



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 18-01-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) SCOT (Space Camera for Object Tracking) Mission, sometimes seen in the news recently, is an initiative of?

- Digantara
- Agnikul Cosmos
- Skyroot Aerospace
- Aadyah Aerospace Private Limited

Answer : a

SCOT (Space Camera for Object Tracking) Mission

Prime Minister of India recently lauded Indian space startup Digantara at the success of Mission SCOT.

- SCOT (Space Camera for Object Tracking) mission is an initiative of Indian space startup Digantara.
- It was **launched by the SpaceX**.
- Mission SCOT is the **world's first commercial Space Situational Awareness (SSA) satellite**.
- It will *monitor Low Earth Orbit (LEO)* with improved efficiency.
- Backed by Aditya Birla Ventures and SIDBI, it aims to support national security and space operations.
- It will ensure surveillance of objects as small as 5cm orbiting the Earth to ensure safer space operations.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to the Lakshadweep

1. It is India's smallest Union Territory with group of 36 islands.
2. It has no blue flag beaches.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

Lakshadweep

- **India's smallest Union Territory, Lakshadweep** is an archipelago consisting of 36 islands.
- It is a uni-district Union Territory and comprises of 12 atolls, three reefs, five submerged

banks and ten inhabited islands.

- The Union Territory **was formed in 1956** and it was **named Lakshadweep in 1973**.
- **Minicoy Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach are the two blue flag beaches in Lakshadweep. (Statement 2 is incorrect)**
- All Islands are 220 to 440 km away from the coastal city of Kochi in Kerala, in the emerald Arabian Sea.
- Only BSNL and Airtel provides telecommunication services to Lakshadweep Islands.

3) Upper Karnali Hydropower Project, sometimes seen in the news recently, is situated at?

- a. Nepal
- b. India
- c. China
- d. Bangladesh

Answer : a

Upper Karnali Hydropower Project

- Upper Karnali Hydro-electric Project in **Nepal** is a strategic initiative that aims to strengthen regional energy security and accelerate renewable energy growth.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has finalized a Joint Venture Agreement with SJVN Ltd., GMR Energy Ltd., and Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) for the project.
- The joint venture agreement lays out a comprehensive framework under a Build-Own-Operate-Transfer model, with 25-years project term from the Commercial Operation Date (CoD).

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND)

1. It acts as the central national agency responsible for receiving, processing, analysing, and disseminating information relating to suspect financial transactions.
2. FIU-IND is an independent body reporting directly to the Economic Intelligence Council (EIC) headed by the finance minister.
3. It is a multi-disciplinary body with members including from Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), RBI and SEBI.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. All three
- d. None of the above

Answer : c

Financial Intelligence Unit - India (FIU-IND)

- Financial Intelligence Unit - India (FIU-IND) was set by the Government of India on **November 2004**.
- It serves as the central national agency responsible for receiving, processing, analyzing and disseminating information relating to suspect financial transactions.
- FIU-IND is also responsible for coordinating and strengthening efforts of national and international intelligence, investigation and enforcement agencies in pursuing the global efforts against money laundering and financing of terrorism.
- FIU-IND is an **independent body** reporting directly to the Economic Intelligence Council (EIC) **headed by the Finance Minister**.

- The **main function of FIU-IND** is to receive cash/suspicious transaction reports, analyse them and, as appropriate, disseminate valuable financial information to intelligence/enforcement agencies and regulatory authorities.
- FIU-IND is a multi disciplinary body with a sanctioned strength of 75 personnel.
- The 75 personnel are being inducted from different organizations that includes:
 - Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT),
 - **Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC),**
 - **Reserve Bank of India (RBI),**
 - **Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI),**
 - Department of Legal Affairs and Intelligence agencies.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to PRABHAAV Factbook

1. It is the ultimate guide to India's thriving startup ecosystem and its growth story from 2016-2024.
2. It was launched by the by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

Which of the above statement(s) is/are **incorrect**?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : b

PRABHAAV Factbook (Powering a Resilient and Agile Bharat for the Advancement of Visionary Startups)

- PRABHAAV Factbook is the ultimate guide to India's thriving startup ecosystem and its growth story from 2016-2024.
- PRABHAAV captures the achievements of every region.
- It was launched by the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.** (Statement 2 is incorrect)