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1. Ans: a) 1 only

STATE'S ECONOMY

- The State has increased the GSDP 2022-23 to Rs. **25.01 lakh crore** in 2023-24 with a growth rate of 10.2% at current prices.
- Karnataka's Per capita Income during 2023-24 is **Rs.3,32,926**.
- Highest share of **Services in GSVA at 67%** followed by Industries at 20% and Agriculture at 13% during 2023-24.
- Highest contribution to State GDP is given by **Bangalore Urban District** followed by Dakshina Kannada and Belagavi .**Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

2. Ans: B.1,2,3

Sector wise contributions to Gross District Domestic Product(Top 3)

Sl. No	District	Agriculture	Rank	Industry	Rank	Services	Rank	Gross District Domestic Product (GDDP)	Rank
1	Bengaluru Urban	1.7	5	15.8	1	82.4	1	859154	1
2	Dakshina Kannada	9.6	10	38.9	2	51.5	2	125140	2
3	Belagavi	22.6	1	23.3	4	54.1	4	91449	3

Sector wise contributions to Gross District Domestic Product(Bottom 3)

29	Gadag	15.7	31	20.0	29	64.2	28	22891	29
30	Yadagir	29.9	23	16.8	30	53.2	30	22754	30
31	Kodagu	45.2	19	13.1	31	41.7	31	17995	31

3. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- Karnataka has an **area of 1,91,791 sq. kms.** which **constitutes 5.83% of the** total geographical area and population of 6,10,95,297 accounts for 5.05% of country's population in 2011.**Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**
- 61.33% are rural residents and 38.67% are urban residents(in Karnataka). **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**
- **Wholesale Price Index** is released by the Office of Economic Advisor (OEA), Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- GDP is estimated by Central Statistical Office (CSO).
- Consumer **Price Index** is released by National Statistical Office.

4. Ans: c) 1 and 3 Only

FISCAL DEVELOPMENT AND STATE FINANCES

- The State has proposed the **fiscal deficit (2.60%)** within 3% of GSDP in 2023-24.
- States Revenue deficit is **0.49%** of GSDP.**Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**
- State's Own tax revenue has increased from Rs.154431 crores in 2022-23 to Rs.175652 crores in 2023-24 with an increase of **13.74%**. **Hence statement 3 is correct.**
- Karnataka recorded the **lowest fiscal deficit (2.50%) among the southern states. Hence statement 1 is correct.**
- Revenue receipts in 2023-24: **238409.81 Crore**
- Revenue expenditure: **250932.50 Crore**

- Capital receipts: 86068.00 Crore

5. Ans: c) 3 Only

- **State's Tax Revenue contributes 89.30 %** of total Revenue Receipts. It is a source of highest revenue receipts. **Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**
- **State's Non-tax Revenue contributes 5.24 %** of total Revenue Receipts. **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**
- Among Capital Receipts **Internal Debt** is highest source and **Loans from Govt. of India** is 2nd highest source.
- **State Excise tax** is highest source of State's Own Tax Revenue.

6. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2

INVESTMENT AND EXPORTS

- The Karnataka State stood at **second position** on FDI inflows among 26 States. (1st position- Maharashtra). **Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**
- Karnataka's exports amounted to about Rs. 1267656 crores in 2022-23 which constituted about **20.50% of the Country's exports.** **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**
- Karnataka accounts for more than one third of electronics and computers software exports from the country.
- Exports is about 40% of the GSDP with electronic, computer software and biotechnology contributing a major portion of the exports.

7. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **The Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS)**, operates under the Department of IT, BT, and S&T, with a specific focus on promoting and facilitating investments in the state. **Hence statement 2 is correct.**
- **Udyog Mitra** : Karnataka UdyogMitra (KUM) is a **single contact point** for all investors who are looking at setting up enterprises/ business in Karnataka. **Hence statement 1 is correct.**
- **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Inflow in Karnataka:** The state Karnataka attracted USD 2844million FDI equity inflow over the period April 2023 to September 2023 which is **14% of the national share.**

8. Ans: B. Elevate Women

- **Elevate Women** : From the financial year 2021-22, Elevate Women Entrepreneurship a program is undertaken by the Department with an aims to support women entrepreneurs across the entrepreneurial lifecycle and create an enabling ecosystem to enhance participation of women in entrepreneurship.

9. Ans: D. Bengaluru

- **ARTPARK**: (AI & Robotics Technology Park) is a one-of-its-kind, not-for-profit foundation promoted by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru .It is an initiative aimed at fostering innovation, research, and development in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) and related technologies. These parks serve as hubs for collaboration between industry, academia, and government to advance AI research, develop cutting-edge technologies, and promote entrepreneurship in the AI domain.

10. Ans: a) 1 only

- **Bengaluru Tech Summit 2023** –The 26th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2023, the Asia's Largest Tech Fest event, organized by the Department of Electronics, IT, Bt and S&T, Govt. of Karnataka, concluded with resounding success, breaking new ground in the realm of technology and innovation. **Themed "Breaking Boundaries: Innovations from India, Impact for the World,"** the summit served as a global gathering for visionaries, industry leaders, and tech enthusiasts.
- **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

11. Ans: D)None of the above

EXPORTS OF KARNATAK

- Karnataka has a long tradition of overseas trade. Historically, Karnataka has been a major exporter of commodities like coffee, spices, silk, cashew nuts, handicrafts and Agarabattis. In the last two decades, the State has emerged as a major player in the export of electronic and Computer Software, Engineering goods, Readymade Garments, Petrochemical, Agro and Food Processing products, Chemicals, Minerals and Ores, Marine products, etc.
- **Karnataka ranks 1st in Software/ Service exports and stands 4th in Merchandise exports in the National export basket.Hence statement 3 is incorrect.**
- Karnataka’s overall exports have increased by 35.31% during 2022-23 as compared to the year 2021-22.
- The State Government has announced various initiatives along with incentives and concessions for the promotion of exports in the New Industrial Policy 2020-25.
- Karnataka is home to a total of **48** Registered Geographical Indications as on date. **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**
- State has **37** operational Special Economic Zones. **Hence statement 1 is incorrect**

