



Q. Parliamentary Privileges are in the news, recently.

Consider the following statements with respect to the Parliamentary Privileges-

- 1 Parliamentary privileges are defined in Article 105 of the Indian Constitution.
- 2 The members of Parliament are exempted from any civil or criminal liability for any statement made or act done in the course of their duties.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- a 1 only b 2 only c Both 1 and 2 d Neither 1 nor 2

Answer **c**

EXPLANATION

- ✓ Both the given statements are correct.
- ✓ Parliamentary privileges are defined in Article 105 of the Indian Constitution. The members of Parliament are exempted from any civil or criminal liability for any statement made or act done in the course of their duties.
- ✓ According to the Constitution of India, Articles 105 and 122 outline the privileges of Parliament, while Articles 194 and 212 pertain to the privileges of state governments.
- ✓ Parliamentary privileges are intended to protect the independence and integrity of the legislative process and to allow lawmakers to speak and act freely without fear of reprisal or legal consequences.



Q. Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) Missile was in the news recently.

Consider the following statements with reference to VSHORADS-

1 It is a Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD) indigenously developed by Research Centre Imarat (RCI) in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories.

2 It is designed to destroy hostile aircraft, drones and helicopters with a range up to 6 km.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

a 1 only

b 2 only

c Both 1 and 2

d Neither 1 nor 2

Answer **c**

EXPLANATION

- ✓ Both the given statements are correct.
- ✓ VSHORADS is a Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD) designed and developed indigenously by Research Centre Imarat (RCI) in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories and Indian Industry Partners.
- ✓ The missile is propelled by a dual thrust solid motor and meant for neutralizing low altitude aerial threats at short ranges. The design of the missile including launcher has been highly optimized to ensure easy portability.
- ✓ The missile and its launcher were designed by the DRDO to be portable, which enables their quick deployment over difficult terrain. It has a range of up to 6-km.



Q. The Enrolment under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) increased by 27 % in current year so far. It was launched in the year-

a 2015

b 2016

c 2017

c 2018

Answer **b**

EXPLANATION

- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is a demand driven scheme and is voluntary for the States as well as farmers. The number of farmer applications has grown 33.4% and 41% year-on-year during 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively.**
- Further, during the year 2023-24, there in an increase of 27% in terms of farmers enrolled under the scheme so far. Also 42% of total farmers insured under the scheme in FY 2023-24 are non-loanee farmers.**
- The third largest insurance scheme globally in terms of premium, the PM Fasal Bima Yojana launched in 2016, shields farmers from crop loss or damage arising out of unforeseen events.**



Q. The Sixteenth Finance Commission (XVIFC) was reconstituted recently. It was established under-

a Article 280 (1)

b Article 279 A

c Article 275 (1)

c Article 282 (1)

Answer a

EXPLANATION

- The Government of India, with the approval of the President of India, has constituted the Sixteenth Finance Commission, in pursuance to Article 280(1) of the Constitution.**
- The Sixteenth Finance Commission shall make recommendations as to the following matters, namely:—**
 - (i) The distribution between the Union and the States of the net proceeds of taxes which are to be, or may be, divided between them under Chapter I, Part XII of the Constitution and the allocation between the States of the respective shares of such proceeds;**
 - (ii) The principles which should govern the grants-in-aid of the revenues of the States out of the Consolidated Fund of India and the sums to be paid to the States by way of grants-in-aid of their revenues under article 275 of the Constitution for the purposes other than those specified in the provisos to clause (1) of that article; and**
 - (iii) The measures needed to augment the Consolidated Fund of a State to supplement the resources of the Panchayats and Municipalities in the State on the basis of the recommendations made by the Finance Commission of the State.**



Q. The theme of the National Youth Parliament 2024 is -

- a** Young Voices : Engage and Empower for Nation's Transformation
- b** Invest in Women : Accelerate Progress
- c** Wetlands and Human Wellbeing
- c** Unleashing the power of gender equality

Answer **a**

EXPLANATION

- The National Youth Parliament is being organized this year based on the theme of 'Young Voices : Engage and Empower for Nation's Transformation'.**
- The National Youth Parliament Festival, 2024 has been organized from 9th February 2024 to 6th March 2024 across the country. This Youth Parliament has been organized at three levels covering 785 Districts of the country.**
- These Youth Parliaments are aimed at strengthening the roots of democracy; inculcate healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of the view of others and to enable youths to know about practices and procedures of the Parliament.**