

Q: Consider the following statement regarding National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP):

1. It was announced in Union Budget 2022-23.
2. IIT Bengaluru and National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHRSC) will provide the technical support.
3. The Union Government aims to open at least one Tele-MANAS Cell in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

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:

- Acknowledging the mental health crisis in wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and an urgent need to establish a digital mental health network that will withstand the challenges amplified by the pandemic, Government of India announced National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP) in the Union Budget 2022-23.
- Tele-MANAS aims to provide free tele-mental health services all over the country round the clock, particularly catering to people in remote or under-served areas.
- The programme includes a network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence, with NIMHANS being the nodal centre and International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIITB) providing technology support.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bengaluru and National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHRSC) will provide the technical support.
- The Union Government aims to open at least one Tele-MANAS Cell in each State/UT.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding 1930's Great Depression:

1. Douglas Diamond had argued that monetary policy was ineffective in such crises.
2. Milton Friedman argued that central banks could create money even when interest rates were zero.
3. Ben Bernanke argued that lack of policy stimulus prolonged this crisis.

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:

- In the 1930s, the world economy faced a serious economic contraction called the Great Depression. For many years, it was thought the Great Depression was due to a lack of policy stimulus.
- The economist John Maynard Keynes had argued that monetary policy was ineffective in such crises as interest rates could not go lower than zero percent, and one needed a large fiscal stimulus.
- Milton Friedman argued that central banks could create money even when interest rates were zero by buying assets, thereby increasing the money supply.
- Bernanke said that while a lack of policy stimulus explains the contraction, it does not explain why the Great Depression continued for such a long time. The economic contraction had led to a large number of bank failures.
- His argument was that it was this large-scale failure of banks which prolonged the crisis. Banks were not in a position to channel loans towards productive activities, leading to the crisis becoming more severe in the US.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding SedaDNA:

1. It is a new technique to study long-term responses of ocean ecosystems to climate change.
2. The study can also help assess current and future changes in marine life around Antarctica.

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:

- SedaDNA analysis is a new technique that helps decipher ‘who’ has lived in the ocean in the past and ‘when’.
- It can help study long-term responses of ocean ecosystems to climate change, as demonstrated by the study Ancient marine sediment DNA reveals diatom transition in Antarctica.
- The study can also help assess current and future changes in marine life around Antarctica.

Q: The Nobel Prize in economics for 2022 has been awarded to

- a) Ben Bernanke
- b) Douglas Diamond
- c) Philip Dybvig
- d) All the above

Ans: d

Explanation:

- The Nobel Prize in economics for 2022 has been awarded to **Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond, and Philip Dybvig** “for research on banks and financial crises.”
- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences on Monday jointly awarded the 2022 Nobel Prize in Economics to Ben S. Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond and Philip H. Dybvig “for research on banks and financial crises.”
- While Bernanke was the former chair of US federal reserve, Diamond and Dybvig are US-based economists.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding “Talaq-e-Kinaya and Talaq-e- Bain”:

1. They were declared void and unconstitutional by Supreme Court.
2. It is an instantaneous and irrevocable and extra-judicial form of talaq, in a single sitting.
3. These does not violet article 21 and 25.

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, the Supreme Court issued a notice declaring all forms of unilateral extra-judicial Talaq including Talaq-e-Kinaya and Talaq-e- Bain” as void and unconstitutional.
- The decision came when a bench of Justices were hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by a doctor from Karnataka seeking the criminalisation of all forms of Talaq.
- Talaq-E-Kinaya and Talaq-E-Bain are arbitrary irrational and not only contrary to Articles 14, 15, 21, and 25 of the Constitution of India but also totally against the international conventions on civil rights and human rights.
- Talaq-e-kinaya/Talaq-e-bain (an instantaneous and irrevocable and extra-judicial form of talaq, in a single sitting, either pronounced or in written/electronic form) was given to her by her husband, she claimed.