

**NATIONAL SOCIAL ISSUES- WOMEN, POPULATION, URBANISATION, EMPOWERMENT ETC****Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey**

According to the first-ever national nutrition survey conducted by the Centre, nearly 10% of children in the age group of 5-9 years and adolescents in the age group of 10-19 years are pre-diabetic and 5% are overweight.

**About:**

- The Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey – the first-ever national nutrition survey conducted by the Centre – was conducted by the Ministry of Health and UNICEF between February 2016 and October 2018.
- It is the first study undertaken to measure malnutrition as well as details of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol and kidney function in children and adolescents.

**Key Findings:**

- The study provides for the first time concrete evidence of the coexistence of obesity and undernutrition, among school going children.
- Nearly 10% of children in the age group of 5-9 years and adolescents in the age group of 10-19 years are pre-diabetic, 5% are overweight and another 5% suffer from blood pressure. A quarter of 5-9 and 10-19 year-olds were thin for their age, one in five children 5-9 years' old were stunted.

**Tejas Express**

In a first, IRCTC will compensate passengers of the new Lucknow-Delhi Tejas Express in case of delay in the train schedule. The train will be flagged off on 4th of this month.

**About:**

- An amount of 100 rupees will be paid in case the delay is for over an hour and 250 rupees for delay of over two hours. This is the first of its kind offer from any national carrier.
- It is in addition to the 25-lakh rupees free insurance that will be given to passengers of the train. The train will be flagged off on 4th of this month.
- Many countries over the globe compensate passengers for delays - some do so as monetary compensation and some in kind.

**Tejas Express**

- The Tejas Express is India's first semi-high speed fully air-conditioned train Introduced by Indian Railways.
- The inaugural run of Tejas Express was in 2017 from Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus to Karmali, Goa.
- in March 2019, second Tejas Express of the country was flagged off between Chennai Egmore and Madurai Junction by PM Narendra Modi.
- The new Tejas Express will run on New Delhi-Lucknow route for six days a week. The train will be flagged off on 4 October.

**The Gandhian Challenge**

On the 150th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog's Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and UNICEF India, including Generation Unlimited, have launched 'The Gandhian Challenge'.

**About:**

- This innovation challenge provides a platform for every child across India to ideate innovative solutions for a sustainable India of their dreams, using Gandhi's principles.
- The problem statement for the Gandhian Challenge is: "Share your innovative solutions/ideas to create a futuristic and sustainable world of your dreams, following Gandhi's principles."
- Ideas and solutions to the Gandhian Challenge may be expressed through: Art (Letters, poems, painting, videos and photos) and Science & Technology (Robotics, IoT, sensors and 3D printers, among others).

- The contest is open for every child in India from 2 October to 20 October. The winners of The Gandhian Challenge will be awarded in New Delhi by NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission and UNICEF on the occasion of Children's Day in November.

#### Generation Unlimited

- Generation Unlimited is a new UNICEF-led global partnership that aims to ensure that every young person age 10-24 is in some form of school, learning, training, self-employment, or age-appropriate employment by 2030.
- It aims to co-create and scale up proven solutions related to secondary age-education, skills for learning, employability and decent work, and empowerment, with a focus on girls.

### **INDIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE, HISTORY**

#### Paryatan Parv 2019

Nationwide "Paryatan Parv 2019" was inaugurated in New Delhi.

#### About:

- Organised by: Ministry of Tourism.
- Duration: It will be held from 2nd to 13th October, 2019 across the country.
- Objective: Drawing focus on the benefits of tourism, showcasing the cultural diversity of the country and reinforcing the principle of "Tourism for All".
- The three components of Paryatan Parv, are:
- Dekho Apna Desh: To encourage Indians to visit their own country.
- Tourism for All: Tourism activities at these sites will include illumination in and around the Sites, Cultural Programmes of Dance, Music, Theatre, Story Telling etc.

Tourism & Governance: Interactive Sessions & Workshops with Stakeholders on varied themes have been organised across the Country as a part of the Paryatan parv activities.

