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Q10

Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF)? 1. NIF is an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology under the Central Government. 2. NIF is an initiative to strengthen the highly advanced scientific research in India's premier scientific institutions in collaboration with highly advanced foreign scientific institutions. Select the correct answer using the codes given below (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) 1 only. National Innovation Foundation-India is an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology. It scouts and scales grassroots, informal and traditional innovations, not elite lab-to-lab work with foreign institutes. Statement 1 is true and 2 is false; that is the official key.

(b)

(b) 2 only. Statement 2 reverses NIF's **mandate**. NIF is not an advanced-institution collaboration vehicle, so 2 only is wrong.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. The first statement holds, the second does not. Both cannot be correct.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Statement 1 is an accurate institutional fact. Neither-nor fails.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 only. NIF is a DST autonomous body created to document and support grassroots innovators. It is not a programme to deepen premier-lab research with foreign institutions. Statement 2 therefore drops. Only statement 1 is correct.

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NIF set-up

2000; autonomous DST body since 2010s institutionalisation

Honey Bee Network

Anil Gupta's network linked to NIF's scouting

NIF HQ

Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Mandate

Grassroots and traditional knowledge innovations

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