

## Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 25-03-2022 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) Identify the indices used in measuring Export Preparedness Index (EPI):

1. Trade policy of the government
2. Company registering property
3. Trading across borders
4. Business Ecosystem

Choose the correct option.

- a. 1, 2 and 4 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 4 only
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer : c

### Export Preparedness Index (EPI)

- It aims to identify challenges and opportunities, enhance the effectiveness of government policies and encourage a facilitative regulatory framework for export.
- The index ranked states on four key pillars: Policy, Business Ecosystem, Export Ecosystem, Export Performance.
- The index also took into consideration 11 sub-pillars such as export promotion policy; institutional framework; business environment; infrastructure; transport connectivity; access to finance; export infrastructure; trade support; R&D infrastructure; export diversification; and growth orientation.

2) Consider the following statements:

1. The Kosi agreement and Gandak agreement were signed between India and Bhutan.
2. Both the agreements deal with water sharing from the Manas River and building canals across the river.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : d

### Water Treaties and Agreements of India

- A Treaty has been signed with Nepal in the year 1996, viz. Mahakali Treaty concerning

Integrated Development of the Mahakali River (known as river 'Sarda' in India).

- In addition, Kosi Agreement, 1954 (amended in December 1966) and Gandak Agreement, 1959 (amended in April 1964) were signed with Nepal for the construction of the Kosi Project and Gandak Project respectively.
- Both of these projects are irrigation projects.

3) Consider the following statements regarding the Indira Gandhi Canal:

1. It is the second-longest canal in India, followed by the upper Ganges canal.
2. It starts from the Harike Barrage, below the confluence of the Indus and Ravi rivers.
3. It passes through the states of Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are **incorrect**?

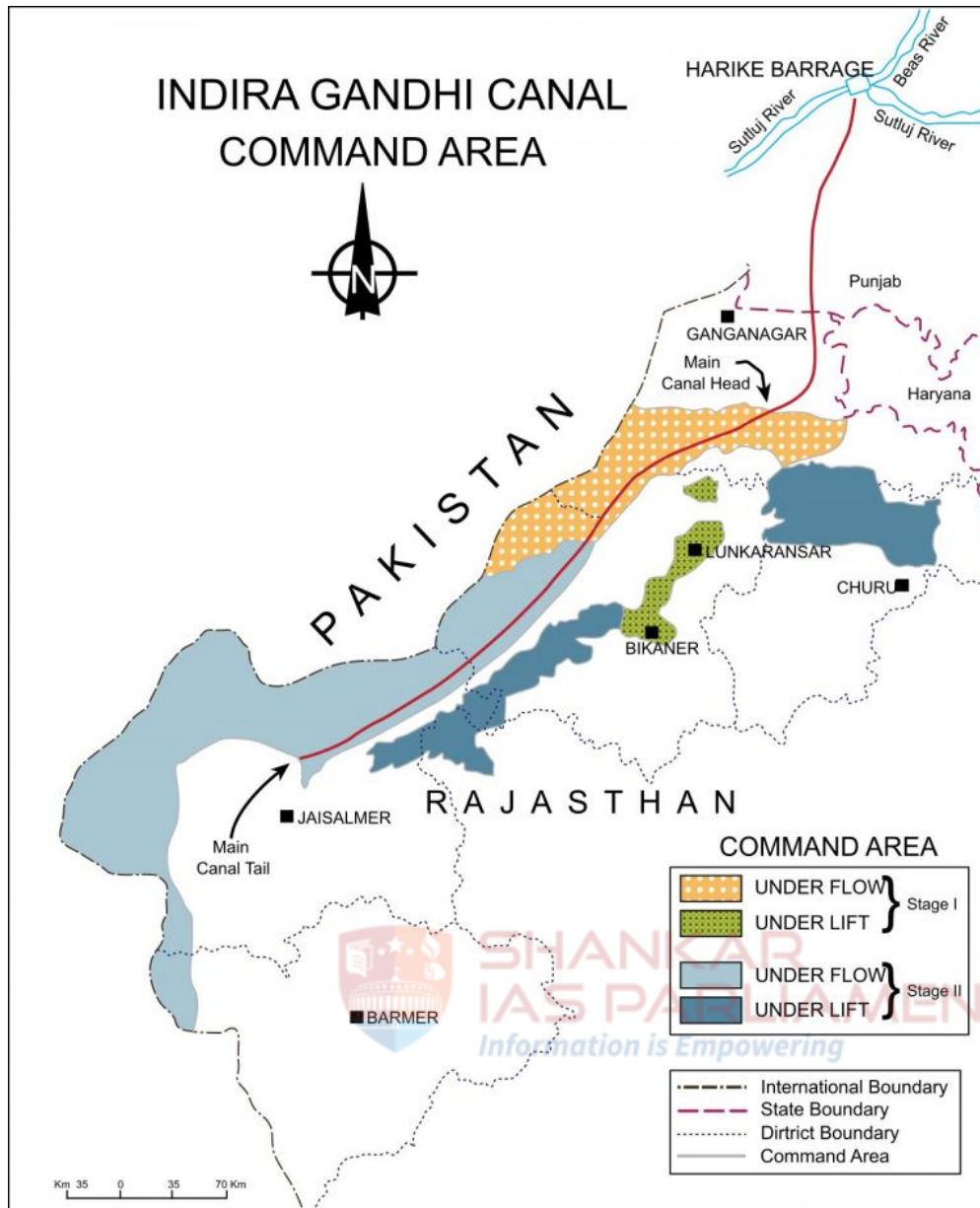
- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : a

### **Indira Gandhi Canal**

- The Indira Gandhi Canal is the longest canal in India.
- It starts from the Harike Barrage, below the confluence of the Satluj and Beas rivers in the Indian state of Punjab, and terminates in irrigation facilities in the Thar Desert in the northwest of Rajasthan.
- It passes through the states of Punjab, Rajasthan, and Haryana.





4) Consider the following statements regarding PM SVANidhi Scheme:

1. The scheme aims to provide affordable loans to street vendors.
2. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Finance.
3. For the first time Microfinance Institutions, Non-Banking Financial Companies, Self Help Groups have been allowed in a scheme for the urban poor.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : c

### PM SVANidhi Scheme

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), for providing affordable loans to street vendors.

- The scheme would benefit vendors, hawkers, thelewale, and people involved in goods and services related to textiles, apparel, artisan products, barbershops, laundry services, etc.
- It is for the first time that Microfinance Institutions, Non-Banking Financial Companies, Self Help Groups have been allowed in a scheme for the urban poor due to their ground-level presence and proximity to the urban poor including the street vendors.

5) Consider the following statements regarding NIPUN Bharat Scheme:

1. It aims to cover the learning needs of children in the age group of 3 to 9 years.
2. The scheme will be implemented by the Department of School Education and Literacy.
3. A five-tier implementation mechanism will be set up at the National- State- District- Block- School level in all States and UTs.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : d

### **NIPUN Bharat Scheme**

- The Ministry of Education has launched NIPUN (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy) Bharat Scheme.
- It aims to cover the learning needs of children in the age group of 3 to 9 years.
- NIPUN Bharat will be implemented by the Department of School Education and Literacy.
- A five-tier implementation mechanism will be set up at the National- State- District- Block- School level in all States and UTs, under the aegis of the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha.