

**Daily MCQ: 25.08.2026**

- 1) Consider the following statements regarding the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC):

1. It promotes and strengthens farmer cooperatives to improve agricultural production and productivity.
2. It provides financial assistance for activities such as processing, storage, cold chain and marketing of agricultural produce.
3. It is primarily responsible for regulating the functioning of all cooperative societies in India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) All the above

- 2) Consider the following pairs:

S.No	Non-State Actor	Country of Origin
1	Houthis	Yemen
2	Hezbollah	Lebanon
3	Hamaz	Palestine
4	M23	Democratic Republic of Congo

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

- 3) Consider the following statements with reference to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB):

1. The CPCB is a statutory body constituted under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
2. The CPCB functions under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and provides technical assistance and guidance to State Pollution Control Boards.
3. The CPCB is responsible for granting environmental clearances to industrial projects.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- (a) All the three statements are correct.
- (b) There are two correct statements, that include Statement 2.
- (c) There are two correct statements, that include Statement 3.
- (d) There is only one correct statement.

- 4) Consider the following statements regarding Guru Ravidas:



1. He was associated with the Nirguna tradition of the Bhakti movement.
2. He was a contemporary of Kabir.
3. His teachings emphasised equality, social harmony, dignity of labour and removal of caste-based discrimination.
4. His devotional compositions are included in the Guru Granth Sahib.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

- 5) With reference to the BWF World Championships 2026 held recently, consider the following statements:

1. An Se-young of South Korea successfully defended her Women's Singles World Championship title.
2. P Alex Lanier became the first French player to win the Men's Singles World Championship title.

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

Explanation

1) Answer: (A)

Statement 1 is correct: The NCDC's primary objective is to plan, promote, and finance programs for the production, processing, marketing, storage, export, and import of agricultural produce, supporting farmer cooperatives to boost productivity.

Statement 2 is correct: It provides direct financial assistance and loans to cooperative societies for infrastructure and post-harvest management, including processing units, cold storage chains, warehousing, and marketing facilities.

Statement 3 is incorrect: The NCDC is a statutory promotional and financing organization under the Ministry of Cooperation. It is **not** a regulatory body. The regulation of cooperative societies in India is governed by the respective State Cooperative Societies Acts (for state-level cooperatives) or the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, along with regulatory oversight by NABARD and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for cooperative banks.

2) Answer: (D)

1. Houthis – Yemen: Officially known as *Ansar Allah*, the Houthis are a political and armed movement that originated in northern Yemen and exercises control over significant parts of the country.

2. Hezbollah – Lebanon: Hezbollah is a major Shia Islamist political party and militant organization based in Lebanon, operating extensively within its domestic politics and southern regions.



3. Hamas – Palestine: Hamas is a Palestinian Sunni-Islamist political and militant organization that has governed the Gaza Strip and operates within the Palestinian territories.

4. M23 – Democratic Republic of the Congo: The March 23 Movement (M23) is an active rebel military group primarily operating in the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

3) Answer: (B)

The CPCB is a **statutory body established under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974**. It was subsequently entrusted with functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. **Hence, Statement 1 is correct.**

The CPCB functions under the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** and provides technical assistance and guidance to State Pollution Control Boards in matters related to pollution control. **Hence, Statement 2 is correct.**

The CPCB does **not grant environmental clearances** to industrial projects. Environmental clearances are granted by the **competent authorities under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**, based on the applicable environmental regulations. **Hence, Statement 3 is incorrect.**

Therefore, Statements 1 and 2 are correct. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

4) Answer: (D)

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Guru Ravidas (also known as Raidas) was a prominent saint of the **Nirguna** (formless) stream of the **Bhakti movement**. He worshipped the supreme, formless divine (*Nirguna Brahman*) and rejected idol worship, ritualism, and external symbols.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** He was a senior **contemporary of Kabir**. Both belonged to the 15th-16th century socio-religious reform movement in northern India, and they shared mutual respect, with Kabir referring to Ravidas as a saint among saints.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** His philosophy strongly emphasized **social equality, human dignity, and the abolition of the caste system**. He envisioned **Begumpahan**—a city/state "without sorrow" or a realm free from class and caste prejudices—and advocated for the **dignity of labor** through his own life as a shoemaker/tanner.
- **Statement 4 is correct:** A total of **40 hymns (bhajans and verses)** composed by Guru Ravidas are included in the holy Sikh scripture, the **Guru Granth Sahib**, reflecting the universal appeal and devotional depth of his teachings.
- **Therefore, option D is the correct answer.**

5) Answer: (C)

The **Badminton World Federation (BWF)** is the international governing body for the sport of badminton. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC), it oversees world regulations, global rankings, sanctioned tournaments, and international development for badminton and para-badminton.



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- **Statement 1 is correct:** An Se-young of South Korea won the Women's Singles title at the **BWF World Championships 2026 held in New Delhi** by defeating Japan's Akane Yamaguchi (21–17, 21–14). This marked her second World Championship title, having previously won in 2023. India hosted the 2026 BWF World Championships in New Delhi.
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- **Statement 2 is correct:** Alex Lanier became the first Frenchman/French player to win the Men's Singles World Championship title by defeating Japan's Kodai Naraoka (21–11, 21–11) in the final.
- **Therefore, option C is the correct answer.**

