



Q. The National Mission for Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) was in the news recently, was launched by the Government of India in-

a August 2020

b August 2021

c August 2022

d August 2023

Answer b

EXPLANATION

- The Government of India launched the National Mission for Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) in August 2021.**
- The mission is committed to escalating oil palm cultivation and elevating Crude Palm Oil production to 11.20 lakh tonnes by 2025-26. NMEO-OP has provisioned INR 5,870 Cr exclusively for the NER region out of the total national budget of INR 11,040 for the promotion of oil palm, where 90% contribution will be made by the Central government.**
- The Oil Palm Mission is strategically designed to promote oil palm cultivation in new geographies, providing comprehensive support to farmers. This support includes assistance in planting material, assured buy-back commitments from private players, and protecting farmers from global price volatility by offering a viability gap price to hedge against risks.**



Q. Recently, the High level Committee on Simultaneous Elections (One Nation, One Election) submitted its report to the President, the Committee is headed by-

- a** N.K. Singh
- b** Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap
- c** Harish Salve
- d** Ram Nath Kovind

Answer **d**

EXPLANATION

- The High level Committee on Simultaneous Elections constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Ram Nath Kovind, former President of India, met the Hon'ble President of India, Shrimati Droupadi Murmu, and submitted its Report.**
- After careful consideration of all suggestions and viewpoints, the Committee recommends a two-step approach to lead to the simultaneous elections. As the first step, simultaneous elections will be held for the House of the People and the State Legislative Assemblies.**
- In the second step, elections to the Municipalities and the Panchayats will be synchronized with the House of the People and the State Legislative Assemblies in such a way that Municipalities and Panchayats elections are held within hundred days of holding elections to the House of the People and the State Legislative Assemblies.**



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PRELIMS EXAM

Q. In the recently released "Gender Inequality Index 2022", India stands at rank-

a 108

b 111

c 115

d 118

Answer a

EXPLANATION

- ✓ The Gender Inequality Index 2022 has been released on the 13th March 2024 by UNDP in their Human Development Report 2023/2024.
- ✓ On the Gender Inequality Index (GII) 2022, India stands at rank 108 out of 193 countries with a score of 0.437. India stood at rank 122 out of 191 countries with a score of 0.490 in the Gender Inequality Index 2021.
- ✓ This shows a significant jump of 14 ranks on GII 2022 vis-à-vis GII 2021. Over the last 10 years, India's rank in GII has become consistently better, indicating progressive improvement in achieving gender equality in the country. In 2014, this rank was 127, which now has become 108.



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Q. Who among the following have been appointed as the Election Commissioner by the President, on 14th March 2024?

- a** Rajeev Kumar and Gyanesh Kumar
- b** Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
- c** Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Rajeev Kumar
- d** Utpal Kumar Singh and Indevar Pandey

Answer **b**

EXPLANATION

- The government on 14th March 2024 notified the appointment of ex-bureaucrats Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu as election commissioners, hours after prime minister Narendra Modi-led high-powered committee sat down to fill the two vacancies in the Election Commission of India (ECI), which, prior to the new appointments, only had Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar.
- Election Commission of India is a permanent Constitutional Body. The Election Commission was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25th January 1950.
- Originally the commission had only a Chief Election Commissioner. It currently consists of Chief Election Commissioner and two Election Commissioners.



Q. Recently, the Government of India has signed a \$23 million loan agreement to strengthen FinTech ecosystem in India with-

- a World Bank**
- b International Monetary Fund**
- c Asian Development Bank**
- d New Development Bank**

Answer c

EXPLANATION

- The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) today signed a \$23 million loan agreement to enhance access to quality FinTech education, research, and innovation at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT-City).**
- GIFT City is an initiative of the Government of India and the State Government of Gujarat to foster India's financial services and fintech ecosystem.**
- The IFI, set to be established in partnership with globally reputed institutes and universities, will offer industry-aligned fintech training programmes that meet international standards. The institute will strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship by supporting startups, especially women-led, through incubation and acceleration services.**