12. Ans: B,3,2,1

Imports from Karnataka(Top 5 commodities)

Commodity	Port	Value in Mn USD
Petroleum: Crude	NMPT	9385.34
Petroleum Products	NMPT	2293.15
Telecom Instruments	BIAL	2174.49
Electronics Components	BIAL	1781.88
Computer Hardware, Peripherals	BIAL	1619.53

13. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Arivu Kendra’** :Grama Panchayat Libraries renamed as ‘**Arivu Kendra’** have been taken over by the RDPR department.**Hence statement 1 is correct.**
- **Grama Arogya’ campaign** :With an objective of preventing non-communicable diseases among NREGA labourers at an early stage, ‘Grama Arogya’ campaign have been launched and health kits were distributed to labours. **Hence statement 2 is correct.**
- During 2023-24, **Rs.2490 crore** have been provided to rural local bodies by the 15th Finance Commission.
- **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**:An ambitious project of the Government of India. Karnataka State Government has implemented Jal Jeevan Mission in Karnataka as ‘**Mane Manege Gange’** Scheme to provide safe and pure drinking water through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) in Rural Karnataka.
- At present the state has **5954 Grama Panchayats**, 239 Taluk Panchayats and 31 Zilla Panchayats.
- 287 cities/towns having **less than one lakh population** was taken up with (Central Assistance of Rs.4615 crores) under **AMRUT 2.0**.
- During the current year, **Rs. 1,000 crores capital will be raised by issue of green bonds** by Municipal Corporation to develop clean and sustainable cities. -
- **City Comprehensive Mobility Plans (CMP)** to be completed for all cities and ULBs, prioritizing areas witnessing heavy traffic congestion.

14. Ans: a) 1 only

- **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** :The central government has an ambitious project, Jal Jeevan Mission, titled 'Har Ghar Jal', to provide clean water to all households in the country. The Jal Jeevan Mission Project is being implemented with the great objective of providing safe drinking water to all households in rural India by **2024** by providing Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC).
- **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

15. Ans: b) 2 only**Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)**

- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act is being implemented in all the districts with an objective to enhance livelihood security in rural areas by providing **100 days** of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteered to do unskilled manual work as per demand, resulting in evaluation of productive assets of prescribed quality and durability, Strengthening the livelihood resource base of the poor, Pro actively ensuring social inclusion and strengthening of PRIs. Funds will be shared between the GoI & GoK in the ratio of 90:10 Labour and material ratio shall be maintained at 60:40.
- **Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**

16. Ans: B. Kusina Mane**Karnataka's 'Kusina Mane' creches**

- Child care centers are being started in a phased manner in 4000 gram panchayats of the state identified from the best performing districts under MGNREGA scheme.
- This innovative scheme of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department has given happiness to rural women workers engaged in the MGNREGA program had to take care of their babies has now come to an end.
- Mothers are happily engaged in NREGA work leaving their children in 'Kusina Mane' centers. As they are showing more enthusiasm in the works now, more progress is being made in the works.

17. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **The Karnataka Slum Development Board:**It was constituted in July 1975 as per Karnataka Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1973 for the welfare and development of slums. This was re-designated as Karnataka Slum Development Board during 2010. The main objective of the Board is to provide Basic amenities to the slum dwellers and to provide shelter to the needy beneficiaries in the slums.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

18. Ans: a) 1 only**Smart City Mission:**

- Government of India has launched Smart City Mission during 2015 and has contemplated to cover in five years with an objective to provide a fillip to the development of innovative smart solutions that directly impact the needs of the cities. In **Karnataka 7 cities** have been selected under Smart City Mission.
- Bengaluru, Shivamogga, Mangaluru, Tumakuru, Hubballi-Dharwad, Davangere and Belagavi.
Hence statement 2 is incorrect.

19. Ans: c) 1 and 3 only**Agriculture**

- As per Agriculture Census 2015-16, there are 86.81 lakh farm holdings operating an area of **118.05 lakh hectares.**
- The average size of holding is **1.36 hectare. Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

- Small and marginal holdings account for **80% of total holdings**.
- The net area cultivated during 2022-23 is **111.61 lakh ha**. Which constitutes 58.59% of the total geographical area of 190.50 lakh ha.
- The total area cultivated under food crops during 2022-23 was **79.09 lakh ha**.

20. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- Drought has become frequent in Karnataka during 2023-24, **223 taluks** out of 236 taluks are declared as drought affected.
- The State is divided into **10 Agro-climatic zones** on the bases of distribution and percentage of rainfall, soil quality, height from the sea and based on major crops.
- The average area (2018-19 to 2022-23) of agriculture crops grown in three seasons' viz. Kharif (81.22 lakh ha.), Rabi (24.29 lakh ha.)

21. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Krishi Bhagya scheme** :It aims to promote **sustainable agriculture and enhance productivity** in the state. This scheme primarily focuses on improving water use efficiency in agriculture through the adoption of rainwater harvesting and water conservation techniques.
- Krishi Bhagya scheme was re-launched during 2023-24, with a **budget of Rs.100 crore**, and the scheme is aimed at Implementation of 7423 Krishi Bhagya package components in 106 taluks.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

22. Ans: a) 1 only

- **Kayaka Nidhi** : The amount under this scheme is being utilized to meet the **medical expenses of licensed hamals** for surgical operation upto Rs.1.00 lakh & amount given for the final rites of deceased Hamals working in APMCs has been enhanced from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 25,000. **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

23. Ans:a) 1 only

- **Raitha Sanjeevini** : This is an insurance scheme for farmers being implemented by the Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board. Under this scheme, farmers who met with an accidental death or permanently disabled while being nvolved in farming activities are provided with compensation ranging from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/.
- **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

24. Ans: C. Bangalore

Karnataka Grape & Wine Board

- To take up the developmental activities of the Wine Board, budgetary provision has been made under Comprehensive Horticulture Development.
- The Karnataka Grape Processing and Wine Policy 2007 was introduced by the Government of Karnataka to promote grape cultivation and wine production in the state.
- Located in **Bangalore**.

