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**1. The main objective of the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) is to**

- A. To provide free education to girls
- B. To offer health insurance to pregnant women
- C. To ensure comprehensive and quality antenatal care to pregnant women
- D. To promote gender equality in workplaces

**2. Consider the following statements about the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAN scheme.**

- 1. It aims at providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country through revival of existing air-strips and airports.
- 2. The scheme offers viability gap funding to companies in addition to waiver of certain statutory charges and taxes on jet fuel.
- 3. The Airports Authority of India is designated as the Implementing Agency under this Scheme.

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

**3. Consider the following statements about Mission Vatsalya**

- 1) It aims to deliver services for Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) and Children in Conflict with Law (CCL).
- 2) It is a central sector scheme where 100 percent funding is from the central government.

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

**4. With reference to 'palm oil', consider the following statements:**

- 1) The palm oil tree is native to West Africa.
- 2) Palm oil consists of more than 90 per cent share in total edible oil imports in India.
- 3) National Edible Oil Mission-Oil Palm is aimed at boosting domestic oilseed production.

Which of the statements given above 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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5. Which ministry is responsible for implementing the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)?

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

**Solutions:**

**1. Answer: C**

**Explanation**

- The **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** launched “Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan” (PMSMA) with an aim to **provide fixed-day, free of cost, assured, comprehensive and quality antenatal care universally to all pregnant women** in their 2nd / 3rd trimesters of pregnancy at designated government health facilities.
- Launched in 2016, PMSMA envisages to improve the quality and coverage of Antenatal Care (ANC) including diagnostics and counseling services as part of the **Reproductive Maternal Neonatal Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A) Strategy**.
- One of the key focus areas of PMSMA is to generate demand through Information Education & Communication (IEC), Interpersonal Communication (IPC) and Behavior Change Communication (BCC) activities.
- Extensive use of audio-visual and print media in raising mass awareness is an integral part of the IEC/BCC campaign.
- Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM), Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) and Anganwadi Worker (AWW) play a pivotal role in mobilization of the community and potential beneficiaries in **both rural and urban areas** for availing of services during the PMSMA.

**2. Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1 is correct:** In 2017, the **Ministry of Civil Aviation** launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) “UDAN” (Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik) which aims at **providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports** of the country through revival of existing air-strips and airports to make **flying affordable** to the common man who want to travel to and fro the Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities of the country.
- UDAN has a unique market-based model. Airline routes are allocated to operators selected through a **competitive bidding mechanism**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** UDAN scheme offers **viability gap funding** to companies in addition to waiver of certain statutory charges and taxes on jet fuel in order to offer affordable connectivity.
- Airlines have to set aside **50% of the total aircraft capacity** for cheaper fares to be offered at the rate of **Rs 2,500 per hour of flight**, in return for which airlines are given a subsidy by the Centre and the State government concerned.

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- The airport that will be renovated under this scheme will be chosen after referring to the respective State government. Together with the State government the Central government will revive the dysfunctional and unserved airports of the country.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** is designated as the Implementing Agency under this Scheme.
- The scheme is now in its **fourth phase** with focus on bringing connectivity to priority areas like North East India, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, hilly states in other parts of the country, and islands.

### 3. Answer: A

#### Explanation

- The **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (JJ Act)** is the primary law for care and protection of children in the country.
- As per the JJ Act, a child who does not have parents and no one is willing to take care of and protect or who is abandoned or surrendered is included as a “child in need of care and protection.”
- The Act provides a **security net of service delivery structures** including measures for institutional and non-institutional care to ensure comprehensive well-being of children in distress situations.

#### About the Mission Vatsalya scheme

- **Statement 1 is correct and statement 2 is incorrect:** Mission Vatsalya scheme is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)** which is implemented through States/Union Territories (UTs) to **deliver services for Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) and Children in Conflict with Law (CCL)** which include Institutional Care and Non-Institutional Care.
- The fund sharing pattern is in the ratio of 60:40 for all States and UTs with legislature except the North-Eastern States and Hilly States - Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and UT of Jammu & Kashmir, where the cost of sharing is 90:10. In Union Territory without a legislature, the cost is 100 % on the Central Government.
- Under the scheme, **Institutional Care** is provided through Child Care Institutes (CCIs), as a **rehabilitative measure**.
- The programmes and activities in Homes inter-alia include age-appropriate education, access to vocational training, recreation, health care, counseling etc.
- Under the **Non-Institutional Care component**, support is extended for **Adoption, Foster Care, After Care and Sponsorship**.
- Further Mission Vatsalya also provides for “**After care**” services after the age of 18 years to help sustain them during the transition from institutional to independent life.
- The primary responsibility of execution of the Act and implementation of Scheme lies with the States/UTs.

### 4. Answer: C

#### Explanation

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- The oil palm tree is **native to West Africa**, specifically to the region that includes countries like **Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, and Liberia**. Hence **statement 1 is correct**.
- In recent decades, the cultivation of oil palm has expanded well beyond West Africa and is now grown in various tropical regions around the world, including Southeast Asia and parts of South America. It is a major global commodity, with applications in food products, cosmetics, and industrial processes.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the **National Edible Oil Mission-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)**, with an investment of over Rs 11,000 crore to boost domestic oilseed production and make the country self-sufficient in cooking oils. Hence **statement 3 is correct**.
- With **palm oil having 55 per cent share (not 90 percent) in total edible oil imports**, NMEO-OP would ensure that farmers get all facilities, from quality seeds to technology to promote cultivation of palm and other oil seeds. Hence **statement 2 is incorrect**.

### Significance

- The Prime Minister said while India has become self-sufficient or Atma Nirbhar in the production of rice, wheat and sugar, it was not enough as the country is dependent on huge imports of edible oils.
- India is the **world's biggest vegetable oil importer**. India **produces less than half of the roughly 2.5 million tonnes of edible oil that it consumes annually**. It imports the rest, buying **palm oil from Indonesia and Malaysia, soyoil from Brazil and Argentina, and sunflower oil, mainly from Russia and Ukraine**, with the import bill hovering around Rs 75,000 crore per year.
- The increase in cultivation of oil palm will not only benefit farmers but also consumers who would get quality cooking oils at a cheaper rate.
- Besides, it would benefit processors and the entire value chain, thereby creating job opportunities.

### 5. Answer: C

### Explanation

- The '**Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan**' or the '**Drugs-Free India Campaign**' is a **campaign against substance abuse** flagged off on 15th August 2020 by the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.
- The campaign focuses on **272 districts in 32 states & UT's which are identified as most vulnerable in terms of usage of drugs** and launches a **three-pronged attack** combining efforts of the Narcotics Bureau, Outreach/Awareness by Social Justice and Treatment through the Health Department.

### Components of the action plan

- Awareness generation programmes;
- Focus on Higher Educational Institutions, University Campuses and Schools;
- Community outreach and Identification of dependent population;
- Focus on Treatment facilities in Hospital settings; and
- Capacity Building Programmes for Service Providers.