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## PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Mention the capital of Uganda

- A. Nairobi
- B. Kinshasa
- C. Lusaka
- D. Kampala

## PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Which Article in the Indian Constitution provides for the Election Commission?

- A. Article 324
- B. Article 128
- C. Article 256
- D. Article 378

# PRADHAN MANTRI SURYODAYA YOJANA



## CONTEXT

- "Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana, a new scheme to promote rooftop solar systems in India, is in the news for its aim to boost renewable energy and reduce household electricity bills

## RATIONALE FOR LAUNCH

- Response to missing the initial target of **40GW** of **rooftop solar** by **2022**.
- Seeks to meet revised target of 40GW by **2026**.
- Current rooftop solar capacity: Approximately 11GW.



## BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME

- Reduces household electricity bills.
- Supports India's goal of **500GW** renewable energy by **2030**.
- Enhances **energy security, self-reliance**, and environmental benefits.

## CHALLENGES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Effective execution of the scheme is critical.
- Key hurdles: **Regulations**, **financing**, and **consumer awareness**.
- Need for sustained policy support and innovative business models.

## NATO



## CONTEXT

- Turkey's parliament approved Sweden's application to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

## MORE ABOUT THE NEWS

- Entry into NATO requires **unanimous approval** from all existing member countries.
- Sweden's admission faced opposition from **Turkey** and **Hungary** for approximately two years.

## ABOUT NATO

- NATO: **Security alliance** of 31 North American and European countries, formed in **1949**.
- **Finland** joined as the **31st member** in April 2023.

- Goal: Safeguard Allies' freedom and security through political and military means.
- Principle: **Collective defense** - an attack on one is an attack on all (**Article 5**).
- Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.

## PADMA SHRI

### 3 from Assam get Padma Shri

#### A CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Jan 25: Parbati Baruah, Drona Bhuyan and Sarbeswar Basumatary from Assam have been bestowed with Padma Shri Award for 2024.

Tagged as 'Hathi ki Pari', Parbati Baruah is India's first female elephant mahout, who overcame stereotypes to create a space for herself in a traditionally male-dominated field.

Baruah, 67, stood out for her commitment towards mitigating human-elephant conflict with the help of application of scientific practices – assisted three state governments to tackle and capture wild elephants. She bagged the award under the Social Work (Animal Welfare) section.

Once a daily wager, Sarbeswar Basumatary's enduring spirit and enthusiasm has become a role model for the agricultural community. Famed as 'Chirang ke Krishi Chiraaq', Basum-

atary, a tribal farmer from Chirang district, successfully adopted a mixed integrated farming approach and cultivated a variety of crops like coconut, orange, paddy, litchi and maize. Basumatary, 61, transmitted his knowledge and learning to other farmers, helping increase efficiency and uplift livelihoods. He bagged the award under the Others (Agriculture) section.

Meanwhile, Drona Bhuyan from Assam also received Padma Shri under the Art category.

A social worker from Mizoram, Sangthankima has also been awarded with Padma Shri. Sangthankima, 63, has been running Mizoram's largest orphanage 'Thutak Nunpuitu Team'.

Yanung Jamoh Lego from Arunachal Pradesh was also awarded Padma Shri. Famed as 'Adi Queen of Herbs', Lego, 58, has provided medical care to over 10,000 patients, educated one lakh individuals on me-

dicinal herbs and trained SHGs in their use. She bagged the award under the Others (Agriculture – Medicinal - Plants) category.

Smriti Rekha Chakma, tagged as 'Chakma's Rekha', a Chakma loin-loom shawl weaver from Tripura, transformed eco-friendly vegetable dyed cotton threads into traditional designs, promoting the use of natural dyes. She bagged the award under Art (Textile) category.

Jordan Lepcha from Sikkim bagged Padma Shri under Art (Craft - Bamboo) category. Lepcha, 50, a bamboo craftsman from Mangan, is nurturing the cultural heritage of the Lepcha tribe.

Machihñ Sasa from Manipur also bagged Padma Shri under Art (Craft - Pottery - Black) category. Sasa, 73, is a Longpi potter from Ukhrul who dedicated five decades to preserve this ancient Manipuri traditional pottery which traces its roots back to the Neolithic period.



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## PARBATI BARUAH

- Social Work - Animal Welfare
- Known as 'Hathi ki Pari' and India's first female elephant mahout.
- Overcame stereotypes in a traditionally male-dominated field.
- Work: Mitigating human-elephant conflict using scientific practices.
- Contribution: Assisted three state governments in handling wild elephants.

## SARBESWAR BASUMATARY

- Agriculture
- Nicknamed 'Chirang ke Krishi Chiraag'.
- Tribal farmer from Chirang district, Assam.
- Approach: Adopted mixed integrated farming.
- Impact: Shared knowledge with other farmers, improving efficiency and livelihoods.

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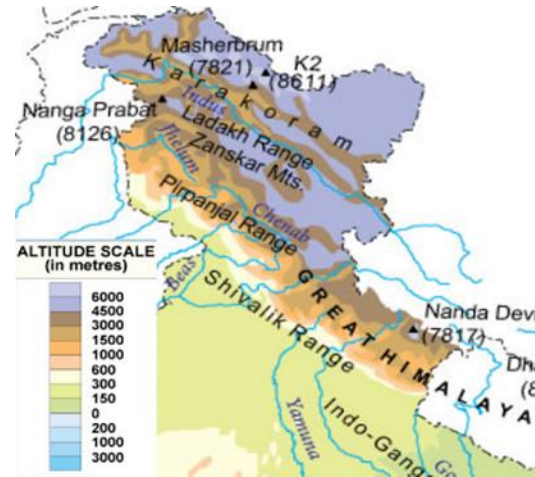
# OPERATION SARVASHAKTI



## CONTEXT

- The Indian Army initiates **Operation Sarvashakti** in Jammu and Kashmir, targeting terrorists on both sides of **the Pir Panjal range**.
- The operation aims to locate and eliminate terrorists' **hideouts** in challenging terrains, including dense jungles, mountains, and caves.

- The Pir Panjal Range is a mountain chain in the Lesser Himalayan region, extending from Himachal Pradesh to Jammu and Kashmir.





- It features key passes like Pir Panjal Pass, Banihal Pass, Sinthan Pass, Saach Pass, and Rohtang La.
- The Pir Panjal Pass connects the Kashmir valley with Rajouri and Poonch via the Mughal Road

## PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Arrange the following Himalayan ranges from south to north:

1. Pir Panjal Range
2. Ladakh Range
3. Zaskar Range
4. Karakoram Range

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 3 4
- B. 4 3 2 1
- C. 1 3 2 4
- D. 4 2 3 1

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