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1. UTTAR PRADESH EMERGING AS HUB FOR PREMIUM FRUIT PRODUCTION & EXPORTS



- I. Focus on promoting:
 - A. High-value horticulture and fruit exports
- II. Key objectives:
 - A. Increase farmers' income
 - B. Improve export competitiveness
- III. Priority areas:
 - A. Modern farming techniques
 - B. Post-harvest infrastructure
 - C. Cold storage and supply chains
- IV. Encourages:
 - A. Value addition and food processing
- V. Benefits:
 - A. Employment generation
 - B. Rural economic growth
- VI. Overall, supports diversification of agriculture toward **high-value horticulture**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Horticulture in India

- I. Includes:
 - A. Fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices
- II. Important for:
 - A. Nutritional security and exports

Uttar Pradesh's Potential

- I. Favorable:
 - A. Climate and fertile soil
- II. Major fruit crops:
 - A. Mango
 - B. Guava
 - C. Amla

Export Significance

- I. Premium fruit exports:
 - A. Increase foreign exchange earnings
- II. Require:
 - A. Quality standards and cold chain logistics

Government Initiatives

- Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
- Agriculture export promotion measures

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Event:** Fruit Horizon 2026.
- **Location:** Lucknow.
- **Focus:** Premium fruit production.
- **State:** Uttar Pradesh.
- **Objective:** Boost exports and farmer income.
- **Sector:** Horticulture.

- **Way Forward:** Strengthen value chains and infrastructure.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Sector:** Horticulture
- **State:** Uttar Pradesh
- **Event:** Fruit Horizon 2026
- **Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- **Mission:** MIDH
- **Focus:** Fruit exports
- **Goal:** Farmer income

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MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Horticulture includes fruit cultivation.
2. Cold chain infrastructure is important for fruit exports.
3. Premium fruit exports reduce farmers' income.

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.INDIA AT THE 61st INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION – LA BIENNALE DI VENEZIA 2026



- I. The **India Pavilion** will present:
 - A. Contemporary Indian art and cultural narratives
- II. Objectives:
 - A. Promote India's creative industries globally
 - B. Encourage cultural exchange
- III. Highlights:
 - A. Participation of Indian artists and curators
 - B. Blend of traditional and modern artistic expressions
- IV. Enhances:
 - A. India's soft power and cultural diplomacy
- V. Provides:
 - A. International exposure to Indian art
- VI. Overall, it strengthens India's role in the **global cultural ecosystem**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

- **Focus:** Contemporary art
- **Goal:** Soft power

La Biennale di Venezia

- I. Held in:
 - A. Venice
- II. One of the world's most prestigious:
 - A. International art exhibitions
- III. Organized every:
 - A. Two years (biennale)

India's Participation

- I. India uses the pavilion to:
 - A. Showcase artistic diversity
 - B. Promote cultural diplomacy

Importance of Cultural Diplomacy

- I. Art and culture help:
 - A. Build global understanding
 - B. Enhance international relations

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Event:** La Biennale di Venezia 2026.
- **Country:** India.
- **Venue:** Venice, Italy.
- **Focus:** Contemporary Indian art.
- **Purpose:** Cultural diplomacy.
- **Impact:** Global artistic engagement.
- **Way Forward:** Expand international cultural collaborations.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Event:** La Biennale di Venezia
- **Location:** Venice
- **Type:** International art exhibition
- **Frequency:** Biennial
- **Concept:** Cultural diplomacy

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. La Biennale di Venezia is an international art exhibition.
2. Cultural diplomacy can strengthen international relations.
3. The event is held annually.

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.DFS INSURANCE DIVISION TOPS GRAI RANKINGS FOR MARCH 2026



वित्तीय सेवाएं विभाग
DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCIAL SERVICES

- I. The ranking reflects:
 - A. Efficient handling of public grievances
 - B. Improved citizen service delivery
- II. GRAI evaluates:
 - A. Timeliness of grievance resolution
 - B. Quality of responses
 - C. Citizen satisfaction
- III. Achievement highlights:

- A. Strengthened accountability mechanisms
- B. Effective governance practices
- IV. Focus areas:
 - A. Transparency
 - B. Responsiveness
 - C. Digital grievance management
- V. Overall, demonstrates progress in **citizen-centric governance and administrative efficiency.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Department of Financial Services (DFS)

- I. Department of Financial Services:
 - A. Functions under the Ministry of Finance
- II. Oversees:
 - A. Banking
 - B. Insurance
 - C. Financial institutions

GRAI (Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index)

- I. Measures:
 - A. Performance of departments in grievance handling
- II. Encourages:
 - A. Faster and better public service delivery

