

Q: Consider the following statement:

1. Common Service Centres (CSC) e-Governance Services India Ltd is an Special Purpose Vehicle.
2. CSC is partner with the Ministry of Electronics & IT and Ministry of Law & Justice.
3. Citizens cannot access the information of their cases in these courts.

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:

- The Online government services provider Common Service Centres (CSC) has teamed up with the Union law ministry to offer host of judicial services through eCourts project to people.
- CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd, an SPV under the Ministry of Electronics & IT, has partnered with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice to provide citizens access to judicial services through the eCourts project for citizens across the country.
- Currently, 3,414 district and taluka courts and 39 high courts are available on eCourts.
- Citizens can seamlessly access information of their cases in these courts or the location of these courts at their nearest CSC.
- Provision of eCourts services through CSC will ensure transparency and last mile access of judicial services to citizens.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI):

1. Government of India initiated Desert Afforestation Research Station at Jaisalmer in 1951.
2. It was reorganized as Desert Afforestation and Soil Conservation Station in 1957.
3. In 1966, the institute was brought under the administrative control of Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

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:

- The CAZRI institute made a beginning in 1952 when Government of India initiated Desert Afforestation Research Station at Jodhpur to carry out research on sand dune stabilization and for establishment of shelter belt plantations to arrest wind erosion.
- It was reorganized as Desert Afforestation and Soil Conservation Station in 1957 and finally in its present form Central Arid Zone Research Institute in 1959 on recommendation of the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) expert, Prof. C.S. Christian of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia.
- In 1966, the institute was brought under the administrative control of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2022:

1. It is conducted between the special forces of India and US.
2. It is significant in terms of security challenges faced by both Nations in the backdrop of the current global situation.

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:

- Recently, the 13th Edition of India - USA Joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2022 culminated at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- This annual exercise is hosted alternatively between India and the United States.
- The 12th edition was conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington (USA) in October 2021.
- Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR with the US Special Forces is significant in terms of security challenges faced by both Nations in the backdrop of the current global situation.
- The joint military exercise has further strengthened the traditional bond of friendship between the special forces of both Nations as well as improved bilateral defence cooperation between India and the USA.

Q: Recently, the Director General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga, spoke about the Arth Ganga model during his virtual keynote address to the Stockholm World Water Week 2022. Consider the following key features:

1. It is first Zero Budget Natural Farming.
2. Monetization and Reuse of Sludge & Wastewater.
3. Promote the cultural heritage and tourism of Ganga.

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:

- Under Arth Ganga, the government is working on six verticals.
- The first is Zero Budget Natural Farming, which involves chemical-free farming on 10 km on either side of the river, and the promotion of cow dung as fertiliser through the GOBARdhan scheme.
- The Monetization and Reuse of Sludge & Wastewater is the second, which seeks to reuse treated water for irrigation, industries and revenue generation for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- Arth Ganga will also involve Livelihood Generation Opportunities, by creating haats where people can sell local products, medicinal plants and ayurveda.
- The fourth is to increase public participation by increasing synergies between the stakeholders involved with the river.
- The model also wants to promote the cultural heritage and tourism of Ganga and its surroundings, through boat tourism, adventure sports and by conducting yoga activities.
- Lastly, the model seeks to promote institutional building by empowering local administration for improved water governance.

Q: Consider the following statement regarding World Water Week:

1. Stockholm International Water Institute has been organising the World Water Week every year.
2. World Water Week occurs late October or early November every year.

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:

- World Water Week occurs late August or early September every year. In 2022, it takes place from August 23 to September 1.
- Since 1991, the Stockholm International Water Institute has been organising the World Water Week every year to address global water concerns.