### **GEOGRAPHY**

#### Donimalai Iron Ore Mine

Ministry of Mines has amended the Minerals (Mining) by Government companies rules 2015.

#### Recent amendments:

- It has substituted "may, for reasons to be recorded" in rule 3, in sub-rule (2) and rule 4, in sub-rule (3) with "shall, for reasons to be recorded".
- This implies that for all mining leases for minerals granted to Government companies, the State Government upon an application made to it in this regard by the Government company or corporation, shall extend the period of the mining lease for further period of upto twenty years at a time.

#### Significance:

- As per provision of Section 8A(6) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, the lease of 31 working mines of iron ore are expiring on 31.03.2020. Recent order will ensure effective management of situation in wake of probable disruptions in March 2020.
- The amendment paves way for renewal of NMDC's iron ore mining lease at Donimalai in Bellari district of Karnataka. National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) suspended operations at the mine after its lease expired in November 2018. NMDC has been the leaseholder for Donimalai iron ore mine since 1968.

#### Paleochannel

The Union Water Ministry has excavated an old, dried-up river in Prayagraj (formerly Allahabad) that linked the Ganga and Yamuna rivers. The aim is to develop it as a potential groundwater recharge source.

#### About:

- This "ancient buried river" is around 4 km wide, 45 km long and consisted of a 15-metre-thick layer buried under soil.
- The newly discovered river was a "buried paleochannel that joins the Yamuna river at Durgapur village, about 26 km south of the current Ganga-Yamuna confluence at Prayagraj. These paleochannels reveal the course of rivers that have ceased to exist.

- Evidence from palaeochannels suggested that the mythological Saraswati river did indeed exist.
- The discovery was made last December by a team of scientists from the CSIR-NGRI (National Geophysical Research Institute) and the Central Groundwater Board.

#### Palaeochannel

- A palaeochannel is a remnant of an inactive river or stream channel that has been filled or buried by younger sediment. A palaeochannel is distinct from the overbank deposits of currently-active river channels, including ephemeral water courses that do not regularly flow.
- Palaeochannels typically act as pathways for groundwater movement and provide a potential source of groundwater. Their presence can be helpful in identifying areas suitable for recharge.

### **CONSTITUTION AND POLITY**

#### **Section 11 In The Representation Of The People Act, 1951**

The Election Commission has reduced Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang's period of disqualification by almost five years, making him eligible to contest elections.

#### About:

- Tamang was found guilty of misappropriating government funds in a cow distribution scheme while he was Animal Husbandry Minister in the 1990s.
- The disqualification period began in 2018. It was to end in 2024, but following the EC ruling, Tamang's period of disqualification ended on September 10.
- He had not contested the Assembly election in the summer this year but took oath as chief minister following his party's victory.
- After becoming chief minister in April 2019, Tamang was required to win an Assembly seat in six months. He had asked the EC for a waiver of his disqualification under Section 11 of The Representation of the People Act, 1951.
- Tamang is now widely expected to win the election and remain Chief Minister.

#### Related Info :

- Under Chapter III of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, conviction for a wide range of offences can lead to disqualification for membership of Parliament and State Legislatures. Sections 8, 8A, 9, 9A, 10, 10A of the Act list these offences, with the period of disqualification varying from section to section.
- Section 11 in The Representation of the People Act, 1951 deals with Removal or reduction of period of disqualification. It says that the Election Commission may remove any disqualification or reduce the period of any such disqualification.

#### **Commutation**

The Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to commute the death sentence of Balwant Singh Rajoana, who was convicted for the assassination of former Punjab chief minister Beant Singh, to life imprisonment. Beant Singh, credited for ending terrorism in Punjab, was assassinated on August 31, 1995, in an explosion in Chandigarh.

