

Q 5.B

- Kaziranga National Park - is also a world heritage site. The park is recognized as an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International for the conservation of avifaunal species. The park hosts two-thirds of the world's Great One-horned rhinoceros. Kaziranga also has the highest density of tigers among the protected areas in the world and was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2006. It has tall elephant grass, marshland, and dense tropical moist broadleaf forests.
- Keoladeo does not have Tigers and is also not an Important Bird Area. It is both a national park and a world heritage site.
- Sariska is not a world heritage site.
- Manas does not have the highest density of tigers.

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- Ministry of Human Resource Development launched '**ShaGun**' - a web-portal for **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**.
- ShaGun, which has been coined from the words 'Shala' meaning Schools and 'Gunvatta' meaning Quality, has been developed with a twin track approach. It aims to capture and showcase innovations and progress in Elementary Education sector of India by continuous monitoring of the flagship scheme - Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).
- **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)** is the flagship scheme of the **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship** (MSDE). The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood. Individuals with prior learning experience or skills will also be assessed and certified under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Under this Scheme, Training and Assessment fees are completely paid by the Government.
- **Sawavalamban** is a pension scheme launched by **Ministry of Finance**, to the workers in unorganised sector. Any citizen who is not part of any statutory pension scheme of the Government and contributes between Rs. 1000 and Rs. 12000/- per annum, could join the scheme. The Central Government shall contribute Rs. 1000 per annum to such subscribers.
- **Sukanya Samridhi Yojana**: The scheme primarily ensures equitable share to a girl child in resources and savings of a family in which she is generally discriminated as against a male child. It was launched by **Ministry of women and child development**.

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- Union **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** in collaboration with **UNDP and National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation** (NSTFDC) launched "Vanjeevan" the **National Resource Centre (NRC)** for Tribal Livelihood issues at Bhubaneswar. **Thus, statements 1 and 3 are correct. Statement 2 is incorrect.**
- The scheme will identify problems related to livelihood issues, provide skill training and to facilitate entrepreneurship and employment among tribal people.
- **In first phase** it will be launched in selected districts of six states having low HDI value of tribal people. These states are Assam, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha and Telangana.
- **In 2nd phase**, programme will be implemented in Arunachal Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Meghalaya and Tripura.

Q 8.D

- Loktak Lake is the largest **freshwater lake** in North -East India (Manipur) is famous for the **phumdis (heterogeneous mass of vegetation, soil, and organic matters** at various stages of decomposition) floating over it.
- It is listed under **Ramsar as well as Montreux Record**.
- The Keibul Lamjao National Park on the lake is the only remaining natural habitat of the endangered brow-antlered deer or the dancing deer, locally known as **Sangai**. Keibul Lamjao National park is situated inside the lake to conserve the species.