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1. INDIA'S SEAFOOD EXPORTS HIT RECORD ₹72,000 CRORE: BLUE ECONOMY GAINS MOMENTUM



- I. India has achieved record seafood exports, reflecting **robust growth in the fisheries sector**.
- II. Major export items include:
 - A. Shrimp (dominant share)
 - B. Fish and other marine products
- III. Key export destinations:
 - A. USA, China, European Union, Japan
- IV. Growth supported by:
 - A. Improved **cold chain infrastructure**
 - B. Quality standards and certification
- V. Enhances **foreign exchange earnings and coastal livelihoods**.
- VI. Strengthens India's position as a **leading global seafood exporter**.
- VII. Overall, contributes to **economic growth, employment, and trade diversification**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Fisheries Sector in India

- I. One of the fastest-growing:
 - A. Agricultural sectors
- II. Provides:
 - A. Livelihood to millions

Blue Economy

- I. Refers to:
 - A. Sustainable use of ocean resources
- II. Includes:
 - A. Fisheries, marine trade, coastal tourism

Institutional Support

- I. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA):
 - A. Promotes seafood exports
- II. Government schemes:
 - A. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

Key Drivers

- Aquaculture expansion
- Technology adoption
- Export-oriented policies

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Record Achievement:** ₹72,000 crore seafood exports.
- **Top Product:** Shrimp dominates exports.
- **Global Markets:** USA, EU, China, Japan.
- **Economic Impact:** Boosts forex earnings and employment.
- **Sector Growth:** Strengthens fisheries and aquaculture.
- **Challenges:** Quality standards, climate risks, disease outbreaks.
- **Way Forward:** Sustainable practices and value addition.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **MPEDA:** Promotes seafood exports
- **PMMSY:** Fisheries development scheme
- **Top Export:** Shrimp
- **Concept:** Blue economy
- **Markets:** USA, EU, China
- **Benefit:** Foreign exchange
- **Goal:** Sustainable fisheries

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Consider the following statements:

1. Marine Products Export Development Authority promotes seafood exports from India.
2. Blue economy refers to sustainable use of ocean resources.
3. India's seafood exports consist only of marine fish.

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. INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT OUTREACH: HIGHLIGHTING KEY FEATURES OF THE NEW INCOME TAX ACT, 2025



- The outreach programme educates stakeholders on **provisions and reforms in the new tax law**.
- Emphasis on **simplification of tax structure and procedures**.
- Promotes **voluntary compliance and ease of filing returns**.
- Introduces clarity in **definitions, dispute resolution, and digital processes**.
- Encourages adoption of **technology-driven tax administration**.

- Enhances **taxpayer services and grievance redressal mechanisms**.
- Overall, aims to build a **modern, transparent, and efficient tax system**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Income Tax Act, 2025

- I. Proposed to replace:
 - A. The Income Tax Act, 1961
- II. Objective:
 - A. Simplify tax laws
 - B. Reduce litigation
 - C. Improve compliance

Need for Reform

- I. Issues in old system:
 - A. Complexity
 - B. Multiple exemptions
 - C. High litigation

Digital Transformation

- I. Initiatives:
 - A. Faceless assessment
 - B. E-filing systems
- II. Promotes:
 - A. Transparency and efficiency

Role of Outreach

- I. Helps:
 - A. Taxpayers understand changes
- II. Builds:
 - A. Trust between government and citizens

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Awareness Drive:** Outreach by Income Tax Department.
- **Reform Focus:** Simplification and clarity in tax laws.
- **Digital Push:** Technology-driven tax administration.
- **Compliance:** Encourages voluntary tax payment.
- **Governance:** Reduces disputes and litigation.
- **Challenges:** Transition and awareness gaps.
- **Way Forward:** Continuous engagement and capacity building.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **New Law:** Income Tax Act, 2025
- **Old Law:** Income Tax Act, 1961
- **Authority:** Income Tax Department
- **Concept:** Voluntary compliance
- **Reform:** Simplification
- **Tool:** Faceless assessment
- **Goal:** Transparent taxation

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. The new Income Tax Act, 2025 aims to simplify tax laws.
2. Outreach programmes help improve taxpayer awareness and compliance.
3. The Income Tax Act, 1961 is not proposed to be replaced.

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. "CIVILISATIONAL OPENNESS" & INDIA'S FUTURE LEADERSHIP: INSIGHTS FROM CIVIL SERVICES DAY EVENT

- I. India's long history of **cultural exchange, inclusivity, and adaptability** highlighted as a strength.
- II. Civilisational openness refers to:
 - A. Acceptance of diverse ideas, cultures, and influences
- III. Seen as a foundation for **innovation, diplomacy, and global engagement**.
- IV. Encourages policymakers to leverage India's **pluralistic heritage in governance**.
- V. Relevant in the context of **globalization and geopolitical shifts**.
- VI. Strengthens India's **soft power and international influence**.
- VII. Overall, underscores the role of **history and culture in shaping future leadership**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Civilisational Openness

- I. India historically:

- A. Engaged with multiple cultures (trade, migration, ideas)
- II. Examples:
 - A. Influence of Central Asian, Persian, and European traditions

Civil Services Day

- I. Civil Services Day celebrated annually on April 21
- II. Commemorates:
 - A. Role of civil servants in governance

EPFO's RGDE

- I. Initiative by Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
- II. Focus on:
 - A. Governance, reform, and policy discussions

Soft Power

- I. Refers to:
 - A. Influence through culture, values, and diplomacy
- II. India's strengths:
 - A. Heritage, diversity, democratic values

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Key Idea:** Civilisational openness as strength.
- **Speaker:** William Dalrymple.
- **Platform:** EPFO RGDE Season 2.
- **Theme:** Culture shaping global leadership.
- **Policy Relevance:** Inclusive governance and diplomacy.

- **Soft Power:** Cultural influence globally.
- **Way Forward:** Leverage heritage for innovation and global engagement.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Civil Services Day:** April 21
- **EPFO:** Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
- **Concept:** Civilisational openness
- **Term:** Soft power
- **Focus:** Cultural diplomacy
- **Speaker:** William Dalrymple
- **Goal:** Global leadership

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Consider the following statements:

1. Civil Services Day is celebrated on April 21 in India.
2. Soft power refers to influence through culture and values rather than coercion.
3. Civilisational openness discourages cultural exchange.

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.MSME MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS "PM VISHWAKARMA" FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS AT CIVIL SERVICES DAY



- The session focused on promoting **traditional artisans and craftspeople** under the **PM Vishwakarma Scheme**.
- Emphasized **skill upgradation, financial support, and market linkages**.
- Aims to ensure **sustainable livelihoods and economic empowerment**.
- Encourages preservation of **traditional crafts and indigenous skills**.
- Integrates artisans into the **formal economy and digital ecosystem**.
- Highlights role of MSMEs in **employment generation and inclusive growth**.
- Overall, reinforces commitment to **grassroots entrepreneurship and cultural heritage**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

PM Vishwakarma Scheme

- I. Targets:

- A. Traditional artisans and craftspeople
- II. Provides:
 - A. Skill training
 - B. Toolkits
 - C. Credit support
- III. Focus:
 - A. Enhancing productivity and income

MSME Sector

- I. Backbone of:
 - A. India's economy
- II. Contributes to:
 - A. Employment
 - B. Exports
 - C. GDP

Civil Services Day

- I. Civil Services Day observed annually on April 21
- II. Focus on:
 - A. Governance, innovation, and best practices

Sustainable Livelihood

- I. Ensures:
 - A. Long-term income security
- II. Based on:
 - A. Skills, resources, and market access

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Theme:** Sustainable livelihood through PM Vishwakarma.
- **Focus Group:** Traditional artisans.
- **Support Measures:** Skill, finance, and market linkage.
- **Platform:** Civil Services Day event.
- **Impact:** Employment and inclusion.
- **Challenges:** Awareness, credit access, market competition.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen digital integration and branding support.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **PM Vishwakarma:** Scheme for artisans
- **Ministry:** MSME
- **Event:** Civil Services Day
- **Venue:** Vigyan Bhawan
- **Focus:** Skill and livelihood
- **Sector:** Informal/traditional economy
- **Goal:** Inclusive growth

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Consider the following statements:

1. The PM Vishwakarma scheme is aimed at supporting traditional artisans and craftspeople.
2. The MSME sector plays a key role in employment generation in India.
3. Civil Services Day is observed on April 21.

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)

5.SKILL-LED TRANSFORMATION IN BORDER AREAS: MSDE BOOSTS VIBRANT VILLAGES PROGRAMME



Ministry of
Skill Development
And Entrepreneurship

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- I. MSDE is promoting **skill-based training and entrepreneurship** in remote border villages.
- II. Targets youth in **northern border regions** for employment opportunities.
- III. Focus sectors include:
 - A. Tourism
 - B. Handicrafts
 - C. Agriculture and allied activities
- IV. Encourages **local economic development and self-reliance**.
- V. Helps reduce **migration by creating local jobs**.
- VI. Strengthens **border security indirectly through population retention**.
- VII. Overall, integrates **skill development with regional development and national security goals**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)

- I. A centrally sponsored scheme:
 - A. Focused on development of villages along northern borders
- II. Objectives:
 - A. Infrastructure development
 - B. Livelihood creation
 - C. Population retention

Role of MSDE

- I. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship:
 - A. Provides training and skill certification
- II. Works with:
 - A. Training institutes and industry partners

Border Area Challenges

- I. Issues:
 - A. Remoteness
 - B. Lack of infrastructure
 - C. Migration

Strategic Importance

- I. Populated border areas:
 - A. Strengthen national security
- II. Promote:
 - A. Inclusive and balanced regional development

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Programme:** Vibrant Villages Programme.

- **Focus:** Skill development in border areas.
- **Objective:** Livelihood and reverse migration.
- **Sectors:** Tourism, crafts, agriculture.
- **Impact:** Economic empowerment and security.
- **Challenges:** Connectivity and training access.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen infrastructure and market linkages.

Answer: (a)

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **MSDE:** Skill development ministry
- **Scheme:** Vibrant Villages Programme
- **Focus Area:** Border villages
- **Goal:** Reverse migration
- **Concept:** Skill-led development
- **Benefit:** Employment generation
- **Link:** National security

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MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Vibrant Villages Programme focuses on development of border villages.
2. Skill development initiatives can help reduce migration from rural areas.
3. The programme is limited only to urban areas.

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