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## Government Schemes – II

**Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding “National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme”:**

1. It aims at providing alternative livelihoods support and entitlements to sanitation workers.
2. It is a central sector scheme.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme aims at providing alternative livelihoods support and entitlements to sanitation workers.

- NAMASTE’s earlier name is “Self-Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers” (SRMS) which is being implemented since 2007.
- Joint initiative of - Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- Funding - It is a central sector scheme for improving the living standards of sanitation workers in urban areas.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding “Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)”:**

1. It provides physical aids and assisted-living devices for senior citizens belonging to Below Poverty Line.
2. It is implemented by the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO).

**Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?**

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

**ANS: D**

**Explanation:** Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) provides physical aids and assisted-living devices for senior citizens belonging to Below Poverty Line. It is a Central Sector Scheme.

- The expenditure for this scheme is being met from the "Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund".
- It is being implemented by the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), a PSU under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

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**Q.3) Which of the following implements the “Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana”?**

- a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- b) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- c) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
- d) NITI Aayog

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** PM-DAKSH Yojana empowers millions from India's marginalized community's aims to enhance competency level of the target groups to make them employable both in self-employment and wage-employment for their socio-economic development.

- It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- It is implemented by - Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.4) The “SHREYAS” scheme is often seen in news related to which of the following?**

- a) Higher education
- b) Primary health
- c) Solar energy
- d) Traditional farming

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS): The main objective of the schemes is Educational Empowerment of OBC & EBC students by providing fellowship (financial assistance) to obtain quality higher education.

The time period of the scheme is from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding “Nari Adalat”:**

1. It is women only court that address individual cases and also raise awareness about social schemes.
2. It holds legal status.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Nari Adalat is women only court that address individual cases and also raise awareness about social schemes.

- Though it does not hold any legal status, has its primary focus on reconciliation, grievance redressal and creating awareness of rights and entitlements.
- It is an initiative of Ministry of Women and Child Development under the Sambal sub scheme of Mission Shakti.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

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**Q.6) The “PM JANMAN Scheme” is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Tribal Affairs
- b) Primary health
- c) Solar energy
- d) Traditional farming

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** PM JANMAN Scheme is launched on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas (Birth anniversary of Birsa Munda) in Jharkhand.

- Objective- To provide essential amenities (road connectivity, electricity, secure housing, clean drinking water, sanitation) and improved access to education, health, nutrition, sustainable livelihood opportunities.
- The government will showcase and spread awareness of various government schemes made for the tribal's.
- The scheme will be implemented by 9 ministries with Ministry of Tribal Affairs playing the key role.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding “Study in India Portal”:**

1. It is a dedicated website that will provide comprehensive information about the Indian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).
2. It will provide an integrated one-stop solution for student registration and visa application process.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Study in India Portal is a dedicated website that will provide comprehensive information about the Indian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

- It will present information about the academic facilities, research support, and related information.
- It will illustrate academic programs covering undergraduate (UG), postgraduate (PG), Doctoral level programs, Yoga, Ayurveda, classical arts etc.
- The new website will have the provision for students to apply in more than one institute/course of their choice.
- It will provide an integrated one-stop solution for student registration and visa application process.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.8) The “Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Program” is an initiative of?**

- a) World Bank
- b) Facebook
- c) Google
- d) Asian Development Bank

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Program is an education reform initiative in India which is financially aided by the World Bank.

- It aims to improve the assessment system in schools to ensure equal education for all.

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- The program comes under the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education (MoE).

Source: FORUMIAS

**Q.9) Consider the following statements regarding “SATHEE (Self-Assessment Test and Help for Entrance Exams)”:**

1. It is an open learning platform to help students prepare for competitive exams at no cost.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Education and IIT-Madras.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** SATHEE (Self-Assessment Test and Help for Entrance Exams) is an open learning platform to help students prepare for competitive exams at no cost.

- It has been launched by the Ministry of Education and IIT-Kanpur.
- The preparation material will be available in English, Hindi and other regional languages.

Source: FORUMIAS

**Q.10) The “Malaviya Mission” is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Training for faculty
- b) Poverty eradication
- c) Primary health care
- d) Land reforms

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Malaviya Mission - It envisages capacity-building training for the faculty and staff across higher educational institutions, in the light of NEP 2020, within 2 years through multiple training centers.