#### About:

- Commutation: 'Commutation' means reducing the punishment by changing the nature of punishment. For example, punishment to death may be changed to life imprisonment. It is different from Pardon and Remission.
- Pardon: The effect of Pardon is to abolish punishment and to absolve the convict of all charges. If Pardon is granted, it is assured as if the convict has not committed any crime. The convict will not face any disabilities due to the allegations and charges made against him.
- Remission: 'Remission' means reducing the punishment without changing the nature of punishment. For example, the imprisonment for 20 years may be reduced to the imprisonment for 10 years.

### **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS- BILATERAL, GROUPINGS, ORGANISATIONS**

#### **Right To Be Forgotten On The Internet**

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) ruled that an online privacy rule known as the 'right to be forgotten' under European law would not apply beyond the borders of EU member states.

'Right to be forgotten' under European law:

- The 'right to be forgotten' on the Internet empowers individuals to ask organisations to delete their personal data.
- It is provided by the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), a law passed by the 28-member European Union (EU) bloc in 2018.
- After a search engine company like Google gets requests under the privacy law to get information deleted, it first reviews and then removes links on country-specific sites within the European Union, such Google's 'google.de' for Germany.

Recent ruling by ECJ:

- The ECJ has now restricted applying the 'right to be forgotten' privacy law beyond the EU. It has also observed that the EU cannot enforce the 'right to be forgotten' on countries which do not recognise such a right.
- The ECJ ruled in favour of the search engine giant Google, which was contesting a French regulatory authority's order to have web addresses removed from its global database.
- The ruling comes as an important victory for Google, and lays down that the online privacy law cannot be used to regulate the internet in countries such as India, which are outside the European Union.

## **INDIAN ECONOMY**

### **Documentation Identification Number (DIN)**

The Documentation Identification Number (DIN) system of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has been launched.

About:

- The DIN system of CBDT has come into existence with the generation of about 17,500 communications with DIN on the very first day.
- From now onwards every communication with CBDT – be it a notice, letter, order and summon or any other correspondence – will have to have a DIN except only if it is in the specified exceptional circumstances.
- Any communication issued manually under exceptional circumstances would have to be uploaded and regularised on the system portal within 15 days of its issuance.
- The DIN system would ensure greater accountability and transparency in tax administration. Earlier there have been instances where it was not possible to maintain the audit trail of the manually issued communication which caused inconvenience to taxpayers sometime.

## **ENVIRONMENT- CONSERVATION, BIO-DIVERSITY AND ISSUES**

### **Total Carbon On Earth**

Deep Carbon Observatory (DCO), a 10-year programme at the US National Academy of Sciences founded in 2009, has released a series of papers estimating the total carbon on Earth. This also includes an analysis of the total carbon dioxide released by volcanoes.

About:

- Humanity's annual carbon emissions through the burning of fossil fuels and forests, etc, are 40 to 100 times greater than all volcanic emissions.
- Carbon dioxide out-gassed to the atmosphere and oceans from volcanoes and other magmatically active regions is estimated at 280 to 360 million tonnes per year, including that released into the oceans from mid-ocean ridges.
- Two-tenths of 1% of Earth's total carbon (43,500 gigatonnes) is above surface in the oceans, on land, and in the atmosphere. The rest is subsurface, 1.85 billion Gt in all.

### **NH 766**

Kerala's Wayanad district has witnessed a series of protests against a ban on night traffic on the forest stretch of NH 766.

**NH 766:**

- NH 766 is a key highway between Karnataka and Kerala that passes through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka.
- The Kollegal-Mysuru-Kozhikode road has existed for 200 years and remains a major link. It was declared a national highway in 1989, then named NH 212, and later renamed NH 766.
- NH 766 is used by transporters of essential provisions from Karnataka to Kerala, and by commuters from Kerala to Bengaluru for want of good rail connectivity.

**Bandipur Tiger Reserve:**

- Spread over 990.51 sq km, Bandipur Tiger Reserve is part of interconnected forests that include Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary (Tamil Nadu), Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala) and Nagarhole National Park (Karnataka).
- A large variety of wildlife including the elephant moves from one stretch to another, cutting the states.

