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1. CCI APPROVES ADANI POWER'S ACQUISITION OF GVK ENERGY LTD



Fair Competition
For Greater Good

- I. Adani Power Limited will acquire complete ownership of:
 - A. GVK Energy Limited
- II. The acquisition received approval from:
 - A. Competition Commission of India under competition law provisions
- III. Objectives:
 - A. Strengthen operational capacity in the power sector
 - B. Improve efficiency and asset utilization
- IV. Significance:
 - A. Reflects increasing consolidation in infrastructure and energy sectors
 - B. May enhance generation and distribution capabilities

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Competition Commission of India (CCI)

- I. Competition Commission of India:
 - A. Statutory body established under the Competition Act, 2002
- II. Functions:
 - A. Prevent anti-competitive practices
 - B. Regulate mergers and acquisitions
 - C. Promote fair competition

Adani Power Limited

- I. Adani Power Limited:
 - A. Major private thermal power producer in India

GVK Energy Limited

- I. GVK Energy Limited:
 - A. Involved in power and infrastructure projects

Importance of Mergers & Acquisitions

- I. Can lead to:
 - A. Better economies of scale
 - B. Increased efficiency
 - C. Sectoral restructuring
- II. Subject to regulatory scrutiny to:
 - A. Prevent monopolistic practices

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Regulator:** CCI.
- **Acquirer:** Adani Power Ltd.
- **Target company:** GVK Energy Ltd.
- **Sector:** Power and infrastructure.
- **Type:** 100% acquisition.
- **Impact:** Industry consolidation.
- **Way Forward:** Ensure fair competition and efficient energy growth.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **CCI:** Competition regulator
- **Law:** Competition Act, 2002
- **Sector:** Power
- **Company:** Adani Power
- **Concept:** Merger & acquisition
- **Goal:** Fair competition
- **Impact:** Infrastructure consolidation

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Consider the following statements:

1. The Competition Commission of India regulates mergers and acquisitions.
2. CCI was established under the Competition Act, 2002.
3. Mergers and acquisitions are never examined for anti-competitive concerns.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

2.PRESS RELEASE OF CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) ON BASE 2024=100 FOR APRIL 2026



- I. CPI tracks:
 - A. Changes in prices of goods and services consumed by households
- II. Base year revised to:
 - A. **2024=100** for improved representation of current consumption patterns
- III. The index is important for:
 - A. Inflation monitoring
 - B. Monetary policy decisions
 - C. Wage and allowance revisions
- IV. Categories covered include:
 - A. Food and beverages
 - B. Housing
 - C. Clothing
 - D. Fuel and light
 - E. Miscellaneous services
- V. The release helps policymakers:
 - A. Assess inflationary trends and purchasing power

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

- I. Measures:
 - A. Average change in retail prices over time
- II. Used as:
 - A. Main indicator of retail inflation in India

Base Year Revision

- I. Base year periodically revised to:
 - A. Reflect changing consumption behavior
 - B. Improve statistical accuracy
- II. New base:
 - A. 2024=100

Agencies Involved

- I. Released by:
 - A. National Statistical Office (NSO)
- II. Under:
 - A. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Importance of CPI

- I. Used by:
 - A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for inflation targeting
- II. Influences:
 - A. Interest rates
 - B. Economic policy decisions

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Indicator:** CPI.
- **Base year:** 2024=100.
- **Month released:** April 2026.
- **Purpose:** Measure retail inflation.
- **Agency:** NSO.
- **Policy relevance:** RBI monetary policy.
- **Way Forward:** Improve inflation monitoring and economic planning.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **CPI:** Retail inflation indicator
- **Base year:** 2024=100
- **Agency:** NSO
- **Policy institution:** RBI
- **Concept:** Inflation targeting
- **Measures:** Consumer prices
- **Importance:** Monetary policy

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. CPI measures changes in retail prices faced by consumers.
2. RBI uses CPI data for inflation targeting.
3. Revising the CPI base year helps reflect current consumption patterns.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 only

Answer: (a)

3. FIRST CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR SEYCHELLES CIVIL SERVANTS COMMENCES AT NCGG, MUSSOORIE



- I. The programme is designed for:
 - A. Capacity enhancement of Seychelles civil servants
- II. Key focus areas:
 - A. Good governance
 - B. Public administration
 - C. Digital governance
 - D. Policy implementation
- III. Objectives:
 - A. Share India's governance best practices
 - B. Strengthen institutional and administrative capabilities
- IV. Significance:
 - A. Enhances bilateral cooperation between India and Seychelles
 - B. Promotes knowledge exchange in governance reforms
- V. Overall, the initiative strengthens India's role in international capacity-building partnerships.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)

- I. National Centre for Good Governance:
 - A. Autonomous institution under the Government of India
- II. Focuses on:
 - A. Governance reforms
 - B. Administrative capacity building
 - C. Public policy training

India–Seychelles Relations

- I. Cooperation areas include:
 - A. Maritime security
 - B. Development partnership
 - C. Capacity building
- II. Seychelles is strategically important in:
 - A. Indian Ocean Region (IOR)

Importance of Capacity Building

- I. Helps improve:
 - A. Administrative efficiency
 - B. Public service delivery
 - C. Institutional governance

