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**Birth and Death Registration Act****Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. Presently the registration of births and deaths is done by the local registrars appointed by the states.
2. Birth certificate is the child's first right, and it is the first step towards establishing his/her identity. The following mandatory uses of birth and death certificates have come: as proof of age, for employment, for admission to schools, etc.
3. Amendment proposed by the center :- It is proposed that the Chief Registrars (appointed by the states) shall maintain a unified database at the state level and integrate it with the data at the national level maintained by the Registrar General of India (RGI).

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

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

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

**Role:-** The Center has proposed amendments to the Birth and Death Registration Act 1969, which will enable it to maintain a database of registered births and deaths at the national level.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- In the amendment proposed by the Central Government, it is proposed that the Chief Registrar shall maintain a unified database at the state level and integrate it with the data at the national level maintained by the Registrar General of India.
- Registrar General of India to the Special Sub-Registrar with any or all of his powers and duties in the event of disaster for the registration of deaths and as may be prescribed, to issue his citations.
- The following are the mandatory uses of birth and death certificates, proof of age at the time of marriage, as proof of age for employment, for admission in schools, etc.

- The database can be used to update the Population Register and Electoral Register and Aadhar, Rashan Card, Passport and Driving License database.
- Presently the registration of births and deaths is done by the local registrars appointed by the states.

### Asian Development Bank

**Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. Vaccines will be procured and procured by the Government of India through a competition process and ADB will administer the procurement mechanism and implement it under ADB's APVAX or Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility Mechanism.
2. The Bank will accept members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and non-regional developed countries.
3. Asian Development Bank is a regional development bank, established on 19 December 1966. It is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.

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

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

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

**Role:-**Applied for loan from Government of India, Asian Development Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank to purchase as many as 667 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- Asian Development Bank (ADB):- It is a regional development bank. It was established on 19 December 1966.
- The Bank accepts members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and non-regional developed countries.

- ADB now has 68 members, 49 of whom are from within Asia.
- The vaccines will be procured by the Government of India through a competitive process and will be administered by ADB Procurement Mechanism and will be implemented under ADB's APVAX or Asia-Pacific Vaccine Access Facility Mechanism.
- Inclusive Economic Growth Dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through environmentally sustainable development and regional integration.
- Voting Rights It is closely modeled on the World Bank, and has the Indian voting system, where votes are distributed in proportion to the members' capital.

### **Pegasus Snooping Case**

**Question: Consider the following statements:**

1. It is a spyware tool developed by an Israeli firm, NSO Group. Spyware spying on people through their phones.
2. The continued use of spyware Pegasus that an Israeli company sells to government around the world has been confirmed with a recent report. The Pegasus of the phones it targets has apparently been updated, and now comes with new monitoring capabilities.
3. The issue is, therefore, about the misuse or possible misuse of spyware by infringement of rights.

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

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

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

**Role:-** Recently the Supreme Court has ruled that every citizen of India should have the right to privacy. The Supreme Court has appointed an expert technical committee under the supervision of former Supreme Court judge RV Raveendran to investigate the accused. This committee

will investigate whether the centers used the Israeli software Pegasus to spy on civilians.

**Exam Useful Points:-**

- The continued use of spyware Pegasus that an Israeli company sells to governments around the world has been confirmed with recent reports.
- Pegasus is a spyware tool developed by an Israeli firm, NSO Group. Spyware spying on people through their phones.
- Pegasus works by sending an exploit link that, if the target user clicks on the link, installs malware or code allowing surveillance on the user's phone.
- Once Pegasus is installed, the attacker has full access to the target user's phone.
- The point is, that the complaint of the petitioners is about the misuse or possible misuse of spyware in violation of the right to privacy of the citizen.
- Like the phones it targets, Pegasus has apparently been updated, and now comes with new monitoring capabilities.
- Pegasus the popular mobile messaging app Password can back a target's private data, including contact lists, calendar events, text messages and live voice calls.
- The target's phone camera and microphone are turned on to capture all movement around the phone, expanding the range of surveillance.

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