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1. Consider the following statements regarding **UDAN 3.0 (UDE DESH KA AAM NAAGRIK SCHEME)**:

1. It is under the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Airports Authority of India is the implementing authority.
2. It Provides connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country through revival of existing air-strips and airports.
3. It Includes Seaplanes for connecting Water Aerodromes but Helicopter routes are not considered under the UDAN 3 bidding.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding **DEENDAYAL DISABLED REHABILITATION SCHEME (DDRS)**:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme of Government of India.
2. It provides financial assistance to facilitate delivery of various services to voluntary organizations' grants-in-aid to NGOs.
3. To encourage voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3. Which of the following statements regarding **ATAL JYOTI YOJANA** is/are not correct?

1. It provide 'Solar Street Lighting Systems' for public use like lighting roads, bus stops etc and improvement in security & safety

2. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Services limited (EESL) is its implementing agency.
3. Solar Street Light with CFL capacity of 12 W will be provided Select the correct answer using the code given below.
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) All 1, 2 and 3

4. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding **Bharat Net** project.

1. It is an ambitious programme of department of telecommunication to provide network infrastructure with affordable broadband connectivity on a non-discriminatory basis to all households in the country.
2. The programme, previously called as the National Optical Fibre Network, was approved in October 2011.
3. Implementation will be done by the states, state agencies, private sector companies and central PSUs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. With reference to **Start Up India Scheme** consider the following statements:

1. According to the scheme, an entity headquartered in India shall be considered as a Startup up to 7 years from the date of its incorporation/ registration however, in the case of Startups in the Biotechnology sector, the period shall be up to 10 years.
2. Rural India's version of Startup India was named the *Deen Dayal Upadhyay Swaniyojan Yojana*, which is developed by rural development ministry backed by MUDRA loans.
3. The Swaniyojan Yojana will be funded by the existing National

Rural Livelihood Mission of the commerce ministry.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding **Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan** :

1. PM-AASHA is a new umbrella scheme aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce.
2. This scheme does not involve any physical procurement of crops as farmers are paid the difference between the MSP price and Sale/modal price on disposal in notified market
3. Under this, a private player can procure crops at MSP when market prices drop below MSP and whenever authorized by the state/UT government to enter the market

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7. With reference to e-**Vidhan** consider the following statements:

1. It is a Mission Mode Project to digitize and make the functioning of High courts paperless.
2. Law Ministry is the Nodal Ministry for this project.

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

8. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the **Ekalavya Schools?**

1. The government has announced the setting up of Ekalavya

Residential Schools to provide education to Schedule caste students in their local environment.

2. It will have special facilities for preserving local art and culture, besides providing training in sports and skill development.

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

9. Consider the following statements with regards to **GOBAR-Dhan Yojana** are correct?

1. Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBAR-DHAN) scheme was first announced in Budget 2017.
2. The scheme would focus on managing and converting cattle dung and solid waste in farms to compost, biogas and bio-CNG.
3. Under it, villagers will be mobilized to create self-help groups (SHGs) and creative societies that will help in clean energy and green jobs initiative.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. With reference to **SHe-box Portal** consider the following statements:

1. SHe-box (Sexual Harassment electronic box) is an offline platform to enable women employees to file complaints related to sexual harassment at the workplace.
2. It enables private sector employees only to lodge their complaints.
3. It ensures the effective implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- (d) 1, 2 and 3
11. With reference to **National Food Security Mission** consider the following statements:
1. It is launched to enhance the production of Rice, Wheat, Pulses, Coarse Cereals and commercial crops (Cotton, jute and Sugarcane).
 2. it is administered by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- 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
12. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding **Ayushman Bharat Programme**:
1. ABY or National Health Protection Mission is a national initiative launched in order to achieve the vision of Universal immunity Coverage
 2. First 'health and wellness centre' has been inaugurated in Ranchi district in Jharkhand.
- 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
13. Consider the following statements with regards to **Project Mausam** are correct?
1. It aims to understand how the knowledge and manipulation of the monsoon winds has shaped interactions across the Indian Ocean and led to the spread of shared knowledge systems, traditions, technologies and ideas along maritime routes.
 2. MINISTRY OF CULTURE is the nodal ministry.
- 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
14. Which of the following statements regarding **Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga** is/are not correct?
1. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal are the beneficiary states.
 2. Ministry of Power is the nodal ministry
- 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
15. With reference to **Mission Indradhanush** consider the following statements:
1. It aims to fully immunize children under the age of two years and pregnant women with all available vaccines.
 2. It includes diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B.
- 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
16. Consider the following statements regarding **Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana**:
1. It is a programme launched to provide for the welfare of areas and people affected by mining related operations.
 2. The beneficiaries include people living in directly affected areas and displaced family under the Land Acquisition Act.
- 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
17. With reference to **Bunkar Mitra** consider the following statements:
1. It provides cash benefits to weavers.

2. Ministry of commerce is nodal agency.
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
18. With reference to **E-Samiksha Portal**, consider the following statements:
1. It is developed by the cabinet secretariat with technical support from the C-DAC, Pune.
2. "Monitor, Follow Up, Action" are the taglines assigned by the government to e-SamikSha.
3. The portal also enables tracking centre-state co-ordination issues.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 2 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
19. Consider the following statements regarding **Baal Aadhar**:
1. UIDAI has come up with a Green coloured Aadhaar card for children aged below 5 years.
2. It does not include child's biometric information.
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
20. With reference to **UTTAM App**, consider the following statements:
1. UTTAM App has been launched for ensuring transparency and efficiency in gold quality monitoring process.
2. This will help in creating direct and indirect employment through higher investment and better technology.
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
21. Which among the following is/are correct regarding **PRAGATI**:
1. Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) is a multi-purpose and multi-modal platform existing in the PMO.
2. It is not a public web platform but used exclusively by the PM to give suitable directions for redressal of grievance.
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
22. Consider the following statements:
1. Cattle Genomics scheme aimed to enhance selective breeding of the native livestock to ensure high-yielding, disease-resistant, resilient livestock.
2. The programme also envisages development of high-density DNA chips.
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
23. Which among the following statements is/are correct about **FAME India** Scheme?
1. It has been extended upto 31st March, 2019 or till Notification of FAME-II.
2. In phase II, the government is targeting a fully (100%) electric fleet for public transport, including buses, taxis and auto-rickshaws.
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
24. With reference to **National Supercomputing Mission**, consider the following statements:

1. Supercomputers will be installed across the country and will be networked on the National Supercomputing grid over the National Knowledge Network (NKN).
2. The Mission also includes development of highly professional High Performance Computing (HPC) aware human resource for meeting challenges of development of these applications.

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

25. Which of the following is correct regarding **National Food Security Act, 2013**?

1. It aims to provide subsidized food grains to approximately 2/3rd of India's population i.e 75% in rural areas and 50% in urban areas will be covered under TPDS, with uniform entitlement of 5 kg/person/month.
2. It converts the various existing food security schemes into legal entitlements (i.e.) from welfare based approach to rights based approach.

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

26. Consider the following statements regarding **Niryat Bandhu Scheme**:

1. The objective of the Niryat Bandhu Scheme is to reach out to the new and potential importers and mentor them to get into international trade and boost imports to India.
2. Ministry of Commerce and Industry is nodal ministry.

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

27. Consider the following statements:

1. **Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)** is an ongoing centrally sponsored scheme started from XI Five Year Plan period.
2. It will strengthen farmer's efforts through creation of agriculture infrastructure that help in supply of quality inputs, market facilities etc.

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

28. Which of the following is correct regarding **Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Unnat Krishi Shiksha Scheme**:

1. It was launched to promote agricultural education.
2. Under the scheme 100 centres are opened with an objective of providing complete knowledge and skill on processing, value addition and marketing of coconut and banana products through capacity building programmes involving research and development organizations.

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

29. Consider the following statements regarding **Sampoorna Bima Gram Yojana**:

1. The aim is to give rural people affordable life insurances services.
2. Under the scheme, at least one village will be identified in each districts and provide with a minimum of one Rural Postal Life Insurance policy for each households.

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

30. With reference to **Bharat ke Veer**, consider the following statements:
1. Through this portal one can donate directly to individual Martyrs account (max of Rs.15 lakhs) or may donate to the Bharat Ke Veer corpus fund.
 2. It is an online portal in which anyone can make fiscal contributions to the families of martyrs of the ARMY.

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

31. Which of the following is correct regarding **Housing for All (URBAN)?**
1. It envisions Housing for All by 2022 and it subsumed Rajiv Awas yojana and Rajiv Rinn Yojana.
 2. Centre and state will be funding in the ratio of 75:25 and in case of North Eastern and special category States in the ratio of 90:10.
 3. SBI and HDFC have been identified as Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) to channelize this subsidy to the lending institutions

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

32. Consider the following statements regarding **Project CHAMAN:**
1. It is a pioneer project to provide strategic development to the horticulture sector, so as to increase farmer's income.
 2. This project is being implemented by National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC)

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

33. With reference to **Mission Fingerling**, consider the following statements:
1. A juvenile fish that are typically about the size of fingers with developed scales and working fins is called a fingerling.
 2. Under this mission, potential states will be identified to strengthen the fish seed infrastructure and facilitate the establishment of hatcheries and Fingerling rearing pond.
 3. Fish Fingerling production is the single most important critical input to achieve fish production targets under the Blue Revolution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

34. Consider the following statements:
1. **National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture** Promotes location specific integrated/Composite Farming Systems;
 2. It adopt comprehensive soil health management practices;
 3. It Optimize utilization of water resources through efficient water management to expand coverage for achieving _more crop per drop;

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

35. Which among the following statements is/are correct about **Rashtriya Gokul Mission** Scheme?
1. The mission is launched for conservation and development of hybrid breeds in a focused and scientific manner.
 2. Rashtriya Gokul Mission is being implemented through Livestock Development Boards.
- 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

36. Consider the following statements regarding **Zero Hunger Programme:**

1. The programme consists of organisations of farming system for nutrition, setting up genetic gardens and initiation of Zero Hunger training.
2. It has plants and crops that help supplement micro-nutrient deficiencies, including iron, iodine, vitamin A and zinc among others.

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

37. Which of the following is correct regarding **Yuva Sahakar Scheme:**

1. Ministry of Human resource Development has introduced Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme.
2. This is a youth friendly scheme which will attract youths to cooperative business ventures.

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

38. With reference to **Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana**, consider the following statements:

1. It is a direct market intervention scheme of the Ministry of Health and family welfare.
2. Its objective is to make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all, especially the poor, throughout the country, through outlets known as Jan Aushadhi Stores (JASs).

3. It also encourages doctors to prescribe generic medicines and reduces unit cost of treatment per person.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

39. Which of the following is correct regarding **International UDAN?**

1. It is a new international air connectivity scheme, which is an extension of the domestic UDAN scheme.
2. Unlike in domestic UDAN, it is only the State government that will provide the financial support for flights under international UDAN.

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

40. Consider the following statements regarding **Scheme for IPR awareness:**

1. A 'Scheme for IPR awareness – Creative India; Innovative India' has been launched Ministry of Human Resource Development
2. It aims at raising IPR awareness amongst students, youth, authors, artists, budding inventors and professionals to inspire them to create, innovate and protect their creations and inventions across 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

41. With reference to **Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops,**

consider the following statements:

1. It is an insurance scheme available only to plantation crops, for which insurance can no longer be availed from PMFBY.
2. RISPC is an improved form of the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) Scheme.
3. Losses arising out of war and nuclear risk, malicious damage and other preventable risks are excluded.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

42. Which among the following statements is/are correct about **Jago Grahak Jago** Scheme?

1. It is a country wide multimedia awareness campaign on various issues related to consumer rights and responsibilities across diverse subjects.
2. It has been launched by Ministry of Commerce.

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

43. Which of the following is correct regarding **Seva Bhoj Yojna** ?

1. It 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.
2. The charitable religious institutions include Temples, Gurudwara, Dharmik Ashram, Mosques, Dargah, Church, Matth, Monastries etc.
3. It has been launched by Finance Ministry.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

44. Consider the following statements regarding **Intangible Heritage Scheme**:

1. It covers oral traditions and expressions, including language as a vehicle of the intangible cultural heritage
2. It also covers Performing arts, Social practices, rituals and festive events
3. The scheme is being implemented through Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Culture.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements regarding **Junior Heritage Mistri Scheme**:

1. Tamilnadu was chosen as a pilot State for the scheme in view of its rich architectural heritage.
2. Under the programme, the government has started training youths on indigenous building practices, arts and crafts, traditional structures and knowledge systems, with an emphasis on preservation of heritage architecture.

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

46. With reference to **Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti**, consider the following statements:

1. Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti (Power of Defence Knowledge) was launched to provide a boost to the IPR culture in indigenous defence industry.
2. It aims at educating scientists

and technologists in defence public sector undertakings and ordnance factories OFs to create more patents.

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

47. Which of the following is correct regarding **One Rank One Pension Scheme:**

1. The scheme promises equal pension to military personnel retiring in the same rank with the same length of service, regardless of the date of retirement.
2. Only those who retired before the plan kicked in would be entitled to OROP.
3. Personnel who voluntarily retire will not be covered under the OROP scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

48. Which among the following statements is/are correct about **North East Rural Livelihood Project?**

1. It is a central Sector scheme externally aided by World Bank and implemented in four North Eastern States namely Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura
2. The objective is to improve livelihoods of the poor, especially that of women and the disadvantaged people in the project area.
3. The identification of Districts for the project was done by the State Governments based on

social and economic backwardness.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

49. 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. The Operations and management of the project will be taken care of by the local villagers.

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

50. Which of the following is correct regarding **Swachh Bharat Mission:**

1. It aims at achieving Open Defecation Free (ODF) nation and a Swachh Bharat by 2nd Oct, 2019, the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
2. SBM is being implemented by the Ministry of Urban Development in urban areas & by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in rural areas.

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

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1.	d
2.	d
3.	c
4.	d
5.	b
6.	b
7.	d
8.	b
9.	c
10.	c

11.	c
12.	d
13.	c
14.	c
15.	c
16.	c
17.	d
18.	c
19.	b
20.	b

21.	c
22.	c
23.	c
24.	c
25.	c
26.	b
27.	c
28.	c
29.	c
30.	a

31.	a
32.	c
33.	d
34.	d
35.	b
36.	c
37.	b
38.	c
39.	c
40.	b

41.	d
42.	a
43.	a
44.	d
45.	b
46.	d
47.	d
48.	d
49.	c
50.	c

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EXPLANATION SHEET

1. **d** UDAN/Regional Connectivity Scheme's objective is to facilitate affordable regional air connectivity.

- **Airports Authority of India (AAI) is the implementing agency.**
- **It offers concessions to the airlines to encourage them to fly on regional routes.**
- Concession include operating subsidies like levies or charges imposed by the airport operators, excise duty at 2% and VAT at 1% on aviation turbine fuel, parking charges at airports and exempting these operations from the GST net.
- **The maximum airfare has been capped at Rs 2500 for a one-hour journey of approximately 500 kilometre on an aircraft or for a 30-minute journey on a helicopter**
- Helicopter routes are not considered under the UDAN 3 bidding.

2. **d**

- This scheme creates an enabling environment to ensure equal opportunities, equity, social justice and empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- To encourage **voluntary action for ensuring effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.**

3. **c** To provide 'Solar Street Lighting Systems' for public use like lighting roads, bus stops etc and improvement in security & safety through better lightening. It is a sub scheme Under Off-grid and Decentralized Solar Thermal Application scheme of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Services limited (EESL) is its implementing agency.

- It will cover rural, **semi urban and urban areas.**
- **Solar Street Light with LED capacity** of 12 W will be provided as per MMRE specification in areas which do not enjoy adequate coverage of power.

4. **d** It is an ambitious programme of department of telecommunication to provide network infrastructure with affordable broadband connectivity on a non-discriminatory basis to all households in the country.

- It aimed to realize the vision of Digital India, in partnership with States and the Private Sector.
- The programme, previously called as the National Optical Fibre Network, was approved **in October 2011.**
- **Implementation will be done by the states, state agencies, private**

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sector companies and central PSUs.

- **All the Service Providers like** Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), ISPs, Cable TV operators etc. will be given non-discriminatory access to the National Optic Fibre Network and can **launch various services in rural areas.**
- **It is funded from Universal Service Obligation Fund**, which will be its nodal agency.
- - Bharat Broadband Network, a SPV created under companies Act, mandated to create NOFN in India.

5. **b** Startup India aims at fostering entrepreneurship and promoting innovation by creating an ecosystem that is conducive for growth of Start-ups.

- According to the **scheme, an entity headquartered in India shall be considered as a Startup up to 7 years from the date of its incorporation/ registration.**
- **However, in the case of Startups in the Biotechnology sector, the period shall be up to 10 years.**
- **The annual turnover should also not exceed INR 25 crore in any preceding financial year and Entity should not** have been formed by splitting up or reconstructing a business already in existence.

6. **b** PM-AASHA is a new umbrella scheme aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce.

- The three components that are part of AASHA are:
 1. Price Support Scheme
 2. Price Deficiency Payment Scheme
 3. Pilot of Private Procurement and Stockist Scheme
- **The other existing schemes of Department of Food and Public Distribution for procurement of paddy, wheat and nutri-cereals/coarse grains and of Ministry of Textile for cotton and jute will be continued for providing MSP to farmers for these crops.**

7. **d** It is a Mission Mode Project to digitize and make the functioning of State Legislatures paperless.

1. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is the Nodal Ministry for this project.
2. **The Ministry desires to roll out e-Vidhan as National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), covering all 40 Houses including two Houses of Parliament and State legislatures.**
3. **It is to be used by the Legislatures as well as all the Government**

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Departments.

4. **This project was first executed in Himachal Pradesh which made the Shimla** Legislative Assembly the first Assembly in India to go paperless in 2014.
5. The mNeVA (NeVA-mobile app) is a user-friendly app that has made information on conduct of business in Legislatures accessible anytime, anywhere to everyone.
6. It is a work-flow based app deployed in Cloud (Meghraj).

8. **b** Ekalavya Schools

- The government has announced the setting up of Ekalavya Residential Schools to provide education to tribals in their local environment.
- Target – Ekalavya schools in every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons by 2022.
- It will have special facilities for preserving local art and culture, besides providing training in sports and skill development.
- **The Ekalavya Residential School Scheme isn't new. It has been around for many years now.**
- **However, the government has signalled in Budget 2018 that it wants to expand the scope.**

9. **c**

- Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBAR-DHAN) scheme was first announced in Budget 2018.
- The scheme would focus on managing and converting cattle dung and solid waste in farms to compost, biogas and bio-CNG.
- It will help in keeping the village clean while increasing the income of farmers and cattle herders.
- **Under it, villagers will be mobilized to create self-help groups (SHGs) and creative societies that will help in clean energy and green jobs initiative.**
- Under this scheme, one village in every district of the country would be selected for its implementation.
- Nearly 700 districts would be covered during the current fiscal.

10. **c**

- SHe-box (Sexual Harassment electronic box) is an online platform to enable women employees to file complaints related to sexual harassment at the workplace.
- It enables both public and private sector employees to lodge their complaints.
- **It ensures the effective implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013.**

11. **c**
- It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
 - It is launched to enhance the production of Rice, Wheat, Pulses, Coarse Cereals and commercial crops (Cotton, jute and Sugarcane).
 - Targets - Production of rice, wheat and pulses would be increased by 10, 8, 4 million tonnes respectively and Coarse cereals by 3 million tonnes.
 - Funding - 50:50 by Centre and State for food crops and 100% centre funding for cash crops.
 - It would be implemented through cluster demonstration, distribution of high yield seeds with farm mechanization, & Integrated pest management.
 - **(Note - National Food Security Act is different from the Mission and the act is administered by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs)**
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12. **d**
- ABY or National Health Protection Mission is a national initiative launched in order to achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage
 - It comprises of two inter-related components
 - Establishment of Health and Wellness Centre
 - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)
 - Health and Wellness Centre - National Health Policy, 2017 envisioned Health and Wellness Centres as the foundation of India's health system.
 - Under this, 1.5 lakh centres will bring health care system closer to the homes of people.
 - **The centres will provide comprehensive health care, including for non-communicable diseases and maternal and child health services.**
 - **These will also provide free essential drugs and diagnostic services.**
 - Contributions through CSR and philanthropic institutions in adopting these centres are also envisaged.
 - First 'health and wellness centre' has been inaugurated in Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh.
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13. **c**
- Project Mausam is to showcase a Transnational Mixed Route (including Natural and Cultural Heritage) on the World Heritage List.
 - It aims to understand how the knowledge and manipulation of the monsoon winds has shaped interactions across the Indian Ocean and led to the spread of shared knowledge systems, traditions, technologies and ideas along maritime routes.
 - **Archaeological Society of India (ASI) is the nodal agency and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) is its Research Unit and National Museum & IGNCA are its Associate bodies.**

- The project collates archaeological and historical research and document the diversity of cultural, commercial and religious interactions among the 39 Indian Ocean countries.
- Goals - Reviving lost linkages with nations, Creating links to existing World Heritage sites, Redefining 'Cultural Landscapes', Achieving transnational nomination under World Heritage.

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14. **c**
- Jagdishpur-Haldia & Bokaro-Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL) project is part of National Gas Grid Project (Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga) of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
 - **The 2,655 km project aims to connect the eastern states to the national gas grid.**
 - **Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal are the beneficiary states.**
 - The project will usher Industrial development in East India by supplying environmentally clean natural gas to fertiliser and power plant, refineries, steel plants and other industries.
 - It also provides clean energy to households and transportation in the cities en-route the pipeline.
 - State-run gas utility GAIL India has recently placed orders for
 - 400-km of pipeline.
 - With these awards, pipe supply orders for 2,100 km of the project have been placed.

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15. **c**
- The mission aims to cover all those children by 2020 who are either unvaccinated, or are partially vaccinated against 7 vaccine preventable diseases.
 - It includes diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B.
 - **It aims to fully immunize children under the age of two years and pregnant women with all available vaccines.**
 - The Mission is being implemented in 201 high focus districts in the country in the first phase which has nearly 50% of all unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children.
 - The campaign is part of the Universal Immunisation Programme by 2020.
 - The Ministry will be technically supported by WHO, UNICEF, Rotary International and other donor partners.

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16. **c**
- It is a programme launched to provide for the welfare of areas and people

affected by mining related operations.

- The main objective is to minimize/mitigate the adverse impacts, during and after mining, on the environment, health and socio-economic conditions of people in mining districts and also to ensure sustainable livelihood for the affected people.
- The beneficiaries include people living in directly affected areas and displaced family under the Land Acquisition Act.
- It is implemented by the District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) of the respective districts using the funds accruing to the DMF from miners.
- District Mineral Foundation (DMF) is a trust set up under Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, (MMDRA) 2015 as a non-profit body in those districts affected by the mining works.
- **The DMFs have been directed to take all major decision in a participatory mode, in consultation with the _gram sabhas' of the respective villages and activities taken under "polluter pays principle" cannot be included under PMKKY.**

17. **d**
- It is a Helpline for Handloom weavers, where weavers can seek solutions for their technical issues/problems
 - The professional queries of weavers will be answered by the experts in the field using this helpline.
 - It is single point of contact.
 - MINISTRY OF TEXTILES is nodal ministry

18. **c**
- **eSamikSha is a real time, on-line system for monitoring of follow-up action on the decisions taken during the presentations made by different Ministries/Departments to the Prime Minister.**
 - It is developed by the cabinet secretariat with technical support from the National Informatics Centre.
 - “Monitor, Follow Up, Action” are the taglines assigned by the government to e-SamikSha.
 - Different users such as the PMO/Cabinet Secretariat/Ministries/Departments can securely access the system through a log-in/password.
 - For eg, if a joint secretary is sitting on a file on a big infrastructure project that’s a PMO priority, this system will allow the prime minister to intervene digitally and ask the officer concerned to explain the delay or expedite decision-making.

- Every task is assigned four status descriptors - Not Started, Under Implementation, Implemented and
- No Further Action Required.
- The portal also enables tracking centre-state co-ordination issues

19. **b**
- UIDAI has come up with a Blue coloured Aadhaar card for children aged below 5 years.
 - It does not include child's biometric information.
 - Photo ID cards issued by child's school, child's birth certificate and a mobile number can be used for his/her Aadhaar enrolment.
 - **The first mandatory biometric update is required at the age of 5 to include child's biometric information like fingerprints and iris scan and the second mandatory update at the age of 15.**
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20. **b**
- **UTTAM App has been launched for ensuring transparency and efficiency in coal quality monitoring process.**
 - **Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India (SHAKTI) - for auction and allotment of coal linkages, will lead to affordable power and transparency in allocation of coal.**
 - Cabinet also recently approved the most ambitious coal sector reform ever i.e the opening up of commercial coal mining for private sector
 - This will help in creating direct and indirect employment through higher investment and better technology.

21. **c**
- Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) is a multi-purpose and multi-modal platform existing in the PMO.
 - It was launched in 2015.
 - It is not a public web platform but used exclusively by the PM to give suitable directions for redressal of grievance.
 - It also monitors and reviews compliance on the projects and programmes of the Government of India as well as projects flagged by State Governments.
 - It brings the Secretaries of Government of India and the Chief Secretaries of the States on one stage.
 - It deploys three technologies - Digital data management, video-conferencing and geo-spatial technology.

