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1.COMMERCE MINISTRY LAUNCHES NEW INTEGRATED WEBSITE: BOOST TO DIGITAL GOVERNANCE & TRADE FACILITATION



- The integrated website consolidates multiple **trade-related services and information portals**.
- Provides a **single-window access** for exporters, businesses, and stakeholders.
- Enhances **ease of doing business and trade facilitation**.
- Improves transparency, accessibility, and **real-time information dissemination**.
- Supports India's push towards **Digital India and e-governance reforms**.
- Facilitates better coordination between **government and industry stakeholders**.
- Overall, strengthens **institutional efficiency and digital public service delivery**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Department of Commerce

- I. Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- II. Responsible for:
 - A. Formulation of foreign trade policy
 - B. Promotion of exports

Digital Governance

- I. Use of digital platforms to:
 - A. Improve service delivery
 - B. Enhance transparency
- II. Key initiatives:
 - A. Digital India
 - B. e-Governance

Trade Facilitation

- I. Simplifies procedures for:
 - A. Exporters and importers
- II. Reduces:
 - A. Transaction costs
 - B. Time delays

Ease of Doing Business

- I. Focus on:
 - A. Regulatory simplification
 - B. Digital access to services

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Single-Window Platform:** Integrated access to trade services.
- **User-Friendly Interface:** Improved navigation and accessibility.

- **Transparency:** Real-time information availability.
- **Trade Promotion:** Supports exporters and businesses.
- **Digital Governance:** Strengthens e-governance initiatives.
- **Challenges:** Digital divide and awareness gaps.
- **Way Forward:** Continuous updates and stakeholder engagement.

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

Answer: (a)

2.IOS SAGAR SHIP ARRIVES AT PHUKET: INDIA STRENGTHENS MARITIME OUTREACH IN ASEAN REGION



PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Ministry:** Commerce and Industry
- **Department:** Commerce
- **Function:** Foreign trade policy and export promotion
- **Concept:** Trade facilitation
- **Initiative:** Digital governance
- **Benefit:** Ease of doing business
- **Tool:** Integrated website

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. The Department of Commerce is responsible for foreign trade policy in India.
2. Integrated digital platforms improve ease of doing business.
3. Trade facilitation increases transaction costs for exporters.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 only

- The visit underscores India's commitment to **regional maritime cooperation and security**.
- Enhances **defence diplomacy and interoperability** with ASEAN countries.
- Promotes collaboration in **maritime safety, training, and humanitarian assistance**.
- Reflects India's **Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific vision**.
- Facilitates goodwill and people-to-people contact through port visits.
- Strengthens India's presence in the **strategically important Indo-Pacific region**.
- Overall, highlights India's proactive role in **ensuring a free, open, and secure maritime domain**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR

- I. Deployed for:
 - A. Maritime cooperation
 - B. Training and outreach missions
- II. Part of India's naval diplomacy initiatives

India–Thailand Relations

- I. Based on:
 - A. Historical, cultural, and strategic ties
- II. Cooperation areas:
 - A. Defence
 - B. Trade
 - C. Maritime security

Indo–Pacific Strategy

- I. Focus on:
 - A. Free, open, and inclusive region
- II. Promotes:
 - A. Rule-based maritime order

Act East Policy

- I. Aims to:
 - A. Strengthen engagement with Southeast Asia
- II. Enhances:
 - A. Strategic and economic partnerships

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Naval Diplomacy:** Strengthens India–Thailand maritime relations.
- **Regional Security:** Enhances cooperation in the Indo–Pacific.
- **Strategic Presence:** Expands India's outreach in the ASEAN region.
- **Training & Cooperation:** Focus on joint activities and capacity building.
- **Policy Alignment:** Supports Act East Policy.
- **Challenges:** Regional geopolitical tensions and maritime disputes.
- **Way Forward:** Increase joint exercises and multilateral cooperation.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Indian Navy:** Maritime defence force
- **Phuket:** Located in Thailand
- **Act East Policy:** Engagement with Southeast Asia
- **Indo–Pacific:** Strategic maritime region
- **Objective:** Maritime security and cooperation
- **Concept:** Naval diplomacy
- **Focus:** Free and open seas

PadhAI–GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Act East Policy focuses on strengthening India's engagement with Southeast Asia.
2. Indo–Pacific strategy emphasizes a free and open maritime region.

3. Phuket is located in Indonesia.

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)

3.LIC LAUNCHES 'MYLIC' & 'SUPER SALES SAATHI' APPS: BOOST TO DIGITAL INSURANCE ECOSYSTEM



- 'MyLIC' app enables customers to **manage policies, pay premiums, and access services digitally.**
- 'Super Sales Saathi' is designed for **LIC agents to improve sales and customer engagement.**
- Enhances **ease of access, transparency, and service delivery** in insurance.
- Promotes **paperless transactions and digital inclusion.**
- Supports India's broader push toward **Digital India and fintech adoption.**
- Strengthens LIC's outreach and operational efficiency in a competitive market.

