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**Blue Army Initiative****Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. The rights of seafarers, owners of ships and operating companies will be protected under this initiative.
2. The objective of this initiative is to provide a national platform to the government, private organizations, agencies and efforts to bring about a qualitative change in the lives of local and international non-sea and marine workers.
3. The United Arab Emirates is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest Global Maritime Hub in the world.

**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:-** “Supporting Our Blue Army Initiative” has been launched by the UAE Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure which aims to enhance the quality of life of its marine crews, seafarers.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- The rights of seafarers, owners of ships and operating companies will be protected under this initiative.
- The UAE has taken up this initiative with a view to strengthen its shipping industry.
- The goal of this initiative is to provide a national platform to government private organizations, agencies and to develop such partnerships between local and international NGOs. So that efforts can be made to bring about a qualitative change in the lives of seafarers and seafarers.
- The United Arab Emirates is a logistics hub that links global shipping lines. More than 21 thousand sea vessels arrive at its ports every year.

- According to the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, more than 20 thousand local and international marine companies operate in the company.
- The United Arab Emirates is the world's 9<sup>th</sup> largest global maritime hub, and has assisted over 2 lakh 14 thousand seafarers in the wake of the COVID pandemic.

### Dhangar Community

**Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. One of the main folk dances of Goa is Dhangar dance, and the women of Dhangar caste of Goa & Maharashtra also perform Fugdi dance.
2. The Dhangar caste was included in the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by the then President on 14 November 1952.
3. Dhangar is a caste, which resides in the Indian states of Goa, Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and other states.

**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:-**The Dhangar community in Goa has consistently refused to consider itself a separate tribal community of the schedule tribes .

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- These are also called Gouli Dhangar in Goa. The Dhangar community has had to be displaced in recent times in the vicinity of Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary and Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary in Goa.
- One of the main folk dances of Goa is Dhangar dance, and the women of Dhangar caste of Goa & Maharashtra also perform Fugdi dance.

- Dhangar is a caste, which resides in the Indian states of Goa, Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and other states.
- The Dhangar caste was included in the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by the then President on 14 November 1952. But even after independence, this caste has not been able to get the certificate of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe.
- The population of Dhangar community living in the same state is 9 percent of the total population of the state.
- The Dhangars are a predominantly sheep and goat herding community, living in western Maharashtra, and Marathwada.
- Queen Ahilyabai-Holkar who was born in Dhangar community, is worshiped by people of all religions.
- In Maharashtra also Dhangar community has been asking for Schedule Caste status for itself for years, but at present it has been placed in the list of Vimukta Jati and Nomadic Tribes in Maharashtra.

**PM DAKSH Portal and App**

**Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. Portal and App have been developed to make skill development schemes accessible to target groups of Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Safai Karamcharis.
2. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment from the year 2020-21.
3. Youth from the target groups will be able to easily avail skill development training programmes.

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

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

**Answer:- (D) All of the above**

**Role:-** The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in collaboration with the National e-Governance Division (NeGD) has developed PM DAKSH Portal and PM-DAKSH Mobile App.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- It will be implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment from the year 2020-21.
- The portal and app have been developed to make skill development schemes accessible to the target groups of Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Safai Karamcharis.
- Skill development training programs are being imparted to the target groups along with up-skilling/re-skilling short term programs etc.
- It was created in 2009 by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- It is implementing several e-governance projects and initiatives at the central and state level.
- It will be formed as an independent business division under Digital India Corporation.
- NeGD has been playing an important role in supporting the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in the management and implementation of the programme.

