



DAILY PT MCQs-CRACK PRELIMS 2020 TEST-XV (CURRENT AFFAIRS-IV)

1. Consider the following statements about Eklavya Model Residential School.

1. Government plans to have at least one Eklavya model school in every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons.
2. Ministry of Human Resource Development establishes and monitors them.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

2. Consider the following statements about Operation Green.

1. It is monitored under Ministry of Agriculture.
2. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) will be nodal agency to implement price stabilization measures.
3. It was announced on line of Operation Flood to promote FPOs, agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

3. Which of the following statement is incorrect about National Supercomputing Mission

- a) Department of Science and Technology (DST) is the sole implementing agency for National Supercomputing Mission.
- b) It's objective is to enhance India's capability in solving grand challenge problems of national and global relevance.
- c) It will also empower scientists and researchers with state-of-the-art supercomputing facilities.
- d) It will help to attain global competitiveness and ensure self-reliance in the strategic area of supercomputing technology.

4. Consider the following statement about PM Janasudhi Pariyojana

1. It has been launched by The Department of Pharmaceuticals to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the masses through special Kendra's.
2. The nodal agency for its implementation is BPPI (Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India), under the

administrative control of the Department of Pharmaceutical.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

5. Consider the following statement related to RISE, launched recently.

1. Its objective is to set up investments in research and related infrastructure in premier educational institutions.
2. Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) is structured for funding this initiative.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

6. Consider the following statements about Transformation of Aspirational Districts' Program.

1. NITI Aayog is entitled as implementing agency with primary areas of focus as Health & Nutrition, education and agriculture only
2. The pillar of program are Convergence of Central & State Schemes, Collaboration of Central, State level 'Prabhari' Officers & District Collectors, and Competition among districts driven by a mass Movement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

7. Which one of the following is related to OSIRIS-Rex mission?

- a) It's NASA's mission to enter and study interstellar space.
- b) It's mission of ISRO to map melting ice sheets on earth.
- c) It's part of Gaganyaan Mission of ISRO.
- d) It's NASA's asteroid study mission.

8. Consider the following statement related to recently launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

1. Its Vision is of transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging health infrastructure in rural India.
2. Above scheme is implemented by Ministry of Health and Family welfare, in collaboration with World Health Organization.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

9. Consider the following statements related to Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation

1. It has launched to promote Compressed Bio-Gas as an alternative, green transport fuel.
2. It has been launched on Swachhta Hi Seva initiative.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

10. Consider the following statements related to Swayam portal

1. Ministry of Human and Resource Development have launched it.
2. Its aim to train teachers using digital platform.
3. Only Central University is notified as National Resource Centre to prepare online training material and keep the teachers well informed through the online course.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

11. With reference to the Solar Charkha Scheme, consider the following statements.

1. It has been launched by Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) to promote the production of Khadi.
2. Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) will help to generate employment under Solar Charkha scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
 c) Both d) None

12. Consider the following statements related to SevaBhoj Scheme launched recently.

1. It aims to provide financial assistance

on purchase of specific food items by Charitable Religious Institutions for free distribution among people.

2. Under this scheme centres share of central GST (CGST) charged on the raw food materials purchased by the religious institutions will be refunded.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
 c) Both d) None

13. Consider the following statements related to PM KisanShampadaYojana.

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme to be implemented by Ministry of Food Processing Industries
2. Its implementation will result in creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
 c) Both d) None

14. With reference to the Prime Minister Fellowship Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. This fellowship scheme is key to realizing vision of development through innovation and technology.
2. It will be provided to fellows studying in central university only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

15. Consider the following statements related to Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana.

1. Its objective is to make the members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM operate public transport services in backward rural areas.
2. Under the sub-scheme, the Community Based Organisation (CBO) will provide an interest-free loan from its own corpus to Self Help Group member for purchase of the vehicle.
3. All vehicles under the scheme shall have a specific colour code and carry AGEY branding to ensure their identity and avoid diversion to other routes.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements related to PM Jan Arogya Yojana.

1. It will replace Rashtriya Swastha Bima Yojana in all states and union territory.
2. The beneficiaries will be identified from the Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

17. With reference to the Swajal Project, consider the following statements:

1. It is a national drinking water programme launched by Union Drinking Water and Sanitation minister in collaboration with World Bank.
2. It is a demand-driven and community-owned drinking water programme for sustained drinking water supply.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

18. Consider the following statements about the recently launched Krishi Kalyan Abhiyaan:

1. The scheme is applied only in aspirational districts.
2. NITI Aayog will be responsible for overall implementation of this scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

19. Consider the following statements related to Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)

1. It was launched by Ministry of Human Resource Development to boost India specific research in social and pure sciences.
2. Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) is the National Coordinating Institute to implement the SPARC programme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

20. With reference to the SAATHI, consider the following statements:

1. It is joined initiative of Ministry of Power and Ministry of Textiles.
2. It will be jointly implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited and office of the Textile Commissioner.
3. Under this initiative, EESL would procure energy efficient Powerlooms, motors and Rapier kits and provide them to the small and medium Powerloom units at no upfront cost.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

21. Consider the following about Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with objective to improve the overall quality of existing State higher educational institutions.
2. The funding to States is based on critical appraisal of State Higher Education Plans.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

22. Consider the following about Atal Vimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana.

1. Its beneficiaries include only employee of formal sector.
2. It was launched by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in collaboration with UNESCO.
3. This scheme will help in reducing the unemployment in SC, ST and OBC section.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

- a) None b) 1 and 3 only
c) 1 and 2 only d) 1, 2 and 3

23. Consider the following statements related to Blue revolution:

1. Financial assistance for deep-sea fishing is a part of Blue Revolution Scheme.
2. State government has no role in providing financial help under deep-sea fishing.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

24. Consider the following statements about Border Infrastructure and Management Scheme.

1. Objective of the scheme is to have holistic development of people residing in border areas.
2. It will not be implemented in areas near to India Pakistan border.
3. Bangladesh shares longest border with India in comparison with all neighbors of India.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

25. With reference to the recently launched Yuva Nestam scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It has been launched by Telangana government.
2. It is an unemployment allowance scheme to provide Rs 1000 per month

unemployed youth in state.

3. The allowance will be directly be credited in bank accounts of selected beneficiary through biometric authentication in transparent manner.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

ANSWER

1. Ans-A

Explanation:

- o As per budget 2018-19, every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons, will have an Eklavya Model Residential School by the year 2022.
- o In the context of the trend of establishing quality residential schools for the promotion of education in all areas and habitations in the country,
- o It is established by the Tribal Ministry, Government of India.

2. Ans- B

Explanation:

- Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) approved operationalisation strategy for Operation Greens.
- Operation Greens was announced by Union Government in Budget 2018-19 to stabilise supply of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops.
- It is aimed at ensuring availability of TOP

crops throughout the country round the year without price volatility.

- National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) will be nodal agency to implement price stabilisation measures.
- MoFPI will provide 50% of subsidy two components of transportation of TOP Crops from production to storage and hiring of appropriate storage facilities for TOP Crops.
- Long Term Integrated value chain development projects Capacity Building of FPOs & their consortium Quality production Post-harvest processing facilities Agri-Logistics Marketing / Consumption Points Creation and Management of e-platform for demand and supply management of TOP Crops Assistance and eligibility.

3 Ans- A

Explanation:The Mission would be implemented and steered jointly by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Department of Electronics and

Information Technology (DeitY) at an estimated cost of Rs.4500 crore over a period of seven years.

Objective:

- To make India one of the world leaders in Supercomputing and to enhance India’s capability in solving grand challenge problems of national and global relevance
- To empower our scientists and researchers with state-of-the-art supercomputing facilities and enable them to carry out cutting-edge research in their respective domains
- To minimize redundancies and duplication of efforts, and optimize investments in supercomputing
- To attain global competitiveness and ensure self-reliance in the strategic area of supercomputing (technology

4. Ans- C

Explanation:

Features:

- o Special Kendra’s known as Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra and **it has been set up to provide generic drugs, which are available at lesser prices but are equivalent in quality and efficacy as expensive branded drugs.**
- o The nodal agencies are **BPPI (Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India)**, under the administrative control of the **Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers**, and Government of India.
- o BPPI will support of all the CPSUs for co-ordinating procurement, supply and marketing of generic drugs through

Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMBJK).

5. Ans- C

Explanation:

- o Its aim is to make India produce **better research and make its institutions climb in the global rankings.**
- o Its objective is to set up investments in research and related infrastructure in premier educational institutions including health institutions.
- o **Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA)** is structured for funding this initiative.

