were 2,437 million tonnes of CO₂ equivalent.
- The total national emissions (including land use, land-use changes, and forestry) fell 7.93% compared to 2019.
- On the other hand, it has increased by 90.34% since 1994.
- CO₂ accounted for 80.53% of emissions, followed by methane (13.32%), nitrous oxide (2.13%) and others 1.02%.
- The emissions were highest from the energy sector at 73.66%.
- Agriculture contributed 13.72% emissions while Industrial Process and Product Use and Waste sector contributed 8.06% and 2.56%, respectively.
- In the energy sector, electricity production alone accounted for 39% of emissions.



Exam Question

31. With reference to investments, consider the following:

- I. Bonds
- II. Hedge Funds
- III. Stocks
- IV. Venture Capital

How many of the above are treated as Alternative Investment Funds?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All the four



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- ASK Investment Managers (ASK IM), registered with SEBI, is one of the largest Portfolio Management Service providers in India.
- It has launched India's First Digital Alternate Investment Fund (AIF).
- An alternative investment is a financial asset that does not fall into one of the conventional investment categories.
- Alternative investments include private equity or venture capital, hedge funds, managed futures, art and antiques, commodities, and derivatives contracts.

TYPES OF ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS IN INDIA



Category 1

- Infrastructure Fund
- Venture Capital Fund
- Angel Fund
- Social Venture Fund



Category 2

- Private Equity Fund
- Real Estate Fund
- Debt Fund
- Fund of Funds



Category 3

- Hedge Fund
- PIPE Fund



Exam Question

33. With reference to the Government of India, consider the following information.

	Organization	Some of its functions	It works under
I.	Directorate of Enforcement	Enforcement of the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018	Internal Security Division-I, Ministry of Home Affairs
II.	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence	Enforces the Provisions of the Customs Act, 1962	Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
III.	Directorate General of Systems and Data Management	Carrying out big data analytics to asset tax officers for better policy and nabbing tax evaders.	Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance

In how many of the above rows is the information correcting matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All the three
- (d) None



National News

I4C under PMLA

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- The Finance Ministry included I4C under Section 66 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.
- It authorised Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) to share and receive information from the ED under the anti-money laundering law.
- This would help I4C to share and receive the information from the Enforcement Directorate and other law enforcement agencies.
- This would help identify the masterminds behind cyber frauds.



Personalities, Awards and Events

New Special Director

March 13, 2019 2432 days 139 0 0 Like 0 Share

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Vivek R Wadekar (1991 IRS) as the new Special Director in the Enforcement Directorate (ED).
- He is appointed for five years as the new Special Director in the Enforcement Directorate (ED).
- The ED is the central investigative agency, under the Union finance ministry, that enforces the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) in the country.

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National News

Operation Rakth Chandran

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- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 840 logs of red sandalwood under the Operation Rakth Chandran.
- It has been seized under the Customs Act, 1962.
- Its export is prohibited as per the country's foreign trade policy.



Exam Question



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34. Consider the following statements:

- I. The Reserve Bank of India mandates all the listed companies in India to submit a Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR).
- II. In India, a company submitting a BRSR market disclosures in the report that are largely non-financial in nature.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

International News

Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report

December 8, 2021 10:15 AM 100 0

- In 2021, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced the Business Responsibility & Sustainability Report (BRSR).
- BRSR will replace Business Responsibility Reporting (BRR).
- BRSR is a standardised reporting format that will give a baseline to draw a comparison between Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) goals across companies and sectors.
- BRSR seeks disclosures from listed entities on their performance against the 9 principles of the National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct (NGRBC).

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36. Consider the following statements:

- I. India has joined the Minerals Security Partnership as a member.
- II. India is a resource-rich country in all the 30 critical minerals that it has identified.
- III. The Parliament in 2023 has amended the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 empowering the Central Government to exclusively auction mining lease and composite licence for certain critical minerals.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I and II only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I and III only
- (d) I, II and III

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- The government approved a ₹16,300-crore National Critical Mineral Mission.
- It is envisaging a total outlay of ₹34,300 crore spread over seven years.
- It aims to achieve the self-reliance and accelerate India's journey towards green energy transition.
- Public sector enterprises are expected to contribute ₹18,000 crore to the mission.
- The Critical minerals such as copper, lithium, nickel, cobalt and rare earth are essential raw materials required to fuel the growth of rapidly growing clean energy technologies.
- 24 critical minerals have been identified.
- The NCMM will encompass all stages of the value chain, including the mineral exploration, mining, beneficiation, processing, and recovery from the end-of-life products.
- The mission will intensify the exploration of critical minerals within the country and in its offshore areas.
- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has undertaken 368 exploration projects for critical minerals over the past three years.
- 195 projects are currently underway in 2024-25.
- In 2025-26, GSI will take on 227 projects for various critical minerals.



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Minerals Security Finance Network

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- India has joined the US-led minerals security finance network.
- It aims to "strengthen cooperation and promote information exchange and co-financing" among participating institutions from the Indo-Pacific region and Europe.
- The network is the latest initiative from the Minerals Security Partnership (MSP), a framework established by the US in 2022.
- India was inducted to the MSP in June 2023.
- The MSP grouping is focused on the supply chains of minerals such as cobalt, nickel, lithium and also the 17 "rare earth" minerals.



National News

Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023

August 5, 2023 661 days 575 0 Like 0 Share

- Rajya Sabha cleared the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023 by a voice vote.
- The bill allows the Centre to exclusively auction mining leases and composite licences for certain critical minerals of the country, with states also getting their revenue.
- The bill also seeks to allow increased private sector participation.
- Players now allowed to mine six out of 12 atomic minerals, including lithium, and deep-seated minerals such as gold and silver.
- Earlier, all 12 atomic minerals were reserved for mining and exploration by government entities.



