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**1. The Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve is situated in**

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Odisha
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Madhya Pradesh

**2. The term 'Girmityas', sometimes seen in the news, is related to which of the following?**

- a) Indentured Laborers
- b) Women entrepreneurs
- c) Marginalized farmers
- d) Environmental activists

**3. Consider the following statements about the National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation Limited (NUCFDC)**

- 1) Its main objective is to help UCBs adhere to the Banking Regulations Act.
- 2) It has received RBI's approval to function as a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC).

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 District Mineral Foundations (DMFs), consider the following statements.**

- 1. The Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 mandates setting up of DMFs in all districts in the country affected by mining related operations.
- 2. Its manner of operation comes under the jurisdiction of the relevant State 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

**5. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, consider the following statements.**

- 1. The Scheme is being implemented as per provisions under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.
- 2. Women farmers who are beneficiaries under Kishan Samman Nidhi are not eligible to get entitlements under the scheme.

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3. To improve health seeking behavior amongst the Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers is one of the objectives of the scheme.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

**Solutions:**

**1. Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- Bandhavgarh Tiger reserve is located in the eastern Satpura hill range of **Madhya Pradesh**.
- With one of the highest densities of tigers, it is an extremely popular tiger reserve in the country.
- It was declared a **national park in 1968** and a **tiger reserve in 1993** under the Project Tiger.
- This area is unique from the point of biodiversity, as it comprises hills, valleys, rivers, marshes and meadows to give rise to diverse vegetation.
- Apart from the tiger population, the area is also rich in biodiversity. More than 30 species of mammals, 260 species of birds, 70 species of butterflies, reptiles and insects are found in the region.
- Bandhavgarh has the status of sheltering the **highest density of Royal Bengal Tigers** in the world.

**2. Answer: A**

**Explanation**

- Girmitiyas were **generations of Indians who were taken to other countries** like Mauritius, Seychelles, Fiji, South Africa, East Africa, Malay Peninsula, Suriname, Guyana and the Caribbean islands, **in the middle and the late 19th century, by the British to serve as indentured laborers** in the British colonies.

**3. Answer: C**

**Explanation**

- The **National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation Limited (NUCFDC) was formed as an umbrella organization for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs).**
- **Statement 1 is correct:** The main objective of NUCFDC is to help UCBs adhere to the Banking Regulations Act and bring professionalism in their work.
- The umbrella organization will provide various facilities to UCBs, facilitate dialogue between banks and regulators, and work on improving communication.

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- **Statement 2 is correct:** NUCFDC has received RBI's approval to function as a **non-banking finance company** and a **self-regulatory organization** for the urban cooperative banking sector.

### 4. Answer: C

#### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Setting up of District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) in **all districts in the country affected by mining related operations** was mandated through the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, (MMDRA) 2015.
- Under the Act, mining lease holders are required to make contributions to DMF funds. This contribution is equivalent to a certain percentage of the royalty paid by them. PMKKKY was launched in 2015 to implement the projects approved by DMFs.

#### About DMFs

- District Mineral Foundation is a trust set up as a non-profit body, in those districts affected by the mining works, to work for the interest and benefit of persons and areas affected by mining related operations. It is funded through the contributions from miners.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Its manner of operation comes under the jurisdiction of the relevant State Government.
- In case of all mining leases executed before 12th January, 2015 miners will have to contribute an amount equal to 30% of the royalty payable by them to the DMFs. Where mining leases are granted after 12.01.2015, the rate of contribution would be 10% of the royalty payable.
- **They act as implementing agencies of the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana.**

#### About PMKKKY

- The Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) has been launched by the Government which will be implemented by DMFs of the respective districts using the funds accruing to the DMF.
- At least 60% of PMKKKY funds will be utilized for high priority areas like: (i) drinking water supply; (ii) environment preservation and pollution control measures; (iii) health care (iv) education; (v) welfare of women and children; (vi) welfare of aged and disabled people; (vii) skill development; and (viii) Sanitation.
- The rest of the funds will be utilized undertaking works like for: (i) physical infrastructure; (ii) irrigation; (iii) energy and watershed development; and (iv) any other measures for enhancing environmental quality in mining districts.

### 5. Answer: B

#### Explanation

- The Government of India is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) with effect from 1st January 2017.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** The PMMVY Scheme is being implemented as per provisions under the **National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013** which provides for financial support for pregnant and lactating mothers to improve the health and nutrition for mother and child as well as compensation for wage loss, if any.

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### The Objectives of the PMMVY:

- To provide cash incentive for partial compensation for the wage loss so that the woman can take adequate rest before and after delivery of the first child;
- To improve health seeking behavior amongst the Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers (PW&LM). Hence **statement 3 is correct.**
- To promote positive behavioral change towards girl child by providing additional cash incentives for the second child, if that is a girl child.

The **criteria for determining socially and economically disadvantaged sections of society** will be the following:

- Women belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes;
- Women who are partially (40%) or fully disabled (Divyang Jan)
- Women holder of BPL ration Card
- Women Beneficiaries under PradhanMantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) under Ayushman Bharat.
- Women holding E-shram card
- Women farmers who are beneficiaries under Kisan Samman Nidhi. Hence **statement 2 is incorrect.**
- Women holding MGNREGA Job Card
- Women whose net family income is less than Rs. 8 Lakh per annum
- Pregnant and Lactating AWWs/ AWHs/ ASHAs
- Any other category as may be prescribed by the Central Government
- Further, all pregnant women and lactating mothers in regular employment with the central Government or State Government or public Sector Undertaking or those who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being in force **shall not be entitled to benefits under PMMVY.**
- The benefit is **available to a woman for the first two living children provided the second child is a girl.**
- For availing benefits for second child, registration during the pregnancy shall be mandatory. This would contribute to improving the Sex Ratio at Birth and to prevent female foeticide.