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I. NATIONAL AGRICULTURE MARKET (e-NAM): DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETS



- e-NAM is an online platform integrating **APMC mandis across states into a unified national market.**
- Enables farmers to **sell produce beyond local mandis**, improving price realization.
- Promotes **transparent auctioning and real-time price discovery.**
- Reduces the role of intermediaries, enhancing **farmer income and efficiency.**
- Supports **inter-state trade and better supply chain integration.**
- Aligns with Digital India and agricultural modernization goals.
- Overall, strengthens **market-led agricultural growth and governance reforms.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

e-NAM Platform

- I. National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) launched in **2016.**
- II. Implemented by:
 - A. Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC)
- III. Objective:
 - A. Create a unified national agricultural market

APMC Mandis

- I. Regulated markets under state laws.
- II. Farmers traditionally sell produce via:
 - A. Commission agents
- III. Issues:
 - A. Fragmentation
 - B. Limited competition

Key Features of e-NAM

- Electronic bidding
- Quality assaying
- Online payment
- Integration of mandis

Policy Linkages

- I. Supports:
 - A. Agricultural market reforms
 - B. Doubling farmers' income
- II. Complementary to:
 - A. Digital Agriculture Mission

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Digital Platform:** Online trading of agricultural commodities.

- **Market Integration:** Links APMC mandis across states.
- **Farmer Benefit:** Better price discovery and reduced intermediaries.
- **Transparency:** Real-time auctions and payments.
- **Trade Efficiency:** Promotes inter-state agricultural trade.
- **Challenges:** Digital literacy, infrastructure gaps, and state-level reforms.
- **Way Forward:** Expand mandi integration, improve logistics, and enhance farmer awareness.

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.CPI (BASE 2024=100) – MARCH 2026: RETAIL INFLATION TRENDS RELEASED



National Statistical Office

- CPI indicates the **average change in prices of goods and services consumed by households.**
- The revised base year **2024=100** reflects updated consumption patterns and improves accuracy.
- Inflation trends directly influence **monetary policy decisions by RBI.**
- Food inflation remains a **key driver of overall CPI fluctuations.**
- Impacts **household purchasing power, savings, and consumption behavior.**
- Plays a crucial role in **fiscal planning, subsidies, and welfare schemes.**
- Overall, CPI is central to assessing **macroeconomic stability and inflation management.**

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **e-NAM Launch Year:** 2016
- **Implementing Agency:** SFAC
- **Type:** Online agricultural trading platform
- **APMC:** Regulated agricultural markets
- **Key Feature:** Electronic bidding and payment
- **Goal:** Unified national market
- **Benefit:** Better price realization for farmers

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. e-NAM integrates APMC mandis into a unified national agricultural market.
2. e-NAM is implemented by the Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium.
3. e-NAM eliminates the need for any physical mandi infrastructure.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

- I. Measures:
 - A. Retail inflation at the consumer level
- II. Categories:
 - A. CPI (Rural)
 - B. CPI (Urban)
 - C. CPI (Combined)

Base Year Revision

- I. Updated periodically to:
 - A. Reflect current consumption basket
 - B. Improve statistical accuracy
- II. Current base:
 - A. **2024 = 100**

Institutional Framework

- I. Compiled by:
 - A. National Statistical Office
- II. Used by:
 - A. Reserve Bank of India for inflation targeting

Inflation Targeting

- I. RBI follows:
 - A. **Flexible Inflation Targeting Framework**
- II. Target:
 - A. **4% ± 2% band**

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Inflation Measure:** CPI tracks retail price changes.
- **Updated Base:** 2024 base improves relevance and accuracy.
- **Policy Tool:** Guides RBI's interest rate decisions.
- **Household Impact:** Reflects cost of living and purchasing power.
- **Economic Indicator:** Influences growth, investment, and consumption.
- **Challenges:** Food and fuel price volatility.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen supply chains and stabilize inflation expectations.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **CPI:** Retail inflation indicator
- **Base Year:** 2024 = 100
- **Compiled by:** National Statistical Office (NSO)
- **RBI Target:** 4% ± 2%
- **Types:** Rural, Urban, Combined
- **Major Components:** Food, fuel, housing, core
- **Use:** Monetary policy & economic planning

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Consumer Price Index measures retail inflation in an economy.
2. CPI is compiled by the National Statistical Office.

3. The Reserve Bank of India uses CPI as a key indicator for inflation targeting.

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.ANRF'S 'SARAL AI': SIMPLIFYING SCIENCE COMMUNICATION THROUGH MULTILINGUAL AI



- SARAL AI will transform **technical research papers into easy-to-understand content.**
- Focus on dissemination through **social media and digital platforms.**
- Supports accessibility in **multiple Indian languages**, promoting inclusivity.
- Bridges the gap between **scientific research and public understanding.**
- Encourages **science communication and citizen engagement.**
- Aligns with India's push for **AI-driven innovation and knowledge democratization.**

- Overall, enhances **research outreach, policy awareness, and public participation in science.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)

- I. Anusandhan National Research Foundation established to:
 - A. Promote research and innovation
 - B. Strengthen India's scientific ecosystem

SARAL AI Platform

- I. AI-based tool for:
 - A. Simplifying complex academic content
- II. Outputs:
 - A. Short summaries
 - B. Infographics
 - C. Multilingual social media content

Science Communication

- I. Critical for:
 - A. Public awareness
 - B. Policy understanding
- II. Challenges:
 - A. Technical complexity
 - B. Language barriers