Source: FORUMIAS

## Government Schemes - III

**Q.1) Which of the following is/are covered under “Yuva Sangam” of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat campaign?**

1. Tourism
2. Tradition
3. Technology

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Ministry of Education has launched the 3rd phase of Yuva Sangam under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat campaign.

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- The students within the age group of 18 to 30 will get multi-dimensional exposure in 5 broad areas.
- Paryatan (tourism), Parampara (traditions), Pragati (development), Prodyogik (technology) and Paraspar sampark (people-to-people connect) in the host States.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding “Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) platform”:**

1. It provides e-content for schools via an online portal and a mobile application.
2. It has embedded assistive technologies for learners with visual or hearing impairments.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** DIKSHA - It comes under the Ministry of Education, provides e-content for schools via an online portal and a mobile application.

It also has embedded assistive technologies for learners with visual or hearing impairments.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.3) The term “APAAR” is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Academics
- b) Traditional knowledge
- c) Bee cultivation
- d) Assistive technologies

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** APAAR – Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry is a special ID system for all students in India, starting from childhood. Each student would get a lifelong APAAR ID.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.4) The “PM-ABHIM” is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Health infrastructure
- b) Gig networks
- c) Digital library
- d) Agriculture data

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission’ (PM-ABHIM) is a centrally sponsored scheme aims to address critical gaps in health infrastructure, surveillance, and health research.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

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**Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding “Microsites by National Health Authority (NHA)”:**

1. These are clusters of small and medium-sized healthcare facilities.
2. Microsites digitize the entire patient journey with the establishment of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) adopted small ecosystem within a particular geographic area.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** National Health Authority (NHA) has launched 100 microsites project under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) to promote digital health and improve healthcare accessibility for all citizens.

- Microsites - These are clusters of small and medium-sized healthcare facilities that are fully enabled with ABDM capabilities to offer digital health services to patients.
- Microsites will digitize the entire patient journey with the establishment of ABDM adopted small ecosystem within a particular geographic area.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.6) The term “YANTRA” is recently seen in news related to?**

- a) E – vehicles
- b) E – computers
- c) Integrative Medicine
- d) Space research

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Yoga and Ayurveda in Neurosciences, Therapeutics and Research Approaches (YANTRA) is an international conference on Integrative Medicine with a theme on models of integration in healthcare.

It was held at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in association with Jignasa, which provides a common platform to address all aspects related to AYUSH systems.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.7) Which of the following type/s of certification covered under Indian Forest & Wood Certification Scheme?**

1. Forest management certification
2. Tree outside forest management certification
3. Chain of custody certification

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** India has launched its 1st Indian Food and Wood certification scheme is launched by – MoEFCC.

- It aims to offer voluntary 3rd party certification to promote sustainable forest management and agroforestry in the country.



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- To incentivize entities like State forest departments, individual farmers, or Farmer Producer Organizations, farm forestry and other wood-based industries in the value chain.

### Certification Types:

- Forest management (FM) certification
- Tree outside forest management certification
- Chain of custody (CoC) certification

Source: FORUMIAS

### Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding “Green Credit Program (GCP)”:

1. It is an innovative market-based mechanism designed to incentivize voluntary environmental actions.
2. The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) is the GCP Administrator.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

ANS: C

**Explanation:** To take ahead the 'LiFE' - 'Lifestyle for Environment' movement announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2021, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has introduced two pioneering initiatives that indicate the country's pro-active approach to climate change, sustainability and promotion eco-conscious practices.

- These initiatives, the Green Credit Program (GCP) and the Ecomark Scheme, seek to encourage environmentally friendly practices rooted in tradition and conservation; reflecting the ideas of LiFE concept.
- Green Credit Program (GCP) notified on 13th October, 2023 is an innovative market-based mechanism designed to incentivize voluntary environmental actions across diverse sectors, by various stakeholders like individuals, communities, private sector industries, and companies.
- The GCP's governance framework is supported by an inter-ministerial Steering Committee and The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) serves as the GCP Administrator, responsible for program implementation, management, monitoring, and operation.