6. Ans- B

Explanation:

- ‘Transformation of Aspirational Districts’ programme aims to quickly and effectively transform these districts.
- The broad contours of the programme are **Convergence (of Central & State Schemes), Collaboration (of Central, State level ‘Prabhari’ Officers & District Collectors), and Competition among districts driven by a mass Movement.**
- With States as the main drivers, this program will focus on the strength of each district, identify low-hanging fruits for immediate improvement, measure progress, and rank districts.
- **NITI Aayog announced “Transformation of Aspirational Districts” programme which aims to quickly transform and uplift 101 backward districts in India in terms of basic amenities, infrastructure facilities, health facilities, standards of living, etc.**
- The primary areas of focus in this

programme are Health & Nutrition, Agriculture & Water Resources, Education, Financial Inclusion & Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure which would help the Government to decide which district has performed better under this programme

7. **Ans- D**

Explanation: NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft has discovered traces of hydrogen and oxygen molecules — part of the recipe for water and thus the potential for life — embedded in the **asteroid Benu's**, rocky surface.

8. **Ans- D**

9. **Ans- C**

- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will kick off an innovative initiative in New Delhi on 1st October, 2018, with PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs, i.e. IOC, BPCL and HPCL) inviting Expression of Interest (Eoi) from potential entrepreneurs to set up Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) production plants and make available CBG in the market for use in automotive fuels.
- This significant move has the potential to boost availability of more affordable transport fuels, better use of agricultural residue, cattle dung and municipal solid waste, as well as to provide an additional revenue source to farmers.
- **Titled SATAT, the initiative is aimed at providing a Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) as a developmental effort that**

would benefit both vehicle-users as well as farmers and entrepreneurs.

- **To be launched on the penultimate day of the ongoing Swachhta Hi Seva fortnight, a mass movement to fulfil Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a Clean India**, this initiative holds great promise for efficient municipal solid waste management and in tackling the problem of polluted urban air due to farm stubble-burning and carbon emissions.
- Use of CBG will also help bring down dependency on crude oil imports and in realising the Prime Minister's vision of enhancing farmers' income, rural employment and entrepreneurship.

10. **Ans- C**

- o Launched by **Ministry of Human and Resource Development**.
- o Its aim to **train teachers using digital platform**.
- o The government will use the massive open online course platform to update the teaching technique of 1.5 million higher education faculty with focus on new and emerging trends.
- o In the first phase 75 discipline specific **National Resource Centre** have been identified to prepare online training material and keep the teachers well informed of the latest developments in their disciplines through the online course.
- o **Several institutions such as Central, State and Open universities, National Institutes for technical teachers training, IITs, IITs, NITs and other have been notified as NRCs in this regard.**

11. Ans- C

- In order to **promote the production of Khadi**, the Indian Government has launched a scheme called as Solar Charkha Mission Yojana under Solar Spindle Mission. The scheme supports Khadi production by offering five crore employment opportunities.
- Solar Charkha Mission Yojana was launched on the event of **UdyamSanham on World Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Day**.
- An individual willing to start a Solar Charkha Cloth Production Unit has to install solar-powered looms.
- To avail this, the individual has to apply to the respective authority and necessary materials and help will be offered at low rates under the **Prime Minister Employment Generation Program (PMEGP)**.

12. Ans- C

- o Launched by **Ministry of Culture**.
- o It aims to provide **financial assistance** on purchase of specific food items by Charitable Religious Institutions for free distribution among people.
- o Under this scheme **centres share of central GST (CGST) charged on the raw food materials purchased by the religious institutions will be refunded**.

13. Ans- C

Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana

- Government of India (GOI) has approved a new **Central Sector Scheme – Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana** (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and

Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) with an allocation of Rs. 6,000 crore for the period 2016-20 coterminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle.

- The scheme will be implemented by **Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)**.

- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana**
PM Kisan SAMPADA Yojana is a comprehensive package which will result in creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet.

The following schemes will be implemented under PM Kisan SAMPADA Yojana:

- Mega Food Parks
- Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure
- Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing/ Preservation Capacities (Unit Scheme)
- Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters
- Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages
- Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure
- Human Resources and Institutions

14. Ans- A

- The Prime Minister has emphasized the importance of innovation and technology for the progress and development of the nation.
- **This fellowship scheme is key to realizing his vision of development through innovation.**
- Under this scheme, the best students who have completed or are in the final year of B. Tech or Integrated M.Tech or M.Sc. in

Science and Technology streams from IISc/ IITs/NITs/IISERs/IIITs will be offered direct admission in PhD programme in the IITs/ IISc.

