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Taking on the mob

Rajasthan Govt Passed Rajasthan Protection from lynching Bill, 2019

• Rajasthan Govt Passed Rajasthan Protection from lynching Bill, 2019
• 2nd State after Manipur
• 2018 S. Court order → pass laws to curb increasing intolerance and polarization
• 86% mob lynching incidents in India, after 2014, in Rajasthan!

Important provisions of the Bill:

• Comprehensive coverage – spontaneous or planned mob attack
  • reasons: race, religion, dietary practices, etc.
• Life imprisonment + Rs. 5 Lakh fine → in case of death
Practice Question – Mains
GS - II

Q. “India has been witnessing rising intolerance and polarization in the form of hate crimes like honor killings, cow vigilantism, mob lynching etc.”. In the light of the above statement suggest suitable measures to deal with such crimes effectively.
Every child to get Rotavirus vaccine

Health Minister plans to provide vaccines across all states and UTs by this September

News:
- MoHFW → Rotavirus vaccine to every child across all states and UTs by September, 2019
  ➔ For ending morbidity and mortality in children due to diarrhoea by 2022
  ➔ Strengthening routine immunization
- Important decision → Diarrhoea is one of the biggest causes of death in children
  ➔ Causes of severe diarrhoea - Rotavirus
- Life-saving vaccines to every child → vaccine preventable diseases
- Expansion of Rotavirus under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP)

Part A—Preliminary Examination
Paper I—(200 marks)
- Current events of national and international importance
- Indian Polity and Governance—Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
- General Science
  Part B—Main Examination
  PAPER—III
General Studies—II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.
  - Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
  - Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

Immunization Programme in India:
- 1978 - Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI)
- 1985 - Universal Immunization Programme (UIP)
  ➔ Implemented - phased manner
  ➔ To cover all districts by 1989-90
  ➔ Vaccines to infants, children, pregnant women
- 1992 - UIP - part of Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Program
- 1997 - immunization - important component of National Reproductive & Child Health Programme
- Vaccine preventable diseases
  ➔ Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Measles,
  ➔ Severe form of Childhood Tuberculosis & Hepatitis B, Diarrhoea

Rotavirus
- Family: Reoviridae
- Highly contagious virus
- Causes severe diarrhoea and death among children under the age of five

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<td>6-9 months</td>
<td>2-5 years</td>
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<td>80% of disease among</td>
<td>65% of disease among</td>
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India:
- 9.8% of deaths of children in India - caused by diarrhoea - UNICEF Global Database 2018
- 37/1000 children die → Major reason diarrhoeal death
- Rotavirus: Hospitalizations → 8,72,000
  Deaths (Annually) → 78,000
Q. Consider the following statement with reference to “Rotavirus disease”.

1. It is a zoonotic disease caused by the cattle.
2. It is the most common organism that causes severe diarrhoea and death among children under the age of five.
3. Rotavirus vaccine (RVV) is a part of the Universal Immunisation Programme.

Which among the above statements is/are incorrect?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) 3 only
d) 1 and 3
‘Centre will not touch Article 371F’

Sikkim CM cites Union Home Minister’s assurance on State’s special status

The Centre has not touched the special status of Sikkim and there is no possibility of any change in the present situation, Sikkim CM Pawan Chamling said today. In his address to the media today, the Sikkim CM made this statement in response to the news reports on the possibility of the Centre going ahead with the special status under Article 371F of the Constitution.

Pawan Chamling further added that the Centre has not made any decision on the matter and the Sikkim CM has not received any communication from the Centre regarding it.

News:

- CM of Sikkim
  - Welcomes amendment of Article 370
  - Assured people of Sikkim that the C. Govt. will not interfere with Article 371 F

Article 371 F:

- Special provision for the State of Sikkim
- History of Sikkim
  - Ruled by Namgyal dynasty since 1442
  - Title: Chogyal (Heavenly King)
  - Followed Buddhism
  - 1947 - Sikkim - Protection
  - Sikkim became a full-fledged state of Indian Union on 16th May 1975 → After political unrest

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Part B—Main Examination

PAPER-III

General Studies-II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

- Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Article 371F.

1. This article contains special provisions with respect to the state of Sikkim only.
2. According to this article the Legislative Assembly of the State of Sikkim shall consist of not less than thirty members.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 only
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c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2
CSCs target one lakh EV charging stations

With village-level entrepreneurs' participation, we will be larger than IOC, says CEO

TUSHAR MEGHRAJ
November 2019
Common Service Centres (CSCs), which came under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, plan to open 1 lakh charging stations for electric vehicles across the country in the next few years, as the country plans to transition to such vehicles from the current combustion engine-powered automobiles.