22. **c**
- **The scheme aimed to enhance selective breeding of the native livestock to ensure high-yielding, disease-resistant, resilient livestock.**

- **The main objective is to predict breeding values of animal, using DNA level information with performance record, more accurately and identify genetic worth of animal (elite animal) at an early age.**
- Through this programme, the government aims to improve the genetic health of the cattle population through genomic selection.
- The programme also envisages development of high-density DNA chips.
- This will reduce the cost and time interval for future breeding programmes and productivity of indigenous cattle would be enhanced.
- The cattle genomics programme is being implemented by National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, an autonomous Institute funded by the Department.

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23. **c**
- **Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME) was launched in 2015.**
 - **Its objective is to support hybrid/electric vehicles market development and Manufacturing eco-system.**
 - The scheme was initially upto April 2017.
 - It has been extended upto 31st March, 2019 or till Notification of FAME-II.
 - In phase II, the government is targeting a fully (100%) electric fleet for public transport, including buses, taxis and auto-rickshaws.
 - At present, there are no plans to subsidize expensive battery components of electric vehicles in the Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises.
 - However, R&D projects and EV technologies, including for battery development, are being supported under the Scheme.
 - At present, the incentive is being offered on purchase of strong hybrid and electric cars, two-wheelers and three-wheelers.
 - The inter-ministerial panel that has recently finalised the roadmap for the II phase, decided to offer subsidy to all categories of electric vehicles, including two-wheelers, three-wheelers and four-wheelers.

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24. **c**
- The mission aims to connect national academic and R&D institutions with a supercomputing grid of over 70 high-performance computing facilities.
 - **Supercomputers will be installed across the country and will be networked on the National Supercomputing grid over the National Knowledge Network (NKN).**
 - It will be implemented by the Department of Science and Technology and Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) through

Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and IISc, Bangalore.

- The Mission also includes development of highly professional High Performance Computing (HPC) aware human resource for meeting challenges of development of these applications.

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25. **c**
- It aims to provide subsidized food grains to approximately 2/3rd of India's population i.e 75% in rural areas and 50% in urban areas will be covered under TPDS, with uniform entitlement of 5 kg/person/month.
 - **It converts the various existing food security schemes into legal entitlements (i.e.) from welfare based approach to rights based approach.**
 - **It includes the Midday Meal Scheme, ICDS scheme, the PDS and also recognizes maternity entitlements.**
 - Under NFSA, each beneficiaries is entitled to 5 kilograms of food grains per month at Rs. 3 ,Rs. 2 , Rs. 1 per kg for rice, wheat and coarse grains respectively. It has been decided by the Government to continue the above mentioned subsidized prices up to June, 2019.
 - Thereafter prices will be as fixed by the Central Government from time to time, not exceeding MSP.
 - However, the beneficiaries under Antyodaya Anna Yojana will keep receiving the 35 kg/household/month at same rates.
 - NFSA also guarantees age appropriate meal, free of charge through local anganwadi for children up to 6 months and one free meal for children in age group 6-14 years in schools.
 - Every pregnant and lactating mother is entitled to a free meal at the local anganwadi as well as maternity benefits of Rs.6,000, in instalments.
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26. **b**
- The objective of the Niryat Bandhu Scheme is to reach out to the new and potential exporters and mentor them to get into international trade and boost exports from India.
 - **MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY is nodal agency**
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27. **c**
- Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is an ongoing centrally sponsored scheme started from XI Five Year Plan period.
 - RKVY has been approved to continue as RKVY- Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) for three years i.e. 2017-18 to 2019-20.
 - **The scheme will incentivize States in enhancing more allocation to Agriculture to achieve 4% growth rate.**

- It will provide considerable flexibility and autonomy to states in planning and executing programmes for investment in agriculture and allied sectors.
- The funds would be shared by 60:40 between Centre and States (90:10 for North Eastern States and Himalayan States).
- The allocations are based up on the State plan expenditure for Agricultural sectors which is determined based on the average expenditure incurred by the State Government during the three years prior to the previous year.
- The preparation of the District and State Agriculture Plans is mandatory and encourages convergence with other programmes such as NREGS.

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28. **c**
- It was launched to promote agricultural education.
 - **Under the scheme 100 centres are opened with an objective of providing complete knowledge and skill on processing, value addition and marketing of coconut and banana products through capacity building programmes involving research and development organizations.**
 - **—Attracting and retaining youth in Agriculture (ARYA) is another project sanctioned by the Indian Council of Agriculture (ICAR) and is being implemented at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs).**

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29. **c**
- The aim is to give rural people affordable life insurances services.
 - Under the scheme, at least one village (having a minimum of 100 households) will be identified in each districts and provide with a minimum of one Rural Postal Life Insurance policy for each households.
 - Coverage of all households in the identified village is the primary objective of this scheme.
 - All villages under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana will be brought under its ambit.

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30. **a**
- It is an online portal in which anyone can make fiscal contributions to the families of martyrs of the CAPF.
 - CAPF includes Assam rifles (AR), Border security force (BSF), National security guards(NSG), Central industrial security force (CISF), Central **reserve police force (CRPF) , Indo-Tibetan border police force (ITBT), National disaster response force (NDRF), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).**
 - **Through this portal one can donate directly to individual Martyrs account (max of Rs.15 lakhs) or may donate to the Bharat Ke Veer corpus fund.**
 - Bharat Ke Veer corpus would be managed by a committee made up of eminent persons and senior government officials, in equal number, who

would decide to disburse the fund equitably to the families on need basis.

