

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. The India State Support Program for Road Safety, financed by the World Bank.
2. The fund will be implemented in five States and two Union Territories.

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: a

Explanation:

- Recently, the World Bank has approved a \$250 million loan to support the Government of India's road safety programme for seven States under which a single accident reporting number will be set up to better manage post-crash events.
- The India State Support Program for Road Safety, financed by the World Bank, will be implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) Report 2021:

1. Gujarat has been rated a leading state in delivering online services to citizens Grievances.
2. It is an initiative of the Centre's Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.
3. It covers services in seven sectors.

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 National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) 2021 report was released.
- It is an initiative of the Centre's Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.
- Rajasthan has been rated a leading state in delivering online services to citizens Grievances.
- NeSDA 2021 **covers services in seven sectors**: finance, labour and employment, education, local governance and utility services, social welfare, environment, and tourism.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Nagaland was in first position in "North-East and Hill" states in National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) Report 2021.
2. Among the Union Territories, Jammu & Kashmir was ranked first in National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) Report 2021.

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:

- Nagaland was in first position in "North-East and Hill" states.
- Jammu & Kashmir was ranked first among the Union Territories.
- Kerala was first in "Remaining States - Group A."

- Odisha came on top among “Remaining states - Group B.

Q: Recently, NITI Aayog launched a report titled ‘India’s Booming Gig and Platform Economy’. Consider the following statement:

1. Gig workers accounts to 1.5% of the total workforce in India.
2. Gig workers are classified into platform and non-platform-based workers.
3. ‘Platform India initiative’ is an initiative for Gig Workers.

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:

- The NITI Aayog report estimates that in 2020–21, 77 lakh (7.7 million) workers were engaged in the gig economy. They constituted **2.6% of the non-agricultural workforce** or **1.5% of the total workforce in India**.
- The gig workforce is expected to expand to 2.35 crore (23.5 million) workers by 2029–30.
- The report broadly classifies gig workers, those engaged in livelihoods outside the traditional employer-employee arrangement into **platform and non-platform-based workers**.
- While platform workers are those whose work is **based on online software apps or digital platforms**, non-platform gig workers are generally casual wage workers and own-account workers in the conventional sectors, working part-time or full time.
- It has also recommended introducing a **‘Platform India initiative’, on the lines of the ‘Startup India initiative’,** built on the pillars of accelerating platformisation by simplification and handholding, funding support and incentives, skill development, and social financial inclusion.

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. UAE invested more in India in 2021 than Germany and France combined.
2. Germany and France are the only two countries in G7 that had signed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with India.

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: a

Explanation:

- The UAE invested more in India in 2021 than Germany and France combined.
- Unlike the UAE, none of the G7 countries has yet signed a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with India.
- These have re-energised this historic, but long-dormant, relationship. The visits have plenty to show from Emirati investments in Jammu and Kashmir to a CEPA.