- Overall, reflects a shift toward **technology-driven, customer-centric financial services.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)

- I. Life Insurance Corporation of India is India's largest life insurance company.
- II. Established in:
 - A. 1956
- III. Provides:
 - A. Life insurance and financial products

Digital Transformation in Insurance

- I. Shift toward:
 - A. Online platforms and mobile apps
- II. Benefits:
 - A. Convenience
 - B. Faster service delivery
 - C. Reduced paperwork

Fintech Ecosystem

- I. Integration of:
 - A. Finance and technology
- II. Supports:
 - A. Financial inclusion
 - B. Digital payments

Policy Context

- I. Aligns with:
 - A. Digital India initiative
- II. Encourages:

- A. Cashless and paperless services

2. 'MyLIC' application is designed for policyholders to manage their insurance services.
3. 'Super Sales Saathi' is meant exclusively for customers to pay premiums.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Customer App ('MyLIC'):** Policy management and premium payments.
- **Agent App ('Super Sales Saathi'):** Sales support and customer engagement.
- **Digital Access:** Enhances service delivery and transparency.
- **Financial Inclusion:** Expands reach of insurance services.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Streamlines processes for LIC.
- **Challenges:** Digital literacy and cybersecurity risks.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen digital infrastructure and user 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)

4.HOUSELISTING & HOUSING CENSUS PHASE BEGINS: FIRST STEP TOWARDS INDIA'S POPULATION CENSUS

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **LIC:** Established in 1956
- **Sector:** Life insurance
- **Apps:** MyLIC (customer), Super Sales Saathi (agents)
- **Concept:** Fintech
- **Initiative:** Digital India
- **Benefit:** Paperless transactions
- **Focus:** Customer-centric services



PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Life Insurance Corporation of India was established in 1956.

- The houselisting phase collects data on **housing conditions, assets, and amenities.**
- Covers selected regions including **Andaman & Nicobar, Goa, Karnataka, Odisha, and Delhi areas.**
- Serves as a precursor to the **Population Enumeration phase.**

- Data aids in planning for **housing, infrastructure, and welfare schemes**.
- Supports targeted delivery of **government services and socio-economic policies**.
- Ensures updated and reliable **demographic and housing data**.
- Overall, strengthens evidence-based governance and **development planning**.

A. Ministry of Home Affairs

Importance of Houselisting

- I. Provides baseline for:
 - A. Urban planning
 - B. Welfare targeting
- II. Supports:
 - A. Schemes like housing, sanitation, electrification

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Census in India

- I. Conducted under:
 - A. **Census Act, 1948**
- II. Carried out every:
 - A. 10 years
- III. Last Census:
 - A. 2011

Two Phases of Census

- I. **Houselisting & Housing Census**
 - A. Data on:
 1. Housing stock
 2. Amenities (water, sanitation, electricity)
- II. **Population Enumeration**
 - A. Data on:
 1. Demographics
 2. Socio-economic characteristics

Institutional Framework

- I. Conducted by:
 - A. Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner
- II. Under:

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Census Phase:** Houselisting marks the first stage of the census process.
- **Coverage:** Multiple states and UTs included.
- **Data Collection:** Housing conditions and amenities.
- **Policy Utility:** Aids infrastructure and welfare planning.
- **Governance Tool:** Enables evidence-based decision-making.
- **Challenges:** Data accuracy, logistics, and manpower.
- **Way Forward:** Use digital tools and ensure comprehensive coverage.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Census Act:** 1948
- **Frequency:** Every 10 years
- **Last Census:** 2011
- **Phases:** Houselisting & Population Enumeration
- **Authority:** Registrar General & Census Commissioner
- **Data:** Housing, demographics
- **Use:** Policy planning

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Houselisting and Housing Census is the first phase of India's Census.
2. Census in India is conducted under the Census Act, 1948.
3. Population Enumeration phase collects data on housing amenities only.

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.MNRE SHOWCASES INDIA'S HYDROGEN STARTUP ECOSYSTEM: PUSH FOR GREEN HYDROGEN INNOVATION



- The exhibition highlighted emerging **startups working in green hydrogen technologies.**

- Showcased innovations in **production, storage, transport, and utilization of hydrogen.**
- Supports India's transition towards **clean energy and decarbonization.**
- Encourages **private sector participation and investment** in the hydrogen economy.
- Aligns with India's **National Green Hydrogen Mission.**
- Strengthens ecosystem for **energy security and sustainable development.**
- Overall, reflects India's ambition to become a **global hub for green hydrogen.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Green Hydrogen

- I. Hydrogen produced using:
 - A. Renewable energy sources (solar, wind)
- II. Emits:
 - A. Zero carbon emissions
- III. Uses:
 - A. Industry, transport, power

National Green Hydrogen Mission

- I. Launched to:
 - A. Promote hydrogen production and exports
- II. Targets:
 - A. Reduce fossil fuel dependence
 - B. Achieve net-zero goals

Role of MNRE

- I. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy responsible for:
 - A. Renewable energy policies
 - B. Clean energy promotion

Startup Ecosystem

- I. Focus areas:
 - A. Electrolysers
 - B. Storage technologies
 - C. Fuel cells

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Innovation Showcase:** Hydrogen startups and technologies displayed.
- **Clean Energy Transition:** Promotes low-carbon energy solutions.
- **Policy Alignment:** Supports National Green Hydrogen Mission.
- **Economic Opportunity:** Boosts investment and entrepreneurship.
- **Energy Security:** Reduces fossil fuel dependence.
- **Challenges:** High cost, infrastructure gaps, and technology maturity.
- **Way Forward:** Scale up production, reduce costs, and strengthen R&D.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Green Hydrogen:** Produced using renewable energy
- **MNRE:** Nodal ministry for renewable energy
- **Mission:** National Green Hydrogen Mission
- **Use:** Industry, transport, power
- **Technology:** Electrolysers, fuel cells
- **Goal:** Net-zero emissions
- **Challenge:** High production cost

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Green hydrogen is produced using renewable energy sources.
2. The National Green Hydrogen Mission aims to reduce fossil fuel dependence.
3. Hydrogen fuel emits carbon dioxide when used.

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)