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31. **a**
- It envisions Housing for All by 2022 and it subsumed Rajiv Awas yojana and Rajiv Rinn Yojana.
 - It seeks to address the housing requirement of urban poor including slum dwellers through following programme
 - Central assistance to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and other implementing agencies for Slum rehabilitation with participation of private developers.
 - Promotion of Affordable Housing for weaker section through Credit Linked Subsidy
 - **Affordable Housing in Partnership with Public & Private sectors**
 - **Subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction**
 - **It covers all 4041 statutory towns as per Census 2011 with focus on 500 Class I cities in three phases.**
 - HUDCO and NHB have been identified as Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) to channelize this subsidy to the lending institutions.
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32. **c**
- It is a pioneer project to provide strategic development to the horticulture sector, so as to increase farmers' income.
 - This project is being implemented by National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC) using remote sensing technology and is likely to be completed in March 2018 in all the states.
 - The Geo-Spatial Studies like crop intensification, orchard rejuvenation and aqua-horticulture are deployed for preparing reliable estimates of crop production
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33. **d**
- A juvenile fish that are typically about the size of fingers with developed scales and working fins is called a fingerling.
 - Fish Fingerling production is the single most important critical input to achieve fish production targets under the Blue Revolution.
 - Under this mission, potential states will be identified to strengthen the fish seed infrastructure and facilitate the establishment of hatcheries and Fingerling rearing pond.
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34. **d**
- NMSA seeks to transform Indian agriculture into a climate resilient production system through suitable adaptation and mitigation measures in domains of both crops and animal husbandry.
 - Features -
 - Promotes location specific integrated/Composite Farming Systems;

- **Conserve natural resources through appropriate soil and moisture conservation measures;**
- **Adopt comprehensive soil health management practices;**
- **Optimize utilization of water resources through efficient** water management to expand coverage for achieving **_more crop per drop;**
- Develop capacity of farmers & stakeholders.
- There are three major components of the mission such as
- Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
- Soil Health Management (SHM)
- 3. Climate Change and Sustainable Agriculture: Monitoring, Modeling and Networking (CCSAMMN).

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35. **b**
- Rashtriya gokul mission is launched for conservation and development of indigenous breeds in a focused and scientific manner.
 - It is a project under National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development.
 - The objectives of this mission include Conservation of indigenous breeds and their development to improve their genetic makeup, enhancing the milk productivity and distribution of disease free high genetic merit bulls for natural service.
 - **Rashtriya Gokul Mission is being implemented through State Implementing Agencies (SIA) viz Livestock Development Boards.**

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36. **c**
- On the occasion of world food day (October 16), three districts in India have initiated India's 'Zero Hunger' programme through interventions in farm sector.
 - Those districts are Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, Koraput in Odisha and Thane in Maharashtra.
 - It will be initiated by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in association with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation and the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
 - These three districts would act as a model of an integrated approach adopting suitable agricultural/horticultural practices.
 - The programme consists of organisations of farming system for nutrition, **setting up genetic gardens and initiation of Zero Hunger training.**
 - **A genetic garden for biofortified plants/crops contains the germplasm of naturally biofortified crops or such** crops through plant breeding.

- It has plants and crops that help supplement micro-nutrient deficiencies, including iron, iodine, vitamin A and zinc among others.

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37. **b**
- National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has introduced Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme.
 - This is a youth friendly scheme which will attract youths to cooperative business ventures.
 - The scheme will be linked to Rs.1000 crore ‘Cooperative Start-up and Innovation Fund (CSIF)’.
 - The scheme envisages 2% less than the applicable rate of interest on term loan for the project cost up to Rs 3 crore including 2 years moratorium on payment of principal.
 - **The scheme has special incentive for cooperatives of North Eastern region, Aspirational Districts and cooperatives with women/SC/ST/PwD members.**
 - **All types of cooperatives in operation for at least 1 year are eligible**
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38. **c**
- It is a direct market intervention scheme of the Department of Pharmaceuticals.
 - Its objective is to make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all, especially the poor, throughout the country, through outlets known as Jan Aushadhi Stores (JASs).
 - It also encourages doctors to prescribe generic medicines and reduces unit cost of treatment per person.
 - **The State Governments are required to provide space in Government Hospital premises or any other suitable locations for the running of the JAS’.**
 - Any Civil Society with experience of minimum 3 years of successful operation in welfare activities can also open the JAS outside the hospital premises.
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39. **c**
- It is a new international air connectivity scheme, which is an extension of the domestic UDAN scheme.
 - The plan is to connect India’s smaller cities directly to some key foreign destinations in the neighbourhood.
 - It seeks to make use of the open skies policy that India has with other Asian countries that allows direct and unlimited flights to and from these nations to 18 Indian destinations.
 - **Unlike in domestic UDAN, it is only the State government that will provide the financial support for flights under international UDAN.**

- **Like the domestic UDAN, the financial support and flying exclusivity on the route will be for 3 years.**
- Only Indian carriers can participate in the international UDAN scheme, and only aircraft with capacity of 70 seats
- or more can fly the foreign routes.