Source: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasframePage.aspx?PRID=1967476>

### Q.9) Consider the following statements regarding “Project Cheetah”:

1. It is India's cheetah relocation programme and the first intercontinental reintroduction of a wild, large carnivore species.
2. Under the project African cheetahs are trans-located from the forests of South Africa and Namibia to the Panna National Park in Madhya Pradesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

ANS: A

**Explanation:** Project Cheetah is India's cheetah relocation programme and the 1st intercontinental reintroduction of a wild, large carnivore species.

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- Under the project African cheetahs are trans-located from the forests of South Africa and Namibia to the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
- It is implemented by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and And Climate Change.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.10) The “Acinonyx jubatus” is a scientific name of?**

- a) Bee
- b) Elephant
- c) Cheetah
- d) Horse

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** The Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) is the fastest land mammal and can move at a speed of up to 103 km per hour over a distance of hundreds of meters.

Cheetahs mostly hunt during the day and their main prey comprises small- to mid-size ungulates, especially gazelles.

**Source:** <https://www.cms.int/en/species/acinonyx-jubatus>

## Government Schemes - IV

**Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding “PM – KISAN”:**

1. It is a Central Sector scheme with 100% funding from Government of India.
2. The farmer can get a loan facility in the form of short-term loans by using Kisan Credit Card (KCC).

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** PM – KISAN is a Central Sector scheme with 100% funding from Government of India.

- Under this scheme an income support of 6,000/- per year in 3 equal installments will be provided to all land holding farmer families (subject to exclusion criteria).
- The farmer can also get a loan facility in the form of short-term loans by using Kisan Credit Card (KCC).
- Definition of family for the scheme is husband, wife and minor children.
- Identification of Beneficiaries - State Government and UT administration will identify the farmer families which are eligible for support as per scheme guidelines.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

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**Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)”:**

1. It is a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of fisheries sector.
2. It has two components comprised Central Sector Scheme (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** PMMSY - It is a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of fisheries sector.

- Its aim is to double the income of fish farmers and fishers in the country and to bring about Blue Revolution.
- The PMMSY is an umbrella scheme with 2 separate Components - Central Sector Scheme (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.3) Under the “Report Fish Disease App”, which of the following species can be report by farmer?**

1. Finfish
2. Shrimps
3. Molluscs

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** To further strengthen the farmer-based reporting of diseases, Report Fish Disease App has been developed under the National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD).

- The farmers can report disease cases in finfish, shrimps and molluscs on their farms.
- The app will be a central platform for connecting fish farmers, field-level officers and fish health experts.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.4) The “Operation Greens” is often seen in news implemented by?**

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Ministry of Finance
- c) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED)
- d) Department of Consumer Affairs

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Operation Greens (OG) is a Central Sector Scheme established under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana.

- Launched by - Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- Implemented by - National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED).

**Source: FORUMIAS**

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**Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding “Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana (PMJAY)”:**

1. It is launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals.
2. It is implemented by a society is Pharma & Medical Bureau of India (PMBI).

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** The 'Jan Aushadhi Scheme' was revamped as 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana' (PMJAY).

- It is launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the masses.
- Under the scheme, dedicated outlets known as Janaushadhi Kendras are opened to provide generic medicines at affordable prices.
- The Scheme is implemented by a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, which is Pharma & Medical Bureau of India (PMBI).

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.6) Which of the following is/are covered under the “unique package of innovative schemes for farmers”?**

1. Natural farming
2. Farmers income
3. Soil productivity

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today approved a unique package of innovative schemes for farmers with a total outlay of Rs.3,70,128.7 crore.

- The bouquet of schemes is focused at overall wellbeing and economic betterment of farmers by promoting sustainable agriculture.
- The initiatives will boost farmers' income, strengthen natural / organic farming, rejuvenate soil productivity, and ensure food security.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.7) Under the initiative of “Urea Gold” which of the following mineral coated to urea?**

- a) Zinc
- b) Sulfur
- c) Boron
- d) Lead

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** Urea Gold – It is a new variety of urea that is coated with sulphur which is expected to address sulphur deficiencies in the soil.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

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**Q.8) The project "TAMARA" is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Water management
- b) Natural farming
- c) Health care management
- d) Solar energy

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Technology Development Board (TDB) of Ministry of Science & Technology supports the Waterbody Management Project "TAMARA" with 89 Lakhs out of 150 lakhs.

