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**1. Consider the following statements about Padma Awards.**

1. It seeks to recognize achievements in all fields of activities or disciplines where an element of public service is involved.
2. Doctors and scientists are not eligible for these Awards.
3. A higher category of Padma award is normally conferred on a person only where a period of at least five years has elapsed since conferment of the earlier Padma award.

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

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

**2. The Government of India is promoting the Lakhpati Didi programme under which of the following schemes?**

- A. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- B. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission
- C. Nirbhaya Fund
- D. Ujjawala Scheme

**3. With reference to the PM Vishwakarma scheme, consider the following statements.**

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme fully funded by the Central government.
2. It aims to provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople.
3. The scheme covers both rural and urban areas.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**4. The Government of India is establishing PM MITRA parks with the main objective of**

- A. Modernise the food processing sector to increase the level of processing
- B. Create employment opportunities for the youth by promoting the IT/ITeS Industry in smaller cities
- C. Transform India into a global manufacturing hub with a focus on indigenously designed, developed, and manufactured weapon systems
- D. Create a world-class infrastructure for the integration of different processes involved in the textile industry

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### 5. Which of the following is/are the targets of the National Logistics Policy 2022?

1. Reducing the cost of logistics in India to 8% by 2030.
2. Reducing the share of railways in logistics.
3. Giving special emphasis to moving liquid bulk cargo via pipelines.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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

**Solutions:**

**1. Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- Padma Awards, which were instituted in **1954**, are **announced every year** on the occasion of **Republic Day** except for brief interruption(s) during the years 1978 and 1979 and 1993 to 1997.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Award seeks to recognize **achievements in all fields of activities or disciplines** where an **element of public service** is involved. It is given in **three categories**, namely,
  - **Padma Vibhushan** for **exceptional and distinguished service**;
  - **Padma Bhushan** for **distinguished service of a high order**; and
  - **Padma Shri** for **distinguished service**.



**Who is eligible?**

- **All persons without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex** are eligible for these awards.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** However, **Government servants including those working with PSUs, except doctors and scientists, are not eligible** for these Awards.

**Various Fields**

- The Padma awards are given across various fields such as **art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, civil**

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**services, sports and others** (fields not covered above and may include propagation of Indian Culture, protection of Human Rights, Wild Life protection/conservation etc.)

### Who decides?

- The Padma Awards are conferred on the **recommendations made by the Padma Awards Committee**, which is constituted by the **Prime Minister** every year.
- The nomination process is **open to the public**. Even **self-nomination can be made**.
- The Padma Awards Committee is headed by the **Cabinet Secretary** and includes Home Secretary, Secretary to the President and four to six eminent persons as members. The recommendations of the committee are submitted to the **Prime Minister** and the **President of India** for approval.
- Recipients of these awards receive a **medal and a certificate** signed by the President of India.

### Maximum number of awards

- The total number of awards to be given in a year (excluding posthumous awards and to foreigners) should not be more than **120**.

### Note:

- The award **does not amount to a title** under **Article 18(1)** of the Indian Constitution and **cannot be used as a suffix or prefix to the awardees' name**.
- The award is normally **not conferred posthumously**. However, in highly deserving cases, the Government could consider giving an award posthumously.
- **Statement 3 is correct: A higher category** of Padma award can be conferred on a person only where a period of **at least five years has elapsed** since conferment of the earlier Padma award. However, in highly deserving cases, a relaxation can be made by the Awards Committee.

### 2. Answer: B

#### Explanation:

- The Government of India is promoting the Lakhpati Didi scheme under the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)** to encourage **women to start micro-enterprises**. It was announced in **2023**.
- 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.
- In the **Interim Budget 2024**, the government **enhanced the target for Lakhpati Didi initiative to 3 crore households** from the existing 2 crore.

