Agriculture Current Affairs February 2020 MCQ With Explanation 2020



1. The Government has extended crop loan interest upto_____ for farmers till May 31, 2020.

1) 1 Lakh
2) 5 Lakh
3) 3 Lakh
4) 2 Lakh
5) 10 Lakh

Answer – 3) 3 Lakh

Explanation:

The government has extended the benefit of 2% interest subvention (IS) to banks and 3% prompt repayment incentive (PRI) to all farmers up to May 31, 2020 for all crop loans up to 3 lakh which have become due between March 1 to May 31, 2020. The decision has been taken due to the national lockdown situation to prevent Covid-19 infection.

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2.The Union Agriculture ministry has launched 3 features in e-NAM platform to enable farmers to sell their harvested product directly from warehouse. Who is the Present Minister for Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare?

1) Arjun Munda
2) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
3) Harsh Vardhan
4) Mahendra Nath Pandey
5) Narendra Singh Tomar
Answer – 5) Narendra Singh Tomar

Explanation:

The Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Narendra Singh Tomar has launched

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three new features of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) Platform to enable farmers to sell their harvested produce directly from warehouse which will prevent crowding in mandis amid COVID-19 outbreak.

The 3 features are as follows Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (e-NWRs) module, Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) trading module, Logistic Module.



3.Name the Indian state which topped all-India level for micro-irrigation (MI), under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for FY20 (2019-20).

1) Punjab
2) Maharashtra
3) Karnataka
4) Tamil Nadu
5) Telangana

Answer – 4) Tamil Nadu

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Explanation:
Tamil Nadu has topped the all-India level for micro-irrigation (MI), under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), with a coverage of 2,06,853.25 ha for the financial year 2019-20 & It is followed by Karnataka and Gujarat respectively.

In the cumulative coverage of MI from 2015-20, Karnataka topped with coverage of 8,15,690.31 ha.



4. Which organisation issues BHOG certification?

Answer – Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

Explanation: BHOG is Blissful Hygiene Offering to God. These are certificates issued by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

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5.Name the 1st Indian state which is going to measure Gross Environment Product (GEP)?

Answer – Uttarakhand

Explanation:

Uttarakhand state is going to become the first state of the country to measure Gross Environment Product (GEP) for quantifying ecological growth measurement.

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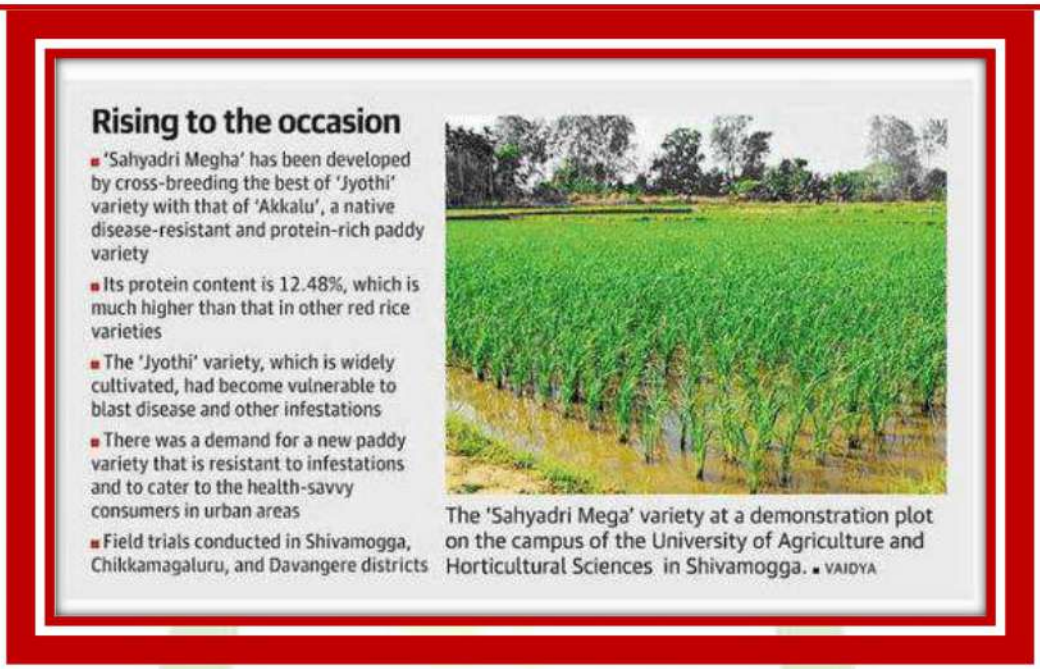
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Rising to the occasion

- 'Sahyadri Megha' has been developed by cross-breeding the best of 'Jyothi' variety with that of 'Akkalu', a native disease-resistant and protein-rich paddy variety
- Its protein content is 12.48%, which is much higher than that in other red rice varieties
- The 'Jyothi' variety, which is widely cultivated, had become vulnerable to blast disease and other infestations
- There was a demand for a new paddy variety that is resistant to infestations and to cater to the health-savvy consumers in urban areas
- Field trials conducted in Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, and Davangere districts

The 'Sahyadri Mega' variety at a demonstration plot on the campus of the University of Agriculture and Horticultural Sciences in Shivamogga. ▪ VAIDYA

6. Which University has developed new red paddy variety named 'Sahyadri Megha' to resist blast disease?

Answer - University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences (UAHS), Karnataka

Explanation: As part of its initiative to prevent decline in the area under paddy cultivation, the University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences (UAHS), Shivamogga, Karnataka has developed 'Sahyadri Megha', a new red variety of paddy that is resistant to blast disease and rich in nutrients.

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7.Government has approved the ex-gratia compensation of life insurance cover for Food Corporation of India (FCI) employees. FCI comes under Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution ministry, who is the present Minister for the same?

1) Narendra Singh Tomar
2) Thaawar Chand Gehlot
3) Ram Vilas Paswan
4) D.V. Sadananda Gowda
5) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Answer – 3) Ram Vilas Paswan

Explanation: The Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ram Vilas Paswan has announced that government has approved ex-gratia monetary compensation for life insurance cover to 1,08,714 workers, officers & laborers of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) who die due to COVID-19.

In the 6-month period from March 24 to 23 September, 2020 if any FCI employee dies then,Regular FCI Labour will get a life cover of Rs 15 lakhs, Contractual Labour- sanctioned upto Rs 10 lakhs, Category 1

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Officers Rs 35 lakhs, Category 2- Rs 30 lakhs and Category 3 & 4 workers- Rs 25 lakhs.



8.Agricultural online trading portal e-NAM has completed 4yrs of implementation. Name the lead agency which implements the portal under aegis of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' welfare.

1) Agriculture Regulatory Authority of India
2) National Informatics Centre
3) Bureau of Indian Standards
4) Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium
5) Confederation of Indian Industry

Answer – 4) Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium

Explanation:
Agriculture online trading portal Electronic- National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), to complete 4 years of implementation.

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The Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) is the leading agency to implement it, under the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare of the Government of India.



9. Ministry of Agriculture has launched a call centre for agri logistics for movement of vegetables and fruits. Who among the following are Minister of State of Ministry of Agriculture?

1) Parshottam Rupala
2) Ashwini Kumar Choubey
3) Kailash Choudhary
4) Both 1) and 2)
5) Both 1) and 3)

Answer – 5) Both 1) and 3)

Explanation:
The Agriculture Ministry has set up a call centre to ease the difficulties in agri logistics, particularly the inter- State movement of perishable vegetables and fruits as well as agri inputs such as seeds, pesticides and fertilisers. Minister of State– Parshottam Rupala, Kailash Choudhary.

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