- Project Title - Development and Commercialization of Intelligent Water Body Management System (IWMS)-TAMARA.
- It is a smart aeration system enhanced with sensors and IoT-based technology to manage water quality.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.9) Which of the following country/countries achieved deep sea missions successfully?**

- 1. France
- 2. China
- 3. Russia

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** As part of Deep Ocean Mission, India will for the 1st time, embark on a journey to a depth of 6,000 metres in the ocean using an indigenously developed submersible.

- It is one of 9 missions under Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PMSTIAC).
- U.S.A., Russia, China, France, and Japan have already achieved successful deep-ocean crewed missions.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.10) The term "Varaha" is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Ocean mining vehicle
- b) Submarine
- c) Frigate
- d) Cruiser

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Varaha is ocean mining vehicle, part of Deep Ocean Mission (or) Samudrayaan Mission.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

## Government Schemes

**Q.1) Which of the following is/are sub-scheme/s of “Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modeling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS) Scheme”?**

1. Atmospheric Observations Network
2. Monsoon Convection Clouds & Climate Change
3. Moon Observation Mission

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modeling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS) Scheme is an umbrella central sector scheme that pertains to the atmospheric science programs of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

Sub schemes under ACROSS:

- Upgradation of Forecast System
- Weather & Climate Services
- Atmospheric Observations Network
- Numerical Modelling of Weather and Climate
- Monsoon Mission III
- Monsoon Convection Clouds & Climate Change (MC4)
- High Performance Computing System (HPCS)

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding “Gram Manchitra”:**

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
2. It uses the National Informatics Centre's (NIC) Geographic Information System (GIS) platform of Bharat Maps for spatial planning of panchayats.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched Geographic Information System application “Gram Manchitra” to encourage the Spatial Planning by the Gram Panchayat.

It uses the National Informatics Centre's (NIC) Geographic Information System (GIS) platform of Bharat Maps.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

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**Q.3) The term “eSARAS” is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Handicrafts
- b) Solar energy
- c) Sustainable farming
- d) Agriculture marketing

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** eSARAS is an initiative of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM).

- It aims to collect and organize the authentic handcrafted products from across the country.
- It is an online platform for buying handicrafts and handloom items made by rural women registered with Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- This online platform showcases the products made by self-managed Self Help Groups (SHGs) and federated institutions.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.4) Which of the following scheme is also called as “Aajeevika”?**

- a) PMMSY
- b) NRLM
- c) PM – KISAN
- d) PMGSY

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** National Rural Livelihood Mission is also known as Aajeevika. It is a flagship poverty alleviation program implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.

It aims to reduce poverty by enabling the poor household to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities resulting in sustainable and diversified livelihood options for the poor.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.5) The “Nayi Chetna – 2.0” campaign was launched by?**

- a) Ministry of Rural Development
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- d) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Nayi Chetna – 2.0 is a gender campaign that aims to eradicate violence against women and advance the rights of women and gender-diverse individuals.

- The campaign was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.
- The campaign is led by Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) and launched in all states under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, supported by 9 ministries.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

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**Q.6) The concept “Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE)” was launched by?**

- a) India
- b) Japan
- c) China
- d) USA

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** The Indian Prime Minister with the UN Secretary-General jointly launched the events related to the Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).

- The concept of Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) was introduced by Indian PM during UNFCCC - COP26 at Glasgow in 2021.
- LiFE is an international mass movement to protect and preserve the environment.
- LiFE envisions replacing the prevalent 'use-and-dispose' economy (governed by mindless and destructive consumption) with a circular economy (defined by mindful and deliberate utilization).

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding “City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0)”:**

1. It promotes circular economy.
2. It is conceived by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) is a program conceived by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD), Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), the European Union (EU) and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).