25. Ans: b) 2 only

Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service

- As per livestock census 2019, Karnataka has 3.03 crores of livestock and 5.95 crores of poultry population and its share in all India was **5.41% and 6.98% respectively.Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**
- Artificial Insemination (AI) facility was provided through 4234 institutions. **Sperm stations are located at Bengaluru and Dharwad.**
- **Kheerabhagya Scheme**: It is the flagship programme of distributing milk to school and Anganwadi children. Kheerabhagya Scheme has been honoured by World Dairy Federation in 2022 by “Dairy Innovation Award-2022” (for school milk program)

26. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2.

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- **KMF** has won “**Highest Grossing Business Partner 2022-23**” award at the NCDFI e-Market Award Ceremony.
- **Indigenous breeds :** Conservation and development of indigenous breeds of cattle like **Krishna Valley, Amruthmahal, Khillar, Deoni and breeds of Sheep and goat.**
- **Punyakoti Adoption Scheme:** It encourage citizens to adopt cattle. Under Punyakoti Adoption Scheme, 2075 cattle in 209 Goshalas were adopted at Rs.11,000/- per cattle per annum.

27. Ans: C. Kodagu

- **Goat milk project** is being established for the first time in the state at Madalapur (Kudige subcentre) in **Kodagu.**

28. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2.

- **Karnataka Milk Producers Federation:** Karnataka Co-operative Milk Producers’ Federation Limited (KMF) is the Apex Body for the dairy co-operative movement in Karnataka. It is the **second largest dairy co-operative** amongst the dairy co-operatives in the country. Karnataka Milk Federation is implementing dairy development activities for milk production after funding from “World Bank” **scheme in 1974.** Karnataka Milk Federation has been successfully fulfilling the responsibility of providing remunerative price and continuous market to the rural milk producers of the state and providing clean milk and high quality milk products to the consumers as per global market demand after World Trade Agreement.
- **Hence both the statements are incorrect.**

29. Ans: c) 1 and 3 only

Fisheries

- **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana:** It aims to bring about the Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of the fisheries sector. 100 e-Auto Rickshaws were handed over to the beneficiaries in Bengaluru city under PMMSY Scheme.
- Karnataka is in **5th position in marine fish production** and 7th position in inland fish production in the country during 2021-22. The total fish production during 2022-23, is 12.25 lakh metric tonnes. The share of fisheries in total GSDP of the state was 0.57%.
- Karnataka State **has 320 Km long coast line** along with 27000 Sq. km continental shelf area, 5.83 lakh hectares of various inland water resources and has vast scope for fisheries development. **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**
- There are about 9.84 lakh fishermen involved in various fishery activities in the state, of which 3.31 lakh in marine and 6.53 lakh are in inland.
- **best coastal state:** Central Government has recognized Karnataka state as the best coastal state during the year 2022-23.

30. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

Forest

- The total area of forest in Karnataka is **40649.30 sq.km.**
- Forest cover in Karnataka is **20.21%** to total geographical area of the state as per Forest Survey of India.
- **Sasyashyamala scheme:** The state government has launched Sasya Shyamala Yojane to inculcate **environmental concern in children.** It has been announced by Education Department in co-ordination with KFD to distribute seedlings to Schools.
- Karnataka Forest Department intends to implement Karnataka-Strengthening Coastal Resilience and the Economy Project with financial **assistance of the World Bank.**

- Hence both the statements are correct.

31. Ans: C.3,2,1

Classification of forest areas in Karnataka

Legal Status	Area (Sq. Km.)	% of Geographical area
Reserved Forests	30824.83	16.07
Protected Forests	1999.25	1.04
Village Forests	87.95	0.05
Private Forests	52.47	0.03
Notified u/s 4 of KFA 1963	2315.96	1.21
Unclassed forests*	5368.83	1.21
Total	40649.30	21.19

32. Ans: A. Kodagu

District-wise Forest Cover in % of Geographical area

1. Kodagu (79.42%)
2. Uttara Kannada (79.12%)
3. Dakshin Kannada (63.05)

District-wise Forest Cover in Total Forest Area(Top 3)

1. Uttara Kannada
2. Shivamogga
3. Chikmagalur

District-wise Forest Cover in Total Forest Area(Bottom 3)

1. Vijayapura
2. Koppal
3. Raichur

33. Ans: b) 2 only

National parks and wildlife sanctuaries

- The forests of Karnataka support a wide range of flora and fauna (biodiversity) through a network of wellconnected and protected wildlife sanctuaries and national parks.
- The state has **5 national parks and 36 sanctuaries** (including 5 Tiger Reserves) covering an area of 11,004.734 Sq. km .Hence statement 1 is incorrect.
- Apart from the National Parks and Sanctuaries, the state has **17 Conservation Reserves and 1 Community Reserve**, comprising 294.30 Sq.km .
- The state has 25% of the country’s elephant population. As per the 2023 population estimation, there are 6395 elephants in the state.
- As per 2022 tiger estimation, the State is now ranked as the number two Tiger State in the country with an estimated population of 563 Tigers.