Exam Question

38. Consider the following statements"

- I. India accounts for a very large portion of all equity option contract traded globally thus exhibiting a great boom.
- II. India's stock market has grown rapidly in the recent past even overtaking Hong Kong's at some point of time
- III. There is no regularly body either to warn the small investors about the risks of options trading or to act on unregistered financial advisors in this regard.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) I and II only
(b) II and III only
(c) I and III only
(d) I, II and III



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Economy News

India's Market Capitalization

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- The total market capitalisation of BSE-listed stocks closed above \$5 trillion as the benchmark indices ended at record levels led by banks and auto stocks.
- India's market capitalisation to GDP has surged to 1.42 times, or 142%, inching closer to the peak seen in 2007.
- The market-cap of all BSE-listed companies stood at \$5.05 trillion (or ₹420.22 lakh crore).
- India is the fifth country after the US, China, Japan, and Hong Kong whose market capitalisations have crossed the \$5-trillion mark.



Miscellaneous News

150 years of Bombay Stock Exchange

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- The BSE Ltd, Asia's oldest stock exchange, has celebrated its 150th anniversary recently.
- The BSE, the fourth largest stock exchange in the world, was founded on July 9, 1875, near Town Hall in South Bombay.
- The Stock brokers in 1855 began meeting under the banyan tree to buy and sell cotton.
- By 1865, the unorganised stock market was witnessing a massive boom.
- Bombay back then had 31 banks, 62 joint stock companies, 20 insurance companies and 16 cotton pressing companies.
- In 1957, the BSE granted permanent recognition under Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act (SCRA).
- In 1986, the S&P BSE SENSEX, India's first equity index was officially launched at a base of 1,000.
- In 2017, the BSE became the first listed stock exchange in India.



Exam Question

39. Consider the following statements:

Statement I :

Circular economy reduces the emissions of greenhouse gases.

Statement II:

Circular economy reduces the use of raw materials as inputs.

Statement III:

Circular economy reduces wastage in the production process.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- (c) Only one of the Statement II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct



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International News

Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum

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- The 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific was held in Jaipur, India.
- Theme of the event was 'Realizing Circular Societies Towards Achieving SDGs and Carbon Neutrality in Asia-Pacific'.
- The Forum focused on the principles of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (3R), aiming to create a roadmap for sustainable production and consumption patterns.
- The last Forum was hosted in 2023 by Cambodia.
- India has previously hosted the Forum in 2018, when the 8th edition was held in Indore.
- The Forum concluded with the unanimous adoption of the 'Jaipur Declaration' by the member countries.

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- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh unveiled this report.
- It is a collaborative effort between leading research institutions in India and Australia.
- India and Australia are active participants in the negotiations for formulation of a Global Plastics Treaty to be finalized next year.
- It aims to establish research and industry partnerships to develop a roadmap for India's transition to a circular economy in the plastic sector.
- India has taken the lead in its quest for a circular economy towards achieving the Net Zero target by 2070.



Exam Question

41. Consider the following countries:

- I. Austria
- II. Bulgaria
- III. Croatia
- IV. Serbia
- V. Sweden
- VI. North Macedonia

How many of the above are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization?

- (a) Only three
- (b) **Only four**
- (c) Only five
- (d) All the six



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International News

75th anniversary of NATO

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- NATO is celebrating 75 years of collective defence across Europe and North America.
- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was founded in 1949 to ensure collective security against the Soviet Union.
- NATO's primary and military headquarters are located in Brussels, Belgium.
- Recently, Sweden has been accepted as the 32nd member.

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- Virologist MinalDakhveBhosale managed to provide India's first coronavirus testing kit for evaluation. She is the research and development chief of Mylab Discovery in Pune.
- North Macedonia officially became the 30th member of the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) military alliance. In June 2018, Macedonia and Greece agreed to rename Macedonia as Republic of North Macedonia.



Exam Question

44. Consider the following statements about turmeric during the year 2022-23:

- I. India is the largest producer and exporter of turmeric in the world.
- II. More than 30 varieties of turmeric are grown in India.
- III. Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are major turmeric producing States in India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) I and II only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I and III only
- (d) *I, II and III*



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- The National Turmeric Board (NTB) was inaugurated recently in Nizamabad of Telangana as headquarters and Ganga Reddy was its first chairperson.
- Turmeric, known as 'Golden Spice', are spread across Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya and others.
- NTB will help boost their incomes and also give impetus to increase production especially in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana where there is a lot of potential.
- Last year, an area of 3.05 lakh hectare was under turmeric cultivation in the country.
- The production of Turmeric is 10.74 lakh tonnes or over 70% of global turmeric production.
- There are 30 varieties of turmeric produced in India.
- India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric in the world with more than 62% share of world trade.
- During 2023-24, 1.62 lakh tonnes of turmeric and turmeric products valued at \$226.5 million was exported.
- The Ministry of Commerce will be the nodal department providing funds and infrastructure for the NTB.



Exam Question

50. Consider the following statements about the Rashtriya Gokul Mission:

- I. It is important for the upliftment of rural poor as majority of low producing indigenous animals are with small and marginal farmers and landless labourers.
- II. It was initiated to promote indigenous cattle and buffalo rearing and conservation in a scientific and holistic manner.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II



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- The Union Cabinet approved the Revised Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) to boost growth in the livestock sector.
 - It got total allocation of ₹3,400 crore for the 15th Finance Commission cycle from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
 - It provides one-time assistance of 35% of capital cost for setting up 30 housing facilities for 15,000 heifers.
 - 3% interest subvention on loans taken by farmers to purchase HGM IVF heifers from milk unions/financial institutions will be provided.
 - Milk production has increased by 63.55 percent over the past decade.
 - The availability of milk per capita, which stood at 307 grams per day in 2013-14, has risen to 471 grams per day in 2023-24.
 - Productivity has also improved by 26.34 percent in the last ten years.