40. **b** • **A 'Scheme for IPR awareness – Creative India; Innovative India' has been launched by Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM).**

- It aims at raising IPR awareness amongst students, youth, authors, artists, budding inventors and professionals to inspire them to create, innovate and protect their creations and inventions across the country.
- Area of Coverage of the scheme - Pan India, including Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 cities as well as rural areas.
- Total project Duration - 3 years (2017 – 2020).
- CIPAM - It is a professional body under the aegis of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.
- It works to take forward the implementation of the National IPR policy and creates public awareness about IPR in the country.

41. **d** • **It is an insurance scheme available only to plantation crops, for which insurance can no longer be availed from PMFBY.**

- Scheme will cover income loss arising out of yield loss due to non-preventable risks viz. drought, dry spells, flood, pest and diseases, hail storm etc and price fluctuation due to fall in international/domestic prices below the average price of last 5 years excluding the current year.
- The duration of the pilot scheme shall be one crop cycle commencing from the year 2016-17 which may spread over 2 years.
- RISPC is an improved form of the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) Scheme.
- It covers small growers of Rubber, Tea, Coffee (Robusta and Arabica), Tobacco and Cardamom having 10 ha or less landholding.
- The scheme is compulsory for growers registered with the respective Commodity Boards (CBs) and it is implemented on pilot basis in 7 states.
- The scheme will operate on the principle of 'Area Approach' and Commodity Board in consultation with the concerned State Government shall designate an area as Insurance Unit (IU), which can be a village panchayat or any other equivalent unit.
- Losses arising out of war and nuclear risk, malicious damage and other preventable risks are excluded.

42. **a**
- It is a country wide multimedia awareness campaign on various issues related to consumer rights and responsibilities across diverse subjects.
 - **The programme is launched jointly in partnership with the related government departments by MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**
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43. **a**
- It 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.
 - **The charitable religious institutions include Temples, Gurudwara, Dharmik Ashram, Mosques, Dargah, Church, Matth, Monastries etc.**
 - **Nodal ministry is MINISTRY OF CULTURE**
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44. **d**
- Scheme for Safeguarding the Intangible Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India is a new scheme for revitalizing various institutions, groups, individuals, NGOs, researchers and scholars to engage in activities for preserving and promoting the rich Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of India.
 - The scheme is being implemented through Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Culture.
 - It covers all recognized domains of ICH such as
 - oral traditions and expressions, including language as a vehicle of the intangible cultural heritage,
 - Performing arts, Social practices, rituals and festive events,
 - Knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe,
 - traditional craftsmanship etc.
 - Assistance under the scheme will be provided in the form of non-recurring grants, honoraria, infrastructure grants for the survival and propagation of all forms of ICH.
 - Assistance will also be provided for short research and referencing work of relevance to ICH.
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45. **b**
- Junior Heritage Mistri Scheme
 - The scheme comes under the Centre's Heritage Mason programme.
 - **Rajasthan was chosen as a pilot State for the scheme in view of its rich architectural heritage.**
 - **Rajasthan government is raising a new class of masons to help conserve the State's rich architectural heritage.**

- Under the programme, the government has started training youths on indigenous building practices, arts and crafts, traditional structures and knowledge systems, with an emphasis on preservation of heritage architecture.

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46. **d**
- Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti (Power of Defence Knowledge) was launched to provide a boost to the IPR culture in indigenous defence industry.
 - It aims at educating scientists and technologists in defence public sector undertakings and ordnance factories OFs to create more patents.
 - A target has been set to train approximately 10,000 persons of OFs and DPSUs on IPR in the financial year 2018-19 under the mission.
 - **The Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) has been entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating and implementing the programme**

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47. **d**
- The scheme promises equal pension to military personnel retiring in the same rank with the same length of service, regardless of the date of retirement.
 - OROP would be fixed based on the calendar year 2013 as the average of minimum and maximum pension in 2013 and those drawing pensions above the average will be protected.
 - Only those who retired before the plan kicked in would be entitled to OROP.
 - Personnel who voluntarily retire will not be covered under the OROP scheme.
 - In future, the pension would be re-fixed every 5 years.
 - The estimated cost to exchequer is expected to be Rs 8,000 to 10,000 crore and will increase in future.
 - The government has proposed a review every five years.

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48. **d**
- **It is a central Sector scheme externally aided by World Bank and implemented in four North Eastern States namely Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.**
 - The objective is to improve livelihoods of the poor, especially that of women and the disadvantaged people in the project area.
 - The identification of Districts for the project was done by the State Governments based on social and economic backwardness.
 - It is supported by World Bank.

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49. **c**
- It was launched in 115 aspirational districts in the country.
 - It is a community owned drinking water programme for sustained piped drinking water supply powered by solar energy.

- **It ensures the availability of clean drinking water to every household round the year.**
- **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.**
- The Operations and management of the project will be taken care of by the local villagers.

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50. **c**
- SBM is intended at accelerating the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage.
 - It aims at achieving Open Defecation Free (ODF) nation and a Swachh Bharat (Clean India) by 2nd Oct, 2019, the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

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