- The program will run for a period of 4 years, i.e., from 2023 till 2027.
- It envisages supporting competitively selected projects promoting circular economy with focus on integrated waste management at the city level, climate-oriented reform actions at the State level.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.8) The “Amplifi 2.0” initiative is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Urban areas
- b) Rural areas
- c) Weather prediction
- d) Space mission

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Amplifi – Assessment and Monitoring Platform for Liveable, Inclusive and Future-ready urban India: Its aim is to facilitate the process of achieving sustainable development by making data available on the crucial issues pertaining to development.

It is a platform to provide raw data across 14 sectors for 440+ parameters for 250+ cities.

**Source: FORUMIAS**



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**Q.9) The “Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign” is under the flagship scheme of?**

- a) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)
- b) Smart Cities Mission
- c) Jal Shakti Mission
- d) PM – KUSAM Scheme

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign’s aim is to provide a platform for inclusion of women in water governance.

- Women will be given first-hand knowledge about water treatment processes through visits to Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) in their respective cities.
- The campaign is under the flagship scheme Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), in partnership with National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM).

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.10) Recently, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has launched the ‘Graphene-Aurora program’ at?**

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Bangalore

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has launched the ‘Graphene-Aurora program’ at Kerala recently.

- It aims to fill the gap between R&D and commercialization by providing a complete facility to startup and industry.
- Implemented by - Digital University Kerala with joint funding from Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) and Government of Kerala and Industry partners.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

## Revision

**Q.1) Which of the following is/are initiated the “INDIAai portal”?**

1. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry
2. National Association of Software and Service Companies
3. National e-Governance Division

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** INDIAai portal is an initiative of MeitY, National e-Governance Division (NeGD) and National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM).

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Source: FORUMIAS

**Q.2) Who among the following launched the “Global DPI Repository (GDPIR)”?**

- a) France
- b) India
- c) USA
- d) Japan

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** India has launched 2 new initiatives - Global DPI Repository and Social Impact Fund to advance Digital Public Infrastructure in Global South.

- Global DPI Repository (GDPIR) – A virtual repository of DPI, voluntarily shared by G20 members and beyond
- Its aim is to bridge the knowledge gap in the choices and methodologies required for the design, construction, deployment, and governance of DPIS.
- To showcase the information in a standardized format by incorporating elements such as maturity scales, source codes and governance frameworks and currently, the GDPIR features 54 DPIS from 16 countries.

Source: FORUMIAS

**Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding “Social Impact Fund”:**

1. It is an initiative of World Bank.
2. The SIF India has pledged an initial commitment of 25 billion USD.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: D**

**Explanation:** Social Impact Fund (SIF) is envisioned as a government led multi-stakeholder initiative to fast-track DPI implementation in the global south.

- Its aim is to offer a platform for all stakeholders to contribute to this fund and help accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) through DPIS.
- To provide upstream technical and non-technical assistance to countries in developing DPI systems.
- The SIF India has pledged an initial commitment of 25 million USD.

Source: FORUMIAS

**Q.4) Who among the following recently has launched an e-cabinet system to promote digitisation of government services and information?**

- a) Tripura
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Telangana
- d) Goa

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Tripura has launched an e-cabinet system to promote digitisation of government services and information.

- It is a software portal for state governments to conduct Cabinet meetings electronically.

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- It is developed by - National Information Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY).
- Tripura has become the 4th state - and 2nd in the Northeast - after Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh, to have introduced an e-cabinet system.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.5) The famous “Sanchar Saathi” is an initiative of?**

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Department of Telecommunications
- c) Department of Consumer Affairs
- d) Department of Cultural Affairs

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** Sanchar Saathi is a citizen-centric initiative of Department of Telecommunications that was launched in 2023.

- Its aim is to empower mobile subscribers, strengthen their security and increase awareness about citizen centric initiatives of the Government.
- It is an integral part of Digital India vision.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding “PM - Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI)”:**

1. It was launched by the Department of Telecommunication in 2022.
2. Its aim is to enhance the proliferation of public Wi-Fi hotspots to create robust digital communications infrastructure in the country.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** PM – Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) was launched by the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) in 2020.