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- According to data from the 20th Livestock Census released recently, there are 4.85 crore desi (native) milch cows in the country.
 - It is less than 1% the 4.81 crore population in the last census in 2012.
 - The milch population of exotic and crossbred cattle (Jerseys, Holsteins) saw a whopping growth of 32% over the last seven years from 1.9 crore to 2.5 crore animals.
 - Milch cattle are cows kept for the purpose of milk production.
 - The Rashtriya Gokul Mission was launched in 2014 to promote indigenous desi breeds.
- Cattle diary 2019** Graph shows the change in cattle



Exam Question

52. Consider the following statements in respect of BIMSTEC:

- I. It is a regional organization consisting of seven member States till January 2025.
- II. It came into existence with the signing of the Dhaka Declaration, 1999.
- III. Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Nepal are founding member States of BIMSTEC.
- IV. In BIMSTEC, the subsector of 'tourism' is being led by India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and III
- (c) I and IV
- (d) I only



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- BIMSTEC now open to new members and observers after a historic first charter of the grouping came into force.
- The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation grouping has acquired a legal personality.
- It will be able to enter into structured diplomatic dialogue with other groupings and countries.
- BIMSTEC was formed in 1997 but for a long time, the organisation could not form consensus among its seven member states.
- The members are Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Thailand, Myanmar and India.



International News

25th anniversary of BIMSTEC

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- The Secretariat of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) in Dhaka celebrated the 25th Anniversary on 6th June, 2022.
- It evolved from the signing of the Bangkok Declaration on June 6 in 1996.
- The signature of the BIMSTEC Charter was done during the Fifth Summit in Colombo on March 30, 2002.
- Its headquarters is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand are members of BIMSTEC.



54. GPS-Aided Geo Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) uses a system of ground stations to provide necessary augmentation. Which of the following statements is/are correct in respect of GAGAN?

- I. It is designed to provide additional accuracy and integrity.
- II. It will allow more uniform and high quality air traffic management.
- III. It will provide benefits only in aviation but not in other modes of transportation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) I, II and III
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I only
- (d) I and II only

IV. Navigation Satellite

- To meet the Civil Aviation requirements, ISRO is working jointly with Airport Authority of India in establishing the GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) system.
- To meet the user requirements of the positioning, navigation and timing services based on the indigenous system, ISRO is establishing a regional satellite navigation system called Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS).

(i) GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation (GAGAN)

- This is a Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) implemented jointly with Airport Authority of India (AAI).
- The main objectives of GAGAN are to provide Satellite-based Navigation services with accuracy and integrity required for civil aviation applications and to provide better Air Traffic Management over Indian Airspace.

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India becomes fourth nation to offer satellite-based navigation services to aviation sector



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- India conducted Asia's first demonstration of performance-based navigation for helicopters for a flight from Juhu in Mumbai to Pune.
- This demonstration was conducted by using GAGAN satellite technology.
- The technology was jointly developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Airports Authority of India.
- GAGAN — GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation — is a state-of-the-art space-based augmentation system which adds more accuracy.



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Indigenous navigation system - GAGAN

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- IndiGo becomes the first airline in Asia to lend its aircraft using the indigenous navigation system GAGAN.
- This is a huge leap for Indian Civil Aviation and a firm step toward Astronaut Bharat.
- India has now become the third country in the world to have its own SBAS system after the USA and Japan.

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- About 500 passenger locomotives of the South-Central Railway (SCR) have been fitted with the newly developed Real-time Train Information System (RTIS).
- RTIS will be used to monitor their precise speeds and movement throughout the journey.
- It has been developed by the Centre for Railway Information Systems with the help of ISRO-Airports Authority of India's GAGAN-GPS aided geo-augmented navigation.



55. Consider the following statements regarding AI Action Summit held in Grand Palais, Paris in February 2025:

- I. Co-chaired with India, the event builds on the advances made at the Bletchley Park Summit held in 2023 and the Seoul Summit held in 2024.
- II. Along with other countries, US and UK also signed the declaration on inclusive and sustainable AI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

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- The United Kingdom hosted the world's first AI Security Summit.
- The "Bletchley declaration" on AI was unveiled at the summit.
- It encompasses not only avoiding catastrophe or threats to life and limb, but also priorities such as securing human rights and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- The declaration was signed by all 27 countries attending, including the UK, the US, China, and India, as well as the European Union.
- The Bletchley Park Declaration aims to establish a shared understanding of the risks and opportunities posed by "frontier AI."
- The Frontier AI refers to highly advanced generative AI models with potentially dangerous capabilities that can pose significant risks to public safety.



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- The third edition of the AI Action Summit was held in Paris.
- And France and India's Prime Minister acted as a co-chair the Paris Summit.
- The Summit focused on five major themes, including public service AI, future of work, innovation and culture, trust in AI, and global governance of AI.
- It's the latest in a series of global dialogues around AI governance with two previous editions held in the UK in 2023.
- The Second India-France AI Policy Roundtable was also planned as a side event during the Summit.

Paris AI Action Summit 2025 Overview

International News

Legally binding international AI treaty

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- The United States, European Union, and the United Kingdom have signed the first legally binding international treaty on artificial intelligence (AI).
- It is known as the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law.
- It aims to regulate AI technologies, underlining the need to balance innovation with the protection of human rights and democratic values.
- This AI convention is the result of years of negotiations between 57 countries.



Exam Question

56. Consider the following pairs:

- I. International Year of the Woman Farmer : 2025
- II. International Year of Sustainable and Resilient Tourism : 2027
- III. International year of Peace and Trust : 2025
- IV. International Year of Asteroid Awareness and Planetary Defence : 2029

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All the four



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- The United Nations has proclaimed 2025 as the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology (IQ).
- The UNGA declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC2025) to be celebrated under the theme "Cooperatives Build a Better World."
- The United Nations declared 2025 as the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation.
- It also accompanied by the proclamation of the 21st March of each year as the World Day for Glaciers starting in 2025.
- 2025 marks the 80th anniversary since the end of World War II and the approval of the UN Charter.
- So, the UN General Assembly has proclaimed 2025 as the International Year of Peace and Trust (IYPT).

