Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 05-09-2023 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to The Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme that provides free courses to make targeted people employable.
2. The target group under this scheme are SCs, OBCs, EBCs, DNTs Safai Karamcharis including waste pickers.
3. The eligible age group is between 18-45 years and income should be below Rs. 3 Lakhs for SCs category.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

a. Only one
b. Only two
c. All Three
d. None

Answer : b

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The Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana

- PM-DAKSH (Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi) Yojana was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E) in 2020-21 as part of a National Action Plan for skilling of marginalized persons.
- It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- The Yojana covers SCs, OBCs, EBCs, DNTs, Sanitation workers including waste pickers.
- The ***main objective*** of the Scheme is to enhance competency level of the target groups to make them employable both in self- employment and wage-employment for their socio-economic development.
- There are 4 types of skill development training programmes under PM-DAKSH Yojanaviz:
    1. Up-skilling/Re-skilling
    2. Short Term Training Programmes
    3. Long Term Training Programmes
    4. Entrepreneurship Development Programme
- ***The Training is free of cost for the trainees and 100% grants is provided by Government***.
- Stipend of Rs.1, 000 to Rs.1, 500 per month per trainee for trainees having 80% and above attendance in short term and long term training.
- Wage compensation is provided at Rs.3000 per trainee (Rs. 2500 as per PM-DAKSH and Rs.500 as per Common Cost Norms for trainees having 80% and above attendance in Reskilling/Up-skilling.
- Trained candidates will be provided certification after successful completion of training and assessment.
- Trained candidates will be provided placement after assessment and certification.

- **Eligibility**:
- Candidates of age group 18-45 years belonging to any of the following categories can apply for the training programme under PM-DAKSH :
    - ***Persons belonging to Scheduled Castes - No annual income limit***,
    - Other Backward Classes (OBCs) having Annual Family Income below Rs. 3.00 lakh,
    - Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) having Annual Family Income below Rs.1.00 lakh,
    - De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribe (DNT) - No annual income limit and
    - SafaiKaramcharis - No annual income limit.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Gujarat Declaration'

1. It is the outcome of the first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit.
2. The declaration reaffirms global commitment and harness potential of traditional medicine to achieve health and well-being for all.

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 : c

Gujarat Declaration

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World Health Organization (WHO) has recently released the outcome document of first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023 in form of "Gujarat Declaration"

- The declaration reaffirmed global commitments towards indigenous knowledge, biodiversity and traditional complementary and integrative medicine.
- Gujarat declaration talks about scaling up efforts to further implement:
    - Evidence-based TCIM (Traditional complimentary integrative medicine) interventions,
    - Approaches in support of the goal of universal health coverage (UHC) and
    - All health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- It states the role of multi-regional, multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder collaborations demonstrated at the Global Summit.
- It is aligned with and complementary to the work of WHO major offices, to maximize evidence based benefits of TCIM in global health.
- It also strives enable the artificial intelligence (AI) in particular, to advance digital health resources on TCIM for people's health and well-being.
- The 1st global summit on Traditional Medicine was organised by the World Health Organization (WHO) and co-hosted by the Ministry of Ayush at Gandhinagar, Gujarat in august 2023.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to Adopt a Heritage 2.0 programme

1. The programme is a revamped version of the earlier scheme of Adopt a Heritage programme which was launched in 2017.
2. The programme seeks to foster collaboration with corporate stakeholders for contribution to preserve Ancient monuments.
3. The programme was launched by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

How many of the statements given above are correct?

a. Only one
b. Only two
c. All Three
d. None

Answer : c

Adopt a Heritage 2.0 programme

Recently Adopt a Heritage 2.0 programme was launched by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)

- The 'Adopt a Heritage 2.0' programme seeks to foster collaboration with corporate stakeholders through which they can contribute in preserving these monuments for our upcoming generations.
- The selected stakeholders will develop, provide and maintain amenities in hygiene, accessibility, safety and knowledge categories.
- It is a revamped version of the earlier scheme launched in 2017 and clearly defines the amenities sought for different monuments as per AMASR Act 1958.
- AMASR Act 1958 - Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules Act 1959.
- The programme encourages corporate stakeholders to utilise their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds to enhance facilities at historically-important monuments.
- The stakeholders can apply for adopting a monument or specific amenities at a monument through a dedicated web portal.
- A mobile app, named 'Indian Heritage' was also launched along this programme, which will showcase the heritage monuments of India.
- The app will feature state-wise details of monuments along with photographs, list of public amenities available, geo-tagged location and feedback mechanism for citizens.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Ecocide

1. It refers to the ousting of tribals from their original habitat to conserve forest resources.
2. Ecocide is a crime in 11 countries including India.

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

Ecocide

The Mexico's Maya train project that has been described as a "megaproject of death" as it imperils the Yucatán peninsula's rich wilderness, ancient cave systems and indigenous communities

- The term 'Ecocide' translates to 'killing one's home' or 'environment'.
- Such 'killing' could include port expansion projects that destroy fragile marine life and local livelihoods, deforestation, illegal sand mining, polluting rivers with untreated sewage.
- Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court deals with 4 atrocities:
    1. Genocide

2. Crimes against humanity
3. War crimes
4. Crime of aggression

- The provision on war crimes is the only statute that can hold a perpetrator responsible for environmental damage, although if it is intentionally caused and during wartime situations.
- There is no accepted legal definition of ecocide.
- ***Ecocide is a crime in 11 countries which doesn't include India***.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to 'Mera Bill, Mera Adhikar' scheme

1. Mera Bill, Mera Adhikar is an invoice promotion scheme to encourage the culture of customers asking for bills for all purchases.
2. The scheme is launched by Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs.
3. The scheme is launched throughout India.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

a. Only one
b. Only two
c. All Three
d. None

Answer : b

Mera Bill, Mera Adhikar scheme

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- The scheme aims to encourage the culture of consumers seeking bills for services and commodities that they purchase and avail of, the central government's invoice promotion scheme.
- The objective of this scheme is to bring a radical change in the behaviour of the general public, so that they start considering it their right and entitlement to "demand bills" from all the vendors.
- This scheme will encourage the culture of generating GST bills and will benefit all stakeholders in the ecosystem.
- Under this programme, all bills issued to the consumers in the respective states and Union Territories will be eligible to participate in this scheme.
- The purpose of this scheme was to boost GST awareness among consumers, who shall be motivated to seek bills and ensure that these transactions are part of the GST system.
- The GST taxation system was launched in 2016.
- ***The scheme is launched by Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs***.
- ***This scheme is launched on a pilot basis in 3 states and 3 Union Territories***.
- This scheme is expected to be implemented across India on the basis of the outcomes and learnings from this pilot scheme.
- The minimum value of an invoice to be considered for the lucky draw has been kept at Rs200.
- Invoices can be uploaded through mobile application 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' available on iOS and Android as well as web portal.