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1. Cuatro Ciénegas region, recently making headlines for a water crisis, is situated in which country?

- (a) Canada
- (b) Mexico
- (c) Cuba
- (d) Bahamas

Ans: b

- As of March 2024, water is disappearing from Cuatro Ciénegas, Mexico's vital desert oasis, due to agricultural activities.
- The oasis is the Chihuahuan Desert's most important wetland, and scientists say it can help them understand climate change, the origin of the Earth, and the chances of life on Mars.
- However, water is being used for alfalfa crops and other agricultural activities, causing the oasis to dry up.
- As a result, communities have to bring in water by truck when there is gasoline, which is a costly expense.

2. The Election Commission of India recently launched which application to facilitate easier voting for individuals above 85 years of age and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) with 40% disability?

- (a) Madad App
- (b) Sankalp App
- (c) Saksham App
- (d) Kavach App

Ans: c

- The Election Commission aims to ensure inclusivity in voting with new measures. Voters over 85 and those with 40% benchmark disability can vote from home.
- Polling stations will provide volunteers, wheelchairs, and transport. The Saksham App facilitates voting for PWDs.
- Permanent Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) in schools aim to enhance election processes.
- Polling stations managed by PWDs and women, along with Model Polling Stations, promote accessibility and gender inclusivity.

3. What does the 'Bima Sugam' initiative, recently in the news, refer to?

- (a) A new insurance company in India
- (b) An e-commerce platform approved by IRDAI for selling insurance products



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- (c) A new strategy for offering policies exclusively in hardcopy format
- (d) A platform designed to promote offline insurance transactions

Ans: b

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has approved Bima Sugam, an e-commerce platform for insurance products.
- It consolidates life and non-life offerings under one roof, facilitating an end-to-end digital experience from purchase to claim settlement.
- Bima Sugam aims to enhance transparency and efficiency across the insurance value chain, serving as a one-stop solution for stakeholders, including customers, insurers, intermediaries, and agents.

4. The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), recently in the news, operates under which ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Water Resources
- (b) Ministry of Urban Development
- (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (d) Ministry of Power

Answer: c

- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare expressed concern over States failing to compile living and deceased donors' data.
- The apex organization, located in New Delhi, operates under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Established under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA), 1994, its aim is to organize organ procurement and distribution.
- NOTTO maintains a national registry and runs the National Organ Transplant Program (NOTP) to enhance access to transplantation through deceased organ donation.

5. The Francis Scott Key Bridge, recently mentioned in the news, is located in which country?

- (a) US
- (b) France
- (c) Russia
- (d) Iran

Ans: a

- The Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland, collapsed when a container ship, manned entirely by Indian crew members, collided with its tower.



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- Opened in 1977, the bridge spans the Patapsco River and Baltimore Harbor, honoring Francis Scott Key, author of the US national anthem.
- A continuous truss bridge, it ranks as the third longest of its kind globally.