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Exam Question

57. Consider the following statements with regard to BRICS:

- I. 16th BRICS Summit was held under the Chairship of Russia in Kazan.
- II. Indonesia has become a full member of BRICS.
- III. The theme of the 16th BRICS Summit was Strengthening Multiculturalism for Just Global Development and Security.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and III
- (c) I and III
- (d) I only



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- The 16th BRICS Summit concluded with the adoption of the Kazan Declaration.
- It is a comprehensive document outlining key areas of cooperation and the bloc's unified stance on global issues.
- The theme of the Declaration is "Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security".
- The declaration emphasises the need for peaceful resolution through diplomacy.
- The summit underscored the importance of the G20 in global decision-making.
- The BRICS nations has reiterated their pledge to improve global governance by advocating for a more agile, responsive, and representative multilateral system.
- BRICS Interbank Cooperation Mechanism (ICM) is focussing on facilitating and expanding innovative financial practices.
- The declaration has welcomed the use of local currencies in BRICS financial transactions and supported the exploration of an independent cross-border settlement infrastructure.
- Establishing a BRICS Grain Exchange and studying the feasibility of a BRICS Cross-Border Payment System and BRICS (Re)insurance Company.
- India's initiative to create an International Big Cats Alliance received recognition.



Exam Question

58. Consider the following statements about Lokpal:

- I. The power of Lokpal applies to public servants of India, but not to the Indian public servants posted outside India.
- II. The Chairperson or a Member shall not be a Member of the Parliament or a Member of the Legislature of any State or Union Territory, and only the Chief Justice of India, whether incumbent or retired, has to be its Chairperson.
- III. The Chairperson or a Member shall not be a person of less than forty-five years of age on the date of assuming office as the Chairperson or Member, as the case may be.
- IV. Lokpal cannot inquire into the allegations of corruption against a sitting Prime Minister of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) III only
- (b) II and III
- (c) I and IV
- (d) None of the above statements is correct.



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- A Lokpal (Meaning: "caretaker of people") is an anti-corruption authority or body of ombudsmen who represents the public interest in the Republic of India.
- The concept of an ombudsman is borrowed from Sweden which was the World's first country to introduce the Ombudsmen concept.
- The Lokpal has jurisdiction over central government to inquire into allegations of corruption against its public functionaries and for matters connected to corruption.
- It aims to ensure accountability on the part of public officials, including the Prime Minister, but with some safeguards such as exceptions of armed forces.

History of Lokpal

- The term "Lokpal" was coined by Dr. L.M.Singhvi in 1963.
- The concept of a constitutional ombudsman was first proposed in parliament by Law Minister Ashoke Kumar Sen in the early 1960s.
- The first Jan Lokpal Bill was proposed by Advocate Shanti Bhushan in 1968 and passed in the 4th Lok Sabha in 1969, but did not pass through the Rajya Sabha.

Charge of Lokpal chair

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- President has given Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty the additional charge of Lokpal chairperson.
- He holds this position after Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose completed his term as the Lokpal chief.
- The Lokpal is headed by a chairperson and can have eight members.
- At present, there are six members in the Lokpal.
- Two posts of judicial members have been lying vacant for over two years.
- A Lokpal chief and members are appointed for a term of five years or until attaining the age of 70 years.

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Exam Question

59. Consider the following statements in respect of the first Kho Kho World Cup:

- I. The event was held in Delhi, India.
- II. Indian men beat Nepal with a score of 78-40 in the final to become the world Champion in men category.
- III. Indian women beat Nepal with a score of 54-36 in the final to become the World Champion in women category.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I and III only
- (d) I, II and III



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Sports News

First ever Kho-Kho World Cup 2025

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- The 1st edition of Kho-Kho World Cup 2025 game was hosted by India..
- The tournament featured 20 men's and 19 women's teams.
- The Indian men and women's team claimed victory in the inaugural edition against Nepal team.





Even Question

60. Consider the following statements:

- I. In the finals of the 45th Chess Olympiad held in 2024, Gukesh Dommaraju became the world's youngest winner after defeating the Russian player Lan Nepomniachtchi.
- II. Abhimanyu Mishra, an American chess player, holds the record of becoming world's youngest ever Grandmaster.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

Sports News

Youngest-ever Chess Grandmaster

July 1, 2023 | 127 days | 118 | Like 1 | Share

- Indian-origin American Abhimanyu Mishra has become the youngest ever chess Grandmaster in the world.
- At 12 years, four months and 25 days, he obliterated the record held by Sergey Karjakin.
- Sergey Karjakin was 12 years and seven months old when he attained the title.



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Personalities, Awards and Events

Gukesh – 18th World Chess Champion

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- D Gukesh from India (Chennai) defeated defending champion Ding Liren of China at the World Chess Championship, held at Singapore.
- The win made the Indian Grandmaster the youngest ever world champion at the age of 18.
- Before Gukesh, Russian legend Garry Kasparov was the youngest to become the world champion at the age of 22 in 1985.

Sports News

Chess Olympiad 2024

September 27, 2024 | 111 days | 72 | Like 401 | Share

- India has won a double gold medal at 45th Chess Olympiad 2024, Hungary.
- GMs Gukesh Dommaraju, Arjun Erigaisi, and Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu all won as the Indian men wrapped up gold.
- India trumped Azerbaijan in the final round to claim a first-ever gold medal in the women's section.
- India also retained the Caprindashvili Trophy, awarded to the team with the best overall performance across the open and women's sections.
- D. Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi and Divya Deshmukh also won individual gold medals.
- The Chess Olympiad is a biennial chess tournament in which teams representing nations of the world compete.



Exam Question

62. Consider the following Statements:

- I. Indian Railways have prepared a National Rail Plan (NRP) to create a future ready railway system by 2028.
- II. 'Kavach' is an Automatic Train Protection system developed in collaboration with Germany.
- III. 'Kavach' system consists of RFID tags fitted on track in station section.

Which of the statements given above are not correct?

- (a) I and II only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I and III only
- (d) I, II and III



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National News

National Rail Plan - 2030

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- The Indian Railways have prepared a National Rail Plan (NRP) for India - 2030.
- The Plan is to create a 'future ready' Railway system by 2030.
- The NRP is aimed to formulate strategies based on both operational capacities and commercial policy initiatives to increase the modal share of the Railways in freight to 45%.



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- The Union Railways Ministry revealed plans for the rollout of Kavach 3.0 - an upgraded automatic train protection system.
- Kavach 3.0 is expected to significantly reduce the inter-train headway, enabling more trains to run safely and efficiently.
- Kavach is the India's indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system.
- It is developed to prevent train collisions by automatically activating the braking system if the loco pilot fails to act.
- India operates the world's fourth-largest railway network, spanning over 65,000 kms.