- The scheme will go a long way in tapping the talent pool of the country for carrying out research indigenously in cutting edge science and technology domains.
- The research under the Scheme will address our national priorities at the one hand and shortage of quality faculty in the **premier educational institutions of the country, on the other.**

15. Ans- D

Explanation:

Launched by: The Ministry of Rural Development

Features:

- o To make the members of **Self Help Groups (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM operate** public transport services in backward rural areas. (The areas to be identified by the states)
- o To provide safe and affordable rural transport services like e-rickshaws, 3 and 4 wheel motorised transport vehicles to connect remote villages with key services and amenities.
- o Under the sub-scheme, the **Community Based Organisation (CBO)** will provide an interest-free loan from its own corpus to Self Help Group member for purchase of the vehicle.
- o **All vehicles under the scheme shall have a specific colour code and carry AGEY branding to ensure their identity and avoid diversion to other routes.**

16. Ans- B

Explanation:

- o It is launched as part of **Ayushman Bharat scheme.**
- o It aims to provide annual health insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh to 10.74 crore beneficiary families.
- o It is World's largest healthcare scheme.
- o The beneficiaries will be identified from the Socio Economic Caste Census (**SECC 2011.**)

17. Ans- C

Explanation:

- o Swajal is a **national drinking water programme launched by Union Drinking Water and Sanitation Ministry.**
- o The scheme was launched in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand.
- o Swajal is a **demand-driven and community-owned drinking water programme for sustained drinking water supply.**
- o The project was launched with the help of World Bank
- o Initially, as a pilot program it was Six states. They are Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar
- o These states will be covered under the programme in the first phase

18. Ans- A

Explanation:

- The **Ministry of Agriculture and farmers' welfare** in line with the Prime Minister's vision of doubling farmers' income by 2022 has launched the Krishi kalyan Abhiyaan.
- Krishi Kalyana Abhiyaan will be implemented **in 25 village with more than**

1000 each in Aspirational District Ministry OF Rural Development as per direction of NITI Ayog.

19. Ans- A

Explanation:

- o Launched by **Ministry of Human and Resource Development**.
- o The objective is to boost India specific research in social and pure sciences.
- o It aims at providing the research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions by facilitating academic and research collaborations between Indian Institutions and the best institutions in the world.
- o **IIT Kharagpur is the National Coordinating Institute to implement the SPARC programme.**

20. Ans- D

Explanation:

- **Ministries of Power and Textiles** have joined hands under a new initiative SAATHI (Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help small Industries).
- Under this initiative, **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, a public sector entity under the administrative control of Ministry of Power, would procure energy efficient Powerlooms, motors and Rapier kits in bulk and provide them to the small and medium Powerloom units at no upfront cost.
- The SAATHI initiative of the Government will be jointly **implemented by EESL and the office of the Textile Commissioner on a pan-India basis.**

21. Ans- C

Explanation:

- RUSA is an overarching **Centrally Sponsored scheme**, operated in a mission mode for funding the state universities and colleges in order to achieve the aims of equity, access and excellence.
- It seeks to improve the **overall quality of existing State higher** educational institutions by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards.
- Transformative reforms such as governance, academic, affiliation and accreditation reforms are pre-requisites in the implementation of the scheme in State higher educational institutions.

22. Ans- A

Explanation:

- o Launched by **Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)**.
- o The scheme is a relief payable in cash directly to their bank account in case of unemployment and while they search for new engagement.
- o It was launched by **Ministry of Labour**.

23. Ans- A

24. Ans- B

Explanation:

- Border Infrastructure and Management (BIM)
- The scheme includes construction of roads, schools, primary health centres, promotion of rural tourism, border tourism, cleanliness mission, promotion of sports activities, supply of drinking water to enable sustainable living in border areas.

- The projects are being implemented in 17 states having the international borders with Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh.
- The schemes include construction of roads, schools, primary health centres, promotion of rural tourism, border tourism, promotion of sports activities, cleanliness mission, protection of heritage sites, supply of drinking water, community centres, connectivity, drainage, to enable sustainable living in border areas.
- India shares borders with Pakistan (3,323

km), China (3,488 km), Nepal (1,751 km), Bhutan (699 km), Myanmar (1,643 km) and Bangladesh (4,096 km).

25. Ans- B

Explanation:

- o Launched by Andhra Pradesh government.
- o It is an unemployment allowance scheme to provide Rs 1000 per month unemployed youth in state.
- o The allowance will be directly be credited in bank accounts of selected beneficiary through biometric authentication in transparent manner.



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