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QUESTIONS

1. Lok Sabha recently passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019. In this regard, consider the following statements:

1. It provides for a National Council for Transgender to be chaired by Union Minister of Social Justice.
2. It guarantees a right of self-identification to transgenders on lines of NALSA judgment.
3. It provides for reservation in educational institutions and public employment for transgenders.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 2 only

2. Consider the following statements about Project SURE :

1. It was launched by the Union Textile Ministry.
2. It aims to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

3. Recently The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World, 2019 was released. In this context consider the following statements:

1. It is a biannual report issued by FAO, IFAD, UNEP, WFP, and WHO.
2. For the first time, the report comes with estimates of the prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES).
3. The report highlights that hunger is declining.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1 only

4. Consider the following statements about the Meghdoot App :

1. It is launched by Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of Agriculture.
2. It will play a critical role in agriculture operation and will advise farmers on how to take care of their crops.
3. It is available in local languages.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

5. The Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967 was recently amended with the objective of uprooting terrorism from India. In this regard, consider the following statements:

1. The amendment act expands the scope of UAPA, 1967 by providing provisions for designating an individual as terrorist.
2. The amendment act empowers the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to conduct raids anywhere without prior permission of relevant state government.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. Consider the following statements regarding the amendments proposed to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) Act, 2008:

1. The amendment empowers NIA to probe terror attacks targeting Indians/Indian Interests on foreign soil.
2. The amendment allows NIA to probe cases of human trafficking.
3. The amendment enables the central government to constitute special courts for NIA's trials.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

7. Indrajit Gupta Committee is related to:

- (a) Nexus between crime and politics
- (b) State funding of elections
- (c) Electoral Disqualifications
- (d) None of the above

8. Consider the following Statements regarding India's child well-being index:

1. This Report is released by World Bank.
2. Kerala topped the chart in the child well-being index.
3. The index captures the performance of each state and union territories.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

9. India has recently signed Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) with Switzerland. Consider the following statements about Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI):

1. The new global standard on Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) reduces the possibility for tax evasion.
2. Participating jurisdictions that implement AEOI send and receive pre-agreed information each year, without having to send a specific request.
3. AEOI will enable the discovery of formerly undetected tax evasion.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

10. Consider the following statements regarding the POSHAN Abhiyaan.

1. It is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to ensure attainment of malnutrition free India by 2022.
2. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) is implementing POSHAN Abhiyaan.
3. Its objective is to reduce stunting in identified Districts of India with the highest malnutrition burden by improving utilization of key Anganwadi Services and improving the quality of Anganwadi Services delivery.

Which of the above statement are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

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Q. 2 (c)	Q. 4 (d)	Q. 6 (a)	Q. 8 (b)	Q. 10 (c)

1. Correct Option: (c)

Explanation:

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The bill does not provide for a right of self-identification but talks about a certificate of identity to be obtained from District Magistrate.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The bill just prohibits discrimination against transgenders in relation to education and employment without any provision for reservation.

Supplementary notes:

Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019

- Lok Sabha recently passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019.
- The salient features of the bill are:
 - **Transgender person is defined** as one whose gender does not match the gender assigned at birth. It includes trans-men and trans-women, persons with intersex variations, gender-queers, and persons with socio-cultural identities.
 - The Bill prohibits the discrimination against a transgender person, including denial of service or unfair treatment in relation to education, employment, healthcare etc.
 - Every establishment is required to designate a person to be a complaint officer to deal with complaints in relation to the Act.
 - **Right to reside and to be included in a household** to a transgender person is guaranteed. If the immediate family

is unable to care for the transgender person, the person may be placed in a rehabilitation centre, on the orders of a competent court.

- The government must take steps like separate HIV surveillance centre, sex reassignment surgeries, comprehensive medical insurance schemes etc. for transgender persons.
- A transgender gender person may obtain a certificate of identity from the District Magistrate thus indicating the gender as 'transgender'.
- A National Council for Transgender (NCT) Persons to be chaired by Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment is proposed to advise the central government as well as monitor the impact of policies, legislation and projects with respect to transgender persons. It will also redress the grievances of transgender persons.
- Offences against transgender persons include forced or bonded labor, denial of use of public places, removal from household/village and physical/sexual/emotional/verbal abuse.

2. Correct Option: (c)

Explanation:

- **Both statements are correct**

Supplementary notes:

Project SU.RE

- Project SU.RE was recently launched by the **Union Textile Minister**, along with

Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI), United Nations in India, and IMG Reliance.

