

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Intergovernmental Committee of the 2003 Convention:

1. The Intergovernmental Committee of the 2003 Convention consists of 24 members States.
2. Members States to the Committee are elected for a term of four years.
3. India is been elected as a member for the first time in 2022.

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:

- Recently, India has been elected as a member of the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for the 2022-2026 cycle.
- In the past, India has served two terms as a member of the Intergovernmental Committee of this Convention. One from 2006 to 2010 and the other from 2014 to 2018.
- The Intergovernmental Committee of the 2003 Convention consists of 24 members and is elected in the General Assembly of the Convention according to the principles of equitable geographical representation and rotation.
- States Members to the Committee are elected for a term of four years.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Mission Vatsalya Scheme:

1. The scheme is related to the welfare of Women.
2. The scheme is erstwhile Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme.
3. Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal agency for this scheme

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 Ministry of Women and Child Development issues guidelines for Mission Vatsalya Scheme.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Mission Vatsalya" erstwhile Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme, since 2009-10 for the welfare and rehabilitation of children.
- The objective of Mission Vatsalya is to secure a healthy and happy childhood for each and every child in India and ensure opportunities to enable them to discover their full potential and assist them in flourishing in all respects, in a sustained manner,

Q: Temperatures during June to September are seeing a rise. Consider the following statement:

1. Southern Peninsula had reported more death than northwestern states of India during 2015-20.
2. Among the Peninsula State, Andhra Pradesh alone account for maximum death.

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

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

Ans: c

Explanation:

- The monsoon has usually meant respite from the heat, but temperatures during June to September are seeing a rise, says an analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).
- From 2015 to 2020, 2,137 people had reportedly died of heat stroke in the States in northwest but the southern peninsula region had reported 2,444 deaths due to excess environmental heat, with Andhra Pradesh alone accounting for over half the reported casualties.
- Delhi reported only one death for the period.
- Most deaths have been reported among working age men (30-60 age group).

Q: Centre has decided to promote the cultivation of dragon fruit. Consider the following statement:

1. The Gujarat government recently renamed dragon fruit as kamlam.
2. The fruit is considered good for diabetic patients.
3. This fruit can be cultivated in degraded and rainfed land.

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: d

Explanation:

- Following in the footsteps of the Gujarat and Haryana governments, the Centre has decided to promote the cultivation of dragon fruit, known as a “super fruit” for its health benefits.
- The Gujarat government recently renamed dragon fruit as kamlam (lotus) and announced an incentive for farmers who cultivate it.
- The fruit is considered good for diabetic patients, low in calories and high in nutrients like iron, calcium, potassium and zinc.
- This fruit can be cultivated in degraded and rainfed land.
- The Centre can also provide specific target-based help to States and farmers under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

Q: State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022 report was issued by

1. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
2. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
3. UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP)
4. World Health Organisation (WHO)

Choose the correct option from the codes given below:

- a) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- b) 1, 2, and 3
- c) 2, 3, and 4
- d) 1 and 2

Ans: a

Explanation:

- Recently, the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022 report was **issued by UN agencies** Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- The number of **people affected by hunger globally rose to as many as 828 million in 2021**, an increase of about 46 million since 2020 and 150 million since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.