**Night Ban**

- Although the night ban was first enforced a decade ago, the immediate trigger for the current agitation was a recent Supreme Court direction to the Ministry of Environment and the NHAI to suggest alternative routes so that NH 766 could be shut down permanently.
- In August 2009, the district administration of Chamaraajanagar district, Karnataka, banned night traffic on the 19-km forest leg of NH 766, using the central Motor Vehicle Act read with the Karnataka Motor Vehicle Rule.
- It was because of increasing number of animals being hit by vehicles at night. Night traffic also affected behaviour biology such as breeding and parental care of animals, disrupt their life cycle and make them stray to human habitats.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY- EVERYDAY SCIENCE, SPACE, NUCLEAR, DEFENCE ETC****Starship**

SpaceX CEO Elon Musk unveiled a prototype design of its next-generation Starship spacecraft that will take people or cargo to the moon, Mars or other destinations in space or around Earth.

**About:**

- The SpaceX Starship is a fully reusable second stage and space vehicle being privately developed by SpaceX.
- It is being designed to be a long-duration cargo- and passenger-carrying spacecraft. It will be capable of carrying up to 100 people on long-duration interplanetary flights and deliver as much as around 100 tons of payload for building bases on Moon and Mars cities.
- Musk's ultimate goal is to colonise Mars over the next 100 years and he has been quite vocal of his idea in the past. According to the SpaceX CEO, the Earth will face a near-extinction event at some point in time, which is why a "backup" plan for all humankind is needed.
- SpaceX is planning to launch commercial payloads using Starship no earlier than 2021.

**DEFENCE & SECURITY****Indian Military Nursing Service (Imns)**

The 94th Raising Day of the Military Nursing Service (MNS) was celebrated.

**About:**

- The Indian Military Nursing Service (IMNS) is the only all women corps in the Armed Forces.
- It is a part of Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) of the Indian Army. The AFMS consists of Army Medical Corps (AMC), Army Dental Corps (ADC) and Military Nursing Service (MNS).

**Background:**

- It came into being in 1888 with the arrival of first batch of 10 qualified British Nurses in Bombay (now Mumbai), to organise nursing in Military hospitals in India.
- In 1943, the IMNS officers became a part of the Indian Army and the members of service became Commissioned Officers.



- Administration: The organisation is headed at the Army Headquarters by ADG MNS at the Rank of Maj General and at command level by Brigadier MNS in the rank of Brigadier.
- Enrolment into the Military Nursing Service is based on the merit selection at all India level. On successful completion of the course they are granted Permanent or Short Service Commission in the Military Nursing Service in the rank of Lieutenant.

### **Rapid Action Force (RAF)**

Union Minister for Home Affairs, Amit Shah presided over as Chief Guest at the 27th Anniversary celebrations of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

#### **About:**

- It is a specialised wing of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- It was raised in October 1992.
- Role: To deal with riots, riot like situations, crowd control, rescue and relief operations, and related unrest.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.
- RAF is headed by an officer of the rank of Inspector-General of Police (IGP).
- The RAF has a distinctive uniform with a blue-coloured camouflage pattern which symbolises peace.
- Its motto is "Serving Humanity with Sensitive Policing".

### **PRELIMS SPECIFIC FACTS- INDICES, DAYS, AWARDS ETC.**

#### **'Stations' cleanliness survey report'**

Minister of Railways released the 'Stations' Cleanliness Survey Report' (Cleanliness assessment of Non-suburban and Suburban Stations 2019).

#### **About:**

- Railways have been conducting third party audit and cleanliness ranking of 407 major stations annually since 2016. This year the survey was expanded to include 720 stations and suburban stations were also included for the first time.
- The total score is out of 1000 and each component (Process Evaluation, Direct Observation, Citizen Feedback) weighs 33.33% of the total score.

#### **Key findings of the report:**

- The top three cleanest railways stations are from the western state of Rajasthan. While Jaipur was on the first position, Jodhpur on second followed by Durgapura in third position.
- North Western Railway followed by South East Central Railway and East Central Railway are the top three railway zones.

