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**1. With reference to Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, consider the following statements.**

1. NIA can seize property that are concerned with terrorism.
2. Government can designate individuals as terrorists if they promote terrorism.
3. It empowers only officers of the NIA — of the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police or above, to investigate cases.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A

**Explanation**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** If the investigation is conducted by an officer of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the approval of the Director General of NIA would be required for seizure of such property.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It empowers the government to designate individuals as terrorists if the person commits or participates in acts of terrorism, prepares for terrorism, promotes terrorism or is otherwise involved in terrorism.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It empowers the officers of the NIA — of the rank of **Inspector** or above, to investigate cases.
- In August, Parliament cleared the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2019 to designate individuals as terrorists on certain grounds provided in the Act.
- The Act empowers the Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA) to grant approval of seizure or attachment of property when the case is investigated by the said agency.
- The Act empowers the officers of the NIA, of the rank of Inspector or above, to investigate cases of terrorism in addition to those conducted by the DSP or ACP or above rank officer in the state.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-demonisation-of-dissent/article32554852.ece>

**2. Which of the following are true regarding National Nutrition Survey?**

1. The survey records micronutrient deficiencies only
2. WHO is also a part of the first National Nutrition Survey
3. The first Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey was conducted in 2014

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Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. None of the above

Answer: D

#### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The survey recorded not only **micronutrient deficiencies but also details of non-communicable diseases** such as diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol and kidney function in children and adolescents.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The first-ever comprehensive National Nutrition Survey has been conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) to measure malnutrition.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** The first Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey was approved in 2016, and was conducted from 2016 to 2018, with the report being published in 2019.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/national-nutrition-guidelines-soon-irani/article32555049.ece>

#### 3. Where is Mullaperiyar dam located?

- A. TamilNadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Telengana
- D. Kerala

Answer: D

#### Explanation:

- The Mullaperiyar dam is located on the confluence of the Mullayar and Periyar rivers in **Kerala's** Idukki district. It is operated and maintained by the Tamil Nadu for meeting the drinking water and irrigation requirements of five of its southern districts.
- The Periyar River is the longest river in the state of Kerala with a length of 244 km.
- Periyar River originates from Sivagiri hills of Western Ghats and flows through the Periyar National Park.

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- <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tn-rubbishes-claims-on-disaster-for-mullaperiyar-dam/article32555767.ece>

#### 4. With reference to Char Dham project, consider the following statements.

1. It builds and repairs bridges across important water bodies in India.
2. It also includes mitigation measures/ stabilisation of chronic landslide & sinking spots/zones

#### Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

#### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** It is a programme taken up by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways **for connectivity improvement** for **Chardham** (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunotri and Gangotri) in Uttarakhand. The project proposes the widening of single lane roads into double lanes by up to 10 metres, developing **highways** in Uttarakhand and thereby improving access to the Char Dham.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The projects also includes **mitigation measures/ stabilisation** of chronic landslide & sinking spots/zones as a standalone project or part of road widening projects to avoid landslide and safety of road users..

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/adhere-to-ministry-circular-on-roads-in-char-dham-sc-to-centre/article32554466.ece>

#### 5. Consider the following statements regarding Asian Development Bank(ADB)

1. China holds the largest share in ADB.
2. It is headquartered in Shanghai

#### Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: D

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### Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect: Japan** holds the largest share in ADB with 15.677%, followed by U.S.A (15.567%), China (6.473%), and India (5.812%).
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Asian Development Bank (ADB) was established in the year **1966**, with head office at **Manila (Philippines)**. It has 67 members from the Asia Pacific region. This bank was modeled on the lines of the World Bank.
- The aim of the ADB is social development by reducing poverty in the Asia Pacific with inclusive growth, sustainable growth, and regional integration.
- <https://m.economicstimes.com/industry/transportation/roadways/adb-government-ink-usd-500-mn-loan-pact-for-delhi-meerut-highway/articleshow/78000252.cms>

