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With reference to 'Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion', which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. This initiative aims to demonstrate the improved production and post-harvest technologies, and to demonstrate value addition techniques, in an integrated manner, with cluster approach. 2. Poor, small, marginal and tribal farmers have larger stake in this scheme. 3. An important objective of the scheme is to encourage farmers of commercial crops to shift to millet cultivation by offering them free kits of critical inputs of nutrients and micro-irrigation equipment. Select the correct answer using the code given below (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

Statement 1 only. INSIMP does demonstrate improved production, post-harvest and value-addition in clusters, but poor, small, marginal and tribal farmers are also the core constituency. 1 alone is incomplete.

(b)

2 and 3 only. Statement 2 is right; statement 3's pitch-that a main aim is to shift commercial-crop farmers with free nutrient kits and micro-irrigation gear-is not an accurate statement of the scheme. This pairing is not the key.

(c) Official key

1 and 2 only. Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive **Millets** Promotion (2011-12, RKVY) shows improved millet production and post-harvest/value-addition in clusters, with a larger stake for poor, small, marginal and tribal growers. Free kits to pull commercial farmers across is the false extra. That stored letter is the official key.

(d)

All three. Statement 3 overstates the objective, so all three cannot be the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 2 only. INSIMP is a millet demonstration and nutrition-security scheme for small and tribal growers, not a free-kit drive to convert commercial-crop farmers. Honour the stored letter (c).

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INSIMP year

Announced 2011-12 under RKVY

Millets

Jowar, bajra, ragi, small millets

Later branding

Nutri-cereals; International Year of Millets 2023

NFSM

National Food Security Mission later absorbed millet components

Why millets

Rainfed, short duration, micronutrient density

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