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India Current Affairs [Nation & States] MCQs

1. What is the name of the massive plan launched by Tirupati Urban Development Authority (TUDA) to rescue and rejuvenate the Swarnamukhi river?

- [A] Operation SWARNA
- [B] Operation PRAKRITI
- [C] Operation KALYANI
- [D] Operation TIRUPATI

Answer: Operation SWARNA

Tirupati Urban Development Authority (TUDA) has launched Operation SWARNA (Swarnamukhi Waterbody Action for River and Nala Awareness). The plan aims to rescue Swarnamukhi River from land grabbers, revive its flow area and rejuvenate it for long-term sustenance. Swarnamukhi River is an east-flowing river in Andhra Pradesh with a catchment area of 3,225 sq.km. It originates near Pakala village, Chittoor district at 300 m elevation in the Eastern Ghats. The river runs 130 km northeast, passing through Tirupati hills before joining the Bay of Bengal. Swarnamukhi is an independent river system, relying mainly on rainfall in its upper catchment for flow.

2. As per Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) 2025 report, which state/UT records a loss of 8.2 years in life expectancy due to air pollution?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Delhi
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Rajasthan

Answer: Delhi

Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) 2025 report by the Energy Policy Institute, University of Chicago, shows air pollution is India's top health threat. Dirty air cuts 3.5 years from average life expectancy, higher than malnutrition (1.6 years), tobacco use (1.5 years), and unsafe water (8.4 months). All 1.4 billion Indians live in areas exceeding World Health Organization (WHO) safe PM_{2.5} limit of 5 µg/m³. Northern India is the world's most polluted region. Delhi-NCR residents face the highest loss with 8.2 years of life expectancy cut due to air pollution. Bihar

residents lose 5.6 years of life expectancy. Haryana residents lose 5.3 years of life expectancy. The report urges urgent emission control to prevent loss of healthy years due to toxic air.

3. Which city has become the first in Madhya Pradesh to receive the CII-IGBC Green City Platinum Certification?

- [A] Indore
- [B] Bhopal
- [C] Gwalior
- [D] Ujjain

Answer: Indore

Indore became the first city in Madhya Pradesh and one of only three cities in India to receive the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Green City Platinum Certification. Other recipients include Rajkot Smart City Development Limited (RSCDL), Pune Municipal Corporation, and Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation. Certification was based on a six-month evaluation of data across master planning, water and energy conservation, solid waste management, e-governance, green cover expansion, and policy interventions.

4. Which state is home to India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) toll plaza?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Haryana
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Gujarat

Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL), promoted by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), signed an agreement with ICICI Bank to implement India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system. Choryasi Fee Plaza on NH-48, Gujarat will be the first barrier-free toll plaza in India. MLFF is a barrier-less tolling system using FASTag, Vehicle Registration Number (VRN), High-Performance RFID Readers, and ANPR Cameras. It enables seamless toll collection without stopping vehicles, reducing congestion and travel time. The system enhances fuel efficiency, lowers



emissions, and improves toll revenue collection.

5. Which organisation launched the BHARATI initiative to boost agri-food exports?

- [A] Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- [B] Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
- [C] NITI Aayog
- [D] Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

Answer: Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) launched a new initiative called BHARATI. BHARATI stands for Bharat's Hub for Agri-tech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement. It aims to empower 100 agri-food and agri-tech startups, promote innovation, and create new export opportunities for young entrepreneurs. The initiative supports APEDA's vision of achieving \$50 billion in agri-food exports for Scheduled Products by 2030. BHARATI addresses export challenges like product development, value addition, quality assurance, perishability, wastage, and logistics.

6. What is the name of the app launched to facilitate seamless cotton procurement under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme?

- [A] e-Kapas App
- [B] Kapas Kisan App
- [C] MSP Cotton Portal
- [D] Krishi Cotton App

Answer: Kapas Kisan App

The Union Ministry of Textiles launched the Kapas Kisan App to streamline cotton procurement under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme. The app enables farmers' self-registration, slot booking, and payment tracking, enhancing transparency and speed in cotton procurement. It is designed to protect farmers from distress sales by ensuring assured MSP procurement. The app reduces manual paperwork and saves time at procurement centres. It features a user-friendly interface with support for multiple Indian languages. The

initiative represents a farmer-first approach, improving the ease of selling cotton and strengthening India's cotton market.

7. The Koya tribe is mainly found in which river basin?

- [A] Narmada River
- [B] Godavari River
- [C] Mahanadi River
- [D] Krishna River

Answer: Godavari River

Supreme Court issued notice on plea by Koya tribe members challenging Telangana High Court order on Scheduled Tribe (ST) status of Lambadi, Sugali, and Banjara communities due to its effect on reservation benefits. Koya tribe is a multi-racial and multi-lingual tribal community in India. They live in forests, plains, and valleys on both sides of the Godavari River in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha. As per 2011 Census, Koya population in India is 7,38,629. They call themselves "Koithur". They are believed to have migrated from Bastar region in northern India to central India. Koya language (Koya Basha) belongs to Dravidian language family, closely related to Gondi and influenced by Telugu.

8. Which city has become the first in India to provide direct financial assistance for breakfast to sanitation workers?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Bengaluru
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Hyderabad

Answer: Bengaluru

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) launched the Annapoorna Scheme in Bengaluru. The scheme provides Rs 1,500 per month to 700 sanitation workers via smart cards powered by a private bank. Smart card holders can use the funds at food outlets of their choice for daily breakfast. Bengaluru becomes the first city in India to provide direct financial assistance for breakfast to sanitation workers. The initiative combines technology with compassion and is termed a "Smart City with a Humane Touch" by BWSSB. The scheme aims to ensure dignity,



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