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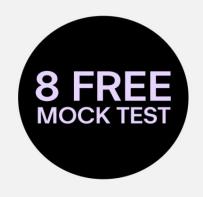
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#### PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

- Q. The e-court Mission Project is monitored by-
- A. Department of Economic Affairs
- B. Department of Justice
- C. Department of Home
- D. None of the above

#### PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

- Q. The last capital of Ahom Kingdom-
- A. Garhgaon
- B. Rangpur
- C. Charaideo
- D. Jorhat

## FIVE WETLANDS TO RAMSAR SITES



#### CONTEXT

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment Shri Bhupender Yadav said on the eve of World Wetlands Day 2024, India has increased its tally of Ramsar sites (Wetlands of International Importance) to 80 from existing 75 by designating five more wetlands as Ramsar sites.

- With the addition of these wetlands, the total area covered under Ramsar sites in India is now 1.33 million hectares. Tamil Nadu continues to have the maximum number of Ramsar Sites (16 sites), followed by Uttar Pradesh (10 sites).
- India, as one of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention since 1971.

- World Wetlands Day is celebrated globally on February 2nd, commemorating the adoption of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971. India ratified this convention on February 1, 1982.
- ➤ The theme for World Wetlands Day 2024 is 'Wetlands and Human Wellbeing,' highlighting the crucial role wetlands play in enhancing human lives.

## FIVE NEWLY DESIGNATED RAMSAR SITES

- Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve, Karnataka
  - Total area: 98.76 hectares
- Aghanashini Estuary, Karnataka
  - Total area: 4801 hectares
- Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve, Karnataka
  - Total area: 54.38 hectares

- > Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu
  - o Total area: 453.72 hectares
- > Longwood Shola Reserve Forest, Tamil Nadu
  - Total area: 116.007 hectares

#### PRELIMS PRACTISE QUESTION

- Q. Aghanashini Estuary is located at-
- A. Assam
- B. Telangana
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

CORRUPTION
PERCEPTIONS
INDEX (CPI), 2023



### **CONTEXT**

➤ India ranked 93 out of 180 countries on Corruption Perceptions Index 2023.

#### Released by: Transparency International

### **ABOUT CPI**

- Ranks countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).
- In 2023, Denmark ranked first, followed by Finland, New Zealand, and Norway.
- India was ranked 85 in 2022

#### PRELIMS PRACTISE QUESTION

- Q. Corruption Perceptions Index is released by-
- A. Oxfam International
- B. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- C. Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)
- D. Transparency International

#### **STARTUP SHALA**



#### **CONTEXT**

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) launched 'StartupShala' - Startup India's flagship accelerator program.

#### ABOUT STARTUPSHALA

- Sector-specific initiative for existing entrepreneurs to provide them access to knowledge, network, funds, and guidance required to scale up.
- > Three month long accelerator program.
- 2 Cohorts Clean Technology and Deep Technology.
- > 20 startups will be selected from each cohort.

#### PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Startup India was launched in the year-

A. 2024

B. 2019

C. 2014

D. 2016

# DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT (ED)



#### **CONTEXT**

➤ As of February 1, 2024, the ED has reportedly arrested Hemant Soren in connection with a money laundering case.

- > The ED is a domestic law enforcement and economic intelligence agency.
- ➤ It operates under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- ➤ It focuses on enforcing economic laws and combating economic crimes such as money laundering, foreign exchange violations, and other economic offenses.

- ➤ The Enforcement Directorate was formed on May 1, 1956.
- ➤ It is headquartered in Delhi and is headed by a Director of Enforcement, who is a Legal Service Officer.

- ➤ The primary objective of the ED is to curb the generation and circulation of black money.
- ➤ It aims to ensure compliance with laws related to foreign exchange and prevent money laundering.
- The Directorate has five regional offices located in Mumbai, Chennai, Chandigarh, Kolkata, and Delhi.

- > The Director of Enforcement currently holds a fixed twoyear tenure.
- ➤ An ordinance allows the President of India to grant three annual extensions to the Director.

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