

31-08-2020**“Chunauti” NEXT GENERATION START-UP CHALLENGE**

Question: - Consider the following statements:

1. Under this “Chunauti” competition, the government will invite startups in the areas of work of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2. The government has kept a budget of Rs 95.03 crore for this program for a period of three years.

Which of the above statements are true?

- (A) Only 1 (B) Only 2
(D) Both 1 and 2 (C) None of these

Answer: - Both 1 and 2

Role: - Recently Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the “Chunauti” Next Generation Start-up Challenge Competition.

Exam useful points: -

- The “Chunauti” Next Generation Startup Challenge competition has been launched to further promote startups and software products with a special focus on India’s Tier 2 cities.
- The objective of this program is to identify about 300 startups working in the identified areas and provide them initial funds (seed funds) and other facilities up to Rs 25 lakh.
- As part of this “Chunauti” challenge competition, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology will invite startups in the following areas of work.
 1. Edu-Tech, Agri-Tech and Fin-Tech Solutions for the general public.
 2. Supply-chain, logistics and transportation management.
 3. Infrastructure and remote monitoring.
 4. Medical health care, clinical, prevention and psychiatric care.
 5. Jobs and skills, linguistic tools and technology.
- Through the “Chunauti” challenge program, the startup will be provided various assistance from the government, through technology parks to the software spread across the country.
- The selected startups will be advised in incubation facilities, mentorship, security testing facilities, access to venture capitalist funding, industry involvement as well as legal advice, human resources, IPR and other matters.
- Apart from an initial amount (seed fund) of up to Rs 25 lakh, the startup will also be provided with cloud credit from leading cloud service providers.

100% Each pattern (under pre-incubation) will be given Rs. 10,000 / - per month for a period of 6 months.

Rani Lakshmibai Central Agricultural University

Question: - Consider the following statements:

1. Jhansi Agricultural University is a setup of 3 colleges, and students from 22 states are studying here.
2. Jhansi University will get benefit to the entire country including Bundelkhand region if it is fully operated.
3. Upgradation of Rajendra Agricultural University to serve as an institution of national importance in the form of Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University.

Which of the above statements are true?

- (A) 1 Only (B) 2 Only
(D) Only 1, 2, 3 (C) None of these

Answer : - Only 1, 2, 3

Role: - Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the college and administrative buildings of Rani Laxmibai Central University in Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh on 29 August 2020 through videoconferencing.

Exam useful points: -

- Jhansi Agricultural University has 3 colleges and students from 22 states are studying here.
- The Jhansi Agricultural University will be fully operated and will benefit the entire country including the Bundelkhand region.
- Now there are three Central Agricultural Universities.
- Upgradation of Rajendra Agricultural University to serve as an institution of national importance Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University.
- Central Agricultural University Imphal has been expanded by starting 6 new colleges.
- Three more national institutions such as the Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Integrated Farming are also being set up at IARI Jharkhand, IARI Assam and Motihari in Bihar.

National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority

Question: - Consider the following statements:

1. The functions of the NPPA include the determination and revision of prices of scheduled medicines. The prices of scheduled medicines under drug orders are released for 2 times.

2. NPPA has set up price monitoring and research units in 13 states / UTs to monitor and make people aware.
3. NPPA was established on 29 August 1999 as an independent regulator to ensure drug pricing and availability of medicines at affordable prices.

Which of the above statements are true:

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Only 1, 2, 3 (D) None of these

Answer: -1, 2, 3 only

Role: - On the foundation day of the National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (Chhattisgarh), Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri DV Sadananda Gowda said, "In line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision to provide affordable health care system to all citizens, I Congratulate NPPA for working tirelessly to ensure availability of life saving medicines at cost."

Exam useful points: -

- NPPA was established on 29 August 1997 as an independent regulator to ensure the pricing and availability of medicines at affordable prices.
- The regulatory functions as an attached office of the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, which was formed under the proposal of the Government of India. The proposal was published in the Gazette of India, dated 29 August 1997.
- The functions of the NPPA are to include the determination and revision of prices of scheduled drugs. The prices of scheduled drugs are issued from time to time under drug (price control) orders.
- In addition, NPPA has established price monitoring and research units in 13 states / UTs to monitor the prices of all medicines and medical devices including non-scheduled drugs and to make people aware.

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