

Current test Explanation 18

Question 1

Answer: A

Recently, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has formulated a scheme “SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise”. It includes a subscheme - ‘Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in Begging’.

About: It is a new Scheme after the merger of existing Schemes for Beggars and Transgenders. Scheme provides for the use of the existing shelter homes available with the State/UT Governments and Urban local bodies for rehabilitation of the persons engaged in the act of Begging. In case of non-availability of existing shelter homes, new dedicated shelter homes are to be set up by the implementing agencies.

Question 2

Answer: C

Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of Beggars:

- o It will be a comprehensive scheme for persons engaged in the act of begging.
- o The scheme has been implemented in the selected cities on pilot basis having large concentrations of the Beggar community.
- o During the year 2019-20, this Ministry had released an amount of Rs. 1 Crore to National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) and Rs. 70 Lakh to National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) for skill development programmes for beggars.

Question 3:

Answer: C

National Institute of Social Defence

- Autonomous Body and is registered under Societies Act XXI of 1860 with the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT), Delhi.
- It is a central advisory body for the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- It is the nodal training and research institute in the field of social defence.
- The institute currently focuses on human resource development in the areas of drug abuse prevention, welfare of senior citizens, beggary prevention, transgender and other social defence issues.
- The mandate of the institute is to provide inputs for the social defence programmes of the Government of India through training, research & documentation.

Question 4

Answer: C

The ALMM lists eligible models and manufacturers of solar cells and modules complying with the BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) certification. It was announced in 2019.

- o It aims to have a quality benchmark for modules and prevent low-quality Chinese manufacturers from dumping their products in India.

- o Enlisting in ALMM is mandatory for manufacturers supplying to the government-owned solar projects. Only the models and manufacturers included in this list shall be eligible for use in projects under Government schemes & Programmes, installed in the country.
- o Further, the word "Government" includes Central Government, State Government, Central Public Sector Enterprises, State Public Sector Enterprises and Central and State Organizations/Autonomous bodies.

Question 5

Answer: A

Recently, the Ministry of Finance has extended the Standup India Scheme up to the year 2025.

Launch: It was launched in April 2016 to promote entrepreneurship at the grass-root level focusing on economic empowerment and job creation.

Aim: To leverage the institutional credit structure to reach out to the underserved sector of people such as SCs, STs and Women Entrepreneurs.

Facilitates Bank Loans: The objective of this scheme is to facilitate bank loans between Rs.10 lakh and Rs. 1 crore to at least one SC or ST borrower and at least one woman borrower per bank branch of Scheduled Commercial Banks for setting up a Greenfield enterprise. This enterprise may be in manufacturing, services or the trading sector.

Eligibility: SC/ST and/or women entrepreneurs; above 18 years of age. Loans under the scheme are available for only Greenfield projects. A greenfield project is one which is not constrained by prior work. It is constructed on unused land where there is no need to remodel or demolish an existing structure. Borrower should not be in default to any bank or financial institution. In case of non-individual enterprises, at least 51% of the shareholding and controlling stake should be held by either an SC/ST or Woman entrepreneur.

New Changes: The margin money requirement for loans under the Scheme has been reduced from 'upto 25%' to 'upto 15%' and activities allied to agriculture have been included in the Scheme.