

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Grameen Udyami Project:

1. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society launched this project.
2. The aim is to multiskill India's tribal youth and impart functional skill.
3. The project is implemented only in Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: a

Explanation:

- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society, launched the second phase of Grameen Udyami Project.
- Under the initiative, the endeavour is to multiskill India's youth and impart functional skills to them for enabling livelihoods.
- Grameen Udyami is a unique multiskilling project, funded by NSDC that aims to train 450 tribal students in Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- The project is being implemented in six states— Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Gujarat.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Uttar Pradesh is the largest producer of Makhana.
2. Recently, the government has awarded GI tag to Makhana.
3. Makhana is often marketed as an organic, gluten-free due to its nutritional value.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: b

Explanation:

- Recently, the government has awarded Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana, a move that is expected to help growers get the maximum price for their premium produce.
- Bihar is currently the world's biggest producer of makhana with a 90 percent share.
- Almost 90 per cent of production comes from 9 districts of Bihar i.e., Darbhanga, Madhubani, Purnea, Saharsa, Katihar, Supaul, Sitamarhi, Araria and Kishanganj.
- Makhana is often marketed as an organic, gluten-free snack and superfood due to its nutritional value.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Pakistan and Afghanistan are the last nations wherein polio falls in the category of endemic.
2. As per a UNICEF report, Africa was declared free of wild polio in 2020.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) 1 and 2 Both
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

Explanation:

- The humanitarian aid organisation informs that Pakistan and Afghanistan are the last nations wherein polio falls in the category of endemic.
- As per a UNICEF report, Africa was declared free of wild polio in 2020, after Nigeria received zero wild polio cases. Unfortunately, some cases have now started to re-emerge again in the continent, making it the first case of wild polio in Africa in five years.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Uttarakhand is vulnerable to maximum number of natural hazards.
2. Garhwal and Kumaoun division fall in the “very high” vulnerable risk status.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) 1 and 2 Both
- d) None of the above

Ans: d

Explanation:

- Recently, Himachal’s State of Environment report was released by the Department of Environment, Science and Technology.
- As Himachal Pradesh experiences nature’s fury in the form of landslips, cloudbursts, flash floods, avalanches and droughts year after year, **natural hazards have become a matter of immediate concern.**
- Himachal Pradesh is **vulnerable to 25 out of 33 types of hazards identified by the Government of India.** Moreover, the State is also confronting the emerging threats of climate change, and man and animal conflict.
- The report asserts that an attempt was made to develop a vulnerability matrix for the State as a whole.
- The overall vulnerability of the State on the basis of the matrix clearly suggests that the **districts of Chamba, Kinnaur and Kullu, and parts of Kangra and Shimla,** fall in the “very high” vulnerable risk status.
- Similarly, the districts of Kangra, Mandi, Una, Shimla, and Lahaul and Spiti, fall in “high” vulnerable risk status. The districts of Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Solan and Sirmour fall in the “moderate” vulnerable risk status.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Tomato Flu:

1. It was first identified in the State of Kerala.
2. The rare viral infection is life threatening.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) 1 and 2 Both
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

Explanation:

- The tomato flu was first identified in the Kollam district of Kerala on 6 May, 2022.
- The rare viral infection is in an endemic state and is considered non-life threatening.
- Tomato flu could be an after-effect of chikungunya or dengue fever in children rather than a viral infection.
- Symptoms include, besides fever, fatigue, and body aches, rashes that lead to skin irritation.