- Project SU.RE is Indian apparel industry's largest commitment to move towards sustainable fashion. SU.RE stands for 'Sustainable Resolution' – that contributes to a clean environment.
- **It aims to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030, especially SDG-12 for responsible consumption and production.**
- It will address the needs of an increasingly conscious consumer who would prefer to buy from a brand that is environmentally conscious and engages in environmental protection.

3. Correct Option: (c)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is an annual report issued by FAO, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The report highlights that after decades of declining, hunger is again on the rise

Supplementary notes:

State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World

- It is issued **annually** by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO)
- This year's report, for the first time comes with **estimates of the prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES).**
- It provides a perspective on global food insecurity relevant for all countries of the world that is it looks beyond hunger towards the goal of ensuring access to nutritious and sufficient food for all.
- **The report highlights that after decades of declining, hunger is again on the rise.**

- More than 820 million people in the world are still hungry today, underscoring the immense challenge of achieving the Zero Hunger target by 2030.
- Global level of the prevalence of undernourishment has remained virtually unchanged in the last three years, at a level slightly below 11 percent.
- In Asia, despite great progress in the last five years, Southern Asia is the highest sub region with almost 15% of prevalence of undernourishment.
- In high-income countries, too, sizeable portions of the population lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient food.
- Over 2 billion people (26.4 percent of the world population) do not have regular access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food and these people live in low- and middle- and high-income countries.

4. Correct Option: (d)

Explanation:

- **All statements are correct**

Supplementary notes:

Meghdoot App

- The Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of Agriculture have launched a mobile application MEGHDOOT that will provide location, crop and livestock-specific weather-based agro advisories to farmers in local languages.
- The app would provide information in the form of images, maps and pictures. It has been integrated with WhatsApp and Facebook as well to help farmers share advisories among themselves.
- It has been developed by experts from the India Meteorological Department and Indian Institute of Tropical meteorology and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- **It will provide forecast relating to temperature, rainfall and humidity and wind speed and direction, which play critical roles in agricultural operation and advisories to the farmers on how to take care of their crops and livestock.**

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5. Correct Option: (c)

Explanation:

- Both statements are correct

Supplementary notes:

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019

- **The Unlawful Activities Amendment Act, 1967 was recently amended reassuring India's commitment to finish terror from its soil.**
- The objective of the new amendments is to facilitate speedy investigation and prosecution in terror-related offences.
- **Salient features of the amendment act are:**
 - **The amendment seeks to allow the government to designate an individual as terrorist and bring in embargo on arms/assets seizures.**
 - Under the law, personal/financial information of an individual designated as terrorist can be shared with various Western agencies.
 - Under the Act, investigation of cases may be conducted by officers of the rank of Deputy Superintendent or Assistant Commissioner of Police or above. **The amendment additionally empowers the officers of the NIA, of the rank of Inspector or above, to investigate cases.**
 - **The Amendment gives powers to DG, NIA to attach properties acquired from proceeds of terrorism.**
 - **The bill seeks to empower NIA to conduct raids anywhere without the relevant state government's prior permission.**
 - **The act adds another treaty International Convention for Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (2005) to the schedule of treaties which already contain 9 treaties including the Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (1997), and the Convention against Taking of Hostages (1979).**

6. Correct Option: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** Special Courts for NIA's trials could already be set up under

NIA Act, 2008. The amendment act enables the Central government to designate session courts as special courts for such trials.

Supplementary notes:

NIA (Amendment) Act, 2019

- National Investigation Agency (NIA) was constituted under National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 in wake of Mumbai terror attack.
- NIA is an investigation agency at the national level, to investigate and prosecute offences affecting the sovereignty, security and integrity of India.
- It also prosecutes offences under Acts enacted to implement international treaties, agreements, conventions and resolutions.
- **Three major amendments are proposed to the NIA Act, 2008:**
 - **The first change is the type of offences that the NIA can investigate and prosecute. Under the existing Act, the NIA can investigate offences under Acts such as the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, and the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967. The latest amendments will enable NIA to additionally investigate offences related to human trafficking, counterfeit currency, manufacture or sale of prohibited arms, cyber-terrorism and offences under the Explosive Substances Act, 1908.**
 - The second change pertains to NIA's jurisdiction. Under the Act, for the offences under its purview, NIA officers have the same power as other police officers and these extend across the country. **The amendment act gives NIA officers the power to investigate offences committed outside India subject to international treaties and domestic laws of other countries.**
 - The third change relates to the special trials courts for the offences that come under NIA's purview. The existing Act allows the Centre to constitute special courts for NIA's trials. **The amendment act enables the Central government to designate session courts as special courts for such trials.**

