



Q. The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) rules are likely to be notified soon. The CAA was enacted by Parliament in-

a November 2019

b December 2019

c January 2020

d February 2020

Answer b

EXPLANATION

- The rules for the implementation of the contentious Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 (CAA) for fast-tracking citizenship to undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan are likely to be issued before the Model Code of Conduct.
- The Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 was enacted by the Parliament in December 2019. Despite its enactment four years ago, the CAA could not be implemented because the rules were notified. The legislation grants citizenship on the basis of assumption that these communities faced religious persecution in these three Islamic Countries.
- The CAA allows non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan to apply for Indian citizenship through the naturalization process- the applicants must belong to the Hindu, Sikh, Christian, Parsi, Jain and Buddhist communities.



Q. Who among the following has not been among the selected astronauts-designate who have been undergoing training under anonymity for the last four years for Gaganyaan Mission?

- a** Balakrishnan Nair
- b** Ajit Krishnan
- c** Shubhanshu Shukla
- d** Abhinandan Varthaman

Answer **d**

EXPLANATION

- Six years after Prime Minister announced the decision to send Indians into Space, PM Narendra Modi on 27th February 2024 presented to the nation the four selected astronauts-designate who have been undergoing training under anonymity for the last four years.
- The four candidates- Group Captains Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Angad Pratap, Ajit Krishnan and Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla, all officers of the Indian Air Force- will follow in the footsteps of Rakesh Sharma, the first and only Indian to have travelled to space, way back in 1984, in a Russian spacecraft.
- The final crew for the mission will be picked from among the four.



Q. India to have its own space station by –

a 2030

b 2032

c 2035

d 2040

Answer **c**

EXPLANATION

- ☑ After the names of the astronauts for the Gaganyaan mission were announced on 27th February 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India will have its own space by 2035. Gaganyaan is set to take India's space sector to new heights at a time when India is preparing to become one of the top three global economies.
- ☑ The four astronaut-designates of the Gaganyaan programme whose names were revealed on Tuesday are not merely four names or four individuals, they are four 'shaktiyaan' (powers) who carry the aspirations of 140 crore Indians into space.
- ☑ PM Modi said an Indian was about to go to space after a gap of 40 years, in an apparent reference to Rakesh Sharma's 1984 space flight aboard USSR's Soyuz T-11. "But this, the time is ours, the countdown is ours and the rocket also is ours."



Q. The National Science Day is celebrated on-

- a 25th February
- b 26th February
- c 27th February
- d 28th February

Answer d

EXPLANATION

- ✓ The National Science Day is observed on February 28 to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian Scientist CV Raman.
- ✓ National Science Day is observed on the day Indian Physicist Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman discovered the Raman Effect. The Raman Effect is the phenomenon where light gets scattered when passed through a transparent material, leading to changes in wavelength and energy.
- ✓ In 1928, on February 28, CV Raman discovered the Raman Effect. He also received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930 due to his significant contribution in the field of Physics.
- ✓ The theme for this year's National Science Day is - Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat. The day is observed to raise awareness about the importance of scientific applications in our daily lives. The day also aims to celebrate and acknowledge the efforts and achievements of scientists in human welfare.



Q. PM Modi offered prayers at Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple, recently. Consider the following statements with respect to Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple-

1 It is located on the southern bank of the Vaigai River in the temple city of Madurai.

1 The presiding deities are Meenakshi, a form of Parvati, and her consort, Sundareshwar, a form of Shiva.

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

- ✓ Meenakshi Temple, also referred to as Meenakshi Amman or Meenakshi Sundareshwara Temple, is a historic Hindu temple located on the southern bank of the Vaigai River in the temple city of Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India.
- ✓ The presiding deities are Meenakshi, a form of Parvati, and her consort, Sundareshwar, a form of Shiva. The temple is at the center of the ancient temple city of Madurai mentioned in the Tamil Sangam literature, with the goddess temple mentioned in 6th century CE texts.
- ✓ It is believed that one who sprinkles the waters of the pond of Golden Lotus on Amavasya (new moon) day, the first day of the month, days of eclipse and other auspicious days and worship the Lord, they will be blessed with all their aspirations for success.
- ✓ The temple has four Rajagopurams or majestic towers, there are five towers on top of the sanctum sanctorum of the Lord, three on top of the sanctum sanctorum of the Goddess and two golden towers or vimanas, all which have been exquisitely designed and sculptured.