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'Padhe Bharat Campaign'

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. Under this campaign, children studying up to class eight will be included in the Balvatika.
2. "Padhe Bharat Abhiyan" was launched on January 01, 2022.
3. The objective of the campaign is to involve the participation of all stakeholders at the national and state level including children, educational administrators, teachers, parents, community etc.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?

(A) 01 and 02 (B) 02 and 03

(C) 01 and 03 (D) All of the above

Answer – (D) All of the above

Role - Recently, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has started a 100-day reading campaign named 'Padhe Bharat' on 01 January 2022.

Exam Useful Points -

- The 'Padhe Bharat' campaign was launched on 01 January 2022. It will be conducted for 100 days or 14 weeks. It will conclude on April 10, 2022.
- Under this campaign, children studying up to class eight in Balvatika will be included.
- The campaign was launched with an aim to involve the participation of all stakeholders at the national and state level including children, educational administrators, teachers, parents, community etc.
- One activity per group per week has been created as part of the 100 Days Campaign, which aims to make reading enjoyable and create a lifelong association with the joy of reading.
- The ministry has prepared a comprehensive guideline on this reading drive as well as an age-appropriate weekly calendar of activities. All the guidelines have been shared to the states and union territories.
- Reading campaign has also been aligned with goals and vision of "foundational Literacy and Numeracy mission".
- The campaign will also focus on Indian languages like mother tongue, local language or regional languages. In line with this goal, the campaign has also been integrated with "International Mother Language Day", which is observed on 21 February.
- The day will be celebrated in India with the activity "Read the story in your language" by encouraging children to read in their mother tongue or local language.

Major Dhyan Chand Sports University

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. The foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University has been laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi,
2. Its construction is estimated to cost around Rs 700 crore.
3. Major Dhyan Chand Sports University is being established in Salwa and Kali villages in Sardhana town of Meerut.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?

(A) 01 and 02 (B) 02 and 03
(C) 01 and 03 (D) All of the above

Answer – (D) All of the above

Role - Recently, the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University was laid by the Prime Minister in Meerut. This university is being established in the villages of Salwa and Kali in Sardhana town of Meerut.

Exam Useful Points -

- About 700 crore rupees are estimated to be spent on the construction of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University.
- The Sports University has modern sports infrastructure including synthetic hockey ground, football ground, basketball, volleyball, handball, kabaddi ground, and Lawn-tennis court, hall for gymnastics, and synthetic stadium for running, swimming pool and track for cycling.
- The university will also have facilities for shooting, squash, weightlifting, archery and many other sports.
- In the university, training can be given to 1080 players including 540 female and 540 male players.
- The Prime Minister is focusing on promoting sports culture and establishing world class infrastructure for sports in all parts of the country.
- The establishment of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in Meerut is an important step towards fulfilling his vision.

'Indian White Shrimp'

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. This will help in making strategies for prevention of White Spot Syndrome Virus Disease.
2. One of the biggest problems that Shrimp farmers face is this disease. After genome sequencing, barriers to seafood trends can be removed.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?

(A) 01 and 02 (B) 02 and 03
(C) 01 and 03 (D) All of the above

Answer – (D) All of the above

Role - Recently, Chennai-based Central Institute of Brackish Water Aquaculture has succeeded in sequencing the complete genome of Indian White Shrimps. Scientists have described this as a major achievement in two factors.

Exam Useful Points -

- The first factor is that it will help in making strategies for prevention of White Spot Thinrim Virus Disease. One of the biggest problems that shrimp farmers face is this disease. After genome sequencing, barriers in the seafood trade will be removed.
- Due to this sequencing, it will help in accelerating the Growth Potential, Reproduction Maturation in captivity of Shrimp. It will also facilitate production of Shrimp at low cost by making necessary interventions in the nutritional requirements of Shrimp.
- The second factor is that due to complete genome sequencing of Indian White Shrimp, dependence on Pacific White Shrimp from America will be reduced. This is because India is the native place of Indian White Shrimp. That is, it is a native species of India and it is the most important seafood item in the world.
- It is undeniably true that shrimp is the economic engine of India's seafood exports.
- It contributes Rs 40,000 crore to the national income, which is equivalent to 75 percent of the value of seafood exports by India.
- The Shrimp industry in India contributes to about 11 percent of the global production of Shrimp.