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CHAPTER

1

Polity Governance and Social Issues

NATIONAL MISSION ON GOVERNMENT E-MARKETPLACE (GEM)

- ❖ It is a platform that was launched by the **Ministry of Commerce & Industry** which provides **online, end to end procurement of commonly used goods and services for all Central and State Government Departments, Public Sector Units and affiliated bodies.**
- ❖ It is developed by the **Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals** with technical support of **National e-Governance Division of Ministry of Electronics and IT.**
- ❖ **Major tools** provided are: (a) e-bidding, (b) reverse e-auction and (c) demand aggregation.
- ❖ The **main objectives** are to promote inclusiveness, transparency and efficiency in public procurement and achieve cashless, contactless and paperless transaction.

JAN DHAN YOJANA

- ❖ It is a flagship scheme of **Ministry of Finance** which was launched for **4 years between 2014 and 2018.**
- ❖ Its main objective is to **open bank accounts with zero balance for every household, so that every household can access to financial services in an affordable manner.**
- ❖ There benefits for the Jan Dhan account holders are free accident insurance cover, over draft facility etc.
- ❖ The **1st phase** focused on **opening basic bank accounts and RuPay debit card with inbuilt accident insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh.**

- ❖ The **2nd phase** (2015-2018) provided **micro-insurance to people and pension schemes to unorganised sector workers** through Business Correspondents.

Note: Union Finance Ministry has recently announced that it plans to make the scheme open ended with following additional incentives: (a) Facility of opening zero balance account has been changed from every household to every adult. (b) The free accident insurance under the scheme has been doubled to Rs 2 lakh from 1 lakh for all accounts opened after August 2018. (c) No conditions to be adhered for over-draft of till Rs 2,000. (d) The **overdraft facility** of the scheme has also been increased from **Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000.** (e) The upper age limit for availing the benefits is increased to 65 from 60 years.

SECTION 377 OF INDIAN PENAL CODE

- ❖ A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has unanimously **decriminalised homosexuality.**
- ❖ Section 377 typecasts **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) individuals as sex-offenders** with **imprisonment for life, or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years, and shall also be liable to fine.**
- ❖ It categorised their consensual conduct on par with sexual offences like rape and child molestation.
- ❖ The Bench unanimously held that **criminalisation of private consensual sexual conduct between adults of the same sex was clearly unconstitutional.**

- ❖ The court, however, held that the Section 377 would apply to “unnatural” sexual acts like bestiality and sexual act without consent would also continue to be a crime under Section 377.

SECTION 377
A battle won, lost and now decisively won

1860 THE BIRTH OF 377
Introduced during British rule, modelled on Buggery Act of 1533, defines gay sex as an unnatural offence – ‘carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman or animal’

1967 BRITAIN CHANGES LAW
Britain decriminalises homosexuality through Sexual Offences Act

1994 FIRST CHALLENGE IN INDIA
Delhi NGO AIDS Bhedbhav Virodhi Andolan moves HC against Sec 377

2001 THE LANDMARK YEAR
Similar petition filed in HC by NGO Naz Foundation. 1994 petition was dismissed

2006 FIGHT IN TOP COURT
Naz Foundation moves Supreme Court after HC dismissed its petition in 2003. SC asks HC to hear petition again

2009 LEGAL VICTORY
HC decriminalises homosexuality, says it violates Articles 14, 15 & 21 of the Constitution

2013 ORDER OVERTURNED
Several appeals filed in SC. SC finds HC order “legally unsustainable”

2015 THAROOR STEPS IN
MP Shashi Tharoor introduced a private member’s Bill to decriminalise homosexuality. BJP-majority Lok Sabha voted against it

2016 FRESH PETITIONS IN SC
5 petitioners – Navtej Johar, Sunil Mehra, Ritu Dalmia, Aman Nath and Ayesha Kapur – move SC against Section 377. Others join later. SC refers pleas to 5-judge bench

2018 DURING HC HEARING
Says gay sex is immoral and reflects a perverse mind, and decriminalisation would cause moral degradation of society.