Exam Question

63. Consider the following space missions:

- I. Axiom – 4
- II. SpaDeX
- III. Gaganyaan

How many of the space missions given above encourage and support micro-gravity research?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) *All the three*
- (d) None



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- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Air Force (IAF) for astronaut selection and training for Gaganyaan Programme.
- The program is scheduled for 2022.
- IAF's Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM) will undertake and lead the selection and training of astronauts.
- It will shortlist three sets of three astronauts (9 Members) to be trained for Gaganyaan mission.
- On 30 January 2019, ISRO had set up Human Spaceflight Centre at its headquarters in Bengaluru.
- It provides a unique micro-gravity platform in space to India for conducting experiments and test for future technologies.

Science and Technology News

SPADEX Docking Mission

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- ISRO got two 400kg satellites that are part of a crucial upcoming mission known as SPADEX – Space Docking Experiment.
- These satellites will be travelling at around 28,000 kmph and precisely align themselves in a manner where they can perform a 'space handshake' and dock to form a single orbiting entity.
- Ananth Technologies Private Limited (ATL) has completed the integration of two 400kg satellites for ISRO.
- This is the first time that ISRO is getting their satellites completely assembled, integrated and tested by the Indian private industry at a private facility.



Exam Question

64. With reference to India's defence, consider the following pairs:

Aircraft type	Description
I. Dornier-228	: Maritime patrol
II. IL-76	: Supersonic combat aircraft
III. IC-17 Globe-master III	: Military transport aircraft

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
(b) *Only two*
(c) All the three
(d) None

International News

Exercise Desert Flag VIII

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- UAE is hosting 3-week long Exercise Desert Flag VIII.
- It is a multilateral air exercise involving the participation of UAE, France, Kuwait, Australia, the UK, Bahrain, Morocco, Spain, the Republic of Korea, and the US.
- It aims to bring about the interoperability of different fighter engagements and sharing of best practices of various Air Forces.
- The IAF would be participating with five LCA Tejas and two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.
- This is the first occasion when the LCA Tejas shall participate in an international flying exercise outside India.



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- Five women officers of the Indian Naval Air Squadron 314 (INAS 314) created history by completing the first all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission.
- This is held over the north Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft.
- This first-of-its-kind military flying mission.
- The aircraft was captained by the Mission Commander Lt Commander Anandha Sharma.

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Eyes in Sky Project

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- The Government of India gave its final approval to build 6 AEW&C (Airborne Early Warning and Control) aircraft.
- It aims to bolster the surveillance capability of the Indian Air Force (IAF) along the borders with China and Pakistan.
- These aircrafts are regarded as powerful 'eyes in the sky' in modern warfare.
- The IAF currently operates 3 Israeli Phalcon AWACS mounted on Russian IL-76 transport aircraft.
- The IAF has 2 indigenous 'Netra' aircraft fitted on smaller Brazilian Embraer-145 jet.



Exam Question

65. Artificial way of causing rainfall to reduce air pollution makes use of
- (a) *Silver iodide and potassium iodide*
 - (b) Silver nitrate and potassium iodide
 - (c) Silver iodide and potassium nitrate
 - (d) Silver nitrate and potassium chloride



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International News

Cloud seeding - UAE

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- The United Arab Emirates is one of the first countries in the Persian Gulf region to use cloud seeding technology.
- It is now testing a new method that has drones fly into clouds to give them an electric shock to trigger rain production.
- Cloud seeding is a kind of a weather modification technology to create artificial rainfall.
- It was pioneered by atmospheric scientist Bernard Vonnegut.
- It works only when there are enough pre-existing clouds in the atmosphere.
- These 'seeds' of rain can be the iodides of silver or potassium, dry ice (solid carbon dioxide), or liquid propane.
- The seeds can be delivered by plane or simply by spraying from the ground.

CLOUD SEEDING IN THE UAE - HOW, WHY?

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- United Arab Emirates witnessed the heaviest rainfall in 75 years.
- Some areas recording more than 250 mm (around 10 inches) of precipitation in fewer than 24 hours.
- It was the largest ever in a 24-hour period since records started in 1949.
- Experts and officials have contradicted the speculations that cloud seeding caused the rainfall.
- Cloud seeding is a type of weather modification process that normally tries to increase the rain or snow.
- Cloud seeding uses planes and ground-based cannons to shoot particles into clouds making more nuclei, attracting moisture.
- Once enough droplets merge, they become heavy and fall to Earth as rain or snow.
- Silver iodide can potentially serve the same function.
- Other substances, such as dry ice, may also be used for similar purposes.
- The method can't create water from a clear sky – particles must be shot into a cloud that already holds moisture to get it to fall, or to fall more than it otherwise would naturally.
- About 50 countries including the US, China, Australia, UAE, Germany, India, Malaysia, Russia and Mexico employ cloud seeding.



69. Consider the following statements:

Statement I :

In India, State Governments have no power for making rules for grant of concessions in respect of extraction of minor minerals even though such minerals are located in their territories.

Statement II:

In India, the Central Government has the power to notify minor minerals under the relevant law.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

(a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct and Statement II explains Statement I

(b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct but Statement II does not explain Statement I

National News

Reclassification of Minerals

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- The Ministry of Mines has classified beryllium, feldspar, mica and quartz as "major minerals".
- This move will extend the existing extraction contracts by 50 years and now allows them to be mined for crucial science and technology applications.
- These mines will gradually need to register with the Indian Bureau of Mines and be regulated as major minerals.
- Quartz, feldspar, and mica are found in pegmatite rocks.
- They are an important source of many critical minerals like beryllium, lithium, niobium, tantalum, molybdenum, tin, titanium, and tungsten.
- Critical minerals play a vital role in technologies related to electric vehicles (EVs), energy transition, spacecraft industries, and healthcare.
- Until now, when the leases for quartz, feldspar, and mica were granted as minor mineral leases.

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Tamil Nadu News

Removal of gravel from waterbodies

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- The Tamil Nadu government has decided against allowing potters, farmers and members of the public to remove "gravel" free of cost from beds of waterbodies.
- They would be able to quarry "clay and silt" for free, but under a revised procedure.
- Earlier, the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, allowed quarrying of "clay, silt and gravel" for free from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs across the State.
- The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, calls gravel a "minor mineral".
- The State government amended the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, in December 2022 to replace the word *servudu* with the term "ordinary earth".

