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**1. Consider the following statements about the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).**

1. It is a constitutional body.
2. The commission is mandated to monitor the implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

**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

**2. For which specific reason is Pingali Venkayya remembered even today?**

- A. He helped in the annexation of Hyderabad
- B. He helped in the annexation of Goa
- C. He designed the Indian National Flag
- D. He composed the music for the National Anthem

**3. The "Lakhpati Didi" scheme is associated with which of the following missions or programs?**

- A. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)
- B. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)
- C. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)
- D. Swachh Bharat Mission

**4. Consider the following statements about the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2011**

- 1) Under the Act, any person below the age of 18 years is defined as a "child".
- 2) It provided procedures for recording the statement of a child by the police and court.

**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

**5. Identify the correctly matched pairs of Martial art forms in India with their states:**

1. Thang-ta - Meghalaya
2. Kalaripayattu - Kerala
3. Mallakhamb - Madhya Pradesh
4. Gatka - Punjab

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Select the correct answer from the below codes

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

**Solutions:**

**1. Answer: B**

**Explanation**

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is a **statutory body** established under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005.
- The commission works under the aegis of the **Ministry of Women and Child development.**
- **Statement 2 is correct:** NCPCR is mandated to function for the protection and promotion of child rights. It is also mandated to monitor the implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.
- The Commission may inquire into complaints and take *suo motu* notice of matters relating to-
  - Deprivation and violation of child rights;
  - Non-implementation of laws providing for protection and development of children;
  - Non-compliance of policy decisions, guidelines or instructions aimed at mitigating hardships to and ensuring welfare of the children and to provide relief to such children;

**Constitution**

- The commission consist of the following members namely:
  - A **chairperson** who, is a person of eminence and has done an outstanding work for promoting the welfare of children; and
  - **Six members**, out of which at least two are women, are appointed by the Central Government from amongst persons of eminence, ability, integrity, standing and experience in Education; Child health, care or related fields.

**2. Answer: C**

**Explanation**

- Pingali Venkayya was a **freedom fighter** and the **designer of the Indian National Tricolour** who went on to become synonymous with the spirit of free and independent India. The national flag that we see today was based upon his design.
- Born in 1876 in **Andhra Pradesh**, Venkayya served as a soldier in the British Army in South Africa during the Anglo Boer war in Africa.
- The flag designed by Venkayya was officially adopted by the **Indian National Congress in 1931.**

**Why in News?**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has paid tributes to Pingali Venkayya on his birth anniversary and remembered his efforts in giving the Tricolour to the nation.

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### 3. Answer: A

#### Explanation

- Lakhpati Didi scheme under the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)** aims to **encourage women to start micro-enterprises**. It was announced in 2023.
  - *DAY-NRLM is a flagship poverty alleviation program implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.*
  - *Launched in 2011, it aims to reduce poverty by enabling the poor household to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities resulting in sustainable and diversified livelihood options for the poor.*
- The scheme aims to **train women in self-help groups and enable them to earn an income of at least Rs 1 lakh per annum per household**.
- Each SHG household is encouraged to take up multiple livelihood activities coupled with value chain interventions, resulting in a sustainable income of Rs 1 lakh or more in a year.
- During the Interim Budget 2024, the Government of India decided to **enhance the target for Lakhpati Didi to 3 crore households** from the existing 2 crore.

#### Why in News?

- Under DAY-NRLM, 10.05 crore women have been mobilized into 90.86 Lakhs Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- Out of these SHG members, more than 1 crore SHG members have the annual income of more than Rs. 1 Lakh, i.e., they are Lakhpati Didis.

### 4. Answer: C

#### Explanation

- The POCSO Act, which came into force in **2012**, is the first comprehensive law in the country **dealing specifically with sexual abuse of children**.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** Under the Act, any person below the **age of 18 years** is defined as a “child”.
- The Act **increased the scope** of reporting offenses against children, which were not earlier covered under the Indian Penal Code. This included **aggravated penetrative sexual assault** to include punishment for **abuse by a person in position of trust or authority** including public servants, police, armed forces, management or staff of an educational or religious institution.
- It also defined the procedure for reporting of cases, including a provision for punishment for **failure to report a case or false complaint**.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It provided **procedures for recording of the statement of a child** by the police and court, laying down that it should be done in a **child-friendly manner**, and by the setting up of **special courts**.
- Each district shall designate a Sessions Court to be a **Special Court**. The Court shall, as far as possible, **complete the trial within one year**. The trial shall be held in camera and in the presence of the child’s parents or any person trusted by the child.

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- The Act also includes penalties for **use of children for the purpose of pornography and abetment of an offense.**
- The Act was amended in **2019** to enhance punishment under various sections of the Act including punishment for aggravated penetrative sexual assault to be increased to include **death penalty.**

### Why in News?

- As per the information received from the High Courts up to May, 2024, 755 Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) including 410 exclusive POCSO (e-POCSO) Courts are functional in 30 States/UTs across the country, which have disposed of over 2,53,000 cases.

### 5. Answer: B

#### Explanation

##### Gatka

- Gatka is the name of an Indian martial art associated with the **Sikhs of the Punjab** who practiced an early variant of the martial art.
- It is a **style of stick-fighting**, with wooden sticks.
- After the fifth Sikh guru, **Guru Arjan Dev**, was killed by the Mughals, **Guru Hargobind**, his son, propagated the idea of learning Gatka to fight oppression. Later, in the 17th century, **Guru Gobind Singh**, known as the master of weaponry, developed it further.

##### Kalaripayattu

- It is a form of martial art and fighting style that **originated in Kerala.**
- Considered to be among the **oldest martial arts**, its origin dates back to at least the 3rd century BC.
- Kalaripayattu includes strikes, kicks, grappling, preset forms, weaponry and healing methods. Practitioners of Kalaripayattu also possess intricate knowledge of pressure points on the human body and healing techniques that incorporate the knowledge of **Ayurveda and Yoga.**
- Unlike other parts of India, **warriors in Kerala belonged to all castes.**
- **Women** also underwent training in Kalaripayattu, and still do so to this day.

##### Thang-Ta

- It is an indigenous martial arts popular in **Manipur.**
- It is dedicated to fighting skill and worship.

##### Mallakhamba

- Mallakhamb is a traditional sport in which a gymnast performs aerial yoga or gymnastic postures and wrestling grips in concert with a vertical stationary or hanging wooden pole, cane, or rope.
- **Madhya Pradesh (state sport) and Maharashtra** have been the hotspots of this sport.
- The name Mallakhamb derives from the terms malla, meaning wrestler, and khamb, which means a pole.