2013 AFTER SC STRUCK DOWN HC ORDER
Files review petition, says Sec 377 against order of nature and reflects outdated laws

2018 DURING CONSTITUTION BENCH HEARING
Leaves it to the wisdom of SC to decide the validity of Sec 377

CONSTITUTION BENCH RULES CONSENSUAL GAY SEX IS NOT A CRIME.
Says parts of Section 377 that criminalised consensual unnatural sex, are “irrational, indefensible and manifestly arbitrary”

SC declares right to privacy a fundamental right, also observes “sexual orientation is an essential attribute of privacy”

“We have to vanquish prejudice, embrace inclusion, and ensure equal rights” – CHIEF JUSTICE DIPAK MISRA

delivered to the **Delhi residents at a nominal fee of Rs. 50 per service.**

- ❖ The applicant would have to call **1076** to avail the service and fix an appointment with **mobile sahayak**.
- ❖ Mobile sahayak will reach their home and assist in **filling forms, fees payment & documents collection.**
- ❖ These documents will then be submitted by him at the concerned government office, which would post the issued certificate/ licence.

What's on offer

Delhi residents can dial 1076 to place a request for doorstep delivery of services, which will be provided from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Day 1 of 'Door Step Delivery of Services' as of 6 p.m.

Calls attempted:	21,000
Calls connected:	2,728
Calls answered:	2,286
Appointments fixed:	369
Documents collected:	7

Some services offered :

- Driving Licence
- Marriage registration
- Ration card
- Birth certificate
- Water connection

Fee: Rs.50 more than the normal fee for such services

ATAL PENSION YOJANA (APY)

- ❖ It is a **pension scheme which focuses on the unorganized sector workers in India.**
- ❖ It provides guaranteed minimum pension of **Rs. 1,000, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000 and 5,000 per month** to people at the age of 60 years in turn for the contribution varying from **Rs 42 to Rs 210 per month.**
- ❖ The nodal agency of this scheme is **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).**
- ❖ The minimum age of joining APY is **18 years** and maximum age is **40 years.**
- ❖ The age limit of 60 years has been relaxed to **65 years for the guaranteed minimum pension.**

DOORSTEP DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- ❖ It has been launched by **Delhi government to deliver public services at the doorstep of residents.**
- ❖ **40 essential government documents** such as driving licences, marriage certificates etc. will be

MOVE: GLOBAL MOBILITY SUMMIT

- ❖ It is **India's First Global Mobility Summit** organized by **NITI Aayog** in collaboration with **various ministries and industry partners, Research Organizations, Academia, Think Tanks and Civil Society Organisations** in New Delhi.
- ❖ Its **main aims** are:
 - To assist in achieving the Government's objectives for vehicle electrification, renewable energy integration and job growth
 - To enhance India's transition to a clean energy economy

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- ❖ It stands for **Safe, Adequate, and Holistic Infrastructure** and was recommended by honorable Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi at **Global Mobility Summit** (held on 7-8 September 2018 in New Delhi).
- ❖ It is related to **efficient & convenient public transport** in order to solve issues of pollution & congestion.
- ❖ Prime minister also elaborated **7Cs** for the future of mobility which are: **common, connected, clean convenient, congestion-free, charged and cutting-edge**.
- ❖ Increasing use of Public transport will also **lower down rising fuel prices** as the demand will decrease.

Note: The reason behind rise in private vehicle ownership is absence of good public transport system.

NOTA (NONE OF THE ABOVE)

- ❖ It is a **ballot option** designed to **register a protest vote by the voter if he rejects all the candidates available due to any reason**.
- ❖ During the counting of votes, **NOTA votes are tallied and the candidate with the highest number of votes polled is declared elected irrespective of total NOTA votes**.

Note: Election Commission has withdrawn the **NOTA option for Rajya Sabha and State Legislative Council elections on the lines of Supreme Court directive not to extend NOTA in Rajya Sabha elections**.

E-SAHAJ

- ❖ It is an **online portal** launched by the **Ministry of Home Affairs**, which is the **nodal authority** for granting security clearances in certain sensitive sectors.
- ❖ Its main objective is to **assist individuals and private companies to submit application for security clearances**. The applications' status can be viewed online also in this portal.