7. Correct Option: (b)

Explanation:

- Option (b) is correct

Supplementary notes:

Indrajit Gupta Committee (1998)

- **Indrajit Gupta was the chairman of the parliamentary committee on state funding of elections set up in 1998.**
- Following are the recommendations of Indrajit Gupta Committee:
 - State funding should be in kind i.e. no financial support is to be given to parties.
 - Part of financial burden of the parties is to be initially borne by the states.
 - Only the recognized political parties should be given state support.
 - Political Parties should compulsorily submit their annual accounts to the income tax department.
 - Complete account of the election expenditure should be filed by the parties to EC
 - The Committee noted that at the time of the report the economic situation of the country only suited partial and not full state funding of elections.

8. Correct Option: (b)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Report was released by the non-government organization World Vision India and research institute IFMR LEAD.

Supplementary notes:

Child well-being index

- The India child well-being index is a crucial report that can be mined both by the Government and civil organisations to achieve the goal of child well-being and we will use this report effectively.
- This report provides insights on health, nutrition, education, and sanitation and child protection.
- The dimensions of the index include healthy individual development, positive relationships and protective contexts.
- Focusing on the three key dimensions, 24 indicators were selected to develop the computation of the child well-being index.
- The index captures the performance of each state and union territory on a composite child well-being score.

- Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh and Puducherry topped the charts in the child well-being index.
- Meghalaya, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh featured at the bottom.
- Among the union territories, Puducherry led the way and Dadra and Nagar Haveli featured at the other end.
- The report has called for states to look at their respective scores on the dimensions of child well-being and to prepare for priority areas of intervention with specific plans of action.
- The report also emphasised on triggering policy level changes, seek better budgetary allocations and initiate discussions with all stakeholders which can help in enhancing the quality of life of all children in the country.

9. Correct Option: (d)

Explanation:

- **All statements are correct**

Supplementary notes:

Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI)

- **The new global standard on Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) reduces the possibility for tax evasion.**
- It provides for the exchange of non-resident financial account information with the tax authorities in the account holders' country of residence.
- **Participating jurisdictions that implement AEOI send and receive pre-agreed information each year, without having to send a specific request.**
- **AEOI will enable the discovery of formerly undetected tax evasion.**
- It will enable governments to recover tax revenue lost to non-compliant taxpayers, and will further strengthen international efforts to increase transparency, cooperation, and accountability among financial institutions and tax administrations.
- Additionally, AEOI will generate secondary benefits by increasing voluntary disclosures of concealed assets and by encouraging taxpayers to report all relevant information.

10. Correct Option: (c)

Explanation:

- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is implementing POSHAN Abhiyaan.

Supplementary notes:

POSHAN Abhiyaan

- POSHAN Abhiyaan is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to ensure attainment of malnutrition free India by 2022.
- The objective of POSHAN Abhiyaan to reduce stunting in identified Districts of India with the highest malnutrition burden by improving utilization of key Anganwadi Services and improving the quality of Anganwadi Services delivery.
- Its aim to ensure holistic development and adequate nutrition for pregnant women, mothers and children.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is implementing POSHAN Abhiyaan in 315 Districts in first year, 235 Districts in second year and remaining districts will be covered in the third year.
- There are a number of schemes directly/indirectly affecting the nutritional status of children (0-6 year's age) and pregnant women and lactating mothers. In spite of these, level of malnutrition and related

problems in the country is high. There is no dearth of schemes but lack of creating synergy and linking the schemes with each other to achieve common goal. POSHAN Abhiyaan through robust convergence mechanism and other components would strive to create the synergy.

Feature:

The POSHAN Abhiyaan, as an apex body, will monitor, supervise, fix targets and guide the nutrition related interventions across the Ministries.

The proposal consists of

- mapping of various Schemes contributing towards addressing malnutrition
- introducing a very robust convergence mechanism
- ICT based Real Time Monitoring system
- incentivizing States/UTs for meeting the targets
- incentivizing Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) for using IT based tools
- eliminating registers used by AWWs
- introducing measurement of height of children at the AnganwadiCentres (AWCs)
- Social Audits
- Setting-up Nutrition Resource Centres, involving masses through Jan Andolan for their participation on nutrition through various activities, among others.

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