34. Ans: B. Hemavathy

- **Yagachi Project** :The project envisages the construction of a composite Dam across Yagachi River a tributary of **Hemavathy** near Chikkabyadagere village in Belur taluk of Hassan district.

35. Ans: b) 2 only

- **National Hydrology Project** : National Hydrology Project (NHP) is taken up in the State with **World Bank** Assistance. It aims at establishment/modernization of new and existing hydro met observation networks to automated, real time monitoring systems for both surface water and ground water.Hence

statement 1 is incorrect.

- **Pashchima Vahini:** Vented dams are constructed under “PaschimaVahini” project to collect and store water flowing in west-flowing rivers of coastal districts.

36. Ans: B.Cauvery

River Basin Systems in Karnataka

River Systems	Drainage Area	
	1000 Sq. Km	%
Godavari	4.43	2.31
Krishna	113.01	58.93
Cauvery	36.13	18.84
North Pennar	6.94	3.62
South Pennar	3.76	1.96
Palar	2.97	1.55
West Flowing Rivers	24.53	12.79
Total	191.70	100.00

37. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2.

- **Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam (KBJNL)** :The Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam was established by the Govt. of Karnataka in 1996 under Companies Act 1956 to accelerate the implementation of Upper Krishna Project and to enable the Govt. to borrow funds from external sources.**Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**
- **Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited (KNNL)**: The Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited (KNNL) was established by Govt. of Karnataka in 1998 under Companies Act 1956 to accelerate the implementation of Krishna Basin Projects except Upper Krishna Project. **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

38. Ans: D. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

- Adoption of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Based Automation & GIS Technology under Irrigation Projects for improvement of Water Use Efficiency (WUE).

39. Ans: a) 1 only

Geology and Mining

- **One State One GPS application:**It is being implemented to supervise all mineral transporting vehicles movement through the centralised tracking platform of the Department of Mines and Geology and to regulate illegal mineral transportation. Presently 40,000 vehicles have been registered in the One State One GPS platform.
- Exploration in **Amareshwara Lithium Block of Raichur** district has been commenced in this year from the Geological Survey of India.**Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**
- **National Mineral Exploration Trust** :As per the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015, all the major mineral lease holders are required to **pay 2% of** the royalty to the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) constituted by the Government of India. This fund is managed by the Central Government and by utilizing these funds upon taking the concurrence of respective State DMG’s and within the approval of NMET the agencies notified by the Central Government like GSI, MECL and KIOCL etc., and also through the concerned State Mines and Geology Departments exploration activities of major minerals is being carried out.

40. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Standard Precipitation Index (SPI):** It is being used to determine the rainfall departure with respect to rainfall probability distribution function and the index **used as a Drought indicator.**
- **Moisture Adequacy Index (MAI):** Available soil moisture is also an indicator of drought, especially in rainfed regions. Crop water requirement is the amount of water needed by various crops to grow optimally. Crop water requirement mainly depends on the climate, duration of the growth stages and crop factors. The database of observed weather parameters collected through the network is being used to workout Potential Evapotranspiration (PET) and Actual Evapotranspiration (AET), Moisture Availability Index (MAI).
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

41. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **VARUNA MITRA** is an initiative that disseminates information on lightning and thunderstorms, and this information is provided by the **Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC)**. Therefore, both statements are correct.

42. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2.

- As per SDG India Index 2024 of NITI Aayog, Karnataka has ranked at 5th position.
- Hence both the statements are incorrect.

43. Ans: d) All of the above

- Karnataka accounted for **5.75% of the total registered** factories in 2019-20 in the country. **Hence statement 1 is correct.**
- Government of Karnataka was first in the country announced **Electric Vehicle Policy 2017.** **Hence statement 2 is correct.**
- **Udyam web portal:** It is the only Government Portal for registration of MSME (Udyam). It was launched by the Union MSME Ministry on July 1, 2020. 11.76 lakh units are registered MSMEs in the state on the Government of India's Udyam web portal. This has resulted in the creation of larger amount of employability of 108.45 lakh.
- **Udyoga Mitra :** It works as the leading Investment Promotion Agency in the National level. **Hence statement 3 is correct.**

44. Ans: a) 1 only

- **Vishwakarma scheme :** It been launched during 2023 by Government of India to provide end to end support/assistance the traditional artisans/crafts persons.
- **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP):** Under this scheme, the loan up to Rs.50.00 lakh for manufacturing sector and upto Rs.20 lakh for Service Sector is extended through various banks.
- **(KHIR) City :** The Government has proposed to establish **Knowledge, Healthcare, Innovation and Research (KHIR) City** in **Bengaluru.** **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

45. Ans: D.All of the above

- **Food Karnataka Ltd:** It has been nominated as the nodal agency for the implementation of the 5 Food Parks at Malur, Bagalkote, Hiriya, Jewargi and Vijayapura in the State.

46. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2.

- **Archeology Museum and Art Gallery:** To attract national and international tourists visiting Mysuru, an international standard Karnataka Archeology Museum and Art Gallery will be constructed at **Mysuru.** **Hence statement 1 is Incorrect.**
- **Software Technology Park :** The IT Revolution in Karnataka began in 1984. A major landmark of this revolution was realized with the Software Technology Park of India establishing its first Earth station at Bangalore in 1992. **Hence statement 2 is Incorrect.**

47. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (KEONICS)** : KEONICS is a government-owned enterprise established in 1976 by the Government of Karnataka. It operates under the Department of Information Technology, Biotechnology, and Science & Technology. KEONICS primarily focuses on promoting the growth of electronics industries and information technology (IT) in the state. KEONICS has undertaken many projects to provide programming of IT software and e-governance projects to various Government Departments of State and other States. It is also marketing computer hardware, software, e-tendering services, various electronic and IT equipment's, surveillance cameras, manpower and other related services to various Departments / Organizations and other States. KEONICS has set up Electronics City on a sprawling 332 acres of land on Hosur Road, Bengaluru.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

48. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- The Government of Karnataka has set up the **Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood (SDEL) in 2016** to enable the state's youth to acquire necessary skills for decent employment and to promote sustainable livelihood.
- **Koushalya Mission**:It is a skill development initiative launched by the Government of Karnataka, India. The term "Koushalya" translates to "skill" in the Kannada language, which is the primary language spoken in the state of Karnataka. The mission aims to empower the youth of Karnataka by providing them with skill development training and opportunities to enhance their employability and livelihood prospects.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

49. Ans: a) 1 only

- **Yuvanidhi Scheme**:It provides an unemployment allowance of Rs.3000/- and Rs.1500/- per month to Graduates and Diploma holders will be given respectively for those who have completed degree/diploma in 2023 and do not get a job even after 180 days. This allowance given for period of 2 years or till they get employment whichever is earlier.**Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

50. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- As per the **India Skills Report 2023**, Karnataka stands 6th position in achieving the highest employability state in the country.
- **Labor Force Participation Rate** :Efforts of the State Government schemes and policies has led to increase in LFPR (15 years and above) to **57% in 2022-23** and decrease in Unemployment Rate to **2.4% in 2022-23.**
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

51. Ans: b) 2 only

- **E-shram portal**:79.41 lakh **unorganized workers** have registered in the e-shram portal.
- **Sandhya Suraksha Yojane**:It provides financial assistance to the senior citizens in Karnataka.**Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**
- **Labour Management Information System (LMIS)**:It is required to capture data for effective policy interventions by engaging stakeholders across sectors.
- **The Karnataka State Unorganized Workers Social Security Board (KSUWSSB)**:It is a government body established by the Government of Karnataka, to address the social security needs of unorganized workers in the state. Unorganized workers constitute a significant portion of the labor force in Karnataka, working in various sectors such as agriculture, construction, domestic work, street vending, and small-scale industries.

52. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **State Gig Workers Insurance Scheme**: In the Budget Speech for the year 2023-24, it is announced to provide a total insurance facility of Rs. 4.00 lakh including life insurance facility of Rs. 2.00 lakh and accident insurance facility of Rs. 2.00 lakh to the gig workers working in e-commerce sectors.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

53. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2

- **Worker Population Ratio (WPR)** :WPR for Karnataka is 61.2% which is more than all India average of 59.5%.
- **Hence both the statements are incorrect.**

54. Ans: b) 2 only

- **Gruha Jyoti Yojana:** The primary objective of the Karnataka Gruha Jyoti Scheme is to provide free electricity to households consuming **200 units or** below per month, ensuring universal access to electricity for all citizens across the state. Rs.4,400 crore is released for free power supply of up to 200 units per month to 1.59 Crore households under Gruha Jyoti Yojana.**Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**

55. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Grahaka Salaha Samithi** :It has been planned at all section offices and subdivision offices under Legislative assembly constituencies **to resolve the consumer complaints locally.**
- **Waste to Energy project** : Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) is implementing 11.5 MW capacity Waste to Energy project at **Bidadi, Ramanagara District.**
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

56. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2

- **Belaku** :The State Government has announced “Belaku” Programme in 2021 to provide electricity connection to the identified un-electrified households mainly in rural areas.
- **Niranthara Jyothi Yojane:** It is a major project that aims to segregate the rural area loads into agricultural and non-agricultural loads so as to provide 24 hours of quality power supply to rural areas and assured hours of power supply to the irrigation pumpsets.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

57. Ans: (a) 1 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** e-sarvajanika granthalaya was a mobile application of the Government of Karnataka to view digital library services online.
- **Statement 2 is not correct:** e-Sarvajanika Granthalaya has the contents in Kannada and English Language. **Hence option a is correct.**

More Information:

About e-Sarvajanika Granthalaya:

- e-sarvajanika granthalaya was a mobile application of the Government of Karnataka to view digital library services online.
- e-Sarvajanika Granthalaya has the following types of curated contents in Kannada and English Language:
 1. eBooks - Digital Books.
 2. Videos - Videos on different subjects.
 3. Simulations - Interactive experiments.

58. Ans: a) 1 and 2 only

- **Shakti Scheme:** the Government has launched its ambitious scheme ‘Shakti – free travel for women’, a flagship programme which is a step towards strengthening woman empowerment in the state. All women of Karnataka including transgender and girl students are eligible to avail this scheme to travel throughout the state. Thus 3.5 crore women of the state will be benefited from this scheme. Free travel is permitted only within the state. **Interstate travel is not allowed.Hence statement 3 is not correct.**

59. Ans: B,3,2,1

Road lengths in Karnataka(in Kms)

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Category of Road	2023-24
National Highways	7332*
State Highways	27880*
Major District Roads	56115*

60. Ans: c) 1 and 3 Only

- Karnataka has a coastline of **320 km** with one major port and **13** minor ports. The New **Mangalore Port is the only major port** in Karnataka which is under the control of Ministry of Shipping, Government of India and remaining 13 minor ports are under the administrative control of the State Government. **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

61. Ans; a) 1 only

- **Development of Honnavar Port** :M/s Honnavar Port Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad is constructing a port in Honnavar Taluk of **Uttar Kannada** District.
- **Development of Keni Port** :The Letter of Award has been issued to M/s JSW Infrastructure Limited for development of Port at **Keni, Ankola, Uttara Kannada District** under Public Private Partnership (PPP) .**Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

62. Ans: B.2

- **Currently Karnataka has** Twelve Public Sector Banks, Twenty one Private Commercial Banks, Two Regional Rural Banks, One Apex Co-operative Bank, 256 Scheduled Cooperatives Banks, 21 DCC Banks, One KSCARD Bank, Eight Small Finance Banks, Two Payment's Banks, and One Local Area Bank are operating in the State.
- **State has two RRBs namely Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) headquartered at Dharwad with 629 branches, Karnataka Gramin Bank(KaGB) headquartered at Ballari with 1121 branches**

63. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Kalmeshwara Farmers Producer Company:** Kalmeshwara Farmers Producer Company Limited in Dharwad District is the **only FPO to produce certified seeds** in Karnataka.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

64. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Karnataka State Financial Corporation:** It is a state level financial institution established by the state government in the year 1959 under the provisions of SFCs Act,1951 to cater to the long term financial needs of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises(MSMEs) in the state.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

65. Ans: C.0.32

- **Leprosy:** The prevalence rate of leprosy has dropped in Karnataka from 40/10000 population in 2015-16 to 0.32/10000 population in 2023.

