

Q.1) Consider the following statements about Viability Gap Funding (VGF)

1. It supports projects that are economically justified but not financially viable
2. It is administered by the Ministry of Finance

Select the correct statements

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.1) Solution (c)

The main constraint in India's infrastructure sector is the lack of source for finance. More than the overall difficulty of securing funds, some projects may not be financially viable though they are economically justified and necessary. This is the nature of several infrastructural projects which are long term and development oriented.

For the successful completion of such projects, the government has designed Viability Gap Funding (VGF). Viability Gap Finance means a grant to support projects that are economically justified but not financially viable.

The scheme is designed as a Plan Scheme to be administered by the Ministry of Finance and amount in the budget are made on a year-to- year basis.

Source: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/niti-aayog-suggests-tax-sops-viability-gap-funding-for-eco-labelled-products/articleshow/59441367.cms>

Q.2) Consider the following statements about Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY)

1. It is under the aegis of Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
2. For the women who completes training under the MCY scheme, Coir Board will distribute motorized ratts

Select the correct statements

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.2) Solution (c)

The Coir Board is implementing Mahila Coir Yojana(MCY) exclusively for empowering women in the country by giving training and distribution of coir processing equipments.

This is a 100% women oriented programme intended to provide self employment to the rural women artisans in coir producing regions. The scheme envisages distribution of motorized ratts/motorized traditional ratts and other coir processing equipments, which can be operated by women, at 75% subsidy after imparting training with a duration of 2 months subject to a maximum amount of Rs.7,500/-.

The training under MCY are conducted through all training centres of the Board. During the training period, the women artisans are given stipend amounting to Rs.1000 per month.

The scheme is prevalent in coir producing coastal States such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Pondicherry, A& N Islands, West Bengal and NE Region.

Read More - <http://pmjandhanyojana.co.in/mahila-coir-yojana/>

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- Coir Vikas Yojana,
- Coir Udyami Yojana
- Coir S&T Yojana
- India International Coir Fair (IICF)
- Livelihood Business Incubators (LBIs) under the ASPIRE scheme

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/mbErel.aspx?relid=169326>

Q.3) Consider the following statements about 'Bharatmala Pariyojana'

1. It is a joint project of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Ministry of Shipping Economic Corridors to Ports
2. National Highways Development Project (NHDP) will be subsumed under Bharatmala Pariyojana

Select the correct statements

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.3) Solution (b)

Bharatmala is a mega plan of the government and the second-largest highways project after the NHDP that saw development of about 50,000 km. National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and all existing schemes will be finished in the coming six months.

The project will improve road connectivity to coastal areas, border areas, backward areas, religious destinations and tourist destinations. It will also see construction, rehabilitation and widening of about 1,500 major bridges and 200 Railway Over Bridges and Railway Under Bridges on National Highways.

NHDP, being implemented in various phases was initiated by former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and includes Golden Quadrilateral connecting four metropolises besides North-South Corridor connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari and East-West Corridor joining Porbandar to Silchar.

The total length of road to be constructed under BHARATMALA Pariyojana Phase-I is 24,800 Km with the following details:

- Economic Corridors - 9,000 Km
- Inter-corridor & feeder Routes - 6,000 Km
- National Corridors Efficiency Programme - 5,000 Km
- Border & International connectivity roads - 2,000 Km
- Coastal & port connectivity roads - 2,000 Km
- Expressways - 800 Km
- Remaining National Highways under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) - 10,000 Km

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/mbErel.aspx?relid=169295>

Q.4) Kamarajar Port is located in

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Maharashtra

Q.4) Solution (a)

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Ennore Port, officially renamed Kamarajar Port Limited, is located on the Coromandel Coast about 24 km north of Chennai Port, Chennai, it is the 12th major port of India, and the first port in India which is a public company.

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/mbErel.aspx?relid=169311>

Q.5) At which one of the following places did Mahatma Gandhi first start his Satyagraha in India?

- a) Ahmedabad
- b) Champaran
- c) Bardoli
- d) Ahmedabad

Q.5) Solution (b)

The first Satyagraha movements inspired by Mohandas Gandhi occurred in Champaran district of Bihar and the Kheda district of Gujarat on 1917 to 1918.

Source: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/mbErel.aspx?relid=169292>

