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1. Consider the following statements with respect to SWAMITVA scheme.

1. It is a Central Sponsored Scheme of Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
2. The coverage of the schemes is only limited to 9 states.
3. It seeks to create accurate land records for rural planning and reduce property related disputes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

Answer: C

Explanation

- SVAMITVA, a Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of Panchayati Raj was nation-wide launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on National Panchayati Raj Day, 24th April 2021 after successful completion of pilot phase of scheme (2020-2021) in 9 states.
- Scheme is a reformative step towards establishment of clear ownership of property in rural inhabited (Abadi) areas, by mapping of land parcels using drone technology and providing 'Record of Rights' to village household owners with issuance of legal ownership cards (Property cards/Title deeds) to the property owners.

- The Scheme is implemented with the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, State Revenue Department, State Panchayati Raj Department and Survey of India.

2. Which of the following statements are correct with respect to Global Housing Technology Challenge.

1. Light House Projects (LHP) are launched as a part of GHTC.
2. Light House Projects are proposed for every city in each state.
3. The Ministry of Science and Technology has conceptualized a Global Housing Technology Challenge.
4. It aims to identify and mainstream a basket of innovative technologies from across the globe that are sustainable and disaster-resilient.

Select the correct code.

- A. 1, 3 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 4 only
- D. 2, 3 and 4 only

Answer: C

Explanation

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India has conceptualized a Global Housing Technology Challenge - India (GHTC-India)

- It aims to identify and mainstream a basket of innovative technologies from across the globe that are sustainable and disaster-resilient.
- As a part of GHTC- India, six Light House Projects (LHP) consisting of about 1,000 houses each with physical & social infrastructure facilities is being constructed at six places across the country namely Indore; Rajkot; Chennai; Ranchi; Agartala and; Lucknow.
- LHPs will demonstrate and deliver ready to live mass housing at an expedited pace as compared to conventional brick and mortar construction and will be more economical, sustainable, of high quality and durability.

<p>AGARTALA, TRIPURA</p> <p>Light Gauge Steel Structural System & Pre-Engineered Steel Structural System</p>	<p>CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU</p> <p>Precast Concrete Construction System-Precast Components Assembled at Site</p>	<p>INDORE, MADHYA PRADESH</p> <p>Prefabricated Sandwich Panel System</p>
<p>LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH</p> <p>Stay in-place Formwork System</p>	<p>RAJKOT, GUJARAT</p> <p>Monolithic Concrete Construction System</p>	<p>RANCHI, JHARKHAND</p> <p>Precast Concrete Construction System-3D Pre-Cast Volumetric</p>

3. Consider the following pairs:

Scheme :: launched by Ministry/ Agency

1. **Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan :: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**
2. **PM SVANidhi :: Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME)**

3. Prime Minister Employment Generation Program (PMEGP) :: NITI Aayog

Which of the above pairs are incorrect?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: D

Explanation

- NITI Aayog and Piramal Foundation has launched Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan in 112 Aspirational Districts to assist district administrations in providing home-care support to Covid-19 patients who are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms.
- The Abhiyaan is being part of a special initiative, Aspirational Districts Collaborative, in which local leaders, civil societies and volunteers work with district administrations to address emerging problems across key focus areas of the Aspirational Districts Programme.
- PM SVANidhi scheme is a Central Sector Scheme i.e. fully funded by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs with the following objectives:
 - ✓ To facilitate working capital loan up to Rs. 10,000;
 - ✓ To incentivize regular repayment; and
 - ✓ To reward digital transactions

- The scheme will help formalize the street vendors with above objectives and will open up new opportunities to this sector to move up the economic ladder.
- The Scheme is available for beneficiaries belonging to only those States/UTs which have notified Rules and Scheme under Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014.
- Beneficiaries from Meghalaya, which has its own State Street Vendors Act may, however, participate.
- Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a central sector credit linked subsidy scheme being implemented by the Ministry of MSME since 2008-09 to assist first generation entrepreneurs for setting up of micro enterprises across the country.
- The scheme is implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) functioning as the nodal agency at the national level.
- At the state level, the scheme is implemented through State KVIC Directorates, State Khadi and Village Industries Boards (KVIBs), District Industries Centres (DICs) and banks.
- In such cases KVIC routes government subsidy through designated banks for eventual disbursement to the beneficiaries / entrepreneurs directly into their bank accounts.

4. Recently, YUVA Scheme was in news, Consider the following statements regarding it:

- 1. It is an Author Mentorship scheme which aims to mentor authors under the age of 25.**
- 2. National Book Trust of India under the Ministry of Education is the Implementing Agency to ensure execution of the Scheme.**
- 3. The scheme is a part of the India@75 Project.**

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only**
- B. 2 only**
- C. 2 and 3 only**
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only**

Answer: C

Explanation

- Recently, The Ministry of Education, launched YUVA Prime Minister's Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors, an Author Mentorship programme to train young and budding authors (below 30 years of age) in order to promote reading, writing and book culture in the country, and project India and Indian writings globally.
- This scheme is in line with the PM's vision to encourage young writers to write about India's freedom struggle.

- The young authors will be trained by eminent authors/ mentors. The books by these authors will be published by National Book Trust, India.
- National Book Trust of India under the Ministry of Education is the Implementing Agency.
- The scheme is a part of the India@75 Project (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav).
- A total of 75 authors will be selected through Competition.
- The books will also be translated into other Indian languages.
- It will ensure the exchange of culture and literature thereby promoting 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.
- Overall, a scholarship of Rs.50,000 per month for a period of six months per author will be given under the Mentorship Scheme.

5. The initiatives- Champions Portal and SFURTI - are associated with which of the following ministries of the Indian government?

- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- Ministry of Rural Development.
- Ministry of Education.

Answer: A

Explanation

- These are the schemes associated with the MSME ministry:

✓ Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength

Objectives

- To help the MSMEs in this difficult situation in terms of finance, raw materials, labour, permissions, etc.
- To help the MSMEs capture new opportunities in manufacturing and services sectors.
- To identify the sparks, i.e., the bright MSMEs who can withstand at present and become national and international champions.
- Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) is an initiative by Ministry of MSME to promote Cluster development.
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is the nodal Agency for promotion of Cluster development for Khadi.
- As per the revised guidelines, the following schemes are being merged into SFURTI:
 - ✓ The Scheme for Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP)
 - ✓ The Scheme for Rural Industries Service Centre (RISC) and
 - ✓ Other small interventions like Ready Warp Units, Ready to Wear Mission, etc.