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Programme:** Capacity Building Programme.
- **Participants:** Civil servants of Seychelles.
- **Institution:** NCGG.
- **Location:** Mussoorie.
- **Focus:** Good governance and administration.
- **Impact:** Strengthened bilateral cooperation.
- **Way Forward:** Expand international governance partnerships.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **NCGG:** Governance training institution
- **Location:** Mussoorie
- **Country involved:** Seychelles
- **Focus:** Capacity building
- **Region:** Indian Ocean
- **Concept:** Good governance
- **Goal:** Administrative reforms

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. NC GG is associated with governance and administrative training.
2. Seychelles is located in the Indian Ocean region.
3. Capacity-building programmes weaken institutional governance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

4.MINISTRY OF MINES LAUNCHES 2nd TRANCHE OF LIMESTONE BLOCK AUCTIONS IN JAMMU & KASHMIR



- I. Limestone blocks are being auctioned for:
 - A. Scientific and commercial mineral extraction
- II. Objectives:
 - A. Promote investment in mining sector
 - B. Support cement and infrastructure industries
 - C. Generate employment and regional development
- III. Importance of limestone:
 - A. Key raw material for cement production
- IV. Significance:
 - A. Encourages transparent mineral allocation through auctions
 - B. Strengthens mineral-based economic growth in Jammu & Kashmir
- V. Overall, supports India's push for:
 - A. Resource utilization
 - B. Industrialization
 - C. Self-reliance in mineral resources

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Limestone

- I. Sedimentary rock rich in:
 - A. Calcium carbonate
- II. Used in:
 - A. Cement industry
 - B. Steel production
 - C. Construction

Mineral Auctions in India

- I. Conducted under:
 - A. Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act (MMDR Act)
- II. Aim:
 - A. Ensure transparency and efficient resource allocation

Jammu & Kashmir's Mineral Potential

- I. Rich in:
 - A. Limestone
 - B. Sapphire
 - C. Gypsum
 - D. Marble
- II. Mining development can:
 - A. Boost local economy and infrastructure

Importance of Mining Sector

- I. Contributes to:
 - A. Industrial growth
 - B. Employment generation
 - C. Infrastructure development

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Mines.

- **Resource:** Limestone.
- **Location:** Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.
- **Process:** 2nd tranche of auctions.
- **Sector:** Mining and infrastructure.
- **Impact:** Industrial and regional development.
- **Way Forward:** Sustainable and transparent mineral exploitation.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Mineral:** Limestone
- **Use:** Cement production
- **Law:** MMDR Act
- **Region:** Jammu & Kashmir
- **Method:** Mineral auctions
- **Goal:** Industrial growth
- **Approach:** Transparent allocation

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Limestone is an important raw material for the cement industry.
2. Mineral block auctions in India are conducted to improve transparency in allocation.
3. Jammu & Kashmir has no significant mineral resources.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

5.INDIA & IFAD LAUNCH NEW COSOP (2026–2033) TO STRENGTHEN RURAL ECONOMY



Investing in rural people

- I. Duration:
 - A. Eight years (2026–2033)
- II. Focus areas:
 - A. Rural livelihoods
 - B. Agricultural productivity
 - C. Climate resilience
 - D. Women and youth empowerment
- III. Objectives:
 - A. Enhance income opportunities in rural areas
 - B. Promote sustainable agriculture and inclusive growth
 - C. Improve resilience of vulnerable communities
- IV. Key beneficiaries:
 - A. Small and marginal farmers
 - B. Rural women
 - C. Farmer producer organizations and self-help groups
- V. Significance:
 - A. Supports poverty reduction and rural transformation
 - B. Aligns with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

IFAD

- I. International Fund for Agricultural Development:
 - A. Specialized UN agency focused on rural poverty reduction
- II. Works in:
 - A. Agricultural development and rural finance

COSOP

- I. Country-level strategic framework between:
 - A. IFAD and partner country governments
- II. Defines:
 - A. Development priorities and cooperation areas

Importance of Rural Economy

- I. Rural India supports:
 - A. Agriculture
 - B. Food security
 - C. Employment generation
- II. Challenges include:
 - A. Climate vulnerability
 - B. Low incomes
 - C. Infrastructure gaps

Sustainable Rural Development

- I. Focuses on:
 - A. Inclusive growth
 - B. Natural resource management
 - C. Financial inclusion

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Programme:** COSOP 2026–2033.
- **Partners:** India and IFAD.
- **Focus:** Rural development and livelihoods.
- **Beneficiaries:** Farmers and rural communities.
- **Themes:** Climate resilience and inclusion.
- **Impact:** Poverty reduction and economic empowerment.
- **Way Forward:** Sustainable and inclusive rural transformation.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **IFAD:** UN rural development agency
- **COSOP:** Country strategy framework
- **Focus:** Rural economy
- **Beneficiaries:** Small farmers
- **Theme:** Climate resilience
- **Goal:** Poverty reduction
- **Approach:** Inclusive development

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MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. IFAD is a United Nations agency focused on rural development.
2. COSOP is a strategic cooperation framework between IFAD and partner countries.
3. Climate resilience is unrelated to rural development planning.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?