TRIPLE TALAQ ORDINANCE

- ❖ **Supreme Court** had struck down triple talaq, calling it as unconstitutional in August 2017.

- ❖ Then after, Lok Sabha passed **Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill 2017** in Dec 2017 to make **instant triple talaq a criminal offence**.
- ❖ Recently, the union government has approved an **ordinance** to make **instant triple talaq (talaq-e-biddat) a punishable offence**, after the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2017 was not passed in Rajya Sabha during 2018 monsoon session. It doesn't affect Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ **Major provisions of the ordinance:** (a) Triple talaq remains cognizable with a maximum of three years imprisonment and a fine. (b) Triple talaq will be recognised as a crime only when a woman or her blood relative files a complaint with the police. (c) A compromise can be achieved only when the woman is willing and communicates the same to a magistrate. (d) Magistrate can grant bail after wife's consent. (e) The custody of children from the marriage will go to the woman and mother is entitled to maintenance determined by a magistrate.

MINT QUICK READS

BILL AGAINST TRIPLE TALAQ PENDING IN RAJYA SABHA

► The Union cabinet on Wednesday approved the **instant triple talaq ordinance**, making the practice a criminal act

430 incidents of triple talaq have come to the government's notice so far between January 2017 to 13 September 2019. Out of these, **229** such cases came up before the Supreme Court judgement. **201** cases were after the SC judgement.

► The ordinance makes provision for a woman or her blood relative to **file a case before a police station** to make the offence cognizable. A compromise can also be reached before a magistrate after the affected woman consents to it.

I will again appeal to Sonia ji that this ordinance has been brought in the interest of the country to bring gender justice. I appeal to you to rise above vote bank politics and help pass it in the interest of justice for women

Ravi Shankar Prasad
Law minister

"Modi Government is using 'Instant Triple Talaq' as a 'Political Football' for 'Fake Credit Seeking'"

Randeep Singh Surjewala, Congress spokesperson

"I welcome the centre's decision to bring an ordinance to make triple talaq a penal offence. It is huge step towards empowering Muslim women in the country"

Ishrat Jahan, petitioner

Instant Triple Talaq

Muslim Sharia (Islamic Law) provides the ways to terminate marriage in the form of talaq, which are of three kinds:

(a) **Ahsan**, (b) **Hasan** and (c) **Talaq-e-Biddat** (triple or instant talaq)

The first two are capable of being cancelled, but third one is irrevocable and is considered sinful (permissible in Islamic law).

23 countries across the world (including India) have banned triple talaq. Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka have banned the practice of instant triple talaq prevalent among Muslims.

Questions

1. Consider the following statements related to Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana.
 1. It is a small deposit scheme for the girl child and is part of the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign.
 2. Under the scheme, a parent or legal guardian can open an account in the name of the girl child until she attains the age of ten years.
 Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
2. Consider the following statements related to Padhe Bharat- Badhe Bharat.
 1. It has been jointly launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and NITI AAYOG.
 2. Under the scheme, an annual library grant to schools (Primary to Senior Secondary levels) will be provided by the government to enhance learning of students.
 Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
3. Which of the following were recently nominated as Member of Parliament to Rajya Sabha by President of India?

(a) Shri Rakesh Sinha
(b) Smt. Sonal Mansingh
(c) Shri Raghunath Mohapatra
(d) All of the above
4. Consider the following statements related to Cvigil mobile app.
 1. It empowers the people of India to share directly with ECI the incidents of malpractice by political parties, their candidates and activists.
 2. It is launched by the Election Commission of India in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs.
 Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
5. Consider the following statements related to National Health Stack.
 1. It is centralized health record for all Indian citizens proposed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
 2. It will be India's first nationally shared digital healthcare infrastructure accessed by the Central Government only.
 3. It will not use latest technology like: Big Data Analytics and Machine Learning Artificial Intelligence.
 Which of the above statement(s) is/are NOT correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 3 only
6. Which of the following Institutions of Eminence have been shortlisted by the Union government?
 1. Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal
 2. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
 3. Birla Institute of Technology & Sciences, Pilani
 4. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
 Correct answer codes:

