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1. With reference to the “Crime in India” report 2019, consider the following statements.

1. NCRB releases the “Crime in India” report.
2. The recently published report mentions that crimes against women have increased but crimes against Scheduled Castes has decreased.

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: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** NCRB is under the Ministry of Home Affairs to function as a repository of information on crime and criminals so as to assist the investigators in linking crime to the perpetrators.
- **NCRB brings out the annual comprehensive statistics of crime across the country** (“Crime in India” report)
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Crimes against women increased 7.3 per cent from 2018 to 2019, and **crimes against Scheduled Castes also went up 7.3 per cent** in the same period, according to the annual National Crime Record Bureau’s “Crime in India” 2019 report released on Tuesday.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/ncrb-data-7-rise-in-crimes-against-women-6636529/>

2. Consider the following statements about Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules

1. A properly done medical examination comes before applying a certificate of identity
2. A transgender person is one whose gender does not match the gender assigned at birth

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 Central government **put to an end the requirement of a medical examination** for trans persons applying for a certificate of identity in its latest rules framed under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.
- **Statement 2 is correct:**
 - The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019:
 - It defines a **transgender person as one whose gender does not match the gender assigned at birth.**
 - It prohibits any kind of discrimination against a transgender person, including denial of service or unfair treatment in relation to education, employment, healthcare, access to, or enjoyment of goods, facilities, opportunities available to the public.
 - A transgender person may write an application to the District Magistrate for a certificate of identity, indicating the gender as 'transgender'.
 - National Council for Transgender persons (NCT) would be established to advise the central government as well as monitor the impact of policies, legislation and projects with respect to transgender persons.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/transgender-rules-issued-no-medical-exam-needed-to-declare-desired-sex-6636480/>

3. "Green Strategic Partnership" between Indian and Denmark has the features of

1. Defence ties
2. Creation of jobs
3. Political Cooperation
4. Green Growth

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 2, 3 and 4 only

Answer: **D**

Explanation:

The Green Strategic Partnership is a mutually beneficial arrangement to **advance political cooperation, expand economic relations and green growth, create jobs and strengthen**

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cooperation on addressing global challenges and opportunities; with focus on an ambitious implementation of the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-denmark-launch-green-strategic-partnership/article32726691.ece>

4. The Monetary Policy Committee has a

- A. Flexible Inflation targeting
- B. Rigid Inflation targeting
- C. Mixture of flexible and rigid inflation targeting
- D. None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation:

- India adopted a flexible inflation targeting framework as a formal legal mandate of the RBI in March 2016. The preamble to the RBI Act, as well as relevant sections in the Act were amended to enable this change. The framework entailed many details such as on the rate of inflation to be targeted, the band, the measure, the composition of the Monetary Policy Committee and the objective. One of these sections require that the rate of inflation to be targeted needs to be reviewed every five years. In March 2021, the central government along with the RBI is required to review the target.
- The Agreement mandated RBI to bring down inflation to 6% by January 2016 and to 4% with a band of +/- 2 percent for all subsequent years.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/monetary-policy-committee-what-delay-in-rbi-panel-meet-means-6637220/>

5. With reference to the Kasturi Rangam Committee, consider the following statements.

- 1. A complete ban on mining, quarrying and sand mining in Ecologically Sensitive Areas
- 2. The Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP) designated the entire hill range as an Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA).
- 3. Highly polluting industries should not be allowed

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

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Answer: C

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** A complete ban on mining, quarrying and sand mining in ESA was recommended. Current mining areas in the ESA should be phased out within the next five years, or at the time of expiry of mining lease, whichever is earlier.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Instead of the total area of Western Ghats, only 37% (i.e. 60,000 sq. km.) of the total area be brought under ESA under Kasturirangan report. **Statement 2 is from Gadgil report**
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Red industries i.e. which are highly polluting be strictly banned in these areas.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/ngt-concerned-as-6-states-want-6k-sqkm-to-be-taken-off-western-ghats-eco-zone-6636663/>