National News

Right to tax mineral-rich lands

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- The Supreme Court held that, the power of State Legislatures to tax mining lands and quarries is not limited by the Parliament's Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act of 1957.
- It frees states from the restrictions of the Centre and is in tune with the federalist principles of governance.
- State Legislatures derive their power to tax mines and quarries under Article 246 read with Entry 49 (tax on lands and buildings) in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.
- Mineral bearing lands fall within the description of 'lands' in Entry 49.
- But centre had argued that Entry 50 in the State List had allowed the Parliament to impose "any limitations" on taxes on mineral rights through laws relating to mineral development.
- The verdict further clarified that royalty paid by those who lease mines to the government is not tax.
- The case has its genesis in a dispute between India Cement Ltd and the Tamil Nadu government of 1959.



Exam Question

70. Which organization has enacted the nature Restoration Law (NRL) to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss?

- (a) *The European Union*
- (b) The World Bank
- (c) The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- (d) The Food and Agriculture Organization



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Law to Restore Nature

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- The European Commission's proposal for a Nature Restoration Law is the first continent-wide, comprehensive law and part of the Biodiversity Strategy.
- It calls for binding targets to restore degraded ecosystems.
- It includes reducing chemical pesticide use by 50% (by 2030), increasing tree canopy (by at least 10%) and allowing free flow of rivers.



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- The law calls on EU members to restore at least 30 per cent of drained peatland by 2030, 40 per cent by 2040 and 50 per cent by 2050.
- EU nations must restore at least 25,000 km of rivers into free-flowing rivers.
- Also needs to ensure there is no net loss in the total national area of urban green space and of urban tree canopy cover.





Exam Question

72. India is one of the founding members of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), a multimodal transportation corridor, which will connect
- (a) *India to Central Asia a Europe via Iran*
 - (b) India to Central Asia via China
 - (c) India to South-East Asia through Bangladesh and Myanmar
 - (d) India to Europe through Azerbaijan



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INSTC - First shipment

- Russia's national railway company announced that the country has shipped two coal-laden trains to India via the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).
- For the first time, two trains with Kuzbass coal headed to India along the International North-South Transport Corridor.
- The trains set off from the Kemerovo region.
- They followed along the eastern branch of the INSTC through Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan to the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas.
- The INSTC is a multimodal route that connects St. Petersburg to the port of Mumbai in India across 7,200 kilometres (4,500 miles).
- It comprises a railway, road network, and seaports.
- INSTC, initially known as the NSIC project, the agreement was signed by Russia, Iran, and India in 2002, making them the founding members.

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New trilateral to deepen regional relations

- The first trilateral consultations between the Foreign Affairs Ministry of India, Armenia, and Iran took place in Yerevan, Capital of Armenia.
- They also discussed the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).
- This is a freight corridor that connects India, Iran, and Russia.
- The goal of INSTC is reducing the time and cost of transporting cargo from Mumbai to Moscow.
- The INSTC agreement was originally signed in 2002 by Russia, Iran, and India and has since been expanded.



Exam Question

73. Consider the following statements:

Statement I :

Of the two major ethanol producers in the world, i.e., Brazil and the United states of America, the former producers more ethanol than the latter.

Statement II:

Unlike in the United States of America where corn is the principal feedstock for ethanol production, sugarcane is the principal feedstock for ethanol production in Brazil.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct and Statement II explains Statement I ;
- (b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct but Statement II does not explain Statement I
- (c) Statement I is correct but Statement II is not correct
- (d) *Statement I is not correct but Statement II is correct*



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Environment News

Biofuels Alliance

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- The Global Biofuel Alliance was announced under India's G20 Presidency.
- The US and Brazil are joined this India-led initiative.
- The aim of this Alliance is to encourage cooperation and promote the use of sustainable biofuels, including in the transportation industry.
- The US and Brazil are the top 2 players in Biofuels.
- They lead in biodiesel and ethanol production.
- Together they accounted for 84% of the world's ethanol production and 26% of the world's biodiesel production.
- India, Brazil and the United States, are the leading biofuel producers and consumers in the world.



National News

India's Ethanol Consumption

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- As per recent research of the International Energy Agency (IEA), India is on track to become the world's third-largest ethanol market by 2026.
- India will only be left behind the United States and Brazil by 2026, as it has accelerated the transition towards a clean energy environment to become carbon neutral by 2070.
- According to IEA, India has made "huge progress" in expanding ethanol blending.
- Blending was 2 percent in 2017.
- By 2021, it had reached 8 percent.
- It thus brought India on target to attain 10 percent blending in 2022.





Exam Question

76. Which of the following statements with regard to recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission of India are correct?

- I. It has recommended grants of ₹4,800 crores from the year 2022-23 to the year 2025-26 for incentivizing States to enhance educational outcomes.
- II. 45% of the net proceeds of Union taxes are to be shared with States.
- III. ₹45,000 crores are to be kept as performance-based incentive of all States for carrying out agricultural reforms.
- IV. It reintroduced tax effort criteria to reward fiscal performance.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) I, II and III
- (b) I, II and IV
- (c) I, III and IV
- (d) II, III and IV



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15th Finance Commission report

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- The final report of the Fifteenth Finance Commission of India for FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 was tabled in the Parliament.
- The Finance Commissions generally submit their reports for a five-year duration.
- The report has been organized in four volumes:
 - Volume I and II – Main report
 - Volume III: Focused on centre - it examines key departments in greater depth, with the medium-term challenges and the roadmap ahead.
 - Volume IV: Entirely focused on states - it analyses the finances of each State in great depth and has recommended state-specific considerations to address the key challenges that individual States face.

Key recommendation

- Maintaining vertical devolution at 41 per cent to maintain predictability and stability of resources.
- Spending on health by states should be increased to more than 8 per cent of their budget by 2022.
- Giving additional borrowing room to States based on performance in power sector reforms.



