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1. Consider the following statements.

1. National Green Tribunal(NGT) is empowered to hear matters pertaining to issues coming under the ambit of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The Tribunal is not bound by the procedure laid down under the Code of Civil Procedure 1908, but shall be guided by principles of 'natural justice'.

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:** the NGT is **not empowered** to hear matters pertaining to issues coming under the ambit of the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, which is applicable in case of National Parks, Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves.
- The NGT deals with civil cases under the seven laws related to the environment, these include:
 - The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974,
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 - The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980,
 - The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981,
 - The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986,
 - The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 and
 - The Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Tribunal has jurisdiction over all civil cases involving substantial question relating to environment (including enforcement of any legal right relating to environment).
- Being a statutory adjudicatory body like Courts, apart from original jurisdiction side on filing of an application, NGT also has appellate jurisdiction to hear appeal as a Court (Tribunal).
- The Tribunal is **not bound by** the procedure laid down under the **Code of Civil Procedure 1908**, but shall be guided by **principles of 'natural justice'**.
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<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/frame-rules-for-disposal-of-cigarette-butts-ngt/article32576373.ece>

2. Consider the following statements about AMRUT mission.

1. The mission has a focus on Sewerage and septage management
2. AMRUT mission aims in covering around 500 cities

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: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct: The AMRUT Mission consists of the following major components:**
 - capacity building
 - reform implementation
 - water supply and management of sewerage and septage
 - Drainage of stormwater
 - Improvement in urban transport facilities
 - Development of green spaces and parks.
- **Statement 2 is correct :Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) aims in covering around 500 cities** that are having a population of over one lakh with notified municipalities.
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- Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) is the new form of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). But, the Centre will not appraise individual projects.
- The AMRUT Scheme focuses on establishing an infrastructure for ensuring adequate sewage networks and water supply in the urban areas through the implementation of the urban revival projects. The first state to submit State Annual Action Plan under the AMRUT scheme was Rajasthan.
- Various other schemes like Swachh Bharat Mission, Housing for All 2022 and the local state schemes related to water supply, sewerage and infrastructure can also be linked to the AMRUT scheme.
- The main objectives of the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) are mentioned below:
 - To ensure a proper supply of water and a sewage connection in every household.
 - To develop green and well maintained open spaces and parks to increase the amenity value of the cities.

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- To reduce pollution by switching to public transport or through the construction of non-motorized transport facilities such as walking and cycling.
- Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) aims in covering around 500 cities that are having a population of over one lakh with notified municipalities.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1652949>

3. 'E-gopala app, sometimes seen in the news, is related to?

- A. Information portal for farmers.
- B. Information portal for MSME's
- C. Information portal for health professionals
- D. Information portal for street dwellers

Answer: **A**

Explanation:

- e-Gopala App, is a comprehensive breed **improvement marketplace and information portal for direct use of farmers.**
- At present, no digital platform is available in the country for farmers managing livestock including buying and selling of disease free germplasm in all forms, availability of quality breeding services and guiding farmers for animal nutrition, treatment of animals using appropriate medicine.
- The e-Gopala app will provide solutions to farmers on all these aspects.
- The app is launched as a **part of PM- Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).**

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1652993>

4. Consider the following statements about the National Security Act

1. The NSA is a punitive detention law.
2. The NSA empowers the Centre or a State government to detain a person to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to national security.

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

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Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The NSA is a preventive detention law.
- Preventive Detention involves the detainment (containment) of a person in order to keep him/her from committing future crimes and/or from escaping future prosecution.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The NSA empowers the **Centre or a State government** to detain a person to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to national security.
- The government can also detain a person to prevent him from disrupting public order or for maintenance of supplies and services essential to the community.
- The maximum period for which one may be detained is 12 months. But the term can be extended if the government finds fresh evidence.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/in-uttar-pradesh-more-than-half-of-nsa-arrests-this-year-were-for-cow-slaughter-6591315/>

5. The Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) has been signed between

- A. India and USA
- B. India and UK
- C. India and Russia
- D. India and Japan

Answer: D

Explanation:

- **India and Japan** have signed a key agreement for reciprocal provision of supplies and services between their defence forces, which is expected to drive closer military cooperation and contribute to regional security.
- The Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) between Japan's Self-Defense Forces and India's armed forces was signed by Japanese ambassador Satoshi Suzuki and defence secretary Ajay Kumar in New Delhi on Wednesday.
- The agreement establishes a framework such as the settlement procedures for the reciprocal provision of supplies and services between the Self-Defense Forces of Japan and the Indian armed forces
- <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/japan-s-pm-shinzo-abe-speaks-on-phone-with-narendra-modi-lists-elevation-of-global-partnership-between-the-two-countries-as-a-key-achievement/story-dgAYdfesU7Vtz2Miua6z7M.html>