



Q. Which state's education department recently released the 'Guidelines for Elimination of Corporal Punishment (GECPP)'?

a) Telangana

b) Maharashtra

c) Gujarat

d) Tamil Nadu

Answer **d**

EXPLANATION

- Tamil Nadu issues Guidelines for Elimination of Corporal Punishment in Schools (GECPP) to foster safe environments for students, as per Right to Education Act, 2009. The GECPP, issued jointly by Directors of School and Elementary Education, aims to prevent physical and mental harm, discrimination. It includes awareness camps on National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) guidelines. Measures include prompt complaint redressal, addressing harassment, mental health concerns, and forming monitoring committees at schools.



Q. Recently, the Indian government has permitted exports of onion to which countries despite the export ban?

- a** Bangladesh, UAE, Bhutan, Bahrain, Mauritius, Sri Lanka
- b** Nepal, Myanmar, Bangladesh
- c** Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Egypt
- d** Singapore, Afghanistan, Maldives, Iran

Answer **a**

EXPLANATION

- Despite the export ban, India permits 99,150 tonnes of onions to Bangladesh, UAE, Bhutan, Bahrain, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka. New Delhi also allows 2,000 tonnes of white onions for Middle East and European markets. National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) handles exports, primarily from Maharashtra. The ban was enforced on December 8, 2023, amid lower crop estimates. Directorate General of Foreign Trade oversees trade matters. Onion buffer procurement target for 2024 is 5 lakh tonnes.**



Q. Which regulatory body in India recently approved changes in mutual fund regulations to prevent front-running?

- a Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- b Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- c National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- d Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

Answer **b**

EXPLANATION

- SEBI approved changes in mutual fund regulations to combat front-running in Indian asset management companies (AMCs). Front-running, or trading with non-public information ahead of significant transactions, is illegal in India and can impact asset prices. It occurs in various financial markets like stocks and commodities. Common strategies include Buy-Buy-Sell (BBS) and Sell-Sell-Buy (SSB) patterns. These regulatory changes aim to safeguard market integrity and investor interests.**



Q. Recently, which country's men's team won 11th Thomas Cup by defeating Indonesia?

a China

b Malaysia

c India

d Vietnam

Answer **a**

EXPLANATION

- The 2024 BWF Thomas and Uber Cup, held in Chengdu, China, saw the Chinese badminton team's dominance, winning both men's and women's titles. In the Thomas Cup, China beat Indonesia 4-1, claiming their 11th victory. India, defending champions, lost to China in the quarterfinals. The Uber Cup followed a similar narrative. China's victory marks the first time since 2012 that one nation has clinched both titles at the world team championships.**



Q. What is the projected percentage of milk production reduction in India by 2085, as per the Lancet report?

a 25%

b 30%

c 35%

d 40%

Answer **a**

EXPLANATION

- Rising temperatures in India could slash milk production by 25% by 2085, warns a Lancet report. India, the top global milk producer and consumer, faces severe livelihood and nutrition risks. The northern plains contribute 30% of India's milk, supported by 89 million smallholder farmers. Heat stress, measured by the Temperature Humidity Index (THI), reduces milk yield. Unabated, this could cost 3.4 lakh tons of milk and 15,000 crores by 2030 in the northern plains alone.**