



Daily MCQ: 31.07.2026

- 1) Consider the following statements with reference to the National Green Tribunal (NGT):
1. NGT is a statutory and quasi-judicial body established under the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.
 2. The Chairperson of NGT may be a retired Supreme Court Judge or a former Chief Justice of a High Court.
 3. NGT aims to dispose of cases within six months from the date of filing.
- Which one of the following conclusions is correct?
- (a) All three statements are correct.
 - (b) There is no correct statement.
 - (c) There are two correct statements that include Statement 2.
 - (d) There is only one correct statement.
- 2) Which one of the following statements about Gold Exchange Traded Funds (Gold ETFs) is **not** correct?
- (a) Gold ETFs are traded on stock exchanges like shares.
 - (b) Gold ETFs are backed by physical gold of high purity held by the fund.
 - (c) Gold ETFs provide exposure to gold prices without the need for personal storage of physical gold.
 - (d) Gold ETFs provide a fixed annual interest income in addition to returns from changes in gold prices.
- 3) Consider the following statements:
- Statement I: Under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, support for modern tools is intended to enhance the productivity and quality of products made by artisans.
- Statement II: The scheme provides incentives for digital transactions to encourage digital financial inclusion among beneficiaries.
- Which one of the following is correct?
- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, but Statement II is not the correct explanation of Statement I.
 - (b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II correctly explains Statement I.
 - (c) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect.
 - (d) Statement I is incorrect, but Statement II is correct.
- 4) A citizen files an application under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 seeking records relating to a public infrastructure project. While some information is disclosed, access to certain documents is denied by the Public Information Officer citing statutory exemptions. The applicant decides to challenge the decision under the RTI Act.
- Consider the following statements with reference to the above:
1. The Right to Information flows from Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution.
 2. Information exempt under Section 8 shall be disclosed if it concerns corruption or human rights violations.
 3. Information available to a public authority from a private body under any law is also accessible under the RTI Act.
 4. Cabinet papers are permanently exempt from disclosure under the RTI Act.



Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1, 2, and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, and 4

5) Consider the following statements regarding Cloudburst:

1. A cloudburst is a sudden, intense rainfall event of 100 mm or more per hour over a localized area of about 20–30 km².
2. Cloudbursts generally originate from cumulonimbus clouds under unstable, moisture-rich atmospheric conditions.
3. Cloudbursts occur mainly during the northeast monsoon (October–December) in India.

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

Explanation

1) **Answer: (A)**

- NGT is a **specialised statutory and quasi-judicial body** established under the **National Green Tribunal Act, 2010**. It deals exclusively with environmental disputes and aims to provide **effective and speedy environmental justice**. As a statutory body, it derives its authority from an Act of Parliament, and as a quasi-judicial body, it has powers to hear disputes and pass orders. **Hence Statement 1 is Correct.**
- The Chairperson of NGT may be a **retired Supreme Court Judge or a former Chief Justice of a High Court**, ensuring judicial expertise in environmental adjudication. **Hence Statement 2 is Correct.**
- NGT aims to dispose of appeals and applications within **six months from the date of filing**, ensuring timely resolution of environmental cases. **Hence Statement 3 is Correct.**
- NGT is **not bound by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908**; it follows the **principles of natural justice** while deciding cases.
- **Therefore, all three statements are correct. Hence option A is the correct answer.**

2) **Answer: (D)**

- (a) Correct – Gold ETFs are bought and sold on **stock exchanges** through a trading and demat account.
- (b) Correct – They are generally backed by **physical gold of prescribed purity** held by the fund.
- (c) Correct – Investors get **exposure to gold price movements without storing physical gold**.
- (d) Incorrect – Gold ETFs **do not provide fixed annual interest income**. Their returns depend mainly on **changes in the market price of gold**. Fixed interest is a feature associated with **Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs)**, not Gold ETFs.
- **Therefore, option (d) is the correct answer.**

3) **Answer: (B)**



- **Statement I is correct:** Under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, beneficiaries receive a toolkit incentive of up to ₹15,000 (via e-vouchers) and skill training to acquire and utilize modern tools, which directly aims to enhance their productivity and the quality of their manufactured products.
- **Statement II is correct:** The scheme also promotes digital financial inclusion and empowerment by providing monetary incentives for digital transactions (such as Re. 1 per digital transaction up to a specified monthly limit).
- **Why Statement II is not the explanation:** While both statements outline true provisions of the scheme, they address entirely different pillars. Modernizing tools focuses on production capacity and craft quality, whereas digital transaction incentives focus on financial inclusion and digital literacy. Statement II does not cause or explain the provisioning of modern tools outlined in Statement I.
- **Therefore, option B is the correct answer.**

4) Answer: (B)

- **Statement 1 – Correct:** The Supreme Court has held that the **Right to Information** is implicit in the **Fundamental Right to freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a)**.
- **Statement 2 – Incorrect:**
 - This statement incorrectly attributes the exception for **corruption and human rights violations** to **Section 8**.
 - In reality, this exception is provided under **Section 24**, which deals with **intelligence and security organisations** exempt from the RTI Act.
 - Under **Section 8**, exempt information may be disclosed **only if the larger public interest outweighs the harm to the protected interests** (Section 8(2)); there is **no specific exception for corruption or human rights violations**.
- **Statement 3 – Correct:** As per **Section 2(f)**, "information" includes information relating to a **private body** that can be accessed by a **public authority under any other law**. Such information can therefore be sought through the concerned public authority.
- **Statement 4 – Incorrect: Cabinet papers are not permanently exempt.** Under **Section 8(1)(i)**, they may be disclosed **after the decision has been taken and the matter is complete or over**, subject to other applicable exemptions under the RTI Act.
- **Therefore, only Statements 1 and 3 are correct. Hence, option B is the correct answer.**

5) Answer: (A)

Statement 1 is correct: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) defines a cloudburst as a localized weather phenomenon characterized by intense rainfall of **100 mm or more per hour** over a geographic area of about **20–30 square kilometers**.

Statement 2 is correct: Cloudbursts are driven by steep convective updrafts that transport moist air rapidly into the upper atmosphere, forming massive **cumulonimbus clouds**. When the upward air currents can no longer support the huge weight of suspended water droplets, a sudden torrential downpour occurs.

Statement 3 is incorrect: In India, cloudbursts occur primarily during the **Southwest Monsoon (June–September)**, particularly over the Himalayan region (e.g., Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh), where moist monsoonal winds are forced upward by steep mountain topography (orographic lift). They are not primarily associated with the northeast monsoon.