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India Current Affairs [Nation & States] MCQs

1. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) works under which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- [B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [C] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Recently, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) decided to fast-track approvals of new medicines by issuing No-Objection Certificates (NOCs) for laboratory testing immediately after receiving applications. CDSCO is India's National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for drugs and medical devices under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. It works under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It is headed by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI). It regulates import, manufacture, sale, and distribution of drugs and medical devices.

2. Forest Rights Act (FRA) Cells have been sanctioned under which scheme?

- [A] Van Dhan Yojana
- [B] Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan
- [C] Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- [D] Aspirational Districts Programme

Answer: Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan

The Central Government has expanded the mandate of Forest Rights Act (FRA) Cells to strengthen implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 at State and Union Territory levels. FRA Cells were sanctioned under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan (DAJGUA). The objective is to provide technical and administrative support without interfering in statutory decision-making. They help in recognition of Individual Forest Rights (IFR) and Community Forest Rights (CFR). They assist Gram Sabhas and claimants in preparing claim documents and collecting evidence. They support digitisation of land records and tracking

of claims.

3. The Controller General of Accounts (CGA) functions under which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Finance
- [D] Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: Ministry of Finance

Recently, the Controller General of Accounts launched the Government Bank Dashboard and Government Bank Manual in New Delhi. CGA is the Principal Accounting Adviser to the Government of India. It was established for departmentalisation of Union Government accounts. It manages central government exchequer control and conducts internal audits. It prepares and consolidates accounts of the Union Government. It functions under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

4. India Meteorological Department (IMD) functions under which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- [B] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [C] Ministry of Earth Sciences
- [D] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Answer: Ministry of Earth Sciences

India Meteorological Department has forecast above-normal heatwave days across most parts of India from March to May. It was established in 1875. It is the National Meteorological Service of India. It works under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. The headquarter is located in New Delhi, with observation stations across India and Antarctica.

5. Tamil Nadu's first Dark Sky Park has been established at which place?

- [A] Coonoor
- [B] Kolli Hills
- [C] Kodaikanal
- [D] Yercaud

Answer: Kolli Hills

Tamil Nadu launched its first Dark Sky Park at Ariyur Shola Reserve Forest in Kolli Hills, Namakkal district to promote astro-tourism. It was inaugurated remotely from Chennai by



Forest Minister R S Rajakannappan. Kolli Hills was selected due to high altitude, dense forest cover and minimal light pollution within 1.5 km radius. The park enables clear viewing of stars, planets, Milky Way galaxy and the Moon.

6. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) functions under which nodal ministry?

- [A] Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- [B] Ministry of Power
- [C] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [D] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer: Ministry of Power

The 25th Foundation Day of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, was celebrated in New Delhi. BEE is a statutory body established in 2002 under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001. The objective is to reduce energy intensity in the Indian economy. It coordinates with designated consumers, agencies, and organizations; uses existing resources to implement the Energy Conservation Act. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) functions under Ministry of Power

7. Which city in Uttar Pradesh created the Guinness World Records for planting the highest number of saplings in one hour?

- [A] Saharanpur
- [B] Ayodhya
- [C] Gorakhpur
- [D] Varanasi

Answer: Varanasi

Varanasi entered the Guinness World Records by planting 2,51,446 saplings in one hour at Sujabad Domari, surpassing China's 2018 record of 1,53,981 saplings. The record was verified by Guinness World Records adjudicator Rishinath using drone surveillance and a digital counting system. Certificate presented to Mayor Ashok Kumar Tiwari and Municipal Commissioner Himanshu Nagpal. Plantation covered nearly 350 bighas, developed as an urban forest with coordination among the Municipal Corporation, government departments, institutions, and social organisations.

8. Which state government launched the

country's first integrated Divyang Sahayak Portal?

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

Answer: Maharashtra

Maharashtra government launched the country's first integrated Divyang Sahayak Portal to streamline welfare schemes for persons with disabilities and improve implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. Portal reduces procedural steps, eliminates manual paperwork, and addresses data inaccuracies and grievance redressal issues. citizens can search for schemes without remembering names based on demographic data and apply online. Entire departmental processing is digital, with service level agreements and auto-forward mechanism for pending applications.

9. Which city launched the 'Saksham Skill Survey', the first initiative of its kind in India?

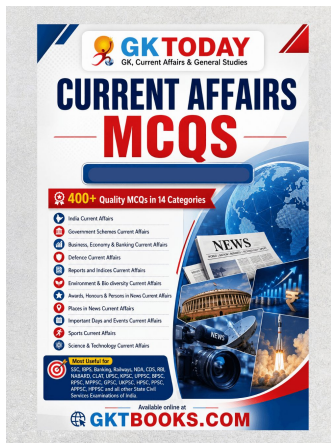
- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Bengaluru

Answer: Mumbai

Mumbai's suburban district launched the 'Saksham Skill Survey', the first initiative of its kind in India, to assess the skills of youth aged 18-40 and enhance employability. The survey will cover 55,000 households in the H-West ward of Mumbai. Conducted door-to-door using AI, it will collect data on educational qualifications, skill interests, and training needs for employment. It is based on survey results, candidates will be provided a list of government-approved institutions and relevant courses. The aim is to train at least 15,000 candidates by next year and make 5,000 self-reliant through employment or entrepreneurship.

10. The ASMITA League is part of which flagship sports programme of the Government of India?

- [A] Target Olympic Podium Scheme



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