“The entire country is talking about electric vehicles, be it through various incentives by the government, in the country or elsewhere. Our VLEs (village-level entrepreneurs) are very excited about the business opportunities that will come from this. It is likely that the uptake of EVs will exceed 20% in the near future,” said Chitra Sehgal, Director, CSCS. She added, “we believe that a lot of work will be done at a lower cost than traditional fuel stations. It will also help in reducing carbon footprints.”

CSCs have already started a pilot project in Delhi/NCR (National Capital Region) and are expected to scale up and roll out more facilities in the near future.

1. **Lead Acid Batteries**
2. **Lithium Ion Batteries**

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<td>Rechargeable Battery used in EVs</td>
<td>Metal Lithium</td>
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<td>made with Lead</td>
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<td>Less Efficiency (80-85%)</td>
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**Notes:**
- Common Service Centres (CSCs) - plans to open 1 lakh charging stations - electric vehicles - in next few years
- CSC e-Governance office - 1 lakh charging stations by the time - 30% vehicles in India are electric
- Will benefit Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) - service delivery through CSCs
- CSC - started pilot project in Delhi
- Will have facility to recharge lead acid batteries & lithium ion batteries
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements, with reference to the ‘Common Service Centres’.

1. It promotes rural entrepreneurship and improves rural livelihood.
2. It is under Ministry of Rural Development.
3. CSC e-Governance is a Special Purpose Vehicle registered under the Companies Act 1956.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a) 1 and 2
b) 1 and 3
c) 1, 2 and 3
d) 2 and 3
• Other terms:
  - Tribes
  - Ethnic groups
  - First people/nations
  - Adivasi
  - Aboriginals
  - Janajati

Importance of celebration of Indigenous people:
• UN Estimates on Indigenous people:
  - 370 million population in the world
  - Living across 90 countries
  - 5% of world’s population
  - 15% of world’s poorest population
  - Speak around 7000 languages
  - Represent 5000 different cultures

• Inheritance and practitioners of unique cultures
  - Despite the cultural differences, they share common problems related to the protection of rights as distinct people.
  - Recognition of identities
  - Recognition of the way of life
  - Recognition of right to
    • Traditional lands
    • Territories
    • Natural resources

• 9th August – International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples
  - 9th August, 1982 – 1st meeting of UN working group on Indigenous population

• 2019 Theme – Indigenous people’s languages
  - UN Estimate → Every 2 weeks, an indigenous language disappears
  - Indigenous cultures and knowledge systems at risk
  - Goal → Draw attention to the critical loss of indigenous languages
    - Urgent need to preserve, revitalize and promote indigenous languages at national and international levels

• 1993 – International year of World’s Indigenous Peoples
  - Proclaimed by UNGA in 1990

• UNGA established two international decades of World’s Indigenous people
  - 1st decade – 1995 – 2004

• Goal – Strengthening international cooperation for solving problems faced by indigenous people
  - Human rights
  - Education
  - Environment
  - Health
  - Development
  - Economic and Social Development
Public sector banks link lending, repo rates

Bid to aid faster monetary transmission

In a move that could lead to faster transmission of monetary policy rates, public sector banks have started linking their retail loan rates with Reserve Bank of India’s repo rate.

This means if the Reserve Bank of India changes the repo rate, the retail loan rates will change automatically.

Four lenders – Bank of India, Syndicate Bank, Allahabad Bank and Union Bank – have said they have either linked the lending rate to repo rate or are in the process of doing so.

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Repo rate:
- Interest rate at which the Reserve Bank of India provides overnight liquidity to banks against security
- Instrument of Monetary Policy Committee

Monetary Policy Committee
- 6 member Committee
- Governor of RBI – ex-officio Chairperson
- Shall meet at least 4 times in a year

Transmission of rates:
- MPC → Banks → Lenders
- Current practice - Discretion of the banks
- Improper transmission of rates

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- Economic and Social Development - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER IV

General Studies-III: Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management
- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment.
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Which of the following statement is not correct?

a) Faster transmission of repo rate cuts by the banks will benefit the borrowers.

b) Improper transmission of repo rate cut by the banks will benefit the depositors.

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Practice Question – Prelims

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Practice Question – Prelims
Answer

1. Option (a) – 1 only
2. Option (c) – Both 1 and 2
3. Option (b) – 1 and 3
4. Option (d) – Faster transmission of repo rate cut by the banks will benefit the depositors.