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North Stream Gas Pipeline

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. The NS2 gas pipeline project was agreed between Germany and Russia in 2015.
2. This 1200 km long, \$ 11 billion investment gas pipeline has the capacity to supply 55 billion cubic meters of gas per year.

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

- (A) Only 01 (B) Only 02
(C) 01 or 02 (D) all of the above

Answer:- (D) All of the above

Role:- Recently the construction work of NS2 gas pipeline passing through Baltic Sea between Russia and Germany has been completed.

Exam Useful Points:-

- This 1200 km long, \$11 billion investment gas pipeline has the capacity to supply 55 billion cubic meters of gas per year.
- The project is economically and strategically important to Russia as Western Europe, a region dominated by the US, is seen by Russia as an extension of its influence in these regions. Other European countries including Germany will be able to ensure energy security.
- US has been opposing this gas project since its inception.
- TAPI gas pipeline project is proposed between Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.
- Through this project, 3.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas will be supplied annually to the four countries.
- The project is being financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Price Stabilization Fund

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. Established in the year 2014-15, PSF is a fund designed to address extreme volatility in select commodity(s) prices.

2. The buffer of Onion is maintained by the Department of Consumer Affairs under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) for the purpose of effective market intervention to maintain the softness in prices.
3. On 1 April 2016, the scheme was transferred from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

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:- According to the information given by the government recently, the prices of onions, tomatoes and potatoes in the country are lower than last year.

Exam Useful Points:-

- Onion buffer is maintained by the Department of Consumer Affairs under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) with the objective of effective market intervention to keep the prices soft.
- Established in the year 2014-15, PSF is a fund designed to address extreme volatility in selected commodity(s) prices.
- The fourth scheme provides interest freebies to the State Governments/Union Territories (UTs) and Central Agencies to finance their working capital and other expenses.
- On 1 April 2016, the scheme was transferred from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- Control of the Corpus Fund, the Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) regulates the 'Price Stabilization Fund' as a central corpus fund.
- The utilization of the amount available in the fund is usually high. This is done for activities aimed at bringing down / bringing down prices.

One Health Consortium

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. The program envisages monitoring of significant infections caused by bacterial viruses and parasites from one species to another on a map of India including the North-East of the country.
2. India's 'One Health' Vision is designed out of an agreement between the 'Tripartite-plus Alliance' to contribute to the very important goal of 'One World One Health'.
3. The One Health Consortium comprises 27 organizations led by DBT-National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad.

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

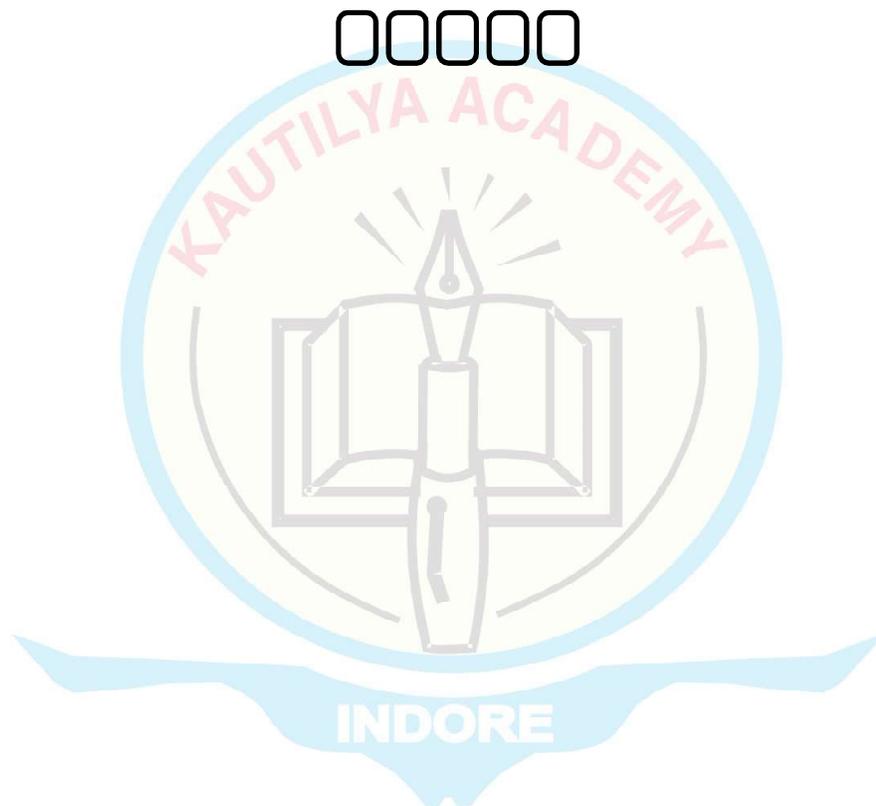
Answer:- (D) All of the above

Role:- Recently a One Health Consortium has been started by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. This is the first One Health Project of DBT.

Exam Useful Points:-

- The stance of India's 'One Health' Vision has been drawn from an agreement between the 'Tripartite-plus Alliance' to contribute to the very important goal of 'One World One Health'.
- The alliance includes the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations; the World Animal Health Organization (OIE); the World Health Organization (WHO); and the United Nations Environment Program, a global initiative supported by the United Nations Children's Fund, and the World Bank.
- The program envisages monitoring of significant infections caused by bacterial viruses and parasites that transmit species to species in India, including the north-eastern part of the country.

- The project also envisages the use of existing diagnostic tests and the development of additional methodologies to understand the prevalence of emerging diseases.
- The 'One Health Consortium' comprises 21 organizations led by DBT-National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad.
- As well as being a public health problem, several major zoonotic diseases also affect adequate production of animal-based foods.



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