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- It will be available in the public domain once it is tabled in the Parliament by the government along with an action taken report on its recommendations.

Key Recommendations

- The states shall get 41% of central tax revenues.
- 4.3 lakh crores for the local governments
- Rs 1 lakh crore to health care
- Rs 2.9 lakh crore of revenue deficit grants to 17 states.
- Earlier, the fourteenth Finance Commission had recommended 42%.
- The states are asked to keep aside at least 8% of their budget for building health care capacities.
- It recommended to set up Modernisation of Defence and Internal Security Fund.
- The fund is to add up to Rs 2.4 lakh crores by 2021-26.
- Of this, Rs 1.3 lakh crore is to be directly transferred to Consolidated Fund of India.

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Exam Question

78. Consider the following statements in respect of RTGS and NEFT :

- I. In RTGS, the settlement time is instantaneous while in case of NEFT, it takes some time to settle payments.
- II. In RTGS, the customer is charged for inward transactions while that is not the case for NEFT.
- III. Operating hours for RTGS are restricted on certain days while this is not true for NEFT.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) I and II
- (c) I and III
- (d) III only



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RTGS Timing

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- RBI has made the transfer of funds through Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system available to the customers 24x7 on all days of the week.
- It is a fund transfer system that is generally used for large-value transactions.
- It happens in real-time.
- The minimum amount to be transferred through RTGS is Rs 2 lakh and there is no maximum limit.
- In the case of RTGS, every transaction is settled individually.

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Economy News

NEFT – 24x7 basis

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- RBI has extended the availability of National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) round-the-clock on all the seven days of the week - 24x7 basis to facilitate beyond the banking hour fund transfer.
- NEFT is an electronic funds transfer system maintained by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The setup was established and maintained by Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT).
- NEFT enables bank customers to transfer funds between any two NEFT enabled bank accounts on a one-to-one basis via electronic messages.



Exam Question

79. Consider the following countries:

- I. United Arab Emirates
- II. France
- III. Germany
- IV. Singapore
- V. Bangladesh

How many countries amongst the above are there other than India where international merchant payments are accepted under UPI?

- (a) Only two
- (b) **Only three**
- (c) Only four
- (d) All the five



National News

UPI in UAE

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- NPCI International Payments Ltd has announced that across the UAE, BHIM UPI is live on NEOPAY terminals.
- This initiative will be empowering the millions of Indians who travel to the UAE to make payments in a convenient and safe manner.
- The payments can be made using BHIM UPI across the NEOPAY-enabled merchant stores and shops.
- NEOPAY is Mashreq Bank's payment subsidiary.
- NIPL partnered in 2021 with NEOPAY to create the UPI acceptance infrastructure in the country.

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- The Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) - Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (CASOG) 2024 was held in New Delhi.
 - The theme of the event is "Cross-Border Challenges in Justice Delivery".
- India's first Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra has been selected as a torchbearer for the upcoming 2024 Paris Olympic.
- The Eiffel Tower now stands as the first site in Europe to accept UPI payments, making France the first ever country on the continent to embrace this digital payment mechanism.
- The government will soon launch retail sales of Bharat Rice at ₹29 per kg from to provide relief to consumers.



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Cross-border UPI payments

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- Bhaskar launched support for UPI (international) payments.
- The feature will allow Indian users travelling abroad to pay foreign merchants using UPI.
- The current launch supports international merchant outlets in UAE, Singapore, Mauritius, Nepal, and Bhutan that have local QR codes.
- Bhaskar is the first launch app to launch this feature in India.



Exam Question

80. Consider the following statements about 'PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana' :

- I. It targets installation of one crore solar rooftop panels in the residential sector.
- II. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy aims to impart training on installation, operation, maintenance and repairs of solar rooftop systems at grassroot levels.
- III. It aims to create more than three lakhs skilled manpower through fresh skilling, and up-skilling, under scheme component of capacity building.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) I and II only
- (b) I and III only
- (c) II and III only
- (d) I, II and III



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PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

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- The Union govt announced the launching the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.
- This project will be with an investment of over Rs. 75,000 crores.
- It aims to light up 1 crore households by providing up to 300 units of free electricity every month.
- For solar panels with capacities up to 2 kW, households can avail of a subsidy of Rs. 30,000 per kilowatt, and Rs 18,000 per kW for additional capacity up to 3 kW.

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana



Exam Question

82. Consider the following pairs:

- | | State | Description |
|------|-------------------|---|
| I. | Arunachal Pradesh | The capital is named after a fort, and the State has two National Parks |
| II. | Nagaland | The state came into existence on the basis of a Constitutional Amendment Act |
| III. | Tripura | Initially a Part 'C' State, it became a centrally administered territory with the reorganization of States in 1956 and later attained the status of a full-fledged state. |

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two



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Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura – 50th Statehood Day

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- Every year, the states of Manipur, Meghalaya, and Tripura celebrate their 50th statehood day on January 21.
- These states were formed under the North Eastern Region (Reorganization) Act, 1971.
- The princely states of Manipur and Tripura were joined with India in 1949.
- They were then granted the union territory status.
- In 1972, Meghalaya and Tripura were granted complete statehood.

Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya Foundation Day


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Statehood Day 2025 - January 21

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- The northeastern states of Manipur, Meghalaya, and Tripura celebrate their State hood Day on January 21.
- They attained full statehood under the North Eastern Region (Reorganization) Act of 1971.
- Manipur known as the 'Jewel of India', merged with India in September 1949.
- Meghalaya, which is called as the "Abode of Clouds," came into existence as an autonomous state within the state of Assam on April 2, 1970.
- Tripura was a princely state till the merger with India on November 15, 1949.