Its aim is to enhance the proliferation of public Wi-Fi hotspots to create robust digital communications infrastructure in the country, especially in rural areas.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.7) The “Centralized Equipment Identity Register (CEIR)” is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Mobile devices
- b) Cyclone tracking
- c) Radar detecting device
- d) Traditional medicine repository

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Centralized Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) was launched by Department of Telecom for blocking stolen/lost mobiles.

- The system is integrated with the Telecom Service Providers and Law enforcement Agencies.

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- Working - The user submits the IMEI number along with the copy of police complaint of lost/stolen phone on the portal.
- The information is verified and then the system blocks the stolen mobile phones from being used in Indian networks.
- The system allows Law Enforcement Agencies to trace the stolen device if still in use.
- On recovery of stole devices, the user can unlock the device on the portal.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding “Support to Poor Prisoners Scheme”:**

1. It is a central sector scheme.
2. It provides relief to poor prisoners, who are unable to pay the fine imposed on them or are unable to secure bail due to financial constraints.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Support to Poor Prisoners Scheme is a Central sector scheme

Its aim is to provide relief to poor prisoners, who are unable to pay the fine imposed on them or are unable to secure bail due to financial constraints.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.9) The famous “Rashtriya Udyamita Vikas Pariyojana” related to?**

- a) Ministry of Finance
- b) Ministry of Industry
- c) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- d) Ministry of Agriculture

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Rashtriya Udyamita Vikas Pariyojana scheme of ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.10) The “MAHIR” scheme is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Ministry of Finance
- b) Ministry of Industry
- c) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- d) Ministry of Power

**ANS: D**

**Explanation:** The Ministry of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy have jointly launched MAHIR.

Its aim is to facilitate indigenous research, development and demonstration of the latest and emerging technologies in the power sector.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

## Government Schemes – Miscellaneous

**Q.1) The “4E Wave movement” is recently seen in news related to?**

- a) Jammu & Kashmir
- b) Kerala
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Madhya Pradesh

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** 4E Wave movement is a Student-Led National Movement for Energy Conservation in Jammu & Kashmir.

Its aim is to promote sustainable practices and instill a sense of responsibility in individuals and communities to save energy.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.2) Which of the following is/are covered under “Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS)”?**

- 1. Rice
- 2. Wheat
- 3. Maize

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** The Centre has discontinued the sale of rice and wheat from the central pool under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) to State governments.

- It is a government initiative to sell surplus stocks of wheat and rice under at pre-determined prices through e-auction in the open market.
- Conducted by – Food Corporation of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- In addition to maintaining buffer stocks and making a provision for meeting the requirement of the Targeted Public Distribution Scheme (TPDS) and other welfare schemes, FCI sells wheat and rice in the open market from time to time.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding “Gajraj Suraksha”:**

- 1. It is an indigenous technology to reduce the elephant–train collision in the forest areas.
- 2. It relies on Optical Fibre cables (OFCs) for quick transmission of signals.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** The Indian Railways has chosen the Northeast Frontier Railways to implement the Gajraj Suraksha, an indigenous technology on pilot basis to reduce the elephant–train collision in the forest areas.

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- It primarily relies on Optical Fibre cables (OFCs) for quick transmission of signals. It is a kind of Intrusion Detection System that is based on an AI algorithm.
- It uses pressure-wave based technology that detects the movement of elephants along the tracks.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.4) Consider the following statements regarding “Sagar Samriddhi”:**

1. It is an Online Dredging Monitoring System to bring transparency & efficiency.
2. It is developed by National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC).

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Sagar Samriddhi is an Online Dredging Monitoring System to bring transparency & efficiency.

- Dredging is the removal of sediments and debris from the bottom of lakes, rivers, harbours, and other water bodies.
- It is developed by National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) the technological arm of MoPSW.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.5) The “Paat-Mitro” is often seen in news related to?**

- a) Jute
- b) Rice
- c) Wheat
- d) Maize

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** The Ministry of Textiles launched “Paat-Mitro”, a mobile application, developed by Jute Corporation of India Limited (JCI) during ‘Jute Symposium’.

- The app is to support jute farmers and provides information about agronomy and Minimum Support Prices, as well as the latest agricultural practices.
- It also includes information about jute category standards and Jute-ICARE (Jute- Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise).