### 3. Answer: D

#### Explanation:

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- **Statements 1 & 2 are correct:** PM Vishwakarma is a **Central Sector Scheme** launched recently to **provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople who work with their hands and tools.**
- It is a new scheme with an outlay of **Rs 13,000 crore** and is **fully funded by the Central government.** The **Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise** is the nodal ministry of PM Vishwakarma Yojana.
- The prime focus of PM Vishwakarma is at improving the **quality** as well as the **reach of products and services** of artisans and craftspeople and to ensure that they are **integrated with the domestic and global value chains.**
- **Statement 3 is correct:** The scheme will provide support to artisans and craftspeople of **rural and urban areas** across India.
- **Eighteen traditional crafts** will be covered under PM Vishwakarma. These include (i) Carpenter; (ii) Boat Maker; (iii) Armourer; (iv) Blacksmith ; (v) Hammer and Tool Kit Maker; (vi) Locksmith; (vii) Goldsmith; (viii) Potter; (ix) Sculptor, Stone breaker; (x) Cobbler (Shoemaker/ Footwear artisan); (xi) Mason (Rajmistri); (xii) Basket/Mat/Broom Maker/Coir Weaver; (xiii) Doll & Toy Maker (Traditional); (xiv) Barber; (xv) Garland maker; (xvi) Washerman; (xvii) Tailor; and (xviii) Fishing Net Maker.

### Benefits of the scheme

- The Scheme envisages provisioning of the following benefits to the artisans and craftspersons:
  - **(i) Recognition:** Recognition of artisans and craftspeople through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card.
  - **(ii) Skill Upgradation:** Basic Training and Advanced Training, with a stipend of Rs. 500 per day;
  - **(iii) Toolkit Incentive:** A toolkit incentive of upto Rs. 15,000 in the form of e-vouchers at the beginning of Basic Skill Training.
  - **(iv) Credit Support:** Collateral free 'Enterprise Development Loans' of upto Rs. 3 lakh at a concessional rate of interest.
  - **(v) Incentive for Digital Transaction:** An amount of Re. 1 per digital transaction, upto maximum 100 transactions monthly for each digital pay-out or receipt.
  - **(vi) Marketing Support:** Marketing support in the form of quality certification, branding, onboarding on e-commerce platforms, advertising, publicity, etc.

### 4. Answer: D

### Explanation:

- The Government of India is setting up PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks to **boost the textiles sector.**
- The Parks will come up in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

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### Significance

- PM MITRA would provide an opportunity to develop an **integrated textiles value chain at one place**, starting with spinning, weaving, processing/dyeing, printing, and garment manufacture.
- It would lead to the **creation of 20 lakh jobs**.
- The Central government's budget outlay for the scheme, which is ₹4,445 crore, is to be spent till **2027-28**.

### Implementation

- **Special purpose vehicles**, with a **51% equity shareholding of the State government and 49% of the Centre**, will be formed for each park.
- The **State governments** will provide the land, be part of the SPV, and give the required clearances.
- The **Central government** will disburse **Development Capital Fund of ₹500 crore** in two tranches for each of the seven facilities. This is for the creation of core and support infrastructure.
- It will also give a **Competitive Incentive Support of ₹300 crore per park** to be provided to the manufacturing units.

### 5. Answer: B

#### Explanation:

- The National Logistics Policy 2022 was formulated by the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** as a comprehensive effort to **address issues of high cost and inefficiency** by laying down an overarching framework for the development of the entire logistics ecosystem.
- The targets of the NLP are to:
  - (i) **Reduce the cost of logistics** in India from **12% to 8% by 2030**,
  - (ii) **Improve the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index ranking** - endeavor is to be among **Top 25 countries** by 2030, and
  - (iii) **Create data driven decision support mechanism** for an efficient logistics ecosystem.
- The NLP expects to achieve these targets through the implementation of a **five-pronged strategy**.
  - **Pushing up the share of railways** from the current 28 per cent to **40 per cent**.
  - Setting up **multi-modal logistics parks** by encouraging private investment in hotspots identified on the GatiShakti platform.
  - Giving **special emphasis to inland water transportation, coastal shipping**, and moving liquid bulk cargo via **pipelines**.
  - **Specific plans** are to be drawn up for 15 industries that constitute the majority of bulk cargo movement.
  - **Digital integration** is to be achieved for tracking and monitoring.
- The NLP's transformational capacities further increase when combined with previous connectivity and infrastructure improvement programs like:



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- **Gati Shakti Programme:** To implement infrastructure connectivity in a coordinated manner.
- **Sagarmala:** To promote port-led development and to provide infrastructure to transport goods to and from ports quickly, efficiently and cost-effectively.
- **Bharatmala:** Focuses on reducing critical infrastructure gaps to increase the effectiveness of road traffic circulation across the nation.