### **Vayoshreshtha Samman**

The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind will confer the "Vayoshreshtha Samman-2019" on the eminent senior citizens and institutions to mark 'International Day of older Persons.'

#### **About:**

- Vayoshreshtha Sammans are conferred every year in 13 categories to eminent senior citizens and Institutions in recognition for their service to elderly persons.
- The series of awards were instituted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in the year 2005 and were elevated to the level of national awards in 2013.
- Generally, the awards are conferred on the 1st October on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons (IDOP).

#### **International Day of Older Persons**

- On 14 December 1990, the United Nations General Assembly by a resolution designated 1 October as the International Day of Older Persons.
- The theme of the 2019 commemoration is "The Journey to Age Equality".

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**You can develop any habit or thought or behavior that you consider desirable or necessary.**

### **DAILY ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE**

**Qns** The entire electoral exercise in India rests on three pillars — Article 326 of the Constitution, the Representation of the People Act 1950 and the Representation of the People Act 1951. Explain.

**Ans**

Election Commission is the watchdog of free and fair elections in the country and Article 324 of the Constitution provides for its establishment. The credibility of the electoral process has an important bearing on the healthy functioning of a political system. Holding of free and fair elections is the sine-qua-non of democracy. To ensure conduction of elections in free, fair and in an impartial manner, the constitution makers incorporated part XV (Art.324-329) in the constitution and empowered Parliament to make laws to regulate the electoral process.

#### **Article 326 of the Constitution**

- It provides that the election to the House of People and Legislative Assembly of States should be conducted on the basis of adult suffrage i.e citizens who are 18 years of age are entitled to vote.
- This article of Constitution ensures equality among voters without any discrimination on the basis of religion, race, caste or sex. It also reminds of the faith reposed by constitutional makers in the capacity of the masses.
- Election Commission (EC), while warning political parties to fulfill their electoral promises remarks that "If adult suffrage fails, violence is sure to come and no one will be able to stop it." This statement of EC highlights the importance of Art. 326 in electoral process.

#### **The Representation of the People Act 1950**

- It provides for the allocation of seats in the House of the People and in the Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils of States.
- It lays down procedures for delimitation of constituencies.
- It lays down the qualification of voters.
- It lays procedure for the preparation of electoral rolls and the manner of filling seats.
- The act provides for direct election for every Parliamentary constituency which ensures the intimate contact between the elector and representative, thus making the process more participatory.
- It provides for delimitation of constituencies which ensures the incorporation of changing dynamics of the increasing population making the process more liveable.
- The act strengthened the federal polity of the country by giving due representation to each state in the house of people.

#### **The Representation of the People Act 1951**

- It regulates the conduct of elections.
- It specifies the qualifications and disqualifications for membership of the houses,
- It provides provisions to curb corrupt practices and other offences.
- It lays down the procedure for settling doubts and disputes arising out of elections.
- The act is significant for the smooth functioning of the Indian democracy as it bars the entry of persons with criminal background into representative bodies, thus decriminalizing Indian politics.
- The act requires every candidate to declare his assets and liabilities, and maintain an account of election expenses. This provision ensures the accountability and transparency of the candidate in the use of public funds or misuse of power for personal benefits.
- It prohibits corrupt practices like booth capturing, bribery or promoting enmity etc., which ensures the legitimacy and free & fair conduct of elections which is essential for the success of any democratic setup.
- The act provides that only those political parties which are registered under section 29A of the RPA Act, 1951 are eligible to receive electoral bonds, thus providing a mechanism to track the source of political funding and ensuring transparency in electoral funding.
- The Article 326, Representation of the People Act 1950 and Representation of the People Act 1951 cover almost all the essential provision required to make any electoral process efficient and accountable. Thus, making the whole process more accommodative and inclusive along with paving the way for participative democracy.

**DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS**

1. With reference to the Rapid Action Force (RAF), consider the following statements
  1. It is a specialised wing of the Border Security Force.
  2. It was raised in October 1992 to deal with riots, riot like situations, crowd control, rescue and relief operations, and related unrest.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only  
(b) **2 only**  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
2. With reference to the World Heart Day, consider the following statements:
  1. It an initiative by the World Heart Federation to spread awareness about cardiovascular diseases (CVD), including heart disease and stroke.
  2. According to a Lancet report, in Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh the prevalence of CVDs is at least 5000 per 100,000 people.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) **1 only**  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
3. With reference to the Palaeochannel, consider the following statements:
  1. The Union Water Ministry has recently excavated an old, dried-up river in Prayagraj that linked the Ganga and Yamuna rivers.
  2. A palaeochannel is a remnant of an inactive river or stream channel that has been filled or buried by younger sediment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) **Both 1 and 2**  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
4. Recently which one of the following space agency/ company unveiled a prototype design of its next-generation Starship spacecraft that will take people or cargo to the moon, Mars or other destinations in space or around Earth?
 

(a) **SpaceX**  
(b) Indian Space Research Organisation  
(c) National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
(d) China National Space Administration
5. With reference to the 'Right to be forgotten' under European law, consider the following statements:
  1. The 'right to be forgotten' on the Internet empowers individuals to ask organisations to delete their personal data.
  2. It even apply beyond the borders of EU member states.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) **1 only**  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
6. Which one of the following is the best description of 'Commutation', in the context of pardoning power of the President of India?
  - (a) It removes both the sentence and the conviction and completely absolves the convict from all sentences, punishments and disqualifications.
  - (b) **It denotes the substitution of one form of punishment for a lighter form.**
  - (c) It implies reducing the period of sentence without changing its character.
  - (d) It denotes awarding a lesser sentence in place of one originally awarded due to some special fact.
7. With reference to Indian Military Nursing Service (IMNS), consider the following statements:
  1. It is the only all women corps in the Armed Forces.
  2. It was established in 1950 as a part of Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) of the Indian Army.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) **1 only**  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
8. Recently seen in news, Documentation Identification Number (DIN), is launched by which of the following agencies?
 

(a) **Central Board of Direct Taxes**  
(b) Central Board of Indirect taxes and Customs



- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India  
(d) Reserve Bank of India
9. With reference to Vayoshrestha Samman, consider the following statements
1. It is conferred every year in 13 categories to eminent senior citizens and Institutions in recognition for their service to elderly persons.
  2. It was instituted by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) **1 only**  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
10. Donimalai iron ore mine, recently seen in news is located in which of the following states?
- (a) Tamil Nadu  
(b) Telengana  
(c) Kerala  
(d) **Karnataka**
11. With reference to 'The Gandhian Challenge', consider the following statements:
1. It was launched by Ministry of Human Resource Development.
  2. It provides a platform for every child across India to ideate innovative solutions for a sustainable India of their dreams, using Gandhi's principles.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) **2 only**  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
12. Section 11 in The Representation of the People Act, 1951 deals with
- (a) **Removal or reduction of period of disqualification.**  
(b) Provides for the conduct of the elections to constitute a new Lok Sabha before the expiry of its current term.  
(c) Registration of any political party in India.  
(d) All of the above.

13. Which one of the following is a key national highway between Karnataka and Kerala that passes through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka?
- (a) **NH 766.**  
(b) NH 44.  
(c) NH 7.  
(d) NH 3
14. With reference to the 'Stations' Cleanliness Survey Report' released by Minister of Railways, consider the following statements:
1. The top three cleanest railways stations are from the state of Maharashtra.
  2. North Western Railway followed by South East Central Railway and East Central Railway are the top three railway zones.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) **2 only**  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
15. "Paryatan Parv 2019" is organized by:
- (a) **Union Ministry of Tourism.**  
(b) Union Ministry of Minority Affairs  
(c) Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways  
(d) Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
16. With reference to the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Centre, consider the following statements:
1. According to the survey nearly 10% of children in the age group of 5-9 years and adolescents in the age group of 10-19 years are pre-diabetic and 5% are overweight.
  2. It is the first-ever national nutrition survey conducted by the Ministry of Health and UNICEF.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) **Both 1 and 2**  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2