66. Ans: b) 2 only

- **Arogya Kavacha** :Under Arogya Kavacha at present there is one ambulance for every 85000 population with a total of 711 Ambulances.
- **Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme** :It is an initiative by the government of Karnataka designed to offer **cashless healthcare assistance** for all state government employees and their families. During 2023 under Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme 2655 State Government employees have availed benefits and an amount of Rs.745.37 lakhs has been paid to the network hospitals for treating these beneficiaries.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

67. Ans: b) 2 only

- **Namma Clinic:** “Namma Clinics are designed to provide universal and comprehensive primary healthcare facilities in urban areas. Hence statement 1 is incorrect.
- Referral facilities will also be available and patients requiring better treatment will be referred to secondary and tertiary centres.

68. Ans: A.Banglore

- During the year 2024-25 it is proposed to build a **museum of Ayurvedic** medicine in Bangalore as the first museum in the country

69. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- Karnataka has a high burden of under nutrition, as per (NFHS-5) 35.4 percent of children are stunted, 19.5 percent are wasted and 32.9 percent are underweight. Similarly 47.8 percent of women and 65.5 percent of children (06 months to 59 months) in the state are suffering from Anaemia.
- The child sex ratio in the State as per 2011 census is 948 and as per Sample registration system 2021 it is 941.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

70. Ans: a) 1 only

- **NISHTHA:** Training is given to all Pre University College lecturers. It is an online mode training. Hence statement 1 is incorrect.
- **Kalika Balavardhane”Programme:** It aims to enhance the quality of learning in students from class 1 to 9 in the academic year 2023-24 under ‘Kalika Balavardhane’ Programme.

71. Ans: b) 2 only

- **MANAK Programme :** It is an ambitious initiative of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. Hence statement 1 is incorrect.
- The initiative aims to encourage a culture of innovation and creative thinking by allowing school students to present ideas of current, social concern through projects.

72. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2

- **Vijaya-Patha YouTube Channel:** This Channel was started by the Department in July 2023 to provide online coaching to Youth by focusing exclusively on Central Government Jobs. Hence statement 1 is incorrect.
- **Vijayi-Bhava YouTube Channel:** This Channel was started by the Department to impart online coaching to Youth by focusing exclusively on State Government Jobs. Hence statement 2 is incorrect.

73. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation (ADCL):** Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Development Corporation is implementing several programmes for economic upliftment of SC communities.
- **Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation (KBDC) :**The Corporation is implementing several programmes for the economic upliftment of SC Bhovi communities.
- **Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Development Corporation :**The Corporation is implementing various schemes for the economic development of Safai Karmachari/ manual scavengers in the State.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

74. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Bhagyalakshmi scheme:**It is a flagship programme implemented for improving the sex ratio by encouraging the birth of girl child in the BPL families. Rs. 3,000/- per annum is deposited in the name of two children of BPL families in Sukanya Samruddhi Account scheme, up to 15 years, a total amount of Rs. 45,000/- is deposited.
- **Stree Shakti:** The government of Karnataka introduced the Stree Shakti scheme to empower women self-help groups by making them self-reliant. At present there are 1.65 lakh Stree Shakti self-help groups in the state comprising 25.8 lakh women members.

- Hence both the statements are correct.

75. Ans: A.1%

- In Karnataka, a **1% reservation** for transgender individuals has been introduced as part of an effort to ensure more inclusive representation in public employment and education. This decision reflects the government's acknowledgment of the social and economic marginalization faced by the transgender community.
- By reserving 1% of the seats or positions, Karnataka aims to provide better opportunities for transgenders to participate in the workforce and access education, promoting their social integration and reducing discrimination.
- This step is also aligned with the broader policies initiated by the Indian government and judicial pronouncements to protect and promote the rights of transgender individuals, as affirmed in the 2014 Supreme Court ruling in the **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) v. Union of India**, which recognized transgenders as a "third gender" and called for affirmative actions to uplift them.
- Thus, the **1% reservation** is a part of Karnataka's initiatives towards social justice and equity.

76. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Santwana:** Legal assistance and counselling services are provided to women facing dowry and sexual harassment, family violence, rape, etc. **Hence statement 2 is correct.**
- **Mathru Poorna:** Under this programme pregnant and nursing mothers are provided hot cooked meals in Anganwadi Centre at the cost of Rs.21. **Hence statement 1 is correct.**

77. Ans: B.Chetana

- **Chethana:** To improve the situation of the sex workers to lead a respectful life in the society the Corporation provides self employment training and also an incentive of Rs.30,000/- to take up income generating activities.

78. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Prerana Scheme:** In order to encourage women from the Schedule caste community and economically empower them DR. BR Ambedkar Development Corporation has launched the Prerana scheme.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

79. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Arivu-Education Loan Scheme:** The Corporation extends educational loan to the students who are studying in the field of Medical and Engineering and other professional courses. The Corporation releases an amount of Rs.1.00 lakh per year or actual cost incurred by the student towards admission fees, tuition fee, laboratory fee, examination fee etc. for his/her education.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

80. Ans: a) 1 only

- The population of religious minorities as per 2011 Census is about **96 lakhs which forms 15.92%** of the total population of Karnataka.
- People belonging to Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Jain, Sikh and Parsi communities come under religious minorities. Hindu's does not come under religious minorities. **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

81. Ans: b) 2 only

- **Shramashakthi Scheme :** Under this scheme, a loan facility of Rs.50,000/- is provided by the Corporation at 4% rate of interest to the minority community workers in order to train them, hone the artistic and technical skills and pursue the same occupation or to start or develop a small business like fruits, vegetables, flowers, chicken, fish selling, Tailoring, cycle repair, repairs of two wheelers & three wheelers' repairs, Bidari ware work, Silk reeling and twisting, toy making etc.
- **Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**

82. Ans: B. 2.16%

- As per 2011 Census the population of the Differently Abled persons is 13,24,205 which constitutes 2.16% of the State total population.

83. Ans: a) 1 and 2 only

- Human Development concept richly contributed for human wellbeing. United Nation Development Programme(UNDP) states that human development approach focuses on people, their opportunities and choices. Hence human development emphasizes mainly on health, education, and standard of living.
- According to the latest Human Development Report 2021-22 by UNDP, India ranked **132 with HDI value of 0.633 out of 191 countries.**
- **The National Multi-dimensional poverty index:** Published by NITI Aayog. **Hence statement 3 is incorrect.**
- Human development emphasizes mainly health, education, and standard of living and focuses on people, their opportunities and choices. The Human Development Index value which was 0.432 in 1999 has improved to **0.644 in 2022.**
- **Bangalore Urban district** stands first with HDI value 0.738 and Yadgir, Kalaburagi and Raichur are the districts in the last 3 positions with HDI value of 0.538,0.539 and 0.562 respectively.
- **Mangalore Taluk** of Dakshina Kannada district tops in human development with HDI of 0.786 and the Yadgir taluka of Yadgir district is at the lowest with HDI of 0.325.

84. Ans: a) 1 only

- The State average of HDI is 0.573 .**Hence statement 3 is incorrect.**
- Karnataka's Multidimensional Poverty Index value reduced from 0.055 in 2015-16 to **0.031 in 2019-21.**
- In 2022, Karnataka ranks 8th position in Human development index and kerala ranks in 1st position. **Hence statement 2 is incorrect.**

85. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Kutumba” project :**The Department of e-Governance has implemented the “Kutumba” project which is a **centralized data repository of families in Karnataka consisting of the individual and family attributes.** The PDS data has been used as a base and other department databases have been integrated with it. 5.6 Crore residents of Karnataka i.e. nearly 90% of the state population (as per 2011 census) have become part of Kutumba system.
- DigiLocker: DigiLocker is one of the flagship initiatives of the Ministry of Electronics and Communication (MeitY) under the Digital India programme. DigiLocker is intended to promote the vision of paperless governance and enabling citizens to legally access their essential documents anytime, anywhere in digital format.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

86. Ans: d) Neither 1 nor 2

- **Padakanaja:** To bring the various Glossary and dictionaries into a single digital platform as a Kannada lexical hub, which help in implementation of Kannada in Govt Administration and also available for public usage Application is developed .78 Glossary and dictionaries are available in PADAKANAJA.
- **Mahiti Kanaja:**Mahiti Kanaja is a single web portal for accessing information related to all public services and schemes, that the Government can use to disclose information related to the functioning of public institutions across the stages of planning, budgeting, implementation, and evaluation thereby being a landmark step in bringing more transparency and accountability in the governance

87. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **Janasevaka Project:** Janasevaka initiative was launched to provide Doorstep Delivery of Government Services to citizens. It is an enhanced assisted delivery model wherein citizens can avail services at their doorstep.
- **E-Sahamathi:** e-Sahamathi, a generic consent manager, is first of its kind in the Nation which allows data seekers to seek consent of data principal (citizen) to access her/his personal data that is available in

Government databases. e-Sahamathi platform is the intermediary which connects the data seeker to the data principal and communicates the consent to the concerned database (data fiduciary) to share data.

- Hence both the statements are correct.

88. Ans: b) 2 only

High Power Committee on Redressal of Regional Imbalances (2000-2002)

- For preparing a comprehensive report to eliminate regional imbalances in the state, Dr. D. M. Nanjundappa who was worked in State Planning Board was appointed as a Chairman of the High Powered Committee for Redressal of Regional Imbalance (HPCRRI). The committee submitted the final report on 25th June 2002. **Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**
- On the basis of 35 socio-economic indicators, assessed the level of development of 175 taluks in the state. These indicators were spread over various sectors such as agriculture, industry, economic infrastructure, social infrastructure, and financial and technical infrastructure.

89. Ans: A. Bidar

The following main programmes have been implemented, as recommended in Dr. D.M. Nanjundappa report

- Established of a Central University at Kalaburagi
- A High Court Bench at Dharwad and Kalaburagi have been implemented.
- A Women's University has been established at Vijayapura.
- Established IT parks in Kalaburagi and Hubli
- Establishment of Food Park in Kalaburagi
- A Textile Park is Established in Kalaburagi.
- In Dharwad mental hospital has been upgraded.
- Horticulture University at Bagalkot and Horticulture College at Bidar has been established.
- Karnataka Veterinary and Fisheries Science University at Bidar is Established.
- Dairy Science College at Gulbarga is Established

90. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

Malnad Area Development Board

- It came into existence as per the Malnad Area Development Act 1991. The Malnad Area Development Board (MADB) is a statutory body established by the Government of Karnataka with the aim of promoting the overall development of the Malnad region in the state. The Malnad region is a hilly and forested area situated in the Western Ghats of Karnataka, known for its rich biodiversity, scenic beauty, and cultural heritage. Since inception of the board till 2023-24 the board has incurred an expenditure of Rs.82928.88 lakh.
- Hence both the statements are correct.

