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**Consider the following statements : Statement-I : 7th August is declared as the National Handloom Day. Statement-II : It was in 1905 that the Swadeshi Movement was launched on the same day. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement- II is the correct explanation for Statement-I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement- II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement- II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct Official key: A.**

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**Explanation****(a) Official key**

Both correct and II explains I. **National Handloom Day** is 7 August because the Swadeshi Movement was launched that day in 1905.

**(b)**

Both correct but II does not explain I. The date is chosen for that reason.

**(c)**

I correct, II incorrect. 7 August 1905 is the Boycott / Swadeshi resolution day in Calcutta.

**(d)**

I incorrect, II correct. The day has been observed since 2015.

**Summary**

Official key is (a). India marks **National Handloom Day** on 7 August. The date recalls 7 August 1905, when the Swadeshi Movement was launched in Calcutta after the Bengal Partition - handloom as swadeshi. II explains I.

**Related possible facts**

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

**National Handloom Day**

First observed 2015; Ministry of Textiles.

**Bengal Partition, 1905**

Curzon; Swadeshi and boycott as the reply.

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