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.6) The famous “Shakti Scheme” is recently seen in news launched by?**

- a) Kerala
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Karnataka

**ANS: D**

**Explanation:** Karnataka government has recently launched the Shakti scheme.

- Sakthi Scheme offers free travel to women and transgender people in governmentrun buses in the state of Karnataka.

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- The government has also reserved 50% of the seats for men in all RTCs, except BMTTC services.
- The scheme follows the footsteps of Delhi, Punjab and Tamil Nadu, which have introduced similar initiatives.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.7) The “SPARK Project” is recently seen in news implemented by?**

- a) World Bank
- b) Asian Development Bank
- c) International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- d) International Monetary Fund

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Sparking Disability Inclusive Rural Transformation (SPARK) Project aim is to help people with disabilities, especially women and youth with disabilities, become active participants.

- Implemented by - The ILO and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), in collaboration with the Women’s Development Corporation in Maharashtra.
- Through this project, persons with disabilities were trained as Disability Inclusion Facilitators (DIFs).

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding “Kisan Credit Card Scheme”:**

1. It was introduced in 2008.
2. It provides adequate and timely credit to the farmers for their agricultural operations.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** Kisan Credit Card Scheme was introduced in 1998 with the objective of providing adequate and timely credit to the farmers for their agricultural operations and other needs such as

1. To meet the short-term credit requirements for cultivation of crops;
2. Post-harvest expenses;
3. Produce marketing loan;
4. Consumption requirements of farmer household;
5. Working capital for maintenance of farm assets and activities allied to agriculture;
6. Investment credit requirement for agriculture and allied activities.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

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**Q.9) Which of the following sub-schemes is/are part of National Livestock Mission (NLM)?**

1. Sub-mission on Breed Development of Livestock and Poultry
2. Sub-mission on Feed and Fodder Development
3. Sub Mission on Innovation and Extension

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** NLM was launched to ensure quantitative and qualitative improvement in livestock production systems and capacity building of all stakeholders in 2014-15.

- The NLM scheme has been revised and realigned from F/Y 2021-22.
- The revised NLM scheme aims towards employment generation, entrepreneurship development, increase in per animal productivity and thus targeting increased production of meat, goat milk, egg and wool.

The realigned National Livestock Mission will have following 3 Sub-Missions:

- Sub-mission on Breed Development of Livestock and Poultry
- Sub-mission on Feed and Fodder Development
- Sub Mission on Innovation and Extension

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.10) Which of the following service/s is/are provided in “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendra (PMKSK)”?**

1. Agriculture loans
2. Advice on good farming practices
3. Fertilizers

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** PMKSK will serve as a one-stop shop for Indian farmers buying quality agri-inputs (fertilisers, seeds, pesticides). PMKSK is also known as the Model Fertilizer Retail Shop.

- Under the scheme, the retail fertiliser shops in the country will be converted into PMKSK in a phased manner.
- Services - It will provide agri-inputs including testing facilities for soil, seeds and fertilisers.
- Apart from this, they will also create awareness among the farmers and provide information regarding various government schemes.
- The extended services like crop advisories or good farming practices, will be provided by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) or agriculture universities.

**Source: FORUMIAS**



## Miscellaneous

**Q.1) The term “Shaphari” is recently seen in news related to?**

- a) Sugar cane
- b) Aquaculture
- c) Sericulture
- d) Horticulture

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** Shaphari is a certification scheme for aquaculture products developed by the Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA).

Shaphari is a Sanskrit word that means superior quality of fishery products suitable for human consumption.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.2) The “Five Star Villages scheme” is often seen in news launched by?**

- a) Department of Posts
- b) Department of Consumer Affairs
- c) Department of Cooperation
- d) Department of Agriculture

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** The Department of Posts has launched ‘Five Star Villages’ scheme to ensure universal coverage of flagship postal schemes in rural areas of the country.

- All postal products and services will be made available and marketed and publicized at village level.
- Branch offices will function as one-stop shop to cater all post office – related needs of villagers.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.3) The “DARPAN scheme” is recently seen in news related to?**

- a) Digital library
- b) Financial inclusion
- c) Primary health care
- d) Sustainable farming

**ANS: B**

**Explanation:** Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office for a New India (DARPAN) is aimed at realizing financial inclusion of un-banked rural population.

