

- a) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- b) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- c) South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)
- d) World Bank

Ans) d

Exp) Option d is correct.

Option d is correct. Climate Adaptation and Resilience for South Asia (CARE) Project is **launched by World Bank**. It will help in developing regional standards and **guidelines for infrastructure**, and promoting climate resilient policies and investments. The project will help develop a public platform to inform climate planning and investments, and fund technology to support resilience in **South Asia**.

Source:

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/loans-credits/2020/05/12/south-asia-climate-adaptation-and-resilience-for-south-asia-care-project>

<https://www.smart-energy.com/industry-sectors/finance-investment/world-bank-unveils-new-project-to-boost-climate-action-in-south-asia/>

Q.16) In the context of Indian economy, the 'Hindu rate of growth' refers to:

- a) Low growth rate of the economy after 1991
- b) High growth rate of the economy before 1991

- c) High growth rate of the economy after 1991
- d) Low growth rate of the economy before 1991

Ans) d

Exp) Option d is correct.

The "Hindu rate of growth" was a term used disparagingly to indicate the **low growth rate of the Indian economy prior to the 1991 reforms**. It persisted for more than 3 decades, between the 50s to the 80s. The average growth of GDP during this period was around 3.5% while per capital income grew by a mere 1.3%.

The term was coined by Professor Raj Krishna, member of the then Planning Commission

Source:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/reclaiming-india/the-nonsense-about-the-hindu-rate-of-growth/>

Q.17) "SPICE+", an initiative of the Government of India, is aimed at:

- a) Facilitating the direct benefit transfer of subsidies to poor people.
- b) Promoting the marketing and export of Indian spices in global markets.
- c) Making it easier for incorporating a business in India.
- d) Protecting the interests of the persons affected by natural calamities

Ans) c

Exp) Option c is correct.