MANIPUR



Exam Question



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84. Consider the following statements:

- I. The Constitution of India explicitly mentions that in certain spheres the Governor of a State acts in his/her own discretion.
- II. The President of India can, of his / her own, reserve a bill passed by a State Legislature of his/her consideration without it being forwarded by the Governor of the State concerned.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

(a) I only

(b) II only

Tamil Nadu vs. Governor of Tamil Nadu case

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- The Supreme Court held that Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi's reservation of 10 bills for President's assent is "illegal and liable to be set aside".
 - A Bench of the Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Justice R. Mahadeva bench has unanimously pronounced the judgement.
 - The court said that under Article 200 of the Constitution, the Governor does not possess any discretion and has to automatically act on the aid and advice of the council of ministers.
 - Article 200 of the Constitution deals with assent to Bills.
 - Timelines prescribed for Governors when Bills are presented to them:
 - In case of withholding assent, one month.
 - In case of withholding assent contrary to advice of the State Cabinet, three months.
 - In case of Bills presented for reconsideration by Governors, one month.
 - The Bench said the Governor cannot withhold the assent and adopt concept of absolute veto or pocket veto.
 - It said the Governor is obligated to adopt one course of action — give assent to Bills, withhold assent and reserve for consideration of the president.

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Supreme Court's deadline on President

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- The Supreme Court has put the President on a three-month deadline to decide whether or not to assent to State Bills referred to her by a Governor.
 - The court begins from the day the Governor referred the bill to the President for her consideration.
 - In case of any delay beyond this period the appropriate reasons would have to be recorded and conveyed to the State concerned.
 - The States, in turn, must be cooperative to any queries or suggestions from the Centre on the Bills.
 - The President ought to, as a measure of prudence, seek the Supreme Court's advice on the Bills reserved by a Governor for her consideration on grounds of perceived unconstitutionality.
 - If there is no action by the president within the time limit, then the state can file writ petitions such as mandamus against the president.
 - The President cannot exercise absolute veto on state bill under article 201. The judgement paves the way for restoring a 'stalled' Bill.
 - As per the Constitution, once the Bill has been returned, or assent to it withheld by the President, the legislation lapses.
 - It has to be reintroduced in the Assembly for the passage, with the amendments suggested or without, as desired by the



Exam Question

90. Consider the following activities:

- I. Production of crude oil
- II. Refining, storage and distribution of petroleum
- III. Conditions of the Governor's office
- IV. Production of natural gas

How many of the above activities are regulated by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board in our country?

- (a) Only one
- (b) **Only two**
- (c) All three
- (d) All the four



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National News

India's First Green Hydrogen Blending Project

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- NTPC Limited and Gujarat Gas Limited have commissioned India's first green hydrogen blending project in Surat.
- Green hydrogen is produced through the electrolysis of water, using electricity generated from renewable sources such as solar or wind power.
- Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board given permission for a 5% vol./vol. blending of green hydrogen with Piped Natural Gas (PNG) initially.
- The blending level is to be gradually increased to reach 20%.



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National Gas Grid

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- Union Government has envisaged the development of the National Gas Grid.
- Under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has been recognised as the authority.
- It would grant authorization to the entities for the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in Geographical Areas.
- The objectives of the National Gas Grid are:
 - To remove regional imbalance within the country with regard to access for natural gas and provide clean and green fuel throughout the country.
 - To connect gas sources to major demand centres and ensure availability of gas to consumers in various sectors.
 - Development of City Gas Distribution Networks in various cities for the supply of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Piped Natural Gas (PNG).



Exam Question

98. Who among the following was the founder of the "Self-Respect Movement"?

- (a) *Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy Naicker*
- (b) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- (c) Bhaskarrao Jadhav
- (d) Dinkarrao Javalkar



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awareness of what was happening in Gurukulam.

- Periyar also raised this point in the state congress meeting. At last the school was closed.

Self-respect movement – 1925

- After quitting the congress, Periyar started Self – respect movement in 1925.
- The aims of the 'Self -Respect Movement' were to uplift the Dravidians and to expose the Brahminical tyranny.
- The first provincial conference of Self-Respect Movement was organised by Periyar at Chengalpattu in February 1929. Mr. W.P.A. Soundara Pandian, presided over that conference. In that conference soundrapandiyanar, kutthusi gurusamy, moovalur ramamirtham ammaiyar also participated.
- At Erode, the Second Provincial Conference of the Self Respect Movement was convened by Periyar under the chairmanship of Mr. M.R. Jayakar from Pune, a rationalist leader.
- Periyar introduced a new rationalist marriage system called "Self-Respect Marriage".



Exam Question

99. Consider the following pairs:

Country	Resource-rich in
I. Botswana	: Diamond
II. Chile	: Lithium
III. Indonesia	: Nickel

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) *All the three*
(d) None



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Jwaneng Diamond Mine – Botswana

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- Jwaneng Diamond Mine in Botswana, dubbed the 'Prince of Mines,' stands as the world's richest mine.
- It is estimated that the mine's revenue has crossed \$90 billion since its inception.
- Since 1982, it has yielded millions of carats, with 2023 marking a record 13.3 million carats mined.
- Jwaneng rests in an ancient volcanic crater.

JWANENG

International News

Lithium and copper mine in Argentina

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- India has identified two lithium mines and one copper mine in Argentina for a possible acquisition or long-term lease.
- KABIL, a joint venture formed through the participation of National Aluminium Company (Nalco), Hindustan Copper (HCL) and MECL.
- It aims to ensure consistent supply of critical and strategic minerals in the domestic market.
- Argentina is currently the 4th largest producer of Lithium across the globe.
- Together with Chile and Bolivia, the north-west of the country forms the so-called "Lithium Triangle".
- Australia is the top lithium producer globally.
- Lithium is found in sedimentary rock formation and in brine form, which is called salar in Latin America.
- The other alternative is its liquid form.



Exam Question

100. Consider the following pairs:

	Region		Country
I.	Mallorca	:	Italy
II.	Normandy	:	Spain
III.	Sardinia	:	France

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All the three
- (d) None



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- The summer of 2024 has officially been declared the hottest on record for the Northern Hemisphere.
- The boreal summer months of June, July, and August 2024 surpassed all previous temperature records.
- 2024 is on track to overtake 2023 as the warmest year in recorded history.
- The record-breaking temperatures have been attributed to a combination of the human-induced climate change and the El Niño weather phenomenon.
- El Niño is characterised by warming surface waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean.
- August 2024 has recorded the second-highest average sea surface temperatures, surpassed only by August 2023.
- In Italy, Sicily and Sardinia continue to grapple with a severe drought directly linked to climate change.