(a) 1 and 4 (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
(c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 2, 3 and 4
7. Consider the following statements related to National Digital Library.
 1. It is repository of large number of academic books, built by Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.
 2. It is launched by the Ministry of Human Resources and Development.
 Which of the above statement(s) is/are NOT correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
8. Which is the first Indian state to complete automation of State Crime Records Bureau?
(a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Maharashtra
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Kerala
9. Delta Ranking of Aspirational Districts is launched by NITI Aayog. Consider the following statements.
1. Under this ranking, districts will have to provide real-time data points by filling up the Champions of Change Dashboard.
 2. It looks into specific aspects of Sustainable Development Goals and analyses the performance of districts.
 3. Dahod district (Gujarat) has been ranked first by it.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) All are incorrect
10. Integrated Child Development Service-Common Application Software has the aim to assist in building up service delivery and enhancing nutrition outcomes through Effective monitoring and Timely interventions in:
(a) Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana
(b) Poshan Abhiyan
(c) Ujjwala Yojana
(d) None of the above
11. Which one of the following is the world's sixth-biggest economy?
(a) United Kingdom (b) France
(c) Japan (d) India
12. Which country was recently added to Grey List of Financial Action Task Force?
(a) Pakistan (b) Afghanistan
(c) Iraq (d) North Korea
13. Which one of the following is the place where the 10th BRICS Summit was held in July 2018?
(a) Moscow, Russia
(b) Beijing, China
(c) Johannesburg, South Africa
(d) Delhi, India
14. Eminent Persons Group comprises of four specialists each from which of the following countries?
(a) India and Bhutan
(b) India and Nepal
(c) India and Maldives
(d) India and Bangladesh
15. Which is the second largest oil supplier to Indian state refiners between April and June 2018?
(a) Iraq (b) Saudi Arabia
(c) Kuwait (d) Iran
16. The 'world's largest mobile factory' was inaugurated by Samsung in:
(a) Noida, Uttar Pradesh
(b) Pune, Maharashtra
(c) Hyderabad, Telangana
(d) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
17. Consider the following statements related to Swachh Survekshan Ranking - 2018.
1. It was released by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
 2. Its main aim is to encourage citizen participation and create awareness amongst all sections of society about cleanliness in cities.
 3. As per the 2018 rankings, Indore has been declared as India's cleanest city.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) All are incorrect
18. Which of the following is/are the Benefits of ethanol blending?
1. Reduction in import dependency
 2. Support to agricultural sector
 3. More environmental friendly fuel
- Correct answer codes:
(a) 1 only (b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 2 only
19. Which of the following is/are the disadvantages of Bharat Stage Norms (BS)?

ANSWER KEY

1. (c)	15. (d)	29. (c)	43. (b)	57. (d)	71. (c)
2. (b)	16. (a)	30. (d)	44. (a)	58. (a)	72. (b)
3. (d)	17. (c)	31. (b)	45. (c)	59. (c)	73. (d)
4. (a)	18. (b)	32. (a)	46. (d)	60. (b)	74. (a)
5. (c)	19. (d)	33. (c)	47. (b)	61. (d)	75. (c)
6. (b)	20. (a)	34. (d)	48. (a)	62. (a)	76. (b)
7. (d)	21. (c)	35. (b)	49. (c)	63. (c)	77. (d)
8. (a)	22. (d)	36. (a)	50. (d)	64. (b)	78. (a)
9. (c)	23. (b)	37. (c)	51. (c)	65. (d)	79. (c)
10. (b)	24. (a)	38. (d)	52. (b)	66. (a)	80. (b)
11. (d)	25. (c)	39. (b)	53. (d)	67. (c)	
12. (a)	26. (d)	40. (a)	54. (a)	68. (b)	
13. (c)	27. (b)	41. (c)	55. (c)	69. (d)	
14. (b)	28. (a)	42. (d)	56. (b)	70. (a)	



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