- The Project shall increase the rural reach of the Department of Posts and enable Branch Post Offices to increase traffic of all financial remittances, savings accounts, Rural Postal Life Insurance, and Cash Certificates etc.
- It intends to provide a low power technology solution to each branch postmaster to improve service delivery in MNREGS, old age pension, DBT, etc.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

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**Q.4) Consider the following statements regarding “Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)”:**

1. It is a non lapsable fund that comes under Department of Telecommunications.
2. It was given statutory status by Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Created in 2002, the USOF is a non lapsable fund that comes under Department of Telecommunications. It was given statutory status by Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.5) Which of the following activity/activities is/are funded by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under Dairy Sahakar Scheme?**

1. Bovine development
2. Milk procurement
3. Exports of dairy products

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Under Dairy Sahakar, financial support will be extended by NCDC to eligible cooperatives for activities such as

1. Bovine development,
2. Milk procurement,
3. Processing, quality assurance, value addition, branding, packaging, marketing of milk & milk products
4. Transportation and storage of milk and milk products,
5. Exports of dairy products

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding “Seva Bhoj Yojana”:**

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. The objective of the scheme is to lessen the financial burden on Charitable Religious Institutions who provide food at free of cost without any discrimination.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Seva Bhoj Yojana is a Central Sector Scheme under which the CGST and Central Government’s share of IGST paid by Charitable Religious Institutions on purchase of specific raw food items shall be reimbursed to them.

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- The charitable religious institutions include Temples, Gurudwara, Dharmik Ashram, Mosques, Dargah, Church, Matth, Monastries etc.
- The objective of the scheme is to lessen the financial burden of such Charitable Religious Institutions who provide food at free of cost without any discrimination.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding “Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti”:**

1. It was launched to provide a boost to the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) culture in indigenous defense industry.
2. The Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) has been entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating and implementing the programme.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti (Power of Defense Knowledge) was launched to provide a boost to the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) culture in indigenous defense industry.

- It aims at educating scientists and technologists in defense public sector undertakings and ordnance factories to create more patents.
- The Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) has been entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating and implementing the programme.
- The organization provides Quality Assurance (QA) cover for the entire range of Arms, Ammunitions, Equipment and Stores supplied to Armed Forces.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding “Swajal Yojana”:**

1. It is a community owned drinking water programme for sustained piped drinking water supply powered by solar energy.
2. It was launched in 2018 under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**ANS: C**

**Explanation:** Swajal Yojana is a community owned drinking water programme for sustained piped drinking water supply powered by solar energy.

- It was launched in 2018 under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme.
- It was extended to 115 aspirational districts in the country.
- The scheme will train hundreds of rural technicians for operation and maintenance of Swajal units which generates employment in the rural areas.
- Under the scheme, 90% of the project cost will be taken care by the Government and the remaining 10% of the project cost will be contributed by the community.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

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**Q.9) Which of the following state/s is/are covered under Atal Bhujal Yojana?**

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Andhra Pradesh
3. Haryana

**How many of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) None

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** Atal Bhujal Yojana is a Central Sector Scheme, which aims for sustainable ground water management through community participation in identified priority areas in 7 States.

- It will be implemented over a period of 5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25).
- The states are Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
- It will promote panchayat led ground water management and behavioral changes with primary focus on demand side management.

**Source: FORUMIAS**

**Q.10) The “Common Services Centre (CSC)” program is an initiative of?**

- a) Ministry of Electronics & IT
- b) Ministry of Finance
- c) Ministry of Rural Development
- d) Ministry of Agriculture

**ANS: A**

**Explanation:** The Common Services Centre (CSC) program is an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY).

- CSC's are Information and Communication Technology (ICT) access points created under the National eGovernance Project.
- These access points deliver various electronic services to villages in India, thereby contributing to a digitally and financially inclusive society.
- They enable community participation and collective action for engendering social change through a bottom-up approach with key focus on the rural citizen.

**Source: FORUMIAS**