91. Ans: d) All of the above

Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) MPLADS

- It is a Central sector scheme fully funded by Government of India announced on December 1993.
- The main objective of the scheme is to enable each Member of Parliament to recommend works of developmental nature with emphasis on the creation of durable community assets on the locally felt needs of the people.
- Each Member of Parliament is allocated with Rs. **5.00 crore** per annum w.e.f. the financial year 2011-12.
- Karnataka is represented by 28 Members of Lok Sabha, 12 Members of Rajya Sabha and **one nominated member of Rajya Sabha.**
- The Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistical Department, Government of Karnataka is

designated as the State Nodal department to coordinate and monitor the implementation of MPLAD Scheme.

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India has revised the MPLADS guidelines and has developed a web-portal “e-SAKSHI” for implementation of the Revised fund-flow procedure under MPLAD scheme and this portal has come in to effect from 1st April, 2023.
- **Hence all statements are correct.**

92. Ans: b) 2 only

Article 371(J) :

- It has granted special status to Seven backward districts of Hyderabad Karnataka region namely, Bidar, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Ballari, Kalaburagi and Vijayanagar. **Hence statement 1 is incorrect.**

(1) The Hon’ble President may, by order, made with respect to the State of Karnataka, provide for any special responsibility of the Hon’ble Governor for

- ✓ Establishment of a separate development board for Kalyana-Karnataka Region with the provision that a report on the working of the board will be placed each year before the State Legislative Assembly;
- ✓ Equitable allocation of funds for developmental expenditure over the said region, subject to the requirements of the State as a whole; and
- ✓ Equitable opportunities and facilities for the people belonging to the said region, in matters of public employment, education and vocational training, subject to the requirements of the State as a whole

(2) An order made under sub-clause (1) may provide for

- ✓ Reservation of a proportion of seats in educational and vocational training institutions in the KalyanaKarnataka region for students who belong to that region by birth or by domicile; and
- ✓ Identification of posts under the State Government and in any body or organization under the control of the State Government in the Kalyana-Karnataka Region and reservation at the proportion of such posts for persons who belong to that region by birth or by domicile and for appointment there to by direct recruitment or by promotion or in any other manner as may be specified in the order

93. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority (KMEA)

- KMEA provides technical guidance to all the Departments and Institutions an evaluation works taken by them. In addition KMEA undertakes thematic/conceptual evaluations on key issues with its own resources and provides the feed back to the State Government.
- Monitoring and Evaluation Authority (KMEA) to promote transparent and effective evaluation of public policies, schemes and programmes.
- During 2023-24, KMEA has completed 13 studies and 10 are ongoing studies. Till date since its inception in 2011-12, 173 studies has been completed pertaining to line departments. The findings and recommendations of these evaluation studies has provided useful insights for improving the efficacy of the schemes. KMEA has also provided technical support for evaluations of schemes by the departments themselves.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

94. Ans: A.2025

- Anemia Mukta Karnataka: Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said the goal is to make Karnataka anaemia-free by 2025.

95. Ans: C. Avalokana

- **Avalokana platform** :It enables citizens to access data on budget and expenditures incurred by all 45 departments covering around 1,800 programmes.

96. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

- **SDGs for CSR**: Karnataka is the first state to engage Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for SDGs. A CSR matchmaking platform (Akanksha) to align CSR commitments to SDGs has been created and functioning.
- **AKANKSHA**- It is an Integrated CSR facilitation platform.
- **Hence both the statements are correct.**

97. Ans: d) All of the above

Growth of Economy

- Growth of state economy 6.6%
- Service sector is 8.7%
- Industrial Sector: 7.5%
- **Agriculture sector contracted by 1.8%**
- Foreign direct Investment inflow \$2.8 billion (as of September 2023)
- Karnataka **second highest collector of GST** after Maharashtra , which grew by 18% in 2023-2024
- State own tax revenue is projected to grow by 12% in 2023-24.
- **Hence all statements are correct.**

98. Ans: A. Bangalore

- **R. K. Shala Agricultural Farm in Bengaluru will be developed** under public-private partnership as a Knowledge Centre disseminating agricultural techniques
- An Agri Accelerator Platform will be created to impart supplementary training and provide guidance and support to farmer produce organisations (FPO) to strengthen their capacity and improve their performance.

99. Ans: c) Both 1 and 2

Karnataka Raitha Samruddhi Yojane

This scheme will provide the farmers with guidance and support in respect of the following:

- Securing a stable income by taking up comprehensive agriculture inclusive of agriculture, animal husbandry horticulture and dairy farming.
- Selecting crops based on the soil characteristics and market demands
- Providing information on soil testing and soil characteristics Supporting farmers by raising awareness about new agricultural practices and technologies.
- Making farmers aware of opportunities related to storage and value addition.
- Creating market linkages for farmers to get a good price for their produce.

Hence both the statements are correct.

100. Ans : (a)

Startup20 Engagement Group

About:

- The Startup 20 Engagement Group is a new addition to the G20 engagement groups proposed under India's presidency. Hence statement 2 is correct.
 - The group is India's innovation to the G20 movement, it's the first engagement group which drives technology, innovation, and the start of movement. Hence statement 1 is correct.

Aim:

- The group aims to create a global narrative for supporting startups and enabling synergies between startups, corporates, investors, innovation agencies and other key ecosystem stakeholders.

Functioning along the B20 Engagement Group:

- In the new architecture, while the existing B20 Engagement Group continues its focus on corporations, the Startup20 takes on the policy issues concerning the global startup ecosystem, with the necessary linkages between the two groups. Hence statement 3 is incorrect.