Digital & AI Ecosystem

- I. Supports:
 - A. Digital India
 - B. AI innovation ecosystem

- II. Encourages:
- A. Wider knowledge dissemination

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Innovation Tool:** SARAL AI simplifies research publications.
- **Multilingual Access:** Content available in various Indian languages.
- **Public Engagement:** Enhances science communication.
- **Digital Outreach:** Uses social media platforms for dissemination.
- **Research Impact:** Improves visibility and accessibility of research.
- **Challenges:** Accuracy, contextual interpretation, and bias in AI outputs.
- **Way Forward:** Ensure validation mechanisms and expand AI capabilities.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **ANRF:** Apex body for research and innovation
- **SARAL AI:** AI-based science communication platform
- **Objective:** Simplify research into accessible formats
- **Medium:** Social media and digital platforms
- **Key Feature:** Multilingual output
- **Challenge:** AI bias and accuracy
- **Goal:** Democratization of knowledge

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. SARAL AI aims to simplify complex research publications into accessible formats.
2. ANRF is responsible for promoting research and innovation in India.
3. SARAL AI is designed only for English-language content.

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.LABOUR MINISTRY PARTNERS WITH PORTER & GIGIN TO BOOST JOB LINKAGES VIA NCS PORTAL



- The MoUs aim to integrate private job platforms with the **NCS portal** for wider job access.

- Enhances employment opportunities in **gig economy and last-mile logistics services**.
- Facilitates **real-time job matching between employers and job seekers**.
- Supports formalization and visibility of **informal and gig workforce**.
- Strengthens government efforts toward **employment generation and digital labour markets**.
- Promotes **public-private collaboration in employment services**.
- Overall, reflects a shift towards **technology-driven labour market integration and inclusive employment**.

- A. Logistics
- B. Delivery services
- C. Platform-based work

Private Partners

- I. Porter:
 - A. Provides on-demand logistics services
- II. Gigin Technologies:
 - A. Focuses on gig and blue-collar jobs

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Public-Private Partnership:** Collaboration with private job platforms.
- **Employment Boost:** Expands opportunities in gig and logistics sectors.
- **Digital Integration:** Strengthens NCS portal capabilities.
- **Labour Market Efficiency:** Real-time job matching.
- **Inclusivity:** Supports informal and gig workforce.
- **Challenges:** Job security, social protection, and regulation of gig work.
- **Way Forward:** Develop labour codes and social security frameworks for gig workers.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

National Career Service (NCS) Portal

- I. National Career Service Portal is a digital platform for:
 - A. Job matching
 - B. Career counseling
- II. Connects:
 - A. Job seekers and employers

Ministry of Labour & Employment

- I. Ministry of Labour & Employment responsible for:
 - A. Labour welfare
 - B. Employment generation policies

Gig Economy

- I. Refers to:
 - A. Short-term, flexible jobs
- II. Sectors include:

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **NCS Portal:** Digital employment platform
- **Ministry:** Labour & Employment
- **Gig Economy:** Short-term, flexible jobs
- **Porter:** Logistics platform

- **Gigin:** Gig job platform
- **Objective:** Job matching and employment generation
- **Concern:** Social security for gig workers

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. National Career Service Portal connects job seekers with employers.
2. Gig economy refers to long-term permanent employment contracts.
3. The Ministry of Labour & Employment is responsible for employment policies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

5.NCC LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE CYBER SECURITY PROGRAMME: BUILDING DIGITAL DEFENDERS AMONG YOUTH



- The programme aims to equip NCC cadets with **fundamental and advanced cyber security skills**.
- Focus areas include **cyber hygiene, threat awareness, and safe digital practices**.
- Encourages youth participation in **national cyber security efforts**.
- Supports India's push toward a **secure digital ecosystem and cyber resilience**.
- Enhances employability and skills in **emerging technology domains**.
- Aligns with broader initiatives on **Digital India and cyber awareness**.
- Overall, strengthens **human resource capacity in cyber security and national preparedness**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

- I. National Cadet Corps is a youth development organization under the Ministry of Defence.
- II. Objectives:
 - A. Discipline
 - B. Leadership
 - C. Nation-building

Cyber Security in India

- I. Increasing dependence on:
 - A. Digital platforms
- II. Threats include:
 - A. Cyber attacks
 - B. Data breaches
 - C. Phishing and malware

Need for Capacity Building

- I. Growing cyber threats require:
 - A. Skilled workforce
 - B. Public awareness
- II. Youth play a key role in:
 - A. Digital safety and innovation

Policy Linkages

- I. **Digital India Programme**
- II. National Cyber Security Policy (2013)
- III. Focus on:
 - A. Cyber resilience and awareness

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Skill Development:** Training NCC cadets in cyber security.

- **Digital Awareness:** Promotes safe online practices.
- **Youth Empowerment:** Builds future cyber professionals.
- **National Security:** Strengthens cyber resilience.
- **Policy Alignment:** Supports Digital India initiatives.
- **Challenges:** Rapidly evolving cyber threats and skill gaps.
- **Way Forward:** Continuous training and integration with formal education.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **NCC:** Youth organization under Ministry of Defence
- **Cyber Security:** Protection of digital systems and data
- **Digital India:** Initiative for digital transformation
- **Threats:** Phishing, malware, hacking
- **Policy:** National Cyber Security Policy (2013)
- **Focus:** Awareness and capacity building
- **Goal:** Cyber resilience

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. The National Cadet Corps functions under the Ministry of Defence.
2. Cyber security capacity building involves training individuals in digital safety and threat management.
3. The National Cyber Security Policy of India was introduced in 2003.

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)