

Current Test 24 Explanation

Question 1:

Answer: C

In 1975, the Government of India initiated to identify the most vulnerable tribal groups as a separate category called PVTGs and declared 52 such groups, while in 1993 an additional 23 groups were added to the category, making it a total of 75 PVTGs out of 705 Scheduled Tribes, spread over 18 states and one Union Territory (A&N Islands) in the country (2011 census).

Among the 75 listed PVTG's the highest number are found in Odisha (13), followed by Andhra Pradesh (12).

Question 2

Answer: A

The criteria followed for determination of PVTGs are as under:

1. A pre-agriculture level of technology.
2. A stagnant or declining population.
3. Extremely low literacy.
4. A subsistence level of economy

Question 3

Answer: A

MSP for MFPs is revised once every three years by the Pricing Cell constituted under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. However, the authorities have revised the MSP much earlier than 3 years.

- This will offer much-needed support to tribal gatherers in view of the "exceptional and very difficult" circumstances prevailing in the country due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The Centre has also asked all the states to speed up procurement operations.
- The central government has also created an online monitoring dashboard, called the Van Dhan Monit Dashboard, for reporting the procurement activities undertaken at the state level.

Question 4

Answer:C

TRIFED

- It is a national-level apex organization functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- TRIFED acts as a facilitator and service provider for tribes to sell their product.
- TRIFED aims to empower tribal people with knowledge, tools and pool of information so that they can undertake their operations in a more systematic and scientific manner.
- It organises Tribal Artisan Melas (TAMs) to identify new artisans and new products at the sourcing level in States/Districts/Villages for expanding the tribal producers base.
- It is also involved in MSP for MFP and TRIFOOD Schemes.

Question 5

Answer: C

- e-RUPI:
 - It is a cashless and contactless method for digital payment. It is a Quick Response (QR) code or SMS string-based e-voucher, which is delivered to the mobile of the users.
 - The users will be able to redeem the voucher without needing a card, digital payments app, or internet banking access, at the service provider.
 - It connects the sponsors of the services with the beneficiaries and service providers in a digital mode without any physical interface.

- The mechanism also ensures that the payment to the service provider is made only after the transaction is completed.
- The system is pre-paid in nature and hence, assures timely payment to the service provider without the involvement of any intermediary.