Importance of Grievance Redressal

- I. Ensures:
 - A. Transparency and accountability
- II. Enhances:
 - A. Public trust in governance

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Department:** DFS Insurance Division.
- **Ranking:** Top in Group A.
- **Index:** GRAI.
- **Focus:** Grievance redressal.
- **Impact:** Better citizen services.
- **Approach:** Transparency and responsiveness.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen digital grievance systems.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Department:** DFS
- **Sector:** Insurance
- **Index:** GRAI
- **Concept:** Grievance redressal
- **Goal:** Citizen-centric governance
- **Focus:** Accountability
- **Impact:** Public trust

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. GRAI assesses grievance redressal performance of departments.
2. DFS functions under the Ministry of Finance.
3. Efficient grievance redressal reduces transparency.

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. NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION CONCLAVE HELD FOR MAJOR GLOBAL SPORTS PREPARATIONS



- I. The conclave brought together:
 - A. National Sports Federations (NSFs)
 - B. Sports administrators and stakeholders
- II. Main objective:
 - A. Strengthen India's long-term sports planning and athlete preparation
- III. Key focus areas:
 - A. Athlete-centric training
 - B. Sports infrastructure
 - C. Scientific coaching and sports medicine
 - D. Talent identification
- IV. Emphasis on:
 - A. Coordination among federations and government agencies
- V. Goal:
 - A. Improve India's performance in international sporting events
- VI. Overall, supports the vision of transforming India into a **global sporting nation**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

National Sports Federations (NSFs)

- I. Responsible for:
 - A. Management and promotion of specific sports disciplines
- II. Recognized by:
 - A. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Major International Events

Asian Games

- Continental multi-sport event in Asia

Commonwealth Games

- International event among Commonwealth nations

Olympic Games

- World's premier international sporting event

India's Sports Policy Focus

- I. Programmes:
 - A. Khelo India
 - B. Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)
- II. Aim:
 - A. Build world-class athletes and infrastructure

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Event:** National Sports Federation Conclave.
- **Minister:** Mansukh Mandaviya.
- **Focus:** International sports preparation.
- **Events targeted:** Asian, Commonwealth & Olympics.
- **Approach:** Athlete-centric planning.
- **Impact:** Better coordination and performance.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen grassroots talent and sports science.

Answer: (a)

5.INDIA'S PENSION LANDSCAPE



PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **NSF:** National Sports Federation
- **Programme:** Khelo India
- **Scheme:** TOPS
- **Focus:** Athlete preparation
- **Events:** Olympics, Asian Games
- **Sector:** Sports governance
- **Goal:** Sporting excellence

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. National Sports Federations manage specific sports disciplines in India.
2. TOPS aims to support elite athletes for international competitions.
3. Khelo India is unrelated to sports development.

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

- I. India's pension landscape includes:
 - A. Government pensions
 - B. Social security schemes
 - C. Market-linked pension systems
- II. Major pension schemes:
 - A. National Pension System (NPS)
 - B. Atal Pension Yojana (APY)
 - C. Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS)
- III. Objectives:
 - A. Provide income security after retirement
 - B. Expand pension coverage to unorganized workers
- IV. Key reforms:
 - A. Digital onboarding and portability
 - B. Financial inclusion initiatives
- V. Challenges:
 - A. Low pension penetration
 - B. Informal workforce dominance
- VI. Overall, India is moving toward a **more inclusive and sustainable pension system.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Need for Pension Systems

- I. Rising life expectancy:
 - A. Increases need for retirement security
- II. Pensions help:
 - A. Reduce old-age vulnerability

National Pension System (NPS)

- I. National Pension System:
 - A. Market-linked contributory pension scheme
- II. Regulated by:
 - A. Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

Atal Pension Yojana (APY)

- I. Atal Pension Yojana:
 - A. Targets workers in the unorganized sector
- II. Provides:
 - A. Guaranteed pension after 60 years

Challenges

- I. Large informal workforce:
 - A. Limited formal retirement savings
- II. Need for:
 - A. Financial literacy and wider participation

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Focus:** Retirement security.

- **Key schemes:** NPS, APY, EPS.
- **Regulator:** PFRDA.
- **Challenge:** Low coverage.
- **Approach:** Digital and financial inclusion.
- **Impact:** Social security expansion.
- **Way Forward:** Universal pension access.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **NPS:** Market-linked pension
- **APY:** Pension for unorganized workers
- **Regulator:** PFRDA
- **Concept:** Social security
- **Challenge:** Informal sector
- **Goal:** Retirement income
- **Focus:** Financial inclusion

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Consider the following statements:

1. NPS is regulated by PFRDA.
2. Atal Pension Yojana targets unorganized sector workers